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# THE SHOFAR

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The Monthly Bulletin of the BJCC

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## SCHEDULE OF SHABBAT SERVICES

[Saturday Shabbat services begin at 10:00 AM]

June 5–Shelach–E. Hallerman

June 12–Korach–R. Scheckler

June 19–Chukat–S&M Kranowski

June 26–Balak–E. Hallerman

## IN-PERSON SERVICES COMING!

The BJCC Board has agreed that starting June 5, Shabbat services will be held at the BJCC on the first and third Saturdays of the month and will be held via Zoom on the other Saturdays.

The front-door entry code is the same as it was before we shut down. Contact [murielk \[at\] vt.edu](mailto:murielk[at]vt.edu) if you don't remember it, or come early enough to ring the doorbell without disturbing the service. There is a new, more secure inner door (replacing the old swinging door) that can be unlocked by the same code as the outer front door.

It was agreed that all participants over age 2 must be masked while in the building, except the service leader who will be on the Bimah. Please note that this plan may be changed if public health conditions make it necessary.

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

As our Sunday School and public schools end for the academic year, I would like all of you to know what a wonderful group of young people we have in our congregation. On May 1, our Sunday School students led Shabbat services and did an outstanding job. It was delightful to hear their voices speaking Hebrew confidently, giving their opinions about the Torah portion, and asking great questions. Many thanks to Marta Brinberg, Tori Silverman, and Wendy Silverman for all their hard work this year. I am also happy to say that Marta and Wendy will continue to serve as our Sunday School co-directors next year. Marta will lead classes in the fall, and Wendy will do so in the spring.

Finally, we will be preparing for our annual BJCC meeting soon and will elect new officers. If you are interested in any position, please contact me or any other board members for more information. You'd be amazed how much fun and fulfilling it is to serve on the board.

Shalom from Dan, BJCC President

## SHOFAR DEADLINE, JUNE 23

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

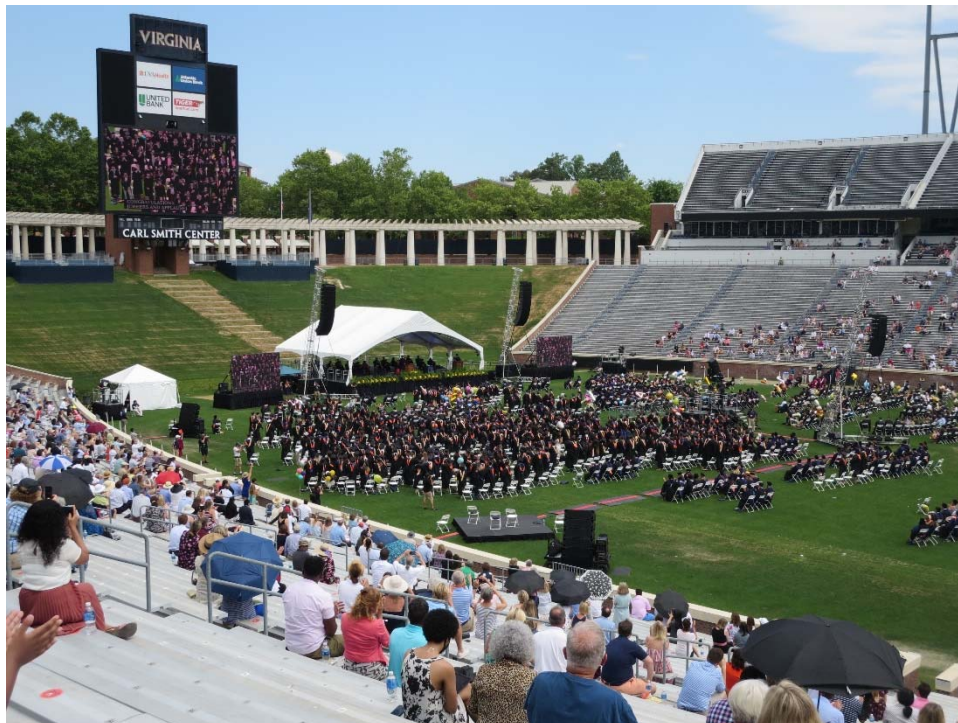
## HAPPY ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MEMBERS

- Lauren and Ethan Colliver proudly announce that their son, Elijah, has graduated with honors in the class of 2021 from Blacksburg High School. He plans to hike the Appalachian Trail before starting at the University of Maine in Orono to study marine biology and statistics. Elijah also earned the Eagle Scout rank with Troop 158. Thank you to all who donated towards his project at the Price House Nature Center.
- Jenny Lo and Aaron Goldstein are pleased to announce the graduation of their son, Nicholas Goldstein, from Blacksburg High School. He plans to attend the University of Virginia in the fall to study engineering.


- Additionally, the happy Goldstein parents proudly announce the graduation of their son, Zachary Goldstein, from the University of Virginia with degrees in commerce and computer science.
- At the same UVA ceremony as Zach's, Stephen Hirsh received his MBA degree. Go Wahoos! (Is it OK to write that? We seem to have a lot of news about UVA people this year!) See picture below of UVA ceremony on May 23 for commerce and business-school graduates.

## HILLEL NEWS

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



## June 2021 / Sivan – Tamuz 5781

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> 21 Sivan	<b>2</b> 22 Sivan	<b>3</b> 23 Sivan	<b>4</b> 24 Sivan	<b>5</b> 25 Sivan <a href="#">Parashat Shelach</a> In-person service at BJCC 
<b>6</b> 26 Sivan	<b>7</b> 27 Sivan	<b>8</b> 28 Sivan	<b>9</b> 29 Sivan	<b>10</b> 30 Sivan <a href="#">Rosh Chodesh Tamuz</a>	<b>11</b> 1 Tamuz <a href="#">Rosh Chodesh Tamuz</a>	<b>12</b> 2 Tamuz <a href="#">Parashat Korach</a> Zoom service
<b>13</b> 3 Tamuz	<b>14</b> 4 Tamuz	15 5 Tamuz	<b>16</b> 6 Tamuz	<b>17</b> 7 Tamuz	<b>18</b> 8 Tamuz	<b>19</b> 9 Tamuz <a href="#">Parashat Chukat</a> In-person service at BJCC
<b>20</b> 10 Tamuz	<b>21</b> 11 Tamuz	<b>22</b> 12 Tamuz	<b>23</b> 13 Tamuz Deadline for July issue of the <i>Shofar</i>	<b>24</b> 14 Tamuz	<b>25</b> 15 Tamuz	<b>26</b> 16 Tamuz <a href="#">Parashat Balak</a> Zoom service
<b>27</b> 17 Tamuz	<b>28</b> 18 Tamuz	<b>29</b> 19 Tamuz	<b>30</b> 20 Tamuz			

## BJCC Officers and Board Members 2020–21

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

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