
THE SHOFAR

The Monthly Bulletin of the BJCC

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SCHEDULE OF SHABBAT SERVICES

[Saturday Shabbat services begin at 10:00 AM]

Dec. 4–Miketz–S&M Kranowski (Zoom)
Dec. 11–Vayigash– R. Scheckler (in person)
Dec. 18–Vayehi–E. Hallerman (Zoom)
Dec. 25–Shemot–M&S Kranowski (Zoom)

SERVICES MOSTLY ON ZOOM IN DEC.

Conditions permitting, we'll have one in-person service at the BJCC on Dec. 11. On the other weeks, Shabbat services will continue to be held via Zoom.

FAMILY CHANUKAH PARTY (ADULTS WELCOME) ON DEC. 2

Join us via Zoom for a Chanukah party (appropriate for kids of all ages) on Thurs., Dec. 2. Here's the schedule:

- 7:00 PM: Chanukah games and songs presented by Wendy Silverman.
- 8:00 PM: Candle lighting. Have your chanukiah ready. It will be the fifth night of Chanukah. [Question: how many candles will you need? *]
- Next: a family-friendly concert with Dan Nichols of Jewish summer camp fame and presented by the ISJL.

You may attend in your PJs so you can pop into bed when the concert is over. Two Zoom links will be sent to you closer to the day of the event. [*Answer: You will need five candles plus one shamash = six candles.]

SHOFAR DEADLINE, DEC. 22

The deadline for submitting news for the next issue of the *Shofar* is Dec. 22. Send information to Richard at [richard \[at\] vt.edu](mailto:richard[at]vt.edu).

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I would like to wish you all a Happy Chanukah! I hope you had a good Thanksgiving and were able to visit with family and friends as much as possible.

The BJCC will host some Chanukah fun next week, and we hope you can join us. I also want to remind everyone of Giving Tuesday that is coming up next week. There are many worthy local, regional and national charities that could use your help!

In November, we held an in-person Shabbat service, and we will continue to experiment with it as people feel comfortable. It was wonderful to see our congregational friends there, and we hope you would consider joining us!

Shalom, Dan, BJCC President

THANKS FOR THE DONATION

- We are grateful to Marcia Shumsky for her generous tzedakah donation to Micah's Backpack.

As a reminder, if you'd like to make a donation to Micah's Backpack, the Blacksburg Interfaith Food Pantry, the Blacksburg Refugee Partnership, or other local charity, you can send a check made out to the BJCC, and the treasurer will transfer 100 percent of the money to the charities. He will also transmit a list of names, addresses, and amounts given by our donors so that proper acknowledgments can be made. Combining your donations into one BJCC check serves to call greater attention to our collective presence in the community.



DUES—PLEASE PAY SOON IF YOU HAVEN'T DONE SO ALREADY!











Please send in your dues (\$700 per family, or \$350 per individual) and Religious/Sunday School fees (new lower rates; see BJCC website) and contact Marta Brinberg for Religious School details. 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>.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 Nov. 24 Kislev Chanukah: 1 Candle 	29 Nov. 25 Kislev Chanukah: 2 Candles 	30 Nov. 26 Kislev Chanukah: 3 Candles 	1 Dec. 27 Kislev Chanukah: 4 Candles 	2 28 Kislev Chanukah: 5 Candles 	3 29 Kislev Chanukah: 6 Candles  Parashat Miketz Zoom service 	4 30 Kislev Chanukah: 7 Candles Rosh Chodesh Tevet Parashat Miketz Zoom service 
5 1 Tevet Chanukah: 8 Candles 	6 2 Tevet Chanukah: 8th Day 	7 3 Tevet	8 4 Tevet	9 5 Tevet	10 6 Tevet	11 7 Tevet Parashat Vayigash In-person service at BJCC
12 8 Tevet	13 9 Tevet	14 10 Tevet	15 11 Tevet	16 12 Tevet	17 13 Tevet	18 14 Tevet Parashat Vayehi Zoom service
19 15 Tevet	20 16 Tevet	21 17 Tevet	22 18 Tevet Deadline for submission of items for Jan. <i>Shofar</i>	23 19 Tevet	24 20 Tevet	25 21 Tevet Parashat Shemot Zoom service
26 22 Tevet	27 23 Tevet	28 24 Tevet	29 25 Tevet	30 26 Tevet	31 27 Tevet	1 Jan. 2022 28 Tevet Parashat Vaera

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