
THE SHOFAR

The Monthly Bulletin of the BJCC

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SCHEDULE OF SHABBAT SERVICES

[Saturday Shabbat services begin at 10:00 AM]

Aug. 3—Matot-Masei—M. Brinberg (Zoom)

Aug. 10—Devarim—B. Klein (Zoom)

Aug. 17—Vaetchanan—S&M Kranowski (Zoom)

Aug. 24—Eikev—R&S Scheckler—Nellies Cave

Park **followed by a potluck picnic lunch**

Aug. 31—Re'eh—E. Hallerman (BJCC & live-streamed)

SERVICES IN AUGUST

It's a 5-Shabbat month, and we've scheduled three Zoom services, one outdoor service at Nellies Cave Park, and one service in the building, so there's something for everyone to attend. The BJCC now has internet service, and our future live-streamed services should be much more successful than in the past when we had almost no bandwidth in the building.

OUTDOOR POTLUCK LUNCH, AUG. 24

The Aug. 24 service at Nellies Cave Park will conclude with a potluck picnic lunch. You can come for the service at 10:00 AM and bring your potluck dish in an insulated container, or drop by at 11:15 with your dish and join us for lunch. The BJCC will supply bagels and cream cheese.



SHOFAR DEADLINE, AUG. 23

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

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS

We are gearing up for another fun and educational year of the BJCC Sunday School for 2024-2025. Our first meeting will be Sun., Sept. 8. We said goodbye to several outgoing and graduating Sunday school teachers this past spring; thanks to Phoebe Pyles, Vivian Cohen, and Rachel Apple for all they brought to our school and to our kids over the past few years. We are excited to welcome three new teachers—Jack Solomon, Opal Cohen, and Amelia Ruvo—along with our returning head teacher, Lexi Silverman. This new crew, along with our wonderful madrichim, are ready for a year of learning, holidays, food, Hebrew, Jewish cultural enrichment, and play.

We hope the BJCC community will attend our family events over the year (sukkah decorating, Hanukkah party, Purim carnival, children's Saturday morning service in May, etc.) and get to know our great group of kids and teachers. We are always looking to grow our community, so please let us know if you have kids who may be interested in joining us, or if you know of other families we might reach out to. Please be in touch and offer any comments or questions. —Anna Zeide and Gil Hersch, Sunday School co-directors

THANKS FOR THE DONATIONS

- Dan Hindman and Wendy Silverman, donation to Hillel
- Maddy Schreiber, to general fund
- Stephen and Rebecca Scheckler, to general fund
- David and Marta Brinberg, in honor of Eric Hallerman's service to BJCC, to general fund
- Gary Long, in memory of Sharon Long, to Religious School
- Netta Gurari, to PJ Library

USING PAYPAL FOR BJCC DONATIONS

The BJCC is now a registered charitable organization with PayPal, which means that no fees are charged when you make a donation. The Donate button takes you to a page that says “Donate to PayPal Giving Fund: Blacksburg Jewish Community Center.” Please email the reason for the donation to the BJCC treasurer at martabrinberg@hotmail.com. PayPal does not include the name of the donor.

DUES AND SUNDAY SCHOOL FEES

Please pay BJCC dues as soon as possible. Member dues: \$800/year for families and \$400/year for single households. Our BJCC treasurer urges members to pay via PayPal or to mail their membership dues to the following address: Blacksburg Jewish Community Center (BJCC) PO Box 782 Blacksburg, VA 24063-0782. As always, individuals and families can discuss a reduction of dues in privacy with the treasurer, Marta Brinberg. The BJCC mission is to serve the needs of New River Valley Jews. No one will be turned away for lack of financial resources.



Molly Larson and Carl Fossum’s wedding in Wisconsin. Mazel Tov!

PJ BOOK NOOKS—HIGH-HOLIDAY READING

Our PJ Library book nooks offer you lots of resources for the High Holidays. For parents, both upstairs and downstairs, you can find *Tastes of Jewish Tradition*, which offers a description of each Jewish holiday, as well as a read-along story, a variety of ideas for crafts, and delicious recipes. Another resource, which is available in both locations, is *Jewish Holidays Cookbook*. The bins of books for parents are white.

Older readers may want to check out the book, *Who Was Ruth Bader Ginsburg?*, which is available in the teal bins both upstairs and downstairs.

Readers ages 6 months-8 years can find a variety of books about the fall holidays in the blue bins, including books about Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Simchat Torah and Sukkot.

If you checked out books for summer reading, and you are ready to return them, they can be left in the hot pink bins.

HILLEL NEWS

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

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 26 Tamuz	2 27 Tamuz	3 28 Tamuz Parashat Matot-Masei Zoom service
4 29 Tamuz	5 1 Av Rosh Chodesh Av	6 2 Av	7 3 Av	8 4 Av	9 5 Av	10 6 Av Parashat Devarim Zoom service
11 7 Av	12 8 Av Erev Tish'a B'Av	13 9 Av Tish'a B'Av	14 10 Av	15 11 Av	16 12 Av	17 13 Av Parashat Vaetchanan Zoom service
18 14 Av	19 15 Av Tu B'Av	20 16 Av	21 17 Av	22 18 Av	23 19 Av Deadline for info for next issue of the <i>Shofar</i>	24 20 Av Parashat Eikev At Nellies Cave Park, followed by potluck lunch. NO Zoom streaming.
25 21 Av	26 22 Av	27 23 Av	28 24 Av	29 25 Av	30 26 Av	31 27 Av Parashat Re'eh At BJCC and live-streamed