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# THE SHOFAR

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The Monthly Bulletin of the BJCC

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## SCHEDULE OF SHABBAT SERVICES

[Saturday Shabbat services begin at 10:00 AM]

### SERVICES

Oct. 5–Vayeilech–Reform–S&M Kranowski  
Oct. 12–Ha-azinu–Reform–R. Scheckler  
Oct. 19–Chol-Hamoed Sukkot–Reform–M. Kranowski  
Oct. 26–Breishit–Reform–E. Hallerman

### HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES

Here's a recap of services that span the end of September and early October. 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.

L' Shanah Tovah  
Have a sweet year!



### 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

### HIGH HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

Our Yom Kippur fast reminds us of neighbors who are hungry and need assistance from the Blacksburg Interfaith Food Pantry. Please be generous and make a donation of canned goods (e.g., green beans, corn, carrots, beans, pasta, spaghetti sauce, soups, and tuna fish) and packaged goods (e.g., dry beans, rice, spaghetti, peanut butter, jelly, macaroni and cheese, boxed sugar, cracker, and cereal). You may also write a check made out to "Blacksburg Interfaith Food Pantry." Please leave your donations in the downstairs level of the BJCC at any service between Erev Rosh Hashanah and the Neilah service on Yom Kippur. The food items will be taken to the Food Pantry after the holidays.

### SHOFAR DEADLINE, OCT. 24

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

## **PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

I can't believe a whole year has gone by so quickly, and we're about to celebrate High Holidays in the coming days. As an avid runner, I've noticed that the days are growing shorter, the temperatures are starting to drop, and the leaves are about to change color. A great autumn lies ahead of us, and I encourage you all to try to find the time to get outside, to walk around one of the many parks in our area, maybe visit downtown Blacksburg on a quiet day (i.e., when there's no home football game!), or find the time to join us for services at the BJCC.

High holiday services start with Erev Rosh Hashanah on Sun., Sept 29, and they are open to all. Muriel and Eric have done a great job planning the services for this year, and once again Irv Gertner will be joining us. So I hope you'll come out and join us, see old friends, and meet new people.

Shalom, Aaron Goldstein, BJCC President

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL INFO**

The Sunday School will be decorating the BJCC Sukkah on Sun., Oct. 13. Please stop by and see the students' work!

There will be no High Holiday children's services this year at the BJCC. If you are interested in attending a children's service in Roanoke, please contact Wendy at [wssilverman@gmail.com](mailto:wssilverman@gmail.com), and she will forward you the information for the children's services being held at Temple Emanuel and Beth Israel Synagogue.

## **NAACP BANQUET**

The BJCC continues its long tradition of support for our local branch of NAACP by buying a community table and filling it with 10 members, for the 2019 NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet being held on Oct. 5 at the Inn at Virginia Tech.

## **DUES ARE DUE!**

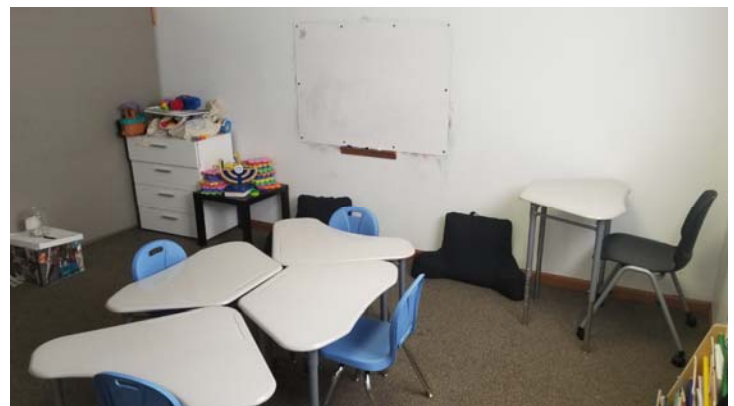
It is time to pay your dues for 2019-2020. New members may join without payment for a complimentary first year. You can find a membership form and pay online on our website, [www.bjccblacksburg.org](http://www.bjccblacksburg.org). Alternatively, send a check to BJCC, Attn: Steve Scheckler, PO Box 782, 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](mailto:stephen@vt.edu)) if you need to discuss a payment plan.

## **THANKS FOR THE DONATION**

Irvin Gertner has made a memorial donation for the Yahrzeit of his father, Gilbert Gertner.

## **ANOTHER THANK YOU**

A big thank you to the Center for Packaging and Unit Load Design at Virginia Tech for donating new chairs and desks for the preschool area downstairs.



## **HILLEL NEWS**

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

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>29 Sept.</b> 29 Elul 5779 <a href="#">Erev Rosh Hashanah</a> 7:30 PM service	<b>30 Sept.</b> 1 Tishrei 5780 <a href="#">Rosh Hashanah I</a> 9:30 AM service	<b>1 October</b> 2 Tishrei 5780 <a href="#">Rosh Hashanah II</a> 9:30 AM service	<b>2</b> 3 Tishrei	<b>3</b> 4 Tishrei	<b>4</b> 5 Tishrei	<b>5</b> 6 Tishrei <a href="#">Parashat Vayeilech</a> Reform service
<b>6</b> 7 Tishrei	<b>7</b> 8 Tishrei	<b>8</b> 9 Tishrei <a href="#">Erev Yom Kippur</a> 6:30 PM service	<b>9</b> 10 Tishrei <a href="#">Yom Kippur</a> 9:30 AM service 6:30 PM Neilah service & potluck meal	<b>10</b> 11 Tishrei	<b>11</b> 12 Tishrei	<b>12</b> 13 Tishrei <a href="#">Parashat Ha-azinu</a> Reform service
<b>13</b> 14 Tishrei <a href="#">Erev Sukkot</a>	<b>14</b> 15 Tishrei <a href="#">Sukkot I</a>	<b>15</b> 16 Tishrei <a href="#">Sukkot II</a>	<b>16</b> 17 Tishrei <a href="#">Sukkot III</a>	<b>17</b> 18 Tishrei <a href="#">Sukkot IV (</a>	<b>18</b> 19 Tishrei <a href="#">Sukkot V</a>	<b>19</b> 20 Tishrei <a href="#">Chol-Hamoed Sukkot VI</a> Reform service
<b>20</b> 21 Tishrei <a href="#">Sukkot VII (Hoshana Raba)</a>	<b>21</b> 22 Tishrei <a href="#">Shmini Atzeret</a>	<b>22</b> 23 Tishrei <a href="#">Simchat Torah</a>	<b>23</b> 24 Tishrei	<b>24</b> 25 Tishrei Deadline for info for Nov. issue of <i>Shofar</i>	<b>25</b> 26 Tishrei	<b>26</b> 27 Tishrei <a href="#">Parashat Breishit</a> Reform service
<b>27</b> 28 Tishrei	<b>28</b> 29 Tishrei	<b>29</b> 30 Tishrei <a href="#">Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan</a>	<b>30</b> 1 Cheshvan <a href="#">Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan</a>	<b>31</b> 2 Cheshvan		



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