

THE SHOFAR

The Monthly Bulletin of the BJCC

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SCHEDULE OF SHABBAT SERVICES

[Saturday Shabbat services begin at 10:00 AM]

Jan. 7–Vayechi–S&M Kranowski (Zoom)
Jan. 14–Shemot–E. Hallerman (in person)
Jan. 21–Vaera–Marta & Muriel (Zoom)
Jan. 28–Bo–E. Hallerman (Zoom)

JANUARY SERVICES; ONE IN-PERSON

Weather permitting, we'll have one in-person service on Jan. 14, with the other services on Zoom. Please watch out for email notifications about the Jan. 14 service as it gets closer, in case it is cancelled and becomes a Zoom service.

SHOFAR DEADLINE, JAN. 24

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

THANKS FOR THE DONATIONS!

We are grateful for the kind donations from:

- Terrie Sternberg of Pulaski, VA.
- Ms. Darrel Tillar Mason, "in honor of Linda Deemer"



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

My fellow congregants:

With the Chanukah season just having passed, I was thinking about miracles. No, not of the oil lasting for eight days, but of our having persisted in maintaining our religion and culture from the Hellenizing influence of a stronger, outside society. And more than that, I was thinking of the miracle that we are still here after two millennia of exile, prejudice, and outright persecution. We must not take our existence and strength for granted; we must remain vigilant in our times, here in America and elsewhere.

So, let's enjoy candles, traditional foods, and games as a way to transmit our heritage to our kids and grandkids. In that spirit, we had a nice Chanukah party organized by the Sunday School. (Special thanks to Wendy, Anna, Nichole, Gil, the Sunday School teachers, and other helpers). The party featured candle-making, dreidel-playing and other games, singing, a potluck lunch, and menorah lighting. The pictures scattered throughout the *Shofar* attest to a fun time.

Chag sameach! Shalom, Eric, BJCC President

HILLEL NEWS

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

ENTERTAINMENT AND EDUCATION AT THE CHANUKAH PARTY

Pictures from the Dec. 11 event.





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8 Tevet	2 9 Tevet	3 10 Tevet	4 11 Tevet	5 12 Tevet	6 13 Tevet	7 14 Tevet Parashat Vayechi Zoom service
8 15 Tevet	9 16 Tevet	10 17 Tevet	11 18 Tevet	12 19 Tevet	13 20 Tevet	14 21 Tevet Parashat Shemot In-person service at BJCC
15 22 Tevet	16 23 Tevet	17 24 Tevet	18 25 Tevet	19 26 Tevet	20 27 Tevet	21 28 Tevet Parashat Vaera Zoom service
22 29 Tevet	23 1 Sh'vat Rosh Chodesh Sh'vat	24 2 Sh'vat Deadline for Feb. Shofar info	25 3 Sh'vat	26 4 Sh'vat	27 5 Sh'vat	28 6 Sh'vat Parashat Bo Zoom service
29 7 Sh'vat	30 8 Sh'vat	31 9 Sh'vat				

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