
THE SHOFAR

The Monthly Bulletin of the BJCC

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SCHEDULE OF SHABBAT SERVICES

[Saturday Shabbat services begin at 10:00 AM]

Mar. 1–Terumah–E, Hallerman (Zoom)

Mar. 8–Tetzaveh–S&M Kranowski (Zoom)

Mar. 15–Ki Tisa–R&S Scheckler (in-person & live-streamed) **followed by a potluck lunch

Mar. 22–Vayak'hel–Brad Klein (Zoom)

Mar. 29–Pekudei–E. Hallerman (in-person & live-streamed)

IN-PERSON AND ZOOM SERVICES

It's a five-Shabbat month; we'll have three Zoom services and 2 in-person, including one followed by a potluck lunch. Both in-person services will also be live-streamed. We hope to have corrected the recent problems with Zoom live-streams from the BJCC.

POTLUCK LUNCH ON MAR. 15

We'll have a potluck lunch after services on Sat., Mar. 15. You can bring your dish with you (plan to arrive downstairs with it a few minutes before 10:00 AM) and attend the service, or simply join us at 11:30. Please bring a vegetarian or kosher-fish dish to share. If you come for the service, your dish can be refrigerated and/or can be heated in the oven so it's at the best temperature for serving.



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, and Marta Brinberg) 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.

SHOFAR DEADLINE, MAR. 24

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

How to Use our Book Nooks for PJ Library


- Color Coding
 - Teal bins - ages 9+
 - Royal blue ages 6 months – 8 years - books for younger children in the front.
 - White bins for adults
 - Hot pink bin for book cards and returns
- Each bin has a QR code on the left side - scan to see a list of books in that bin, with photos of the covers, as well as the title and suggested age.
 - Tap on a book to get more info.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 1st of Adar, 5785 Rosh Chodesh Adar Parashat Terumah Zoom service
2 2nd of Adar	3 3rd of Adar	4 4th of Adar	5 5th of Adar	6 6th of Adar	7 7th of Adar	8 8th of Adar Parashat Tetzaveh Zoom service
9 9th of Adar	10 10th of Adar	11 11th of Adar	12 12th of Adar	13 13th of Adar Erev Purim	14 14th of Adar Purim 	15 15th of Adar Parashat Ki Tisa In-person at BJCC and live-streamed, followed by potluck lunch
16 16th of Adar Purim Meshulash	17 17th of Adar	18 18th of Adar	19 19th of Adar	20 20th of Adar	21 21st of Adar	22 22nd of Adar Parashat Vayak'heil Zoom service
23 23rd of Adar	24 24th of Adar Deadline for submitting info for next <i>Shofar</i> issue.	25 25th of Adar	26 26th of Adar	27 27th of Adar	28 28th of Adar	29 29th of Adar Parashat Pekudei In-person at BJCC and live-streamed.
30 1st of Nisan, 5785 Rosh Chodesh Nisan	31 2nd of Nisan					

Diaspora holiday schedule

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