

# 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. 4–Tetzaveh–Marta & Muriel  
Mar. 11–Ki Tisa–E. Hallerman (in person at BJCC and streamed)  
Mar. 18–Vayak'hel/Pekudei–R&S Scheckler (Zoom)  
Mar. 25–Vayikra–S&M Kranowski

## MARCH SERVICES: ONE IN-PERSON (AND STREAMED)

We'll have an in-person service on Mar. 11, and will again stream it for those who can't come to the BJCC. We're continuing to tweak and improve the streaming technology to make for a more satisfying remote experience when the rest of us are in the building.

## PURIM CARNIVAL, MAR. 5

The BJCC will host a Purim Carnival on Sun., Mar. 5 from 2:30 to 4:30 PM at the Blacksburg Community Center (in the Multi-Purpose Room). The two hours will be packed with Purim games, a Purim spiel, a hamantaschen tasting contest, a cake walk, a costume contest, and lots of silliness. After all, this is the holiday in which we were commanded to be silly!

The event won't cost you anything, but we ask you to bring a snack to share, a "cake" (or a sweet treat for the cake walk), and a canned good for the Blacksburg Interfaith Food Pantry. Don't forget to make hamantaschen for the tasting contest!



To RSVP, please go to the following Google form at <https://forms.gle/7RGcui2WiJhp2zgB7>.

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

My fellow congregants -

At this season, we are thinking about the upcoming Purim (Mon. night, Mar. 6 and continuing through Tues., Mar. 7) and Passover (evening of Wed., Apr. 5-13) holidays. I kind of wish I could be in Israel for these special days. Yet, other events in the Mideast are on my mind as I sit and write this column. We are all affected by the earthquakes of Feb. 6 that shook southern Turkey and northern Syria, causing widespread damage and tens of thousands of casualties. We extend our sympathies and prayers to all affected. And we can do more than that by engaging in *tzedakah*, making donations in the name of our community to suitable charities. As Treasurer Steve Scheckler notes on the next page of the *Shofar*, we sent a check of \$2,000 to Turkish Philanthropy Funds, a private entity not associated with the Turkish government. Any future donations will be sent to suitable charities to be identified by the BJCC Board. So, please consider sending a check made out to the BJCC for earthquake relief. Also note that 100% of your BJCC *tzedakah* contribution goes to chosen charities.

Shalom, Eric, BJCC President

## 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).

## HILLEL NEWS

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

## GIFTS FOR EARTHQUAKE RELIEF

The BJCC has been able to send \$2,000 for aid to help restore the lives of the victims of the earthquake, which shattered portions of Turkey and Syria, due to generous donations from the following BJCC members and friends:

Irene Jacobs, Molly Larson, Eric and Ester Hallerman, Rhea Epstein and Alan Kornhauser and Madelyn Kornhauser, Muriel and Nathan Kranowski, Doris and Richard Zallen, Linda Deemer, Nicole and Gil Hersch, Edwin Tuchler, Bradley and Rita Klein, and Rebecca and Stephen Scheckler, and an anonymous donor.

Our BJCC check was mailed to Türkiye Earthquake Relief Fund, Turkish Philanthropy Funds, 1460 Broadway, New York, NY 10036. This organization, vetted by the BJCC board, sends 100% of its collected relief funds directly to agencies on the ground; none is sent to or through the Turkish government

Additional tzedakah donations for earthquake relief are welcome and can be sent to the BJCC (with “earthquake relief” written in the memo line of your checks) via US mail to:

BJCC Treasurer, PO Box 782

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or by PayPal, which can be accessed by a link from the BJCC website.

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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<br>8 Adar                                   | 2<br>9 Adar   | 3<br>10 Adar  | 4<br>11 Adar<br><a href="#">Parashat Tetzaveh</a><br>Zoom service                 |
| 5<br>12 Adar<br>Purim carnival<br>2:30 PM<br> | 6<br>13 Adar<br><a href="#">Erev Purim</a> | 7<br>14 Adar<br><a href="#">Purim</a> | 8<br>15 Adar<br><a href="#">Shushan Purim</a> | 9<br>16 Adar  | 10<br>17 Adar   | 11<br>18 Adar<br><a href="#">Parashat Ki Tisa</a><br>Service at BJCC and streamed |
| 12<br>19 Adar  | 13<br>20 Adar                              | 14<br>21 Adar                         | 15<br>22 Adar                                 | 16<br>23 Adar                                       | 17<br>24 Adar   | 18<br>25 Adar<br><a href="#">Parashat Vayak'heil-Pekudei</a><br>Zoom, service     |
| 19<br>26 Adar  | 20<br>27 Adar                              | 21<br>28 Adar                         | 22<br>29 Adar                                 | 23<br>1 Nisan<br><a href="#">Rosh Chodesh Nisan</a> | 24<br>2 Nisan<br>Deadline for info for April issue of <i>Shofar</i> | 25<br>3 Nisan<br><a href="#">Parashat Vayikra</a><br>Zoom service                 |
| 26<br>4 Nisan  | 27<br>5 Nisan                              | 28<br>6 Nisan                         | 29<br>7 Nisan                                 | 30<br>8 Nisan                                       | 31<br>9 Nisan   |   |