
THE SHOFAR

The Monthly Bulletin of the BJCC

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SCHEDULE OF SHABBAT SERVICES

[Saturday Shabbat services begin at 10:00 AM]

Aug. 5–Eikev–E. Hallerman (BJCC)

Aug. 12–Re'eh–Schecklers (Nellies Cave Park,
followed by potluck lunch)

Aug. 19–Shoftim–Marta & Muriel (Zoom)

Aug. 26–Ki Teitzei–S&M Kranowski (Zoom)

AUGUST SERVICES AT THE BJCC, OUTDOORS, AND ONLINE

Our next service at the BJCC will be on Aug. 5.
The following week we'll be back at Nellies Cave
Shelter for services and a potluck lunch. The last
two services of the month will be via Zoom.

OUTDOOR SERVICES PLANNED FOR AUG., SEPT., & OCT.

The BJCC has reserved the shelter at Nellies Cave
Park in Blacksburg (10:00 AM to 3:00 PM) for
Shabbat services followed by a potluck lunch and
a social on the following dates: Aug. 12, Sept. 2,
and Oct. 7. Please join us for services and/or a
potluck/social. Everyone is welcome! The shelter
has a nice roof and is near convenient parking and
bathrooms. Playground facilities for young (and
old) ones are also nearby.

SHOFAR DEADLINE, AUG. 24

The deadline for submitting news for the next
issue of the *Shofar* is Aug. 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>.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Friends:

It's the quiet time of summer, with few students
around and a nice calm diffusing throughout our
fair town. We do have the comforting routine of
Shabbat services...

And the planning committee (Muriel, Marta and
I) is organizing observance of the High Holy
Days. Irv Gertner will again join us for in-person
services at the BJCC; we also will live-stream the
services. Our strong cast will contribute to the
Torah reading as well as the Hebrew and English
parts of the service.

Even so, we need assistance with several key
tasks, and I seek volunteers. We need a
coordinator so we can resume the collation of
desserts on Erev Rosh Hashanah. We need a
coordinator for the Yom Kippur break-the-fast.
(We are simplifying this event to a bagels- and
fruits-affair, as opposed to a more elaborate
potluck.) I also need to know whether we will
need baby-sitting services. Don't hold back;
contact me at ehallerm@vt.edu to volunteer and to
offer input about childcare.

In the meantime, let's enjoy the last few weeks
of relative calm in Blacksburg.

Shalom, Eric, BJCC President



THANKS FOR THE DONATIONS!

We are grateful to the following members and friends of the BJCC for their contributions:

Donation for enhanced security of the BJCC

Irene Jacobs of Blacksburg, VA.

Donations in response to the desecration of the BJCC in March

Gloria J. Noll of Radford, VA.

Ana Amaya of Arlington, VA.

Maureen Perry of Blacksburg, VA.

Kimberley Homer of Blacksburg, VA.

Donations made related to the Bar Mitzvah service of Isaak Wisnioski

Cynthia Rosenbaum and Matthew Wisnioski, in honor of Eric Hallerman, who guided Isaak's training.

Sheldon and Elinor Rosenbaum of Rocky Hill, CT, in honor of their grandson Isaak Wisnioski as a Bar Mitzvah.

Other Donations

Irv Gertner of Teaneck, NJ, in loving memory of Eleanor Fisher's Yahrzeit.

Irene Jacobs in memory of Joyce Shallom.

DUES AND SUNDAY SCHOOL FEES

Please pay BJCC dues and religious school fees as soon as possible.

Member dues: \$700/year for families and \$350/year for single households.

Religious School fees: \$375/year for grades K-8 and \$225/year for pre-K.

Our BJCC treasurer urges members to mail their membership dues and Religious School fees to the following address:

Blacksburg Jewish Community Center (BJCC)
PO Box 782
Blacksburg, VA 24063-0782

As always, individuals and families can discuss a reduction of dues and/or fees in privacy with the treasurer, Marta Brinberg. The BJCC mission is to serve the needs of New River Valley Jews. No one will be turned away for lack of financial resources.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 14 Av	2 15 Av Tu B'Av	3 16 Av	4 17 Av	5 18 Av Parashat Eikev In-person at BJCC and streamed Zoom service
6 19 Av	7 20 Av	8 21 Av	9 22 Av	10 23 Av	11 24 Av	12 25 Av Parashat Re'eh In-person service at Nellies Cave Park ; not streamed.
13 26 Av	14 27 Av	15 28 Av	16 29 Av	17 30 Av Rosh Chodesh Elul	18 1 Elul Rosh Hashana LaBehemot Rosh Chodesh Elul	19 2 Elul Parashat Shoftim Zoom service
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