

THE SHOFAR

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SCHEDULE OF SHABBAT SERVICES

[Saturday Shabbat services begin at 10:00 AM]

Jan. 1–Va'era—S&M Kranowski (Zoom)
Jan. 8–Bo—R. Scheckler (Zoom)
Jan. 15–B'shallach—E. Hallerman (in person)
Jan. 22–Yitro—M&S Kranowski (Zoom)
Jan. 29–Mishpatim—R. Scheckler (Zoom)

SERVICES MOSTLY ON ZOOM IN JAN.

Conditions permitting, we're planning to have an in-person service at the BJCC on Jan. 15. On the other weeks, Shabbat services will continue to be held via Zoom. Watch your email for updates.

TU BISH'VAT SEDER, JAN. 16

Wendy is willing to host a Zoom Tu Bish'vat Seder on Sun., Jan 16 (the eve of the holiday) from noon to 1:00 PM *IF AT LEAST FIVE (5) FAMILIES WANT TO PARTICIPATE.*

The Seder entails picking up a bag of food from Wendy's house on Sat., Jan. 16, and joining others via Zoom at your table with all the food. We will screen-share the service and enjoy our time virtually while tasting different foods that come from trees. Please sign up by Fri., Jan. 7, and Wendy will let people know whether the Seder will occur on the following day. If you have questions, call her at 540-239-5918. Here's the sign-up link:

<https://forms.gle/vPZfPdj4iLzBCiSF9>



SHOFAR DEADLINE, JAN. 24

The deadline for submitting news for the next issue of the *Shofar* is Jan. 24. Send information to Richard at richard [at] vt.edu.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Happy New Year!

I hope everyone was able to get some time away from normal everyday activities over the break. It was great to see many of you at the Chanukah celebration on Zoom.

Be sure to look out for the Tu Bish'vat celebration coming up. We are also hosting some online events from ISJL and will continue to forward any opportunities for get-togethers.

Best wishes for next year!

Shalom, Dan, BJCC President

THANKS FOR THE DONATIONS

Many thanks for the following people's generosity, which allows the BJCC to support so many projects for its members, PJ Library families, and the other residents throughout the greater New River Valley. For Nov. and Dec. 2021:

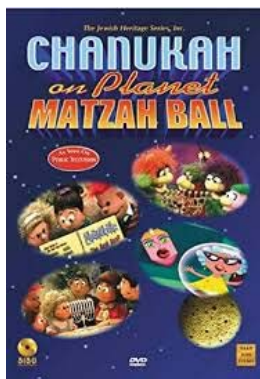
- Lynda Chamowitz, Irvin Gertner, and an anonymous donor.

And let us thank all those who have donated during the second half of 2021 to support the charitable and cultural missions of the BJCC:

- Marta and David Brinberg, Steven Jacobs, Doris and Richard Zallen, Irvin Gertner, Leslie Kay and William Floyd, Suzan and Jonathan Antin, Nitza Kats, Lynda Chamowitz, Ester and Eric Hallerman, Marcia Shumsky, Linda and Jimmie Deemer, Pamela and Daniel Sable, Gary and Sharon Long, Rhea Epstein and Alan Kornhauser, Richard and Margene Hirsh, Rita and Bradley Klein, Rebecca and Stephen Scheckler, Golde Holtzman. Irene Jacobs, Melvyn Huber, Batya Weinbaum, and anonymous donors.

**MOVIE REVIEW:
“CHANUKAH ON PLANET MATZAH
BALL” (2003)**

Muppet aliens live on a giant matzah ball, but they don't know Jewish holiday traditions until a menorah lands on their planet. To learn how to celebrate the holiday, the aliens look through a telescope and find a Jewish family in Cleveland, Ohio. Ultimately, they discover the joy and meaning of the holiday, especially how to light the menorah properly.



Entertaining though not always accurate (I found the movie's references to Roman times funny but not factual), I located this silly movie at the Blacksburg library. It seems aimed at an elementary school audience, and through song and words, it explains some nice Jewish traditions. I rate this relatively short (40-minute-long) movie 6 out of 9 Chanukah candles.

Review by Tommy Hindman

HILLEL NEWS

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

ISJL CONCERT: DANIEL CAINER, JAN. 20
Stay tuned for more information coming in January.




Daniel Cainer In Concert

Thursday, January 20, @8:00pm

Direct from London, award-winning musical storyteller Daniel Cainer brings his internationally acclaimed one-man show *Gefilte Fish and Chips* to audiences worldwide. With humor, wit, emotional resonance and even a dose of spiritual profundity, Daniel looks at what it means to be Jewish – or in his case, British and Jewish. He's been dubbed "The Comic Bard of Anglo-Jewry." All of the human condition is here, in a remarkable collection of stories-in-song about family, hope, life, love, Jewish culture and history, diaspora, assimilation, current events, and, of course, bagels. Every song tells a story, and every story touches the heart.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 28 Tevet Parashat Va'era (Zoom)
2 29 Tevet	3 1 Sh'vat Rosh Chodesh Sh'vat	4 2 Sh'vat	5 3 Sh'vat	6 4 Sh'vat	7 5 Sh'vat	8 6 Sh'vat Parashat Bo (Zoom)
9 7 Sh'vat	10 8 Sh'vat	11 9 Sh'vat	12 10 Sh'vat	13 11 Sh'vat	14 12 Sh'vat	15 13 Sh'vat Parashat B'shallach (in person, conditions permitting)
16 14 Sh'vat Tu Bish'vat seder	17 15 Sh'vat Tu Bish'vat 	18 16 Sh'vat	19 17 Sh'vat	20 18 Sh'vat IJSL concert	21 19 Sh'vat	22 20 Sh'vat Parashat Yitro (Zoom)
23 21 Sh'vat	24 22 Sh'vat Deadline for submission of info for Feb. <i>Shofar</i>	25 23 Sh'vat	26 24 Sh'vat	27 25 Sh'vat	28 26 Sh'vat	29 27 Sh'vat Parashat Mishpatim (Zoom)
30 28 Sh'vat	31 29 Sh'vat					

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