

THE SHOFAR

The Monthly Bulletin of the BJCC

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SCHEDULE OF SHABBAT SERVICES

[Saturday Shabbat services begin at 10:00 AM]

SERVICES

Apr. 6–Tazria–Reform–E. Hallerman

Apr. 13–Metzora–Reform–R. Scheckler**

**Potluck lunch today

Apr. 20–First day of Passover–Reform–E. Hallerman

Apr. 27–Last day of Passover–Conservative–S&M Kranowski

POTLUCK LUNCH, APR. 13

On Apr. 13, we'll hold our regular potluck lunch after services (about 11:30 AM). Please bring a dairy or veggie dish to share.

SHOFAR DEADLINE, APR. 23

The deadline for submitting news for the next issue of the *Shofar* is Apr. 23. Send information to Richard at richard @ vt.edu.

NEW BJCC OFFICER SLATE

The BJCC Board will present the slate of 2019-2020 officers at the Apr. 13 potluck lunch. Please plan to attend and to vote. Here's the slate of officers. (Others can be nominated from the floor.)

President: Aaron Goldstein

VP (President-elect): Dan Hindman

Secretary: Maddy Schreiber

Treasurer: Stephen Scheckler

Members at large: Cindy Rosenbaum and Golde Holtzman

THANK YOU, SUZAN!

We are very grateful to Suzan Antin for managing our PJ Library Alliance subscription. Her grant applications to the Harold Grinspoon Foundation resulted in two awards for PJ totaling \$352.

OUR RECENT PURIM CARNIVAL

We had a great turnout (about 30 people) at the Purim carnival on Mar. 17. The participants had a fun time playing games, competing in the costume and hamentashen categories, and participating in the cake walk.



A big thank you to Gideon and Elijah Colliver, Aaron and Nich Goldstein, Tori and Lexi Silverman, Dan Hindman, Cindy Rosenbaum and Eric Wisnioski, Suzan, John, and Jonathan Antin, Batya Weinbaum, Maddy Schreiber, and Jacob Kesse for their help running the various games and activities. It would not have been successful without them.



BJCC TEEN UPDATE

The BJCC has many opportunities for teens to remain involved after they become b'nai mitzvah. This year, three of our teens are volunteering during Sunday School to assist the teachers. In conjunction with the Commonwealth of Virginia, Montgomery County Public Schools offers a diploma endorsement for community service, and high school students who volunteer at the BJCC can count their hours toward this endorsement. Helping with Religious School is a great way for our teens to contribute to community life, and it provides the younger children with role models.

We also have a teen group, which participates in a variety of fun activities during the year. In February, the teens had lunch and then visited the Puzzlr Escape Room, where they solved their puzzle with time to spare. More outings are planned this spring.

Jewish teens from 8th grade through high school have the opportunity to participate in Blacksburg's BBYO chapter. Together with chapters around the world, the local group has had a global Shabbat observance for the past two years in early December. Members can attend council, regional,



national and international BBYO meetings and camps, which is a great way to meet other Jewish teens and develop a stronger sense of identity.



Jonathan Antin represented Blacksburg's BBYO at the International Convention in Denver, Colorado this past February and will attend the North Carolina Council's Spring Cultural Convention at Shalom Park in Charlotte in April. For more information about teen group or BBYO, contact Suzan Antin. For information about volunteering during Sunday School, contact Wendy Silverman.

HILLEL NEWS

See the Hillel calendar, and obtain more info at <http://hillelatvirginiatech.com>.



Another picture from the Purim carnival

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 25 Adar II	2 26 Adar II	3 27 Adar II	4 28 Adar II	5 29 Adar II	6 1 Nisan Parashat Tazria Rosh Chodesh Nisan Reform service
7 2 Nisan	8 3 Nisan	9 4 Nisan	10 5 Nisan	11 6 Nisan	12 7 Nisan	13 8 Nisan Parashat Metzora Reform service and potluck lunch; election of new BJCC officers after lunch
14 9 Nisan	15 10 Nisan	16 11 Nisan	17 12 Nisan	18 13 Nisan	19 14 Nisan Erev Pesach	20 15 Nisan Pesach I Reform service
21 16 Nisan Pesach II	22 17 Nisan Pesach III	23 18 Nisan Pesach IV Deadline for submission of info for April <i>Shofar</i>	24 19 Nisan Pesach V	25 20 Nisan Pesach VI	26 21 Nisan Pesach VII	27 22 Nisan Pesach VIII Conservative service
28 23 Nisan	29 24 Nisan	30 25 Nisan				

BJCC Officers and Board Members 2018-19

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