
THE SHOFAR

The Monthly Bulletin of the BJCC

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SCHEDULE OF SHABBAT SERVICES

[Saturday Shabbat services begin at 10:00 AM]

June 6–B'haalotcha–S&M Kranowski (Zoom)

June 13–Shelach–E. Hallerman (BJCC and live-streamed)

June 20–Korach–R&S Scheckler (Zoom)

June 27–Hukat-Balak–M. Brinberg (at Nellies Cave Shelter) **followed by potluck lunch

A VARIETY OF SERVICES IN JUNE

We'll have two Zoom services and one in-person service at the BJCC with live streaming. We'll also hold an in-person service at the Nellies Cave Park Shelter, followed by a potluck lunch, the first of three outdoor services this summer.

POTLUCK LUNCH ON JUNE 27 AT NELLIES CAVE PARK

Our potluck lunch this month will be held on June 27 at Nellies Cave Park Shelter, which has no refrigeration. Bring your dish in your own cooler. As usual, make it vegan, vegetarian, or kosher fish.

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



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Friends:

It's Memorial Day weekend (and raining as I write this), and we are at the end of another academic year here in Blacksburg. Looking back, I would like to extend my thanks to Sean Sidky for overseeing our Sunday School program for around 18 children, and to Al Kornhauser for maintaining our building. (We have a new heat pump and various security upgrades!)

Summer holds the promise of opportunities to complete tasks on our "To Do" lists and accomplish new things. I recently set off to cycle across Virginia on the TransVA 535 gravel route from Washington, DC, to Damascus, VA. I began Sun., May 17, endured 90+ degree temperatures on Monday and Tuesday, and then got caught in a downpour on Thursday afternoon while riding into Pembroke. Soaking wet, but still feeling pretty good, I abandoned the ride and returned to Blacksburg. I didn't finish the ride, but I rode nearly 400 miles over five days, so I will call it a personal win.

I hope you, too, will have personal wins this summer.

Finally, if you will be in town this summer, be sure to attend our BJCC general meeting. (More details to come.) Also, join us for three potlucks/services at Nellie's Cave Park: June 27, July 25, and Aug. 29.

Best wishes, Prez Aaron

PJ BOOK NOOK INFO

Don't forget to enjoy reading in the summer, with lots of great books in the PJ Book Nook

How to Use our Book Nooks for PJ Library

- Color Coding
 - Teal bins—ages 9+.
 - Royal blue ages 6 months to 8 years—books for younger children in the front; topics are labeled on the front of the bin.
 - White bins—adults.
 - Hot pink bin—for book cards and returns.
- Each bin has a QR code on the left side; scan it to view a list of books in that bin, including photos of the covers, titles, and suggested age ranges.
 - Tap on a book to get more info, such as theme, genre, and the last date it was sent to PJ subscribers.
- Please check out and return books and games with a library book card. Cards and returns can be left in the hot pink bins.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	16th of Sivan	17th of Sivan	18th of Sivan	19th of Sivan	20th of Sivan	21st of Sivan Parashat B'haalotcha Zoom service
22nd of Sivan	23rd of Sivan	24th of Sivan	25th of Sivan	26th of Sivan	27th of Sivan	28th of Sivan Parashat Shelach Service at BJCC and live-streamed
29th of Sivan	30th of Sivan Rosh Chodesh Tamuz	1st of Tamuz, 5786 Rosh Chodesh Tamuz	2nd of Tamuz	3rd of Tamuz	4th of Tamuz	5th of Tamuz Parashat Korach Zoom service
6th of Tamuz	7th of Tamuz	8th of Tamuz Deadline for submitting info for the next issue of the <i>Shofar</i>	9th of Tamuz	10th of Tamuz	11th of Tamuz	12th of Tamuz Parashat Hukat-Balak Service at Nellies Cave Shelter (no live-streaming)
13th of Tamuz	14th of Tamuz	15th of Tamuz				

Diaspora holidays schedule

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