

# THE SHOFAR

The Monthly Bulletin of the BJCC

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## SCHEDULE OF SHABBAT SERVICES

[Saturday Shabbat services begin at 10:00 AM]

- Oct. 1–Vayeilech–Eric Hallerman (Zoom)
- Oct. 8–Ha'azinu–M&S Kranowski (Zoom)
- Oct. 15–Chol Ha-moed Sukkot–Marta Brinberg & Muriel Kranowski (Zoom)
- Oct. 22–B'reishit–R. Scheckler (at the BJCC)
- Oct. 29–Noach–Eric Hallerman (Zoom)

## A MIXED-SERVICE MONTH

We'll have four Shabbat services via Zoom and one in person in October, along with in-person Yom Kippur services. October is a big festival month with Sukkot and Shemini Atzeret following Yom Kippur, and at the end of the month we get to figuratively re-roll the Torah scroll and start over with Genesis 1:1, In the beginning. May it be a good beginning for all.

## YOM KIPPUR SERVICES

The BJCC will hold in-person Yom Kippur services this year. Cantor Irv Gertner will again chant during the services.

### YOM KIPPUR

Tues., 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

Speaking of the closing service: we will not hold our traditional break-the-fast meal at the end of Neilah, but we hope you will come for this relatively short service and hear the Tekiah Gedolah blown on the Shofar at the end. It's a stirring end to the High Holidays and much better in person. Note that the start time for Neilah will be 6:00 PM (not at 6:30 PM as indicated earlier).

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

My fellow congregants:

We are in the Ten Days of Penitence. We take stock of our lives. We ask God for forgiveness of any sins between us and the Eternal. We ask other humans to forgive us of any sins between ourselves. It is a moment of humility and spiritual cleansing. Please join me at *shul* as we share in the communal aspect of this spiritual renewal.

The season is also a moment for remembering that many in our town are not as fortunate as we are, to the point of being food insecure. Please make a donation, in the form of a check or non-perishable groceries, to the Blacksburg Interfaith Food Pantry. There is a basket in the vestibule of the BJCC for such donations. And there are many other worthy causes to support with tzedakah.

As we enter the new year, let's resolve to invest our individual and collective energies to make our lives a blessing and thereby find meaning.

Shalom, Eric, BJCC President



## THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR DONATIONS IN SUPPORT OF BJCC INITIATIVES

- Aaron Goldstein for reserving shelters for the BJCC at Blacksburg Town Parks.
- Madeleine Schreiber, Eric and Ester Hallerman, and Muriel and Nat Kranowski for their donations towards a new air filtration system in the BJCC building.
- Bradley and Rita Klein for a series of donations towards a new air filtration system for the BJCC building in honor of Jerome Klein, Ira Matthew Klein, and Helen and Irving Feldman.

### Additionally, our thanks to the following, so far, for their Tzedakah donations in support of the Blacksburg Interfaith Food Pantry:

- Jon and Suzan Antin, Linda Rosenberg Deemer, and other BJCC members who choose to remain anonymous.

## WELCOME!

Please welcome new members, Rachel Weaver and Claire Robbins.

## DUES AND SUNDAY SCHOOL FEES

Religious School fees: \$375/year for grades K-8 and \$225/year for pre-K.

Member dues: \$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.

## SHOFAR DEADLINE, OCT. 24

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

## HILLEL NEWS

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

## BJCC Officers and Board Members 2022–23

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## October 2022 / Tishrei – Cheshvan 5782

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b> 6 Tishrei <a href="#">Parashat Vayeilech</a> Zoom service
<b>2</b> 7 Tishrei	<b>3</b> 8 Tishrei	<b>4</b> 9 Tishrei <a href="#">Erev Yom Kippur</a> 7:30 PM Service at BJCC	<b>5</b> 10 Tishrei <a href="#">Yom Kippur</a> 9:30 AM Service at BJCC 6:00 PM Neilah (concluding) service	<b>6</b> 11 Tishrei	<b>7</b> 12 Tishrei	<b>8</b> 13 Tishrei <a href="#">Parashat Ha'azinu</a> Zoom service
<b>9</b> 14 Tishrei <a href="#">Erev Sukkot</a>	<b>10</b> 15 Tishrei <a href="#">Sukkot I</a>	<b>11</b> 16 Tishrei <a href="#">Sukkot II</a>	<b>12</b> 17 Tishrei <a href="#">Sukkot III (CH"M)</a>	<b>13</b> 18 Tishrei <a href="#">Sukkot IV (CH"M)</a>	<b>14</b> 19 Tishrei <a href="#">Sukkot V (CH"M)</a>	<b>15</b> 20 Tishrei <a href="#">Sukkot VI (CH"M)</a> Zoom service
<b>16</b> 21 Tishrei <a href="#">Sukkot VII (Hoshana Raba)</a>	<b>17</b> 22 Tishrei <a href="#">Shmini Atzeret</a>	<b>18</b> 23 Tishrei <a href="#">Simchat Torah</a>	<b>19</b> 24 Tishrei	<b>20</b> 25 Tishrei	<b>21</b> 26 Tishrei	<b>22</b> 27 Tishrei <a href="#">Parashat B'reishit</a> Service at BJCC
<b>23</b> 28 Tishrei	<b>24</b> 29 Tishrei Deadline for submission of items for the <i>Shofar</i>	<b>25</b> 30 Tishrei <a href="#">Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan</a>	<b>26</b> 1 Cheshvan <a href="#">Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan</a>	<b>27</b> 2 Cheshvan	<b>28</b> 3 Cheshvan	<b>29</b> 4 Cheshvan <a href="#">Parashat Noach</a> Zoom service
<b>30</b> 5 Cheshvan	<b>31</b> 6 Cheshvan					

Dear BJJC members,

As we celebrate the High Holy Days, please consider making a donation of food or cash to the Blacksburg Interfaith Food Pantry. 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](mailto:martabrinberg@hotmail.com).