
THE SHOFAR

The Monthly Bulletin of the BJCC

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SCHEDULE OF SHABBAT SERVICES

[Saturday Shabbat services begin at 10:00 AM]

July 3 –Pinchas–R. Scheckler (at BJCC)

July 10–Mattot-Masei–M&S Kranowski
(via Zoom)

July 17–D'varim–E. Hallerman (at BJCC)

July 24–Va-etchanan–R. Scheckler (via
Zoom)

July 31–Ekev–M. Kranowski (via Zoom)

ALTERNATE IN-PERSON & ZOOM SERVICES

Continuing our practice since June, Shabbat services will be held at the BJCC on the first and third Saturdays of the month and via Zoom on the other Saturdays.

The front-door entry code is the same as it was before we shut down. Contact [murielk @ vt.edu](mailto:murielk@vt.edu) if you don't remember it, or come early enough to ring the doorbell without disturbing the service.

The BJCC Board agreed that all participants over age 2 will be masked while in the building, except the service leader, who will be on the Bimah.

Note: this plan may be altered if public health conditions change.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello Everyone,

I hope you are doing well and enjoying the weather. As proud parents who are now basking in the post-bar mitzvah glow, Wendy and I are relaxing.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for being part of our community. Your time and effort as members of the BJCC is a blessing to us all. It is through all our efforts that we create the Jewish community we desire. Maintaining that community is often a thankless task, and I really appreciate everyone's help. (Please contact me if you'd like to serve on one of our committees or help manage an event.)

I hope you are able to enjoy some of the in-person services we have restarted. We are also looking forward to an in-person pot-luck luncheon in the fall and the return of in-person Sunday School. Exciting times!

Best wishes for a restful and productive summer! Dan, BJCC President

SHOFAR DEADLINE, JULY 23

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

FROM THE TREASURER

- Linda Deemer made a generous donation to fund an air conditioning unit for the BJCC's downstairs social and school space. Thanks, Linda!
- Several members have already paid their dues for the next fiscal year (FY22), which begins on July 1. Please also consider doing the same, as it makes planning much easier for the coming year.

HAPPY ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MEMBERS

- Mel Huber reports that his great-grandson, Kyle Wessler, of Maple Woods, NJ, will be coming to Blacksburg in the fall of 2021 to begin his studies in aerospace engineering at VT. Congratulations to the proud great-grandfather and great-grandson!
- Congratulations to Madelyn Rosenberg, Linda Deemer's daughter, on the release of her newest children's book, *One Small Hop*. An adventure story with themes of friendship, climate change and social responsibility, the book is appropriate for children in the 8-13 age group. The *Washington Post* called it a summer "must read." The BJCC was an important part of Madelyn's life growing up in Blacksburg, and Linda is one proud mama.

HILLEL NEWS

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

THANKS FROM TOMMY HINDMAN

Dear BJCC members,
Thank you so much for the Kiddush cup! I will use it a lot for grape juice! It sure looks great! Thank you for letting me lead services to practice for my bar-mitzvah
Thanks again!
From Tommy

CEMETERY INFO

The BJCC has entered into an agreement with the Memorial Gardens of the New River Valley (MGNRV) to set aside a Jewish section of this commercial cemetery, which is located at the northern end of Main Street in Blacksburg where it runs into Route 460. Contact Cindy Turner (cturner@memorialgardensnrv.com) or Jim Lucas (jlucas@memorialgardensnrv.com) of the MGNRV at 552- 7800 if you'd like to visit the Jewish section of the cemetery. Several plots have already been purchased; others are still available. BJCC members and their Jewish or non-Jewish immediate family members, and non-members who are Jewish, are eligible to purchase plots in this section.

The BJCC and MGNRV have agreed on a set of regulations aimed at maintaining the Jewish character of this section in perpetuity. If you are considering such a purchase, please speak with a member of the BJCC cemetery committee (Eric Hallerman, Muriel Kranowski) for an explanation of these regulations. If you are not a member of the BJCC, your purchase will need to be approved by the cemetery committee.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 21 Tamuz	2 22 Tamuz	3 23 Tamuz Parashat Pinchas Service at BJCC
4 24 Tamuz	5 25 Tamuz	6 26 Tamuz	7 27 Tamuz	8 28 Tamuz	9 29 Tamuz	10 1 Av Rosh Chodesh Av Parashat Mattot-Masei Service via Zoom
11 2 Av	12 3 Av	13 4 Av	14 5 Av	15 6 Av	16 7 Av	17 8 Av Shabbat Chazon Erev Tish'a B'Av Parashat D'varim Service at BJCC
18 9 Av Tish'a B'Av	19 10 Av	20 11 Av	21 12 Av	22 13 Av	23 14 Av Deadline for August issue of the <i>Shofar</i>	24 15 Av Tu B'Av Shabbat Nachamu Parashat Va-etchanan Service via Zoom
25 16 Av	26 17 Av	27 18 Av	28 19 Av	29 20 Av	30 21 Av	31 22 Av Parashat Ekev Service via Zoom

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