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SCHEDULE OF SHABBAT SERVICES

[Saturday Shabbat services begin at 10:00 AM]

Mar. 5–Pekudei–ISJL service (Zoom)
Mar. 12–Vayikra–R. Scheckler (in person)
Mar. 19–Tzav–M&S Kranowski (Zoom)
Mar. 26–Shemini–E. Hallerman (Zoom)

SERVICES MOSTLY ON ZOOM IN MARCH

Conditions permitting, we're planning to have an in-person service at the BJCC on Mar. 12. On the other weeks, Shabbat services will continue to be held via Zoom. Watch your email for updates.

SO MANY PURIM ACTIVITIES!

Sat., Mar. 5: Zoom service led by our ISJL Associate, Julian Cohen: Julian Cohen will be leading a creative Shabbat service full of music. (He plays the guitar.) Mira and Isaak will lead a few prayers in the service as well. Wendy will be sending out the Zoom link the day before the service. She would love for us to have a good congregational showing.

Sat., Mar. 5: Zoom adult discussion with Julian Cohen: Immediately following the Shabbat service, Julian Cohen will lead a discussion on "Joy in Judaism for the Month of Adar." We will explore texts related to joy and the science that backs it up. Julian plans to attend rabbinical school, and he looks forward to engaging our community in a thoughtful discussion.

Sun., Mar. 6: Julian will lead two different Zoom activities on Sunday morning, designed for children in grades K-3 and in grades 4-7. Wendy will send more details on this event to the

Sunday School families. If you have a child in these age ranges and want to join us but are not in Sunday School, please let Wendy know at wssilverman@gmail.com, and she will forward more information about the events.

Sun. Mar. 13: A no-eating Purim Carnival.

The carnival will occur at the Blacksburg Community Center's big activity room, running from 2:30 PM to 4:00 PM. Set-up begins at 2:00 PM, and we'll need volunteers to help with the entire event, including the staffing of game tables and a craft table. Among the fun activities will be a costume contest for children and adults with prizes for all.

Speaking of prizes, we need some since our stash is getting low. Please raid your children's (or grandchildren's) toy chests and bring over what they no longer want. Don't spend money on new stuff. Rather, recycle those games and toys that no longer interest your children but which may interest others.

We also hope to make some mishloach manot (Purim baskets or packages, containing gifts of food and drink treats). Please bring some packaged drinks, candies, or other foods that we can combine with other people's contributions to give to our older congregants or for donation to needy families. Wendy will provide white paper lunch bags for the kids to decorate.

We hope you will join us for this great community event. Don't forget your face masks—as Covid precautions—and wear a costume!



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

A sure sign of spring in Blacksburg: the maple sap is flowing!

I first tried tapping maple trees last year, and I am busy at it again. I find it so fascinating that in the end throes of winter—February in Blacksburg tends to be colder than other months—the trees and plants around us know that spring is around the corner and are well on their way to waking up.

Speaking of waking up, it's almost Purim time! I hope you can join our younger generation for a Purim carnival in March at the Blacksburg Community Center.

I hope you are enjoying some of these warm days and looking forward to spring!

Shalom, Dan, BJCC President

SHOFAR DEADLINE, MAR. 24

The deadline for submitting news for the next issue of the *Shofar* is Mar 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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