
THE SHOFAR

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SCHEDULE OF SHABBAT SERVICES

[Saturday Shabbat services begin at 10:00 AM]

- Nov. 5–Lech Lecha–Marta & Muriel (Zoom)
- Nov. 12–Vayera–R. Scheckler (in person)
- Nov. 19–Chayei Sarah–S&M Kranowski (Zoom)
- Nov. 26–Toledot–E. Hallerman (Zoom)

ANOTHER MIXED-SERVICE MONTH

Shabbat services will be held via Zoom except on Nov. 12, which will be at the BJCC.

THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR DONATIONS IN SUPPORT OF THE INTERFAITH FOOD PANTRY

- September donors: Jon & Suzan Antin, Linda Rosenberg Deemer, and one anonymous donor.
- October donors: Doris and Richard Zallen, Marcia Shumsky, Brad and Rita Klein
- Plus we thank all those many BJCC members who made their donations directly to the food pantry.

Marta wants to share the results of our High Holiday drive for donations to the Blacksburg Interfaith Food Pantry. Cash donations exceeded \$1,100 and 10 generous bags of food donations. Thank you for participating in the food drive. The Interfaith Food Pantry relies solely on voluntary cash and food donations. (And see the President's message for more info on the IFP.)

SHOFAR DEADLINE, NOV. 23

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

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

My fellow congregants:

I'm still catching my breath after the High Holy Days! Sukkot is now over; thanks to Stephen Scheckler, who once again led the effort to build our sukkah and the Sunday School students who decorated it so nicely.

We find ourselves in the month of Cheshvan, the one month on the Jewish calendar when there are no holidays!

During the High Holy Days, we collected food and money to donate to the Blacksburg Interfaith Food Pantry (IFP). One reward for doing a mitzvah is ... the opportunity to do another mitzvah! There are a few months each year when there are five Wednesdays in the months. With the recent approval of the BJCC Board, when such Wednesdays arise, the BJCC will provide four volunteers to assist the IFP in serving customers as they select their food. There are preset quantities for each food category, and the customers select what they want. For example, they get two cans of fruit and can choose which fruits they take. Volunteers will be asked to help with other tasks such as restocking the shelves with foods from the warehouse. The IFP has a team leader for each service day who will provide instruction on the shopping and guidance for other jobs should there be a quiet time without customers. Volunteers would need to have the physical capability to pick up a tray of canned goods or take a shopping cart to the customer's car. Ruth Grene has graciously agreed to be our liaison for this activity, and she will call for volunteers when these Wednesdays come up. The first such date is Nov. 30. Volunteers would arrive at the IFP around 9:40 AM for instruction, and client service time runs from 10:00-11:30 AM. Looking ahead, the dates for 2023 are Mar. 29, May 31, Aug. 30 and Nov. 29. I encourage you to participate in a mitzvah for the community in which we live.

Shalom, Eric, BJCC President

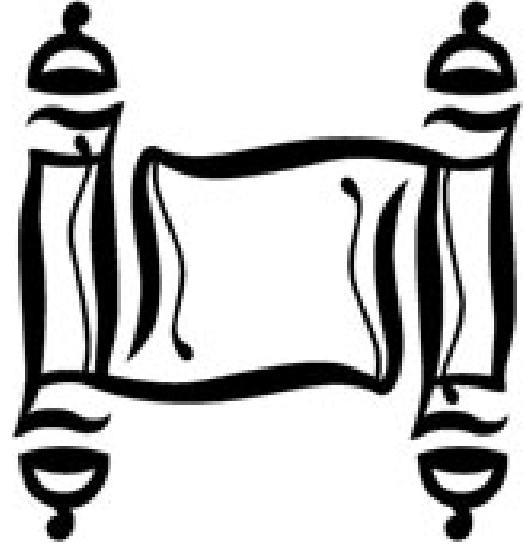
CEMETERY INFO

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@memorialgardensrv.com) or Jim Lucas (jlucas@memorialgardensrv.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.

HILLEL NEWS

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



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