

# 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

Oct. 3–1st day of Sukkot–E. Hallerman  
Oct. 10–Shemini Atzeret–S&M Kranowski  
Oct. 17–Breishit–R. Scheckler  
Oct. 24–Noach–M&S Kranowski  
Oct. 31–Lech Lecha–Hindman/Silverman family

### 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.

### YOM KIPPUR SERVICES (SEPT. 27-28)

As a reminder, here is information about our Yom Kippur services.

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

### SHOFAR DEADLINE, OCT. 23

The deadline for submitting news for the next issue of the *Shofar* is Oct. 23. Send information to Richard at [richard \[at\] vt.edu](mailto:richard[at]vt.edu).



### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello everyone, and welcome to the new year! Our Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services were different this year, but it was really great to see everyone on Zoom. Special thanks to our High Holy Days committee (Muriel, Eric, Marta), our official Zoom Maven (Rebecca), and, of course, Cantor Irv. In my Rosh Hashanah message, I talked about how important it is for us to retain our community, especially in trying times. I want everyone to know that the BJCC is here for you and able to help. Please reach out if you have any good ideas for our community or if you need any assistance.

As I also mentioned, we are about to begin construction on our next set of security upgrades for the BJCC. One issue has been the lack of an exit at the front of the sanctuary, near the bima. The board has been working with Shelter Alternatives to construct a new door and make other changes to enhance safety. We are planning to remove part of the bima so that people can exit directly from the main floor (see diagram on page 4).

Because we are starting construction, we will not assemble the BJCC sukkah for Sukkot. Marta Brinberg, our religious school director, is working on alternative plans for the children. I know the sukkah is a nice place to gather as families, and I have enjoyed helping decorate it with my family in the past. We hope to continue this tradition in future years.

Shalom! Dan, BJCC Pres.

### MOURNING LARRY SHUMSKY

The congregation of the Blacksburg Jewish Community Center sends sincere condolences to Marcia Shumsky and her sons, Eric and Michael, on the death of Neil Larry Shumsky. Larry and Marcia have been members of the BJCC since its inception in the early 1970s. Larry was an active member and will be sorely missed.

## **DONATION FOR MICAH'S BACKPACK**

Micah's Backpack is a local non-profit organization that helps provide direct food assistance for school-aged children in low-income families in Blacksburg. There is a special need for donations of single-serve macaroni and cheese, fruit cups, and canned vegetables. These items are intended to help with children's food needs on the weekends, to supplement the free breakfasts and lunches provided by the schools during the week.

To help make donating to Micah's Backpack easier, Maddy Schreiber and Jacob Keesee have volunteered to pick up your donations from your doorstep! So fire up those clicklists for a good cause! Pickups will be made on the morning Sat., Oct. 3. Please fill out the Google form at <https://forms.gle/okg6JzDFg73UimzZA> with your address. Maddy will send a reminder email.

## **THANKS FOR THE DONATIONS**

We are grateful for the following donations:

*To the BJCC in loving memory of Larry Shumsky:*

- Linda and Jimmy Deemer
- Irene Jacobs, and
- Richard and Margene Hirsh

*For the Interfaith Food Pantry through the BJCC:*

- Leslie Kay and William Floyd
- Ester and Eric Hallerman,
- Marta Brinberg, and
- Rebecca and Stephen Scheckler
- Anonymous

## **TIME TO PAY DUES**

Kindly send in your dues (\$700 per family, or \$350 per individual) and Religious/Sunday School fees (new lower rates; see BJCC website) and contact Marta Brinberg for details. As always, individuals and families can discuss a reduction of dues and/or fees in privacy with the treasurer, Stephen Scheckler. The BJCC mission is to serve the needs of New River Valley Jews. No one will be turned away for lack of financial resources.

## **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](mailto:martabrinberg@hotmail.com).

## **THANKS FOR THE THANKS!**

Oz Trost and Jacob Keesee have each sent thoughtful thank-you letters to the BJCC congregation for its support during their years of preparation and for the kiddush cups presented to them by the BJCC after being called to the Torah as B'nai Mitzvah.

## **HILLEL NEWS**

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

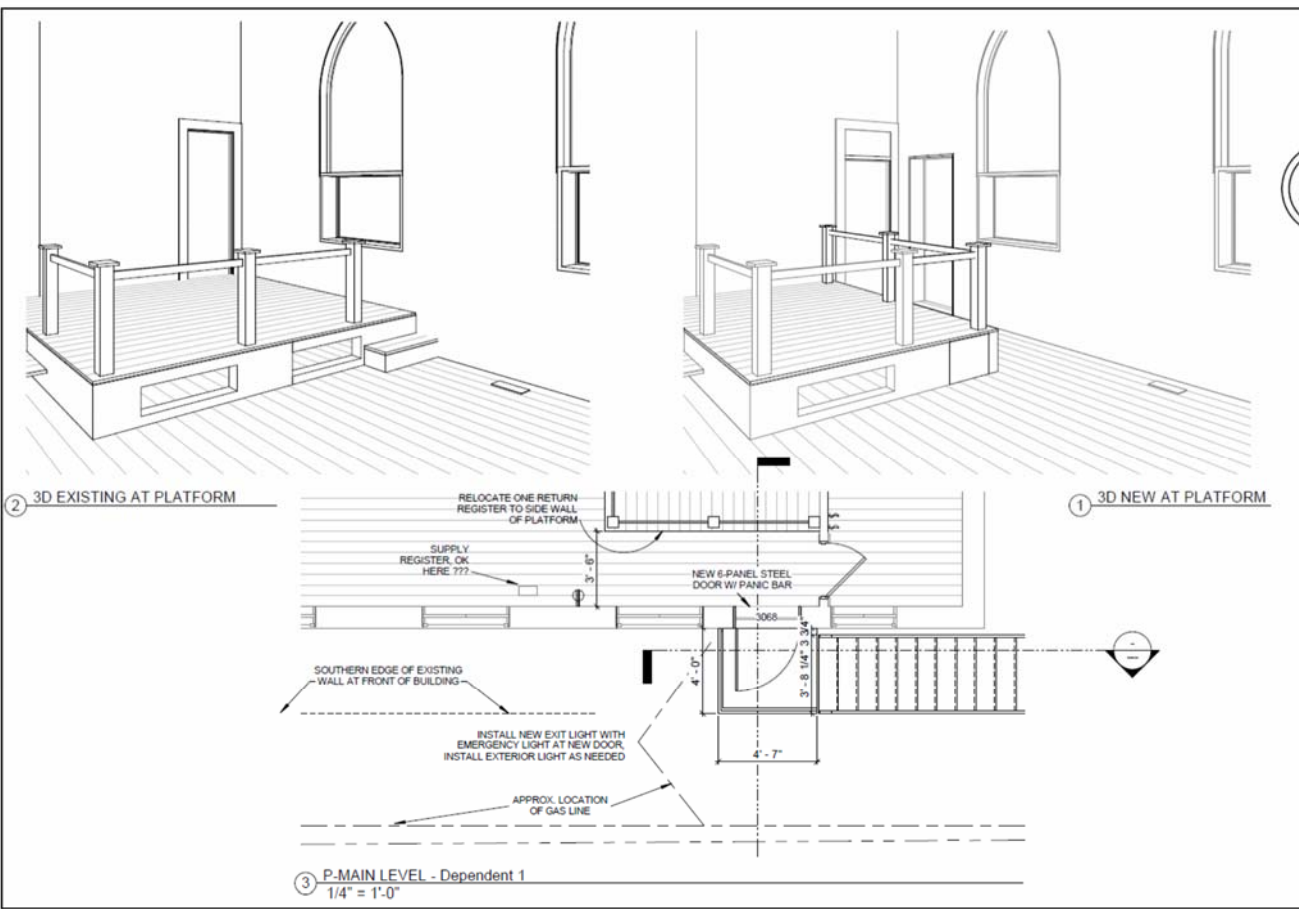
## October 2020 / Tishrei – Cheshvan 5781

<b>27 Sept.</b> 9 Tishrei <a href="#">Erev Yom Kippur</a> 7:00 PM service	<b>28 Sept.</b> 10 Tishrei <a href="#">Yom Kippur</a> 9:30 AM daytime service; 7:00 PM Neilah service	<b>29 Sept.</b> 11 Tishrei	<b>30 Sept.</b> 12 Tishrei	<b>1 Oct.</b> 13 Tishrei	<b>2 Oct.</b> 14 Tishrei <a href="#">Erev Sukkot</a>	<b>3 Oct.</b> 15 Tishrei <a href="#">Sukkot I</a>
<b>4</b> 16 Tishrei <a href="#">Sukkot II</a>	<b>5</b> 17 Tishrei <a href="#">Sukkot III</a>	<b>6</b> 18 Tishrei <a href="#">Sukkot IV</a>	<b>7</b> 19 Tishrei <a href="#">Sukkot V</a>	<b>8</b> 20 Tishrei <a href="#">Sukkot VI</a>	<b>9</b> 21 Tishrei <a href="#">Sukkot VII</a>	<b>10</b> 22 Tishrei <a href="#">Shemini Atzeret</a>
<b>11</b> 23 Tishrei <a href="#">Simchat Torah</a>	<b>12</b> 24 Tishrei	<b>13</b> 25 Tishrei	<b>14</b> 26 Tishrei	<b>15</b> 27 Tishrei	<b>16</b> 28 Tishrei	<b>17</b> 29 Tishrei <a href="#">Parashat Breishit</a>
<b>18</b> 30 Tishrei <a href="#">Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan</a>	<b>19</b> 1 Cheshvan <a href="#">Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan</a>	<b>20</b> 2 Cheshvan	<b>21</b> 3 Cheshvan	<b>22</b> 4 Cheshvan	<b>23</b> 5 Cheshvan Deadline for items for the <i>Shofar</i>	<b>24</b> 6 Cheshvan <a href="#">Parashat Noach</a>
<b>25</b> 7 Cheshvan <a href="#">Yom HaAliyah</a>	<b>26</b> 8 Cheshvan	<b>27</b> 9 Cheshvan	<b>28</b> 10 Cheshvan	<b>29</b> 11 Cheshvan	<b>30</b> 12 Cheshvan	<b>31</b> 13 Cheshvan <a href="#">Parashat Lech Lecha</a>

**3D VIEWS OF PLATFORM**

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## BJCC Officers and Board Members 2020-21

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

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