
THE SHOFAR

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SCHEDULE OF SHABBAT SERVICES

[Saturday Shabbat services begin at 10:00 AM]

April 5–Vayikra–R&S Scheckler (in-person & live-streamed)

April 12–Tsav–M&S Kranowski (Zoom)

April 19–7th day Passover–Brad Klein (Zoom)

April 26–Shemini–E. Hallerman (in-person & live-streamed) **followed by a potluck lunch

IN-PERSON AND ZOOM SERVICES

This month's in-person services are at the beginning and the end of April, on either side of Passover, with two Zoom services in between.

POTLUCK LUNCH ON APRIL 26

We'll have a potluck lunch after services on Sat., April 26. 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.

DONATIONS TO THE INTERFAITH FOOD PANTRY

Thanks to Ruth Grene, who organized the drive, and to all who donated to the One More Can food drive for the Interfaith Food Pantry. On March 17, we delivered 141.5 pounds of groceries and \$100 in donations to feed hungry neighbors. A mitzvah, fulfilled!

SHOFAR DEADLINE, APRIL 24

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

PJ LIBRARY BOOK NEWS

Be sure to check out the PJ Library Book Nooks for Passover recipes and activities (white bins for adults) and for Passover-themed books. For younger children, ages 6 months to 8 years, we have numerous books with Passover themes, located in the royal blue bins. For older readers, ages 9+, check the teal bins for Madelyn Rosenberg's *Not Your All-American Girl*, which has chapters devoted to Passover.

Another online resource that can be utilized by all congregants and friends is the PJ Library's website, which has recipes, activities, reading lists and lots of other good things. Check here: [The PJ Library Blog | PJ Library](http://ThePJLibraryBlog.com), <https://pjlibrary.org/pjlibraryblog>.

Current PJ Library families have received a copy of PJ Library's Family Haggadah, *A Time to Gather*, but if you'd like to have a copy, you can download one free at www.pjlibrary.org/passover2025.

Finally, here's a poem that was composed by the children who attended Madelyn Rosenberg's presentation during the opening of our Book Nooks back in April.

Passover in Blacksburg

Peach as an apricot
Green as the parsley
Red as the light
White as the (sometimes) snow
Purple as grape juice
Pink as watered-down wine
Yellow as an egg yolk
White as an egg
White as water
Red as an apple
Tan as matzah

Wishing you and yours a Happy Passover! Suzan

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
		3rd of Nisan	4th of Nisan	5th of Nisan	6th of Nisan	7th of Nisan Parashat Vayikra In-person and streamed service
8th of Nisan	9th of Nisan	10th of Nisan Yom HaAliyah	11th of Nisan	12th of Nisan	13th of Nisan	14th of Nisan Shabbat HaGadol Erev Pesach Parashat Tsav Zoom service
15th of Nisan Pesach I	16th of Nisan Pesach II	17th of Nisan Pesach III (CH"M)	18th of Nisan Pesach IV (CH"M)	19th of Nisan Pesach V (CH"M)	20th of Nisan Pesach VI (CH"M)	21st of Nisan Pesach VII Zoom service
22nd of Nisan Pesach VIII	23rd of Nisan	24th of Nisan	25th of Nisan	26th of Nisan Yom HaShoah Deadline for May issue of the Shofar	27th of Nisan	28th of Nisan Parashat Shmini In-person and streamed service, followed by a potluck lunch
29th of Nisan	30th of Nisan Rosh Chodesh Iyyar	1st of Iyyar, 5785 Rosh Chodesh Iyyar	2nd of Iyyar Yom HaZikaron			

Diaspora holiday schedule

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