
THE SHOFAR

The Monthly Bulletin of the BJCC

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SCHEDULE OF SHABBAT SERVICES

[Saturday Shabbat services begin at 10:00 AM]

SERVICES

April 4–Tzav–Reform–E. Hallerman

April 11–Chol Ha-moed Pesach–Reform–M&S
Kranowski

April 18–Shemini–Reform–R. Scheckler

April 25–Tazria-Mesorah–Reform–E. Hallerman

SERVICES WILL BE REMOTE

It seems likely that we'll still be observing social distancing throughout April and that we'll continue holding services remotely, on Zoom or similar. A service leader will inform us via email a couple of days before the services about how to join the upcoming session. Having remote services is not the same as worshiping together, but it's a way to connect with one another and feel Jewish together.

SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL REMAIN CLOSED

Due to the COVID-19 crisis, the BJCC Sunday School has come to a close for this year.

However, the termination of regular classes does not mean that your child's Jewish education needs to end. All of our Sunday School teachers are willing to tutor via Zoom or FaceTime, and Wendy can connect your child with the teacher of your choice. Just let Wendy know (wssilverman@gmail.com). Additionally, Wendy will send on-line Jewish educational links through ISJL to Sunday School parents.

SHOFAR DEADLINE, APR. 23

The deadline for submitting news for the next issue of the *Shofar* is Apr. 23. Send information to Richard at richard@vt.edu.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

We have definitely entered interesting times.

My older son has moved back home from college, and my high schooler now lives in a chair in front of a computer. Every day, I try to give them one task to do, and if I'm lucky it gets done. What's the point of this? We're all confused and trying to figure out how to live our lives in the era of social distancing. I've been getting through it by making a to-do list and then trying to get 1-2 tasks done per day. This routine has helped me focus on what I can and need to do, and it draws my attention away from things that are out of my control.

Looking back to early March, before this craziness started, the BJCC had a couple of good group events. The annual Purim party went well, with great attendance, lots of costumes, and delicious food. A huge thanks to Wendy Silverman for organizing the event again. And then a number of us—adults and kids—came out on a cold Sunday morning to plant trees along Strouble's Creek as part of Nicole Hersch's sustainability project.

Now that it's officially spring, my hope is that we'll have great weather for getting out together more, albeit in groups of fewer than 10, and with 6 feet of separation. Right now, there's nothing definite, but keep an eye out for an email message from the BJCC.

In the meantime, stay safe.

Shalom, Aaron Goldstein, BJCC President

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 7 Nisan	2 8 Nisan	3 9 Nisan	4 10 Nisan Parashat Tzav Shabbat HaGadol Reform service
5 11 Nisan	6 12 Nisan	7 13 Nisan	8 14 Nisan Erev Pesach	9 15 Nisan Pesach I	10 16 Nisan Pesach II 1st day of the Omer	11 17 Nisan Pesach III (CH"M) 2nd day of the Omer Reform service
12 18 Nisan Pesach IV (CH"M) 3rd day of the Omer	13 19 Nisan Pesach V (CH"M) 4th day of the Omer	14 20 Nisan Pesach VI (CH"M) 5th day of the Omer	15 21 Nisan Pesach VII 6th day of the Omer	16 22 Nisan Pesach VIII 7th day of the Omer	17 23 Nisan 8th day of the Omer	18 24 Nisan Parashat Shemini 9th day of the Omer Reform service
19 25 Nisan 10th day of the Omer	20 26 Nisan 11th day of the Omer	21 27 Nisan Yom HaShoah 12th day of the Omer	22 28 Nisan 13th day of the Omer	23 29 Nisan 14th day of the Omer Deadline for May issue of the <i>Shofar</i>	24 30 Nisan Rosh Chodesh Iyyar 15th day of the Omer	25 1 Iyyar Parashat Tazria-Mesorah Rosh Chodesh Iyyar 16th day of the Omer Reform service
26 2 Iyyar 17th day of the Omer	27 3 Iyyar 18th day of the Omer	28 4 Iyyar Yom HaZikaron 19th day of the Omer	29 5 Iyyar Yom HaAtzma'ut 20th day of the Omer	30 6 Iyyar 21st day of the Omer		

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