

THE SHOFAR

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SCHEDULE OF SHABBAT SERVICES

[Saturday Shabbat services begin at 10:00 AM]

SERVICES

Dec. 7–Vayitzei–NO SERVICES AT BJCC

Dec. 14–Vayishlach–Reform–R. Scheckler

**Potluck lunch follows service

Dec. 21–Vayeishev–Reform–E. Hallerman

Dec. 28–Mikeitz- Reform–S&M Kranowski

POTLUCK LUNCH, DEC. 14

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



DAN HINDMAN'S BAR MITZVAH, DEC. 7

Daniel Hindman and Wendy Silverman invite you to join them at Temple Emanuel in Roanoke on Sat., Dec. 7 at 10:30 AM to celebrate as Dan gets called to the Torah for his Bar Mitzvah. A luncheon will follow immediately after services. Please email Wendy (wssilverman@gmail.com) if you plan to attend. Mazel Tov, Dan!



SHOFAR DEADLINE, DEC. 19

The deadline for submitting news for the next issue of the *Shofar* is Dec. 19. Send information to Richard at richard@vt.edu.

HILLEL NEWS

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

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I love this season: the leaves have fallen, the air is cold and crisp, and it takes a little extra effort to brave the out-of-doors.

A couple of weeks ago, I found myself in the Jefferson National Forest with one of the local scouting troops, trying to muster the self-motivation to exit my sleeping bag. At the same time that I was finding my own personal strength, I couldn't help but overhear the conversation of a couple of runners coming down the road at the break of dawn, despite the freezing cold air.









There is an old adage, "this too shall pass," that might be a good mantra for days like these. Perhaps better, maybe we should try to embrace these simple obstacles to prove that we can still withstand short-term discomforts, and despite them persevere or (better yet) excel.

With that said, we've got a couple of activities coming up this month that will give you an opportunity to get out of your comfort zone. First, Ruth is collecting donations of chicken noodle soup for Micah's backpack. She writes "Please bring three cans of soup (or more) per household to the BJCC before Dec. 10, and my family and I will deliver our donation to St. Michael Lutheran Church." Second, Chanukah starts at sunset on Sun., Dec. 22. While we anticipate that many families—especially those with children—will be out of town with relatives, we are tentatively planning a Chanukah party at the BJCC for those still nearby. If you would like to participate, please contact us for more details.

Either way, try to stay warm over the holiday, and if you have a chance, venture out of your comfort zone.

Shalom, Aaron Goldstein, BJCC President

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 3 Kislev	2 4 Kislev	3 5 Kislev	4 6 Kislev	5 7 Kislev	6 8 Kislev	7 9 Kislev No service at BJCC today! Dan Hindman Bar Mitzvah service in Roanoke Parashat Vayeitzei
8 10 Kislev	9 11 Kislev	10 12 Kislev	11 13 Kislev	12 14 Kislev	13 15 Kislev	14 16 Kislev Reform service and potluck lunch Parashat Vayishlach
15 17 Kislev	16 18 Kislev	17 19 Kislev	18 20 Kislev	19 21 Kislev	20 22 Kislev	21 23 Kislev Reform service Parashat Vayeishev
22 24 Kislev Chanukah: 1 Candle 	23 25 Kislev Chanukah: 2 Candles 	24 26 Kislev Chanukah: 3 Candles 	25 27 Kislev Chanukah: 4 Candles 	26 28 Kislev Chanukah: 5 Candles 	27 29 Kislev Chanukah: 6 Candles 	28 30 Kislev Reform service Parashat Mikeitz Rosh Chodesh Tevet Chanukah: 7 Candles 
29 1 Tevet Rosh Chodesh Tevet Chanukah: 8 Candles 	30 2 Tevet Chanukah: 8th Day	31 3 Tevet	1 Jan.	2 Jan.	3 Jan.	4 Jan.

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