
THE SHOFAR

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SCHEDULE OF SHABBAT SERVICES

[Saturday Shabbat services begin at 10:00 AM]

Feb. 6–Yitro–E. Hallerman

Feb. 13–Mishpatim–S&M Kranowski

Feb. 20–Terumah–R. Scheckler

Feb. 27–Tetzaveh–M&S Kranowski

SERVICES WILL STILL BE REMOTE

Our leaders have become masters of Zoom, and services are fun and meaningful. We often have visitors (former members and friends) attend services from as far away as Japan. Drop in on Saturday mornings at 10:00 AM. You will receive an email a day or two before the services telling you how to join the upcoming session.

THANKS TO SUZAN FOR PJ LIBRARY WORK

A huge thanks to Suzan Antin for her careful administration of the BJCC's PJ Library program for which the BJCC has received yet another PJ Library Alliance subscription grant from the Harold Grinspoon Foundation. Suzan can give you information on how many families or children receive books from the BJCC's PJ Library program, which supports families with young children in the New River Valley and Floyd County.

SHOFAR DEADLINE, FEB. 21

The deadline for submitting news for the next issue of the *Shofar* is Feb. 21. Send information to Richard at [richard \[at\] vt.edu](mailto:richard@vt.edu).

HILLEL NEWS

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

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Starting last May, a group of my friends from college (and others) met together to share our thoughts on diversity. We were all horrified at the deaths of George Floyd and Breonna Taylor, as well as countless others. Our good friend, Marc, served as the de-facto leader of our group and continually surprised us with his knowledge and care of the subject. We ventured through several podcast series, including Scene on Radio, season 4: "The Land That Has Never Been Yet," the 1619 Project Podcast, and others. We also watched "The Trial of the Chicago 7" and . . . "Borat." What can I say? Sacha Baron Cohen can do it all. It has been a great experience to talk to others and learn more about racism, power, class, and American history. It wasn't an easy experience, and all of us had particular revelations and stumbling points.

As we begin another Black History month, I encourage all of you to reach out and explore this country's complicated history. Jewish history is threaded throughout (of course, most American history is Jewish history too!), in different ways and places. Our past is not easy or simple; rather it is complex and delicate. Most important, we must understand what has happened in the past and do what we can to help move everyone forward. We must end oppression and discrimination wherever we see it.

Shalom! Dan, BJCC President



PAINLESS WAYS TO GIVE TO BJCC

- If you haven't already done so, you can easily have Kroger give money to the BJCC. For information on this process (and a link to the registration page) go to the BJCC website (under "Kroger Community Rewards Program") at <http://www.bjccblacksburg.org/contact/giving/>.
- You can also designate the BJCC as the recipient of 0.5% of your purchases at Amazon.com through the Smile program. To do so, go to <https://smile.amazon.com/>, search for the "Blacksburg Jewish Community Center," and select it. Just remember to go to the same URL, smile.amazon.com, to sign into your account when making future purchases.

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7 25 Sh'vat	8 26 Sh'vat	9 27 Sh'vat	10 28 Sh'vat	11 29 Sh'vat	12 30 Sh'vat Rosh Chodesh Adar	13 1 Adar Shabbat Shekalim Rosh Chodesh Adar Parashat Mishpatim
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