
THE SHOFAR

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SCHEDULE OF SHABBAT SERVICES

[Saturday Shabbat services begin at 10:00 AM]

SERVICES

May 2–Acharei Mot/Kedoshim–M & S Kranowski
May 9–Emor–E. Hallerman
May 16–Behar/Behukkotai–R. Scheckler
May 23–Bemidbar–Tommy Hindman
May 30–Shavuot–S&M Kranowski

SERVICES WILL BE REMOTE

It seems likely that we'll still be observing social distancing throughout May 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 worshipping together, but it's a way to connect with one another and feel Jewish together.

TOMMY'S BAR MITZVAH CEREMONY POSTPONED, BUT JOIN US ON MAY 23...

Thomas Hindman's Bar Mitzvah will be postponed to a later date. However, Tommy will be leading the BJCC Shabbat service on May 23, the original date of his Bar Mitzvah ceremony. Please join us on Zoom, and support Tommy as he leads us in prayer.

THANKS FOR THE DONATIONS

The recent call for donations to support the Blacksburg Interfaith Food Pantry elicited kind contributions from:

- Lauren and Ethan Colliver
- Doris and Richard Zallen
- Rebecca and Stephen Scheckler
- Muriel and Nathan Kranowski
- Marvin Blecher
- Ester and Eric Hallerman
- Linda and Jimmy Deemer
- Cindy Rosenbaum and Matt Wisnioski
- Wendy Silverman and Dan Hindman
- Golde Holtzman
- Ellen and Leo Piilonen
- Anonymous

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

We have definitely entered interesting times.

I hope everyone is doing well and holding up satisfactorily during this period of reduced social interaction. I've been hearing that the stress associated with the recent restrictions on schools, businesses, and human contact has resulted in phenomena like increased sleeping and very vivid dreams. On the positive side, apparently the dress code has become fairly relaxed for participation in Zoom meetings. (My son noted that in one of his class meetings, a student was clearly participating from bed. A UVA student ... go figure.)

Speaking of Zoom, I would like to commend our lay service leaders, Rebecca Scheckler, Muriel and Steven Kranowski, and Eric Hallerman for offering online services so that we can participate from the comfort and safety of our homes. The ability to adapt to new and different situations can be difficult and stressful, so I congratulate everyone who has been able to remain active and productive in this era of social distancing.

Finally, I was really impressed by the outpouring of support for the Interfaith Food Pantry in April. A large number of our members stepped up to donate money and food to help our neighbors in the New River Valley. Thank you for participating in this mitzvah.

In the meantime, stay safe.

Shalom, Aaron Goldstein, BJCC President

SHOFAR DEADLINE, MAY 24

The deadline for submitting news for the next issue of the *Shofar* is May 24. Send information to Richard at richard@vt.edu.

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 Iyyar	2 8 Iyyar Parashat Acharei Mot/Kedoshim
3 9 Iyyar	4 10 Iyyar	5 11 Iyyar	6 12 Iyyar	7 13 Iyyar	8 14 Iyyar Pesach Sheni	9 15 Iyyar Parashat Emor
10 16 Iyyar	11 17 Iyyar	12 18 Iyyar Lag BaOmer	13 19 Iyyar	14 20 Iyyar	15 21 Iyyar	16 22 Iyyar Parashat Behar/Behukkotai
17 23 Iyyar	18 24 Iyyar	19 25 Iyyar	20 26 Iyyar	21 27 Iyyar	22 28 Iyyar Yom Yerushalayim	23 29 Iyyar Parashat Bemidbar Tommy Hindman leads service
24 1 Sivan Rosh Chodesh Sivan Deadline for June <i>Shofar</i>	25 2 Sivan	26 3 Sivan	27 4 Sivan	28 5 Sivan Erev Shavuot	29 6 Sivan Shavuot I	30 7 Sivan Shavuot II
31 8 Sivan						

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