
THE SHOFAR

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SCHEDULE OF SHABBAT SERVICES

[Saturday Shabbat services begin at 10:00 AM]

- May 6—Emor—E. Hallerman (in person/Zoom)
- May 13—Behar-Bechukotai—Schecklers (Zoom)
- May 20—Bamidbar —Mira's Bat Mitzvah
(in person/Zoom)
- May 27—2nd day of Shavuot—M. Kranowski
(Zoom)

MIX OF SERVICES IN MAY

We'll have an in-person/Zoom service on May 6, and again on May 20 for Mira Tomer-Lawhead's Bat Mitzvah. The other two services in May will be Zoom-only.

FRIDAY NIGHT, SUNDAY SCHOOL SERVICE & POTLUCK, MAY 5

The BJCC is hosting a Friday night Sunday School Children's Shabbat service on Fri., May 5, at 5:00 PM at the Picnic Shelter #9 by Hand-in-Hand park. The potluck dinner will commence at 5:45 PM. (We will still have our usual BJCC Shabbat service on Sat., May 6.) Be aware that the Hand-in-Hand park is still under construction, but the lower playground remains open. The event will be a true potluck, so please bring something tasty to share. The Sunday School will provide paper goods and drinks. Contact Wendy Silverman if you have questions.

BAT MITZVAH OF MIRA TOMER-LAWHEAD, MAY 20

Sharone Tomer and Matt Lawhead would like to announce the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Mira Tomer-Lawhead on Sat. May 20, starting at 10:00 AM at the BJCC. All members of the BJCC and their families are invited to attend.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

My fellow congregants:

Let's take a look back and a look forward. First, back: following our recent interfaith service, Ruth Grene and I have interacted with leaders of other faith communities in and around Blacksburg. One idea for building mutual understanding is for interested people to read and discuss books of shared interest—perhaps books that explore how the respective faith traditions emerged from common roots and how they've related to one another through history. I'll keep you posted as this concept evolves into specific books and times. I hope many of you will join in.

And let's look forward: circle Sat., May 20, on your calendar, as that's when we will celebrate the Bat Mitzvah of Mira Tomer-Lawhead. There's nothing like a life-cycle event to bring out the community. Come share the joy! If you can't attend in person, we will live-stream as well.

Marking the giving of the Torah, Erev Shavuot is on Thurs., May 25, and Shavuot on Fri., May 26.

We await the go-ahead for spending on our security enhancement projects from grantor FEMA. As soon as we are told to go forward, we will initiate action to install cameras and lights and to enhance the security of our windows.

Much activity at the BJCC!

Shalom, Eric, BJCC President

MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER

The BJCC is approaching the end of FY23 on June 30 and will start FY24 on July 1. Please consider the BJCC as you make plans for the new fiscal year. Thanks!

SHOFAR DEADLINE, MAY 24

The deadline for submitting news for the next issue of the *Shofar* is May 24. Send information to Richard at richard [at] vt.edu.

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
	1 10 Iyyar	2 11 Iyyar	3 12 Iyyar	4 13 Iyyar	5 14 Iyyar Pesach Shenit Friday night, Sunday School Service & Potluck	6 15 Iyyar Parashat Emor In-person/Zoom service
7 16 Iyyar	8 17 Iyyar	9 18 Iyyar Lag BaOmer	10 19 Iyyar	11 20 Iyyar	12 21 Iyyar	13 22 Iyyar Parashat Behar-Bechukotai Zoom service
14 23 Iyyar	15 24 Iyyar	16 25 Iyyar	17 26 Iyyar	18 27 Iyyar	19 28 Iyyar Yom Yerushalayim	20 29 Iyyar Parashat Bamidbar Mira Tomer- Lawhead's Bat Mitzvah In-person/Zoom service
21 1 Sivan Rosh Chodesh Sivan	22 2 Sivan	23 3 Sivan	24 4 Sivan Deadline for <i>Shofar</i> info	25 5 Sivan Erev Shavuot	26 6 Sivan Shavuot I 	27 7 Sivan Shavuot II Zoom service
28 8 Sivan	29 9 Sivan	30 10 Sivan	31 11 Sivan			