
THE SHOFAR

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SCHEDULE OF SHABBAT SERVICES

[Saturday Shabbat services begin at 10:00 AM]

- May 7–Kedoshim–R. Scheckler (Zoom)
- May 14–Emor–Religious School service (in person at park, 10:30 AM; see note below)
- May 21–Behar–E. Hallerman (Zoom)
- May 28–Bechukotai–S&M Kranowski (in person)

MIX OF IN-PERSON AND ZOOM SERVICES

We plan to hold services via Zoom on May 7 and 21. On May 14, we'll have an unusual service at a park (see note below) and an in-person service at the BJCC on May 28. Lots of variety this month!

SUNDAY SCHOOL-LED SERVICE, MAY 14

This month, we wrap up another year of Sunday School.

On Sat., May 14, our Shabbat service will be held at **10:30 AM (note later-than-normal start time)** at pavilion #9 in the Blacksburg Community Park (Hand-in-Hand Park). This is a Sunday School-led service, and all are welcome. A pot-luck luncheon after the service will celebrate the end of the school year, so please bring something tasty to share. If you are not comfortable sharing, then please bring your own food and join us. Wendy will provide grape juice for kiddush and other drinks (water, lemonade, and iced tea) for lunch.

This is the first time (that we recall) that the BJCC will conduct outdoor services. We chose this venue so we can worship in a Covid-safe environment. Besides, moving our location will enable easier parking than downtown during VT graduation weekend. Bring park toys, such as frisbees, softballs and gloves, or any other outdoor games. If so inclined, grab your musical instrument and start jamming. This will be a time for all of us to celebrate!

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I want to wish everyone good luck and health as we approach the end of the university and public-school calendars. Education continues to be a challenge in an almost-post-COVID world, and a big thank you goes out to all educators, particularly our Sunday School teachers and director.

On May 14, our students will lead our Shabbat service in person, and we hope you can all attend. More details are listed nearby.

And please don't forget to consider taking on an officer's position in the BJCC. In particular, we need a new president and vice-president for the upcoming year. As a small religious community, we rely upon our members for our strength.

Shalom, Dan, BJCC President

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](mailto:richard[at]vt.edu).

HILLEL NEWS

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



CEMETERY INFO

The BJCC has entered into an agreement with the Memorial Gardens of the New River Valley (MGNRV) to set aside a Jewish section of this commercial cemetery, which is located at the northern end of Main Street in Blacksburg where it runs into Route 460. Contact Cindy Turner (cturner@memorialgardensrv.com) or Jim Lucas (jlucas@memorialgardensrv.com) of the MGNRV at 552- 7800 if you'd like to visit the Jewish section of the cemetery. Several plots have already been purchased; others are still available. BJCC members and their Jewish or non-Jewish immediate family members, and non-members who are Jewish, are eligible to purchase plots in this section.

The BJCC and MGNRV have agreed on a set of regulations aimed at maintaining the Jewish character of this section in perpetuity. If you are considering such a purchase, please speak with a member of the BJCC cemetery committee (Eric Hallerman, Muriel Kranowski) for an explanation of these regulations. If you are not a member of the BJCC, your purchase will need to be approved by the cemetery committee.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 30 Nisan Rosh Chodesh Iyyar 15th day of the Omer	2 1 Iyyar Rosh Chodesh Iyyar 16th day of the Omer	3 2 Iyyar 17th day of the Omer	4 3 Iyyar Yom HaZikaron 18th day of the Omer	5 4 Iyyar Yom HaAtzma'ut 19th day of the Omer	6 5 Iyyar 20th day of the Omer	7 6 Iyyar Parashat Kedoshim Zoom svc. 21st day of the Omer
8 7 Iyyar 22nd day of the Omer	9 8 Iyyar 23rd day of the Omer	10 9 Iyyar 24th day of the Omer	11 10 Iyyar 25th day of the Omer	12 11 Iyyar 26th day of the Omer	13 12 Iyyar 27th day of the Omer	14 13 Iyyar Parashat Emor In-person svc. at park 28th day of the Omer
15 14 Iyyar Pesach Sheni 29th day of the Omer	16 15 Iyyar 30th day of the Omer	17 16 Iyyar 31st day of the Omer	18 17 Iyyar 32nd day of the Omer	19 18 Iyyar Lag BaOmer 33rd day of the Omer	20 19 Iyyar 34th day of the Omer	21 20 Iyyar Parashat Behar Zoom svc. 35th day of the Omer
22 21 Iyyar 36th day of the Omer	23 22 Iyyar 37th day of the Omer	24 23 Iyyar 38th day of the Omer Deadline for info for June <i>Shofar</i>	25 24 Iyyar 39th day of the Omer	26 25 Iyyar 40th day of the Omer	27 26 Iyyar 41st day of the Omer	28 27 Iyyar Parashat Bechukotai In-person svc. 42nd day of the Omer
29 28 Iyyar Yom Yerushalayim 43rd day of the Omer	30 29 Iyyar 44th day of the Omer	31 1 Sivan Rosh Chodesh Sivan 45th day of the Omer				

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