

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. 3–Shoftim–E. Hallerman (Zoom)
Sept. 10–Ki Teitzei–S&M Kranowski (Zoom)
Sept. 17–Ki Tavo–R. Scheckler (Zoom)
Sept. 24–Nitzavim–E. Hallerman (outdoors)

SEPTEMBER SERVICES MOSTLY ONLINE

The first 3 Shabbat services in September will be held via Zoom. We will hold the Sept. 24 service outdoors at the Town Park (shelter #4), weather permitting. The service will start at 10:30 AM, followed by a kiddush and then a bring-your-own picnic lunch, which can also be a bring-your-own games and a bring-your-own musical instruments to jam after the service.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

My fellow congregants:

Summer is waning, the days are growing shorter, and the town is once again overrun with young people. Fall is upon us, and the High Holy Days are coming.

Make plans to attend our High Holy Day services. Rosh Hashanah services will be virtual. Yom Kippur services, though, will be in person, with measures to manage the risk of COVID transmission. We will socially distance, wear masks, and we'll have new air filters. Weather permitting, we'll open the windows.

As we fast by choice, we will remember our neighbors that are food-insecure by collecting food items or checks for the Blacksburg Interfaith Food Pantry.

The High Holy Days are a season for spiritual renewal. Take time to reflect on your life and your place in the world. I wish you uplift and peace. See you on the holidays.

Shalom, Eric, BJCC President

HIGH HOLIDAYS

The BJCC will provide a mixture of remote and in-person High Holiday services this year. Details are below. As before, the online services will closely follow our Reform machzor and will 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) Rosh Hashanah services will be entirely online, via Zoom. (Consequently, we won't have a dessert collation following the Erev RH service.)
- 2) Yom Kippur services will be entirely in person in the BJCC. (However, we won't have a break-the-fast potluck after Neilah.)

ROSH HASHANAH

Sun., Sept. 25–7:30 PM–Erev RH service

Mon, Sept. 26–9:30 AM–RH daytime service

YOM KIPPUR

Tue., Oct. 4–7:30 PM–Erev YK (Kol Nidrei) service

Wed., Oct. 5–9:30 AM–YK daytime service including the memorial service/Yizkor

Wed., Oct. 5–6:00 PM–concluding Neilah service

The Rosh Hashanah Zoom links will go out a day or two in advance.

If you are not a BJCC member and would like to be a guest at any of these services, please contact Religion Chair Muriel Kranowski (murielk@vt.edu) with that request. Please include your full name and briefly say why you would like to participate in our service.



DUES AND SUNDAY SCHOOL FEES

At the July 16 meeting of BJCC members, the board-proposed operating budget for fiscal year 2023 (FY23) was approved by unanimous vote of those present. A pdf of the member-approved operating budget for FY23 has been sent to the member community.

This new budget includes a board-proposed and member-approved increase of Religious School fees of \$25 per child—from \$350/year to \$375/year for grades K-8 and from \$200/year to \$225/year for pre-K. (*Item continues on next page.*)

Member dues, however, remain the same; \$700/year for families and \$350/year for single households.

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, 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.

BJCC TO HELP MICAH'S BACKPACK

After a hiatus of a year, the BJCC is planning to help Micah's Backpack with packing food for K-12 students. The food helps low-income families in the Blacksburg area feed their children over weekends. The BJCC will be helping one Wednesday per month (6:00-7:00 PM at St. Michael's Lutheran Church). It takes 20 packers about 45 minutes to fill 300 bags with food.



I hope that the BJCC will be able to provide 8 packers. So, keep an eye out for email announcements from me in the coming weeks, and maybe you can lend a hand for a good cause.

Many thanks, Aaron Goldstein

HILLEL NEWS

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

SHOFAR DEADLINE, SEPT. 22

The deadline for submitting news for the next issue of the *Shofar* is Sept. 22. Send information to Richard at richard [at] vt.edu.

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(Officers are definite; some committee chairs need to be verified)

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 5 Elul	2 6 Elul	3 7 Elul Parashat Shoftim Zoom service
4 8 Elul	5 9 Elul	6 10 Elul	7 11 Elul	8 12 Elul	9 13 Elul	10 14 Elul Parashat Ki Teitzei Zoom service
11 15 Elul	12 16 Elul	13 17 Elul	14 18 Elul	15 19 Elul	16 20 Elul	17 21 Elul Leil Selichot Parashat Ki Tavo Zoom service
18 22 Elul	19 23 Elul	20 24 Elul	21 25 Elul	22 26 Elul Deadline for Oct. <i>Shofar</i>	23 27 Elul	24 28 Elul Parashat Nitzavim Outdoor service at Town Park
25 29 Elul Erev Rosh Hashanah Erev RH service 7:30 PM via Zoom 	26 1 Tishrei, 5783 Rosh Hashanah 5783 RH service 9:30 AM via Zoom 	27 2 Tishrei Rosh Hashanah II 	28 3 Tishrei	29 4 Tishrei	30 5 Tishrei	

Dear BJJC members,

As you prepare for the High Holy Days, please consider including a donation of food or cash to the Blacksburg Interfaith Food Pantry in your preparation. The food pantry provides food to hundreds of needy families in our community. Please see below for details.

Sincerely, Marta Brinberg

High Holy Days Food Drive 2022
in support of the
Blacksburg Interfaith Food Pantry



Contributions sought by the Blacksburg Interfaith Food Pantry include:

Canned goods: fruits, vegetables (e.g., green beans, corn, carrots, beets), beans, pasta (e.g., Spaghetti-O's, ravioli), spaghetti sauce, soup, tuna

Packaged goods: Dry beans (e.g., pinto, lima), rice, spaghetti, macaroni and cheese, boxed sugar, powdered milk, crackers, peanut butter, jelly, cereal

Cash donations are also appreciated:

Write checks to ***Blacksburg Interfaith Food Pantry***

or

Go to <http://www.bjccblacksburg.org/Giving> and donate via PayPal.

Write for "***Food Pantry***" in the "Add a Note" field.

Please leave your food or check donations in the BJCC social room by Yom Kippur

Questions? Contact Marta Brinberg at martabrinberg@hotmail.com.