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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

Nov. 2—Noach—Reform—R. Scheckler\*\*

\*\*Potluck lunch with ISJL fellow

Nov. 9—Lech Lecha—Reform—E. Hallerman

Nov. 16—Va-yera—Reform—R. Scheckler

Nov. 23—Chayei Sarah—Reform—E. Hallerman

Nov. 30—Toledet—Reform—M&S Kranowski

## POTLUCK LUNCH, NOV. 2

On Nov. 2, we'll hold our regular potluck lunch after services (about 11:30 AM). Please bring a dairy or veggie dish to share.



## ISJL FELLOW ACTIVITIES, NOV. 2 AND 3

Mackenzie Haun, our ISJL (Institute for Southern Jewish Life) fellow will be assisting with services on Nov. 2, followed by a potluck lunch. She will also lead an adult Torah study/discussion after the meal. Topic of discussion: to be determined.

Mackenzie will have special Sunday School programming on Nov. 3 for our students.

## SHOFAR DEADLINE, NOV. 24

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

## STAY TUNED FOR...

Ruth Grene will be launching Chicken Soup for Kids drive, asking for small cans of chicken soup to be donated to Micah's Backpack and delivered in December. More details soon.

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I love this season; the leaves are changing color and falling off the trees, and the nights are cold. This is a great time to get outside and experience nature. As for me, I enjoy going out on hikes at Pandapas Ponds and along the Appalachian Trail—stomping through the leaves, catching views of the mountains through the foliage, and relishing the crisp clean air. If you have a chance, go outside, enjoy the colors, and enjoy the natural environment.

This past month we had a great High Holidays with good friends and excellent food, and I'd like to extend a huge thanks to our organizers, Muriel, Marta, and Eric, as well as all who came up to the bima to lead the services. In addition, I'd like to thank everyone who made donations to the Interfaith Food Pantry. If you'd still like to make a donation, please contact Ruth. In addition, the Montgomery County Christmas Store is now taking donations.

Shalom, Aaron Goldstein, BJCC President

## DUES ARE WAY OVERDUE!

It is past 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 DONATIONS

Through the BJCC, the following members made donations to the Blacksburg Interfaith Food Pantry:

- Dan and Pam Sable
- Rita and Brad Klein
- Many others, who anonymously gave cash and food.

Other donations:

- Claire S. Klein, in memory of her grandson, Ira Matthew Klein.
- Richard and Doris Zallen, for a memorial plaque in memory of Doris' mother, Bessie Teichler.
- Linda R. Deemer, for a memorial plaque in memory of Harvey Jay Rosenberg.

## FOOD DRIVE SUCCESS

Thanks to the BJCC members who participated in the food drive for the Blacksburg Interfaith Food Pantry. We raised about \$1,700 in cash and around 8 bags of food.

## MEMORIES OF NAACP BANQUET



Here's a snapshot of Ruth Grene and Linda Deemer, who attended the NAACP banquet on Oct. 5.

## CEMETERY INFO

The BJCC has entered into an agreement with the Memorial Gardens of the New River Valley (MGNRV) to set aside a Jewish section of this commercial cemetery, which is located at the northern end of Main Street in Blacksburg where it runs into Route 460. Contact Cindy Turner (cturner@memorialgardensnrv.com) or Jim Lucas (jlucas@memorialgardensnrv.com) of the MGNRV at 552- 7800 if you'd like to visit the Jewish section of the cemetery. Several plots have already been purchased; others are still available. BJCC members and their Jewish or non-Jewish immediate family members, and non-members who are Jewish, are eligible to purchase plots in this section.

The BJCC and MGNRV have agreed on a set of regulations aimed at maintaining the Jewish character of this section in perpetuity. If you are considering such a purchase, please speak with a member of the BJCC cemetery committee (Eric Hallerman, Muriel Kranowski) for an explanation of these regulations. If you are not a member of the BJCC, your purchase will need to be approved by the cemetery committee.

## 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
					1 3 Cheshvan	2 4 Cheshvan <a href="#">Parashat Noach</a> Reform service and potluck lunch
3 5 Cheshvan ISJL fellow helps with Sunday School activities	4 6 Cheshvan	5 7 Cheshvan <a href="#">Yom HaAliyah</a>	6 8 Cheshvan	7 9 Cheshvan	8 10 Cheshvan	9 11 Cheshvan <a href="#">Parashat Lech- Lecha</a> Reform service
10 12 Cheshvan	11 13 Cheshvan	12 14 Cheshvan	13 15 Cheshvan	14 16 Cheshvan	15 17 Cheshvan	16 18 Cheshvan <a href="#">Parashat Va-ye- ra</a> Reform service
17 19 Cheshvan	18 20 Cheshvan	19 21 Cheshvan	20 22 Cheshvan	21 23 Cheshvan	22 24 Cheshvan	23 25 Cheshvan <a href="#">Parashat Chayei Sarah</a> Reform service
24 26 Cheshvan Deadline to submit info for Dec. <i>Shofar</i>	25 27 Cheshvan	26 28 Cheshvan	27 29 Cheshvan <a href="#">Sigd</a>	28 30 Cheshvan <a href="#">Rosh Chodesh Kislev</a>	29 1 Kislev <a href="#">Rosh Chodesh Kislev</a>	30 2 Kislev <a href="#">Parashat Toledet</a> Reform service

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