
THE SHOFAR

The Monthly Bulletin of the BJCC

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SCHEDULE OF SHABBAT SERVICES

[Saturday Shabbat services begin at 10:00 AM]

Aug. 7–Re'eh–E. Hallerman (Zoom)
Aug. 14–Shoftim–S&M Kranowski (in person)
Aug. 21–Ki Tetze–M&S Kranowski (in person)
Aug. 28–Ki Tavo–R. Scheckler (Zoom)

MOSTLY ALTERNATE IN-PERSON & ZOOM SERVICES

Shabbat services have been in-person on the first and third Saturdays of the month, but the first Saturday in August in Steppin' Out, so we are swapping services on Aug. 7 and Aug. 14 as indicated above. Services will still be in-person for the third Saturday.

The front-door entry code is the same as it was before we shut down. Contact [murielk @ vt.edu](mailto: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 to all who have sent in membership dues for FY22. Early payments are extremely helpful for BJCC planning.
- Special thanks also to Suzan and Jonathan Antin and to Marta and David Brinberg for including donations with their membership payments, which provide additional support for our social and cultural programs.

HILLEL NEWS

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

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello Everyone,

My son, Tommy, is at Crane Lake Camp, a Jewish camp in West Stockbridge, MA. What a wonderful experience for him and for Wendy and me (when visiting him)! [See pictures on next page.]

Aside from getting our son out of the house, we have enjoyed seeing all the smiling faces at the camp this year. Looking at the children, I am amazed at the diversity of our Jewish family. And watching kids excited about Judaism is a thrill.

I hope your summer has been enjoyable and that you have been having as much fun as if you were at camp. Shalom, Dan, BJCC President

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.

SHOFAR DEADLINE, AUG. 24

The deadline for submitting news for the next issue of the *Shofar* is Aug. 24. Send information to Richard at [richard \[at\] vt.edu](mailto:richard@vt.edu).

HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES

The BJCC Board has determined that HHD services will be on Zoom again this year. Details to follow as we get closer to the holidays.

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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 1 23 Av | 2 24 Av | 3 25 Av | 4 26 Av | 5 27 Av | 6 28 Av | 7 29 Av Parashat Re'eh (via Zoom) |
| 8 30 Av Rosh Chodesh Elul | 9 1 Elul Rosh Chodesh Elul | 10 2 Elul | 11 3 Elul | 12 4 Elul | 13 5 Elul | 14 6 Elul Parashat Shoftim (at BJCC) |
| 15 7 Elul | 16 8 Elul | 17 9 Elul | 18 10 Elul | 19 11 Elul | 20 12 Elul | 21 13 Elul Parashat Ki Tetze (at BJCC) |
| 22 14 Elul | 23 15 Elul | 24 16 Elul Deadline for Sept. issue of the <i>Shofar</i> . | 25 17 Elul | 26 18 Elul | 27 19 Elul | 28 20 Elul Parashat Ki Tavo (via Zoom) |
| 29 21 Elul | 30 22 Elul | 31 23 Elul | | | | |

Tommy is having too much fun at Crane Lake Camp in West Stockbridge, MA!



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

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