
THE SHOFAR

The Monthly Bulletin of the BJCC

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SCHEDULE OF SHABBAT SERVICES

[Saturday Shabbat services begin at 10:00 AM]

Sept 4–Nitzavim–M&S Kranowski (Zoom)
Sept 11–Vayeilech–R. Scheckler (Zoom)
Sept 18–Haazinu–E. Hallerman (BJCC)
Sept 25–Chol Hamoed Sukkot–S&M Kranowski (Zoom)

HIGH HOLIDAYS

The BJCC will provide remote High Holiday services this year via Zoom. These services will closely follow our Reform machzor and include full transliteration. Cantor Irv Gertner will again chant during the services.

There are two important things to note about this year's BJCC High Holidays:

- 1) It will all be on Zoom.
- 2) Erev Rosh Hashanah is on Labor Day.

ROSH HASHANAH

Mon., Sept. 6–7:30 PM–Erev RH service
Tues., Sept. 7–9:30 AM–RH daytime service
(There will be no RH2 service this year)

YOM KIPPUR

Wed., Sept. 15–7:30 PM–Erev YK (Kol Nidrei) service
Thu., Sept. 16–9:30 AM–YK daytime service including the memorial service/Yizkor
Thu., Sept. 16–7:30 PM–concluding Neilah service

It's sad that we won't have in-person services for a second year, and we won't have the wonderful Erev RH post-service social hour or a potluck Break-the-Fast to end Yom Kippur. The delta variant has made all of that togetherness unsafe.

The Zoom links will go out a few days before the services begin.

If you are not a member and would like to be a guest at our services, please contact Religion Chair Muriel Kranowski (murielk@vt.edu) to request a spot. We'll let you know if you have secured a place. Please include your full name and briefly say why you would like to participate in our service.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Shana Tova! Happy New Year to you and your family! May next year be filled with joy and hope.

We invite you to come join us for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services. Due to the continued pandemic and prevalence of the delta variant, we have decided to deliver our services virtually this year. I want to use this space to thank the service leaders (Muriel Kranowski, Rebecca Scheckler, and Eric Hallerman) for all of their hard work in planning the events. I know that we wanted to be in-person for the High Holidays, but I think being online is prudent at this time.

Our Sunday School will be starting up this month, and we are happy to have Marta Brinberg and Wendy Silverman serve as co-directors of the educational program.

And it's that time of year again to renew your membership with the BJCC. More information can be found nearby in the Shofar.

Shalom, Dan, BJCC President

ONE IN-PERSON & THREE ZOOM SERVICES

We've agreed to not hold in-person services on Virginia Tech home football game days and also not if there's a Friday-night game. This circumstance will occur three times in September, so three of the four Shabbat services will be held via Zoom as indicated above.

The front-door entry code is the same as it was before we shut down. Contact murielk@vt.edu if you don't remember it, or come early enough to ring the doorbell without disturbing the service.

The BJCC Board agreed that all participants over age 2 will be masked while in the building, except the service leader, who will be on the Bimah.

Note: this plan may be altered if public health conditions change.



FROM THE TREASURER

Many thanks for the following donations from:

- Suzan and Jonathan Antin for this year's High Holiday services and celebration.
- Anonymous donors through the Jewish Communal Fund to be used for the general purposes of the BJCC.
- An anonymous donor to "honor of the Scheckler and Kranowski families, for all they do for the BJCC."

We are also grateful for a PJ Library Alliance Subscription Grant from the Harold Grinspoon Foundation in "honor of the commendable activities of Suzan Antin who has so ably administered the PJ Library program for the New River Valley community."

And a special thanks to all those BJCC members who have paid their membership dues early this year.

DUES—UNCHANGED FOR YEARS!

Kindly send in your dues (\$700 per family, or \$350 per individual) and Religious/Sunday School fees (new lower rates; see BJCC website) and contact Marta Brinberg for Religious School details. As always, individuals and families can discuss a reduction of dues and/or fees in privacy with the treasurer, Stephen Scheckler. The BJCC mission is to serve the needs of New River Valley Jews. No one will be turned away for lack of financial resources.



HIGH HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE IN SUPPORT OF THE BLACKSBURG INTERFAITH FOOD PANTRY

Because of COVID-19, the BJCC will not be collecting food for delivery; however, you may deliver food donations to 706 Harding Ave, Blacksburg, from 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM on Mondays and Tuesdays, and from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Contributions sought by the Blacksburg Interfaith Food Pantry include:

- Canned goods: fruits, vegetables (ex., green beans, corn, carrots, beets), beans, pasta (ex., Spaghetti-O's, ravioli), spaghetti sauce, soup, tuna.
- Packaged goods: Dry beans (ex., pinto, lima), rice, spaghetti, macaroni and cheese, boxed sugar, powdered milk, crackers, peanut butter, jelly, cereal.

Cash donations are also appreciated: You may either write a check payable to "Blacksburg Interfaith Food Pantry" and send it to the BJCC, P.O. Box 782, Blacksburg, VA 24063, or go to <http://www.bjccblacksburg.org/Giving>, and donate via PayPal. Write for "Food Pantry" in the "Add a Note" field. Questions? Contact Marta Brinberg at [martabrinberg \[at\] hotmail.com](mailto:martabrinberg@hotmail.com)

SHOFAR DEADLINE, SEPT. 23

The deadline for submitting news for the next issue of the *Shofar* is Sept. 23. 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 24 Elul	2 25 Elul	3 26 Elul	4 27 Elul Parashat Nitzavim Zoom service
5 28 Elul	6 29 Elul, 5781 Erev Rosh Hashanah Zoom service 7:30PM	7 1 Tishrei, 5782 Rosh Hashanah 5782 Zoom service 9:30AM	8 2 Tishrei Rosh Hashanah II	9 3 Tishrei	10 4 Tishrei	11 5 Tishrei Shabbat Shuva Parashat Vayeilech Zoom service
12 6 Tishrei	13 7 Tishrei	14 8 Tishrei	15 9 Tishrei Erev Yom Kippur Zoom service 7:30PM	16 10 Tishrei Yom Kippur Zoom services: 9:30AM & 7:30PM	17 11 Tishrei	18 12 Tishrei Parashat Haazinu In-person service at BJCC
19 13 Tishrei	20 14 Tishrei Erev Sukkot	21 15 Tishrei Sukkot I	22 16 Tishrei Sukkot II	23 17 Tishrei Sukkot III (CH"M) Deadline for items for next issue of the <i>Shofar</i>	24 18 Tishrei Sukkot IV (CH"M)	25 19 Tishrei Sukkot V (CH"M) Zoom service
26 20 Tishrei Sukkot VI (CH"M)	27 21 Tishrei Sukkot VII (Hoshana Raba)	28 22 Tishrei Shmini Atzeret	29 23 Tishrei Simchat Torah	30 24 Tishrei		

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