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# THE SHOFAR

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The Monthly Bulletin of the BJCC

September 2019 / Elul 5779-Tishrei 5780

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## SCHEDULE OF SHABBAT SERVICES

[Saturday Shabbat services begin at 10:00 AM]

### SERVICES

Sept. 7–Shoftim–Reform–M. Kranowski

Sept. 14–Ki Teitzei–Reform–R. Scheckler\*\*

\*\*Potluck lunch today

Sept. 21–Ki Tavo–Reform–E. Hallerman

Sept. 28–Nitzavim–Reform–M&S Kranowski

### SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS ON SEPT. 8

Sunday School begins on Sept. 8. Please let Wendy ([wssilverman@gmail.com](mailto:wssilverman@gmail.com)) know if you would like to have your child participate in a Jewish education. We currently have 14 students registered for the 2019-2020 school year and can welcome several more. Our teachers are ready to go, and we are planning for a great year ahead, even as we continue our search for a new director.

### POTLUCK LUNCH, SEPT. 14

On Sept. 14, we'll hold our regular potluck lunch after services (about 11:30 AM). Please bring a dairy or veggie dish to share.

### SHOFAR DEADLINE, SEPT. 24

The deadline for submitting news for the next issue of the *Shofar* is Sept. 24. Send information to Richard at [richard@vt.edu](mailto:richard@vt.edu).

### HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES

We'll have services on Erev Rosh Hashanah, both days of Rosh Hashanah, Erev Yom Kippur (the Kol Nidrei service), Yom Kippur morning, and at end of Yom Kippur day (Neilah). All High Holiday services will be held at the BJCC.

If non-BJCC members who attend any of our HHD services would like to make a donation to help defray the cost of putting on these services, please mail a check (memo "HHD services") to BJCC Treasurer, PO Box 782, Blacksburg, VA 24063, or use the Paypal DONATE button on the High Holidays page of our

website, [bjccblacksburg.org](http://bjccblacksburg.org). Indicate in the "add special instructions..." field that your donation is for High Holiday services. We very much appreciate your generosity!

We'll use the new Reform machzors for Erev RH, RH1, Erev YK, and daytime YK. For RH2 and the closing Neilah service, we'll use the Harlow Conservative machzors. Cantor Irv Gertner will again chant much of our services.

### ROSH HASHANAH

Sun., Sept. 29, 7:30 PM –Erev RH services followed by a dessert collation

Mon., Sept. 30, 9:30 AM–1st day service (RH1)

Tues., Oct. 1, 9:30 AM–2nd day service (RH2)

### YOM KIPPUR

Tues., Oct. 8, 6:30 PM–Erev YK (Kol Nidrei) service

Wed., Oct. 9, 9:30 AM–Daytime YK service, including Yizkor

Wed., Oct. 9, 6:30 PM–Closing Neilah service followed by a potluck vegetarian Break-The-Fast meal

Child care: We will provide child care for the Mon., Sept. 30 RH service and the Wed., Oct. 9 YK daytime service **if** there's a request for it. Please contact Eric Hallerman ([ehallerm@vt.edu](mailto:ehallerm@vt.edu)) if you would like it.

### DESSERT RECEPTION TO WELCOME THE NEW YEAR

Immediately following the Erev Rosh Hashanah services on Sun. evening, Sept. 29, join us for a dessert reception downstairs—apples and honey, fruits and nuts, and lots of desserts (including some that are gluten free). Bring your children, take time to schmooze with old friends, welcome new friends, and celebrate the New Year 5780.

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I'm writing this on the first day of the new school year at Virginia Tech, and I feel elated by the cheerfulness and enthusiasm of the new and returning students. But it is so easy for us to ignore them as we try to live our lives, get our work done, and perhaps get through the next traffic jam. So, I encourage you to do a Mitzvah; if you happen to see new students looking lost or confused, help them find their way to wherever they're going.

Also, it was great to see both familiar and new faces at our picnic on Aug. 25. I hope you got plenty to eat, and I'm already looking forward to doing it again next year.

In the meantime, we've got a few activities coming up at the BJCC, including the celebration of Rosh Hashanah at the end of September, Yom Kippur in early October, and then decorating of Sukkah by the Sunday School kids.

One other thing that went over really well last year was our participation in the local NAACP Freedom Fund banquet. We're planning to attend the event again this year, on Sat., Oct. 5 at the Inn at Virginia Tech. If you're interested in purchasing a seat at our table, please contact Stephen Scheckler.

Shalom, Aaron Goldstein, BJCC President

## DUES ARE DUE!

It is time to pay your dues for 2019-2020. New members may join without payment for a complimentary first year. You can find a membership form and pay online on our website, [www.bjccblacksburg.org](http://www.bjccblacksburg.org). Alternatively, send a check to BJCC, Attn: Steve Scheckler, PO Box 782, Blacksburg VA 24063. Renewing members pay \$350 for a single membership and \$700 for a family membership. Please pay your dues before

the end of October—our operating budget depends on these funds! Contact Treasurer Steve Scheckler (stephen @ vt.edu) if you need to discuss a payment plan.

## BJCC-LDS SOFTBALL TEAM WINS TOWN CHAMPIONSHIP

In exciting athletic news, the joint BJCC-LDS (Latter-Day Saints/Mormon) softball team won Blacksburg's Church League championship in August. The last time our team won this coveted award was in 2004. BJCC team participants included Dan Hindman, Brad Klein, and Richard Hirsh. (Brad is missing in the official team photograph, below.) Congrats to the team! Let Richard know (Richard @ vt.edu) if you're interested in participating in next year's co-ed team, which starts playing in April.



## HILLEL NEWS

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



## September 2019 / Elul 5779 – Tishrei 5780

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 1 Elul 5779 <a href="#">Rosh Chodesh Elul</a>	<b>2</b> 2 Elul 5779	<b>3</b> 3 Elul 5779	<b>4</b> 4 Elul 5779	<b>5</b> 5 Elul 5779	<b>6</b> 6 Elul 5779	<b>7</b> 7 Elul 5779 <a href="#">Parashat Shoftim</a> Reform service
<b>8</b> 8 Elul 5779	<b>9</b> 9 Elul 5779	<b>10</b> 10 Elul 5779	<b>11</b> 11 Elul 5779	<b>12</b> 12 Elul 5779	<b>13</b> 13 Elul 5779	<b>14</b> 14 Elul 5779 <a href="#">Parashat Ki Teitzei</a> Reform service and putluck lunch
<b>15</b> 15 Elul 5779	<b>16</b> 16 Elul 5779	<b>17</b> 17 Elul 5779	<b>18</b> 18 Elul 5779	<b>19</b> 19 Elul 5779	<b>20</b> 20 Elul 5779	<b>21</b> 21 Elul 5779 <a href="#">Parashat Ki Tavo</a> <a href="#">Leil Selichot</a> Reform service
<b>22</b> 22 Elul 5779	<b>23</b> 23 Elul 5779	<b>24</b> 24 Elul 5779 Deadline for submitting info for Oct. <i>Shofar</i>	<b>25</b> 25 Elul 5779	<b>26</b> 26 Elul 5779	<b>27</b> 27 Elul 5779	<b>28</b> 28 Elul 5779 <a href="#">Parashat Nitzavim</a> Reform service
<b>29</b> 29 Elul 5779 <a href="#">Erev Rosh Hashanah</a> Service starts 7:30 PM	<b>30</b> 1 Tishrei 5780 <a href="#">Rosh Hashanah 5780</a> Service starts 9:30 AM; Child care <b>if</b> requested.	<b>30</b> 2 Tishrei 5780 <a href="#">Rosh Hashanah 5780, 2<sup>nd</sup> day</a> Service starts 9:30 AM				



## BJCC Officers and Board Members 2019-20

(These email addresses are being protected against automatic spamming with a space before and after the @ sign. If you use one of these addresses, be sure to key it without the spaces.)

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