

THE SHOFAR

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SCHEDULE OF SHABBAT SERVICES

[Saturday Shabbat services begin at 10:00 AM]

SERVICES

Feb. 1–Bo–Reform–R. Scheckler

Feb. 8–B'Shallach–Reform–E. Hallerman**

**Tu B'Shvat seder

Feb. 15–Yitro–Reform–M&S Kranowski

Feb. 22–Mishpatim–R. Scheckler

Feb. 29–Terumah–Conservative–S&M Kranowski

SPECIAL TU B'SHVAT SEDER, FEB. 8

Please join us on Feb. 8, immediately after Shabbat services, for a family-fun seder celebrating Tu B'Shvat, the celebration of trees. At this seder, we try different fruits that grow on trees. Each year, Wendy includes a new, interesting fruit to the meal. The seder lasts about an hour, and Wendy guarantees you will not be hungry! At the conclusion of the seder, we will have a pot luck dessert. We will also have bagels and cream cheese and lox.



To ensure we have enough food for this event, please sign up at this web site (SignUpGenius) <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4ba8ac29a7fb6-tubishvat1>, or contact Wendy at wssilverman@gmail.com.

SHOFAR DEADLINE, FEB. 23

The deadline for submitting news for the next issue of the *Shofar* is Feb. 23. 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

Virginia Tech is now back in session, and it seems that the Town of Blacksburg has become a lot busier. As a faculty member, I'm happy to see so many enthusiastic and inquisitive students back in the community. But as a commuter, I find myself falling into the mental habit of impatiently trying to race across campus, across town, and even back-and-forth across the county. You might even spot me on my bicycle, dressed in a bright yellow jacket. I mention this because there are a lot of pedestrians and cyclists that you might not see: hiding in your blind spot, dressed in black at night, or even jumping out from the sidewalk and onto the street without a sideward glance. So, it is our duty to be extra vigilant as we navigate the streets.

On a lighter note, there are a lot of things coming up this month. Hillel is running a Jewish education series, "Judaism 101," on Thursdays, going from Jan. 30 through Mar. 19. This program is open to students and community members, and I include a link for more information on dates, times and discussion topics: bit.ly/j101atvt. Also, I hope you will all come out for the BJCC's Tu B'Shvat seder following services on Sat., Feb. 8. This event is open to families and kids of all ages and gives us a chance to taste and learn about a broad variety of fruits and nuts. Delicious. Lastly, Hillel at Virginia Tech will be screening "Israel Love Story" at the Lyric Theatre on Sat., Feb. 29 (at 2:00 PM) as part of its Jewish Film Festival. I hope to see you there.

Shalom, Aaron Goldstein, BJCC President

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 6 Sh'vat Parashat Bo Reform service
2 7 Sh'vat	3 8 Sh'vat	4 9 Sh'vat	5 10 Sh'vat	6 11 Sh'vat	7 12 Sh'vat	8 13 Sh'vat Parashat B'Shallach Reform service and Tu B'Shvat seder 
9 14 Sh'vat	10 15 Sh'vat Tu B'Shvat	11 16 Sh'vat	12 17 Sh'vat	13 18 Sh'vat	14 19 Sh'vat	15 20 Sh'vat Parashat Yitro Reform service
16 21 Sh'vat	17 22 Sh'vat	18 23 Sh'vat	19 24 Sh'vat	20 25 Sh'vat	21 26 Sh'vat	22 27 Sh'vat Parashat Mishpatim Shabbat Shekalim Reform service
23 28 Sh'vat Deadline for inf for March <i>Shofar</i>	24 29 Sh'vat	25 30 Sh'vat Rosh Chodesh Adar	26 1 Adar Rosh Chodesh Adar	27 2 Adar	28 3 Adar	29 4 Adar Parashat Terumah CONSERVATIVE service

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