

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

Aug. 1—No BJCC service—Jacob Keesee's online Bar Mitzvah from Temple Emanuel

Aug. 8—Ekev—E. Hallerman

Aug. 15—Re'eh—R. Scheckler

Aug. 22—Shoftim—M&S Kranowski

Aug. 29—No BJCC service—Oz Trost's online Bar Mitzvah from Temple Emanuel

SERVICES WILL BE REMOTE

It seems likely that we'll still be observing social distancing throughout the next month and that we'll continue holding services remotely on Zoom. 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.

BAR MITVAH CEREMONIES IN AUG.

☆ **Jacob Keesee**, son of Madeline Schreiber and Blaine Keesee, is having his Bar Mitzvah ceremony on Sat., Aug. 1 at 10:30AM (note updated time) at Temple Emanuel in Roanoke. Due to COVID-19, in-person attendance is limited to a small number. Consequently, the BJCC membership is invited to attend the service virtually via Facebook Live. It is easiest to view the service with a Facebook account. The link can be found at: <https://www.facebook.com/teroanoke/>. Maddy will send out a message and the link to the BJCC membership prior to the service as a reminder. She can also help you attend the service if you do not have a Facebook account. Contact Maddy Schreiber at [mekeesee \[at\] gmail.com](mailto:mekeesee[at]gmail.com).

☆ **Oz Felix Trost** will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Sat., Aug. 29 at 10:30AM at Temple Emanuel of Roanoke. The service will be broadcast live on the Temple Emanuel Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/teroanoke/>.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

August is a month of mixed emotions for me. It usually means the end of summer and the beginning of the fall season of classes and school.

However, this fall won't be our traditional fall. Classes at Virginia Tech and Radford will be largely online. Meanwhile, our elementary, middle, and high schools are adapting to either an online or hybrid schedule. For the time being, services at the BJCC will remain online and the High Holidays committee has been preparing for this situation. Our services will be different, but we will still enjoy Cantor Irv's voice and share in an age-old tradition of community worship.

We will experience two special joys in our congregation this month! Jacob Keesee and Oz Trost will become b'nei mitzvah this month—Jacob on Aug. 1 and Oz on Aug. 29. Both ceremonies will occur at Temple Emanuel in Roanoke and will be broadcast online. As a parent in the Sunday School, it has been a joy to watch these two young men grow and mature. Congratulations to Jacob and Oz!

Shalom and stay safe, Dan Hindman, BJCC Pres.

THANKS FOR THE DONATIONS

We are grateful for donations from the following people, who are contributing to the BJCC religious school and for improving our building's security.

- Joshua and Shamira Shallom
- Linda Rosenberg Deemer and James (Jimmy) Deemer
- Marta and David Brinberg

SHOFAR DEADLINE, AUG. 23

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

HILLEL NEWS

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

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(Officers are definite; some committee chairs need to be verified)

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 11 Av Parashat Vaetchanan Jacob Keesee's online Bar Mitzvah service, 10:30AM; no regular BJCC service
2 12 Av	3 13 Av	4 14 Av	5 15 Av Tu B'Av	6 16 Av	7 17 Av	8 18 Av Parashat Ekev
9 19 Av	10 20 Av	11 21 Av	12 22 Av	13 23 Av	14 24 Av	15 25 Av Parashat Re'eh
16 26 Av	17 27 Av	18 28 Av	19 29 Av	20 30 Av Rosh Chodesh Elul	21 1 Elul Rosh Chodesh Elul	22 2 Elul Parashat Shoftim
23 3 Elul Deadline for Sept. issue of <i>Shofar</i>	24 4 Elul	25 5 Elul	26 6 Elul	27 7 Elul	28 8 Elul	29 9 Elul Parashat Ki Teitzei Oz Trost's online Bar Mitzvah service, 10:30AM; no regular BJCC service
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