
THE SHOFAR

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SCHEDULE OF SHABBAT SERVICES

[Saturday Shabbat services begin at 10:00 AM]

June 4—B'midbar—M&S Kranowski (Zoom)
June 11—Naso—R. Scheckler (in person)
June 18—B'haalotcha—E. Hallerman (Zoom)
June 25—NO SERVICE

MIX OF IN-PERSON AND ZOOM SERVICES

We plan to hold services via Zoom on June 4 and 18, with an in-person service at the BJCC on June 11. Unfortunately, we need to cancel services on June 25 because no service leaders will be available that morning.

THANKS FROM THE TREASURER (AND THE REST OF US)

BJCC Sunday/Religious school students have been donating to a tzedakah fund all school year, which culminated this May with their outdoor Shabbat service and a picnic. By tradition, the class that donated the most gets to choose the local charity from among suggestions of the whole group. This year, their choice was the Good Samaritan Hospice in Christiansburg, to which a BJCC check was sent.

THANKS FOR THE DONATIONS

- o The Colliver family has made a generous "donation in honor of Eric Hallerman to thank him for training Jonah for his Bar Mitzvah."
- o We are grateful for the donation, made by Cynthia Rosenbaum and Matthew Wisnioski (Cyndy & Matt) "in honor of Wendy Silverman."

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I hope you are enjoying the NRV early summer stages (cool, hot, wet, repeat). It was great to see so many at the outdoor Shabbat Service on May 14. It was a special treat for me, as I was able to take the stage with Lexi and Oz to accompany the service. I can remember when Oz was one of the 'little people' in the audience. Things have changed, obviously, since then. We are planning another BJCC outdoor service/potluck for July 9.

It's quickly becoming time for our annual meeting and presentation of a new slate of BJCC officers. We are still looking for more people to serve in elected and appointed positions. I have enjoyed serving the community (even from a distance, via Zoom), and I encourage others to do the same (though in person, I hope). I am continually amazed at the effort put in to maintain our little slice of Judaism in southwest Virginia. Thanks to all of you!

Shalom, Dan, BJCC President

THANKS TO THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

We appreciate the work of the Sunday School students who put together the Shabbat service on May 14.



SAVE THE DATE: JULY 9 FOR SPECIAL OUTDOOR SERVICE AND POTLUCK

Put July 9 on your calendar for a special BJCC outdoor service and potluck lunch. We'll use the same service that we use for our Zoom services; the PDF file will be sent out a few days ahead so you can either print your own copy or read it off your phone or tablet during the service. The location will be the Blacksburg Town Park's Shelter 9, the same as where the Religious School service and lunch took place in May. The service will begin at 10:30 AM instead of 10:00 AM. More details to come as we get closer to the date.

HILLEL NEWS

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

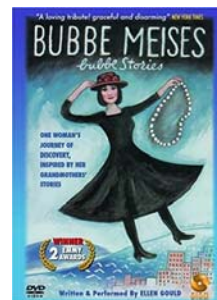
SHOFAR DEADLINE, JUNE 23

The deadline for submitting news for the next issue of the *Shofar* is June 23. Send information to Richard at richard [at] vt.edu.



MUSICAL REVIEW: “BUBBE MEISES”

“Bubbe Meises” is a solo musical performed by Ellen Gould in front of a live audience. She tells about her two bubbes (grandmothers) through their stories. Topics include marriage, superstitions, immigrating to America, and an incomplete family necklace that she finished.



The musical’s title translates to “grandmother’s tales” or “old wives’ tales,” which are told from a personal perspective. The stories may not all be true, but they offer meaningful life lessons nevertheless, such as being an independent woman who needs to speak up for herself. Moreover, the stories serve to share family history and tradition. As Ellen tells us in this cheery and intriguing musical, her bubbes’ tales have changed her life. One story in particular, about a golden teardrop, taught her not to be afraid to make choices in relationships.

Overall, I rate this musical 4 of 5 interpretive songs.

Reviewed by Tommy Hindman

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5 6 Sivan Shavuot I	6 7 Sivan Shavuot II	7 8 Sivan	8 9 Sivan	9 10 Sivan	10 11 Sivan	11 12 Sivan Parashat Naso In-person service
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19 20 Sivan	20 21 Sivan	21 22 Sivan	22 23 Sivan	23 24 Sivan Deadline for submission of items for <i>Shofar</i>	24 25 Sivan	25 26 Sivan Parashat Sh'lach NO SERVICE
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