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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]

May 1—Emor—Children's service

May 8—Behar—Behukkotai—R. Scheckler

May 15—Bemidbar—M&S Kranowski

May 22—Naso—E. Hallerman

May 29—CANCELLED\*\*

\*\*For Tommy Hindman's Bar Mitzvah service in Roanoke. See note in next column.

## SERVICES REMAIN REMOTE

Even if we hope we're near the end of the pandemic, we're not going to take any chances with in-person services yet. Instead, we'll continue with our Zoom Shabbat services. We welcome our regular members, as well as friends and former members (some of whom attend from across the country and 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.

## SPECIAL SHABBAT SERVICE ON MAY 1

Shabbat service on May 1 will be led by the BJCC Sunday School, with the sixth graders leading the d'var Torah. All grades will participate, with Tommy Hindman, Jacob Keese, and Oz Trott chanting the prayers that other students haven't quite mastered yet. Please join us on Zoom on May 1 and show your support to our students. A link will be sent the day before the service.

## SHOFAR DEADLINE, MAY 24

The deadline for submitting news for the next issue of the *Shofar* is May 24. Send information to Richard at [richard \[at\] vt.edu](mailto:richard[at]vt.edu).

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

It's nice to see the longer days, the flowers blooming and—dare I say—the grass growing, which is much too fast for my liking. It's such a nice treat these days to turn our eyes outside and enjoy nature. I always enjoy the spring time and watch the process of nature slowly waking up from winter's slumber.

Somedays, it feels like the tint of green has been turned up too high. We all have been living with our electronic screens a little too much this past year. However, I have caught up with friends and family in ways that I couldn't have imagined earlier.

If your Zoom fatigue is not too great, there is a Bar Mitzvah service coming up at the end of May. Congratulations to Tommy Hindman! We hope you will continue to join us on Saturdays and hope you enjoy the warmer season.

Shalom from Dan, BJCC President

## TOMMY'S BAR MITZVAH SERVICE ON MAY 29

Wendy Silverman and Daniel Hindman invite you to join them as their son, Thomas Hindman, is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Sat., May 29 at 10:30 AM. The event will be live-streamed through Temple Emanuel's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/teroanoke>. Select the thumbs-up to "like" Temple Emanuel Roanoke to view the service. If you do not have a Facebook account and would like to view the service, please contact Wendy at [wssilverman \[at\] gmail.com](mailto:wssilverman[at]gmail.com) for information on another live streaming method.

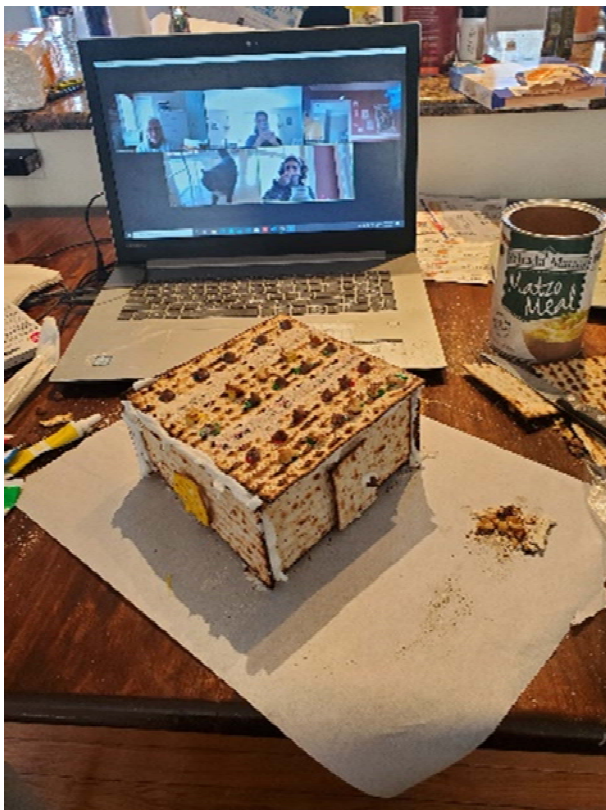
## HILLEL NEWS

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

## END-OF-PASSOVER SUNDAY-SCHOOL FUN

On April 4, the BJCC Sunday School celebrated Passover with a Kahoots Quiz Game and matzah house-making event. Those who attended had a great time learning about Passover and creatively using their leftover unleavened bread. See pictures of the kids' creations below.

### Matzah House Creations by Levi, Zoe, Marta, and Wendy



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b> 19 Iyyar <a href="#">Parashat Emor</a> Special service led by Sunday School children
<b>2</b> 20 Iyyar	<b>3</b> 21 Iyyar	<b>4</b> 22 Iyyar	<b>5</b> 23 Iyyar	<b>6</b> 24 Iyyar	<b>7</b> 25 Iyyar	<b>8</b> 26 Iyyar <a href="#">Parashat Behar–Bechukkotai</a>
<b>9</b> 27 Iyyar	<b>10</b> 28 Iyyar <a href="#">Yom Yerushalayim</a>	<b>11</b> 29 Iyyar	<b>12</b> 1 Sivan <a href="#">Rosh Chodesh Sivan</a>	<b>13</b> 2 Sivan	<b>14</b> 3 Sivan	<b>15</b> 4 Sivan <a href="#">Parashat Bemidbar</a>
<b>16</b> 5 Sivan <a href="#">Erev Shavuot</a>	<b>17</b> 6 Sivan <a href="#">Shavuot I</a>	<b>18</b> 7 Sivan <a href="#">Shavuot II</a>	<b>19</b> 8 Sivan	<b>20</b> 9 Sivan	<b>21</b> 10 Sivan	<b>22</b> 11 Sivan <a href="#">Parashat Naso</a>
<b>23</b> 12 Sivan	<b>24</b> 13 Sivan <b>Deadline for entries in the Shofar</b>	<b>25</b> 14 Sivan	<b>26</b> 15 Sivan	<b>27</b> 16 Sivan	<b>28</b> 17 Sivan	<b>29</b> 18 Sivan <a href="#">Parashat Beha'alotcha</a> Tommy's Bar Mitzvah service via Facebook
<b>30</b> 19 Sivan	<b>31</b> 20 Sivan					

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