
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. 6–D'varim–S&M Kranowski (Zoom)

Aug. 13–Vaet'hanan–R. Scheckler (Zoom)

Aug. 20–Eikev–M&S Kranowski (Zoom)

Aug. 27–Re'eh–E. Hallerman (in person)

AUGUST SERVICES MOSTLY ONLINE

Our plan is to hold the first three services of August on Zoom and the last one, Aug. 27, in person at the BJCC, if conditions at that time make it feasible.

END-OF-SUMMER EVENT, AUG. 21

The congregation, PJ Library members, and Sunday School families are invited to the BJCC's annual end-of-summer (or back-to-school, or whatever we call it) picnic.

Location and time: Sunday, Aug. 21, 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM at Shelter #9 in Blacksburg's Town Park (by the Hand-in-Hand playground), off Patrick Henry Dr.**

As a COVID precaution, we invite guests to bring their own food, but the BJCC will provide drinks and desserts..

Bring the entire family along with some chairs or a picnic blanket and outdoor toys, if you like. Don't forget your guitar or any other instrument if you like to jam!

** Shelter #9 is the newest structure, located behind the tennis courts. To reach it from Patrick Henry Dr, enter the park at the Blacksburg Aquatic Center, drive past the skate park, and park in the lot in front of the tennis courts. From the end of the parking lot, walk along the path toward the caboose, but stay to the left at the first split in the trail.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I am pleased to begin a term as president of this congregation. Being president entails a meaningful set of tasks, most important of which is maintaining the community that supports the spiritual aspect of our lives. I start out by thanking Past-President Dan Hindman for serving two terms and by showing my appreciation to past and current Board Members. Our work together keeps our community vibrant.

Last Shabbat, we tried a new mode of service—outdoors, with BYO lunch afterwards. Participants agreed that this was a nice combination of being together while remaining COVID-wise. Singing together in UNISON; what a concept! I suggest we repeat this outdoor experience periodically while the weather is still nice.

Through these hot days of summer, we prepare for fall. The religious school is set with a full slate of teachers and assistants. Organization of High Holy Day services has been initiated, and Irv Gertner will again join us as chazzan. Let's enjoy these last weeks of summer, while our sweet, small town is still quiet...

Shalom, Eric

DUES AND SUNDAY SCHOOL FEES

At the July 16 meeting of BJCC members, the board-proposed operating budget for fiscal year 2023 (FY23) was approved by unanimous vote of those present. A pdf of the member-approved operating budget for FY23 has been sent to the member community.

This new budget includes a board-proposed and member-approved increase of Religious School fees of \$25 per child—from \$350/year to \$375/year for grades K-8 and from \$200/year to \$225/year for pre-K. (*Item continues on next page.*)

Member dues, however, remain the same; \$700/year for families and \$350/year for single households.

Our BJCC treasurer urges members to mail their membership dues and Religious School fees 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 and/or fees in privacy with the treasurer, Stephen Scheckler. The BJCC mission is to serve the needs of New River Valley Jews. No one will be turned away for lack of financial resources.

HILLEL NEWS

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

SHOFAR DEADLINE, AUG. 25

The deadline for submitting news for the next issue of the *Shofar* is Aug. 25. Send information to Richard at richard [at] vt.edu.



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(Officers are definite; some committee chairs need to be verified)

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 4 Av	2 5 Av	3 6 Av	4 7 Av	5 8 Av	6 9 Av Erev Tish'a B'Av Parashat D'varim Zoom svc.
7 10 Av Tish'a B'Av (observed)	8 11 Av	9 12 Av	10 13 Av	11 14 Av	12 15 Av Tu B'Av	13 16 Av Parashat Vaet'hanan Zoom svc.
14 17 Av	15 18 Av	16 19 Av	17 20 Av	18 21 Av	19 22 Av	20 23 Av Parashat Eikev Zoom svc.
21 24 Av Picnic at Town Park <i>Annual Picnic</i> 	22 25 Av	23 26 Av	24 27 Av	25 28 Av Deadline for info for Sept. <i>Shofar</i>	26 29 Av	27 30 Av Rosh Chodesh Elul Parashat Re'eh In-person svc. at BJCC
28 1 Elul	29 2 Elul	30 3 Elul	31 4 Elul			