
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

Sept. 5–Ki Tavo–R. Scheckler

Sept. 12–Nitzavim–Vayelech–E. Hallerman

[Sept. 19–Rosh Hashanah]

Sept. 26–Ha'azinu–S&M Kranowski

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.

JOE BUCHANAN CONCERT, SEPT. 3

Join the BJCC for a live, hour-long Zoom concert by Joe Buchanan. The BJCC, Temple Emanuel in Roanoke, and other congregations throughout the south are co-sponsoring this event. Joe sings Jewish Americana with true-life stories mixed in. If you missed him a few years ago when he visited the BJCC, then this is your chance to hear his wonderful music.

Date: Thurs., Sept. 3, at 8:00 PM. The Zoom link will be sent on email closer to the event



SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS SEPT. 13

Sunday School begins on Sept. 13. At least for the fall, classes will be held online via Zoom. Our ISJL fellow, Isaac Gamoran, trained our teachers in online teaching techniques. The Institute of Southern Jewish Learning also has revised its curricula for online teaching. Please contact Marta Brinberg ([martabrinberg @ hotmail.com](mailto:martabrinberg@hotmail.com)) for more information.

HIGH HOLIDAYS

The BJCC will provide remote High Holiday services this year via Zoom. These services will closely follow our Reform machzor and include full transliteration. Cantor Irv Gertner will again chant much of the service.

The BJCC's Zoom license permits up to 100 participants, and BJCC members have priority. Members will receive their invitation a day or two before Rosh Hashana and before Yom Kippur.

If you are not a member and would like to be a guest at our services, please contact Religion Chair Muriel Kranowski ([murielk @ vt.edu](mailto:murielk@vt.edu)) to request a spot. We'll let you know if you have secured a place. Please include your full name and briefly say why you would like to participate in our service.

ROSH HASHANAH:

Fri., Sept. 18, 7:30 PM–Erev RH service

Sat., Sept. 19, 9:30 AM–Daytime RH1 service

Sun., Sept. 20, 11:00 AM—brief Shofar service

YOM KIPPUR

Sun., Sept. 27, 7:00 PM–Erev YK service (Kol Nidrei)

Mon., Sept. 28, 9:30 AM–Daytime YK service, including Yizkor

Mon., Sept. 28, 7:00 PM–Closing Neilah service

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello everyone, and Happy New Year! This is a time of rejuvenation in Blacksburg, when college students come back, primary school students return to school, and Rosh Hashanah is upon us.

This year, however, seems different for almost everyone. Many of us are learning about online and hybrid education and thinking about how we can keep ourselves and our community safe. As we embark on this new year, I want to wish you all patience, tolerance, and good health.

Our High Holy Days this year will be unique. More details are included in this issue. As one of my presidential duties, I get to inform you about some of the happenings at the BJCC and plans for the next year. I am so excited to be working with everyone on the board, and I hope you participate in many of these activities. One of our long-term projects has been increased security of the BJCC, where we expect to make some large improvements this year. Also, Linda Deemer has initiated programs to reach out to members of our community and has some great ways for you to participate.

Another area of urgent need is the Interfaith Food Pantry and Micah's Backpack. We plan to put together a BJCC drive to help provide food for these great organizations.

If you have any ideas for programs or work that you think the BJCC should consider, please reach out to me or any board member.

I'll also put out a plea: we are looking for a president-elect on the BJCC board. If you are interested, let me know.

Shalom and stay safe, Dan Hindman, BJCC Pres.

SHOFAR DEADLINE, SEPT. 22

The deadline for submitting news for the next issue of the *Shofar* is Sept. 22. Send information to Richard at richard [at] vt.edu.

THANKS FOR THE DONATIONS

We are grateful for the anonymous donation to help us improve our building's security.



HIGH HOLY DAYS FOOD DRIVE 2020 IN SUPPORT OF THE BLACKSBURG INTERFAITH FOOD PANTRY

Because of COVID-19, the BJCC will not be collecting food for delivery; however, you may deliver food donations to 706 Harding Ave, Blacksburg, on Mondays from 4:00 PM-6:00 PM and Tuesdays and Fridays from 10:00 a.m. to noon.

Contributions sought by the Blacksburg Interfaith Food Pantry include:

- *Canned goods*: fruits, vegetables (ex., green beans, corn, carrots, beets), beans, pasta (ex., Spaghetti-O's, ravioli), spaghetti sauce, soup, tuna.
- *Packaged goods*: Dry beans (ex., pinto, lima), rice, spaghetti, macaroni and cheese, boxed sugar, powdered milk, crackers, peanut butter, jelly, cereal.

Cash donations are also appreciated: You may either write check to "Blacksburg Interfaith Food Pantry," and send it to the BJCC, P.O. Box 782, Blacksburg, VA 24063 or go to <http://www.bjccblacksburg.org/Giving> and donate via PayPal. Write for "Food Pantry" in the "Add a Note" field. Questions? Contact Marta Brinberg at martabrinberg@hotmail.com.

GOOD NEIGHBORS

We are looking for members of our BJCC community who have the time and inclination to reach out to members who may live alone or be among the "at risk" folks during this pandemic. Linda suggests that we form a group that would be willing to contact these people and check in with them regularly by phone or set up outdoor visits at safe distances. We could also bring some goodies to those who can't get out, especially during the holidays. We want to be friends and good neighbors, and this is the perfect time to do that. If you would like to be a good neighbor, or if you would appreciate a call or visit from a member, please email Linda Deemer, Membership Chair, at lndeemer@comcast.net.

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 12 Elul	2 13 Elul	3 14 Elul	4 15 Elul	5 16 Elul Parashat Ki Tavo
6 17 Elul	7 18 Elul	8 19 Elul	9 20 Elul	10 21 Elul	11 22 Elul	12 23 Elul Parashat Nitzavim-Vayelech
13 24 Elul Sunday School begins today	14 25 Elul	15 26 Elul	16 27 Elul	17 28 Elul	18 29 Elul Erev Rosh Hashanah 7:30 PM service	19 1 Tishrei 5781 Rosh Hashanah 9:30 AM service
20 2 Tishrei Rosh Hashanah II Shofar service 11:00 AM	21 3 Tishrei	22 4 Tishrei Deadline for info for next <i>Shofar</i>	23 5 Tishrei	24 6 Tishrei	25 7 Tishrei	26 8 Tishrei Parashat Ha'azinu Shabbat Shuva
27 9 Tishrei Erev Yom Kippur 7:00 PM service	28 10 Tishrei Yom Kippur 9:30 AM daytime service; 7:00 PM Neilah service	29 11 Tishrei	30 12 Tishrei			

Joe Buchanan in Concert!

Thursday, September 3rd
8:00pm EDT on Zoom

Joe Buchanan is a Texas native whose Jewish Americana music will touch your soul. Joe's music highlights the values and history of the Jewish people to deliver stories steeped in Torah and the struggle and triumph of the human spirit, all while praising G-d for the goodness in life.








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

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