
THE SHOFAR

The Monthly Bulletin of the BJCC

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SCHEDULE OF SHABBAT SERVICES

[Saturday Shabbat services begin at 10:00 AM]

Dec. 7–Vayetzei–M. Brinberg (BJCC & live-streamed) **followed by a potluck lunch

Dec. 14–Vayishlach–E. Hallerman (BJCC & live-streamed)

Dec. 21–Vayeshev–B. Klein (Zoom)

Dec. 28–Miketz (and 3rd day of Chanukah)–S&M Kranowski (Zoom)

IN-PERSON AND ZOOM SERVICES

We'll have two in-person (and live-streamed) Shabbat services and two Zoom services in December, and a potluck lunch. Hope to see you at any or all of them!

POTLUCK LUNCH ON DEC. 7

We'll have a potluck lunch after services on Sat., Dec. 7. You can bring your dish with you (plan to arrive downstairs with it a few minutes before 10:00 AM) and attend the service, or simply join us at 11:30. Please bring a vegetarian or kosher-fish dish to share. If you come for the service, your dish can be refrigerated and/or can be heated in the oven so it's at the best temperature for serving.

HILLEL AT VT'S 2nd ANNUAL CHANUKAH FORMAL, DEC. 7, 7:00 PM

Join Hillel at Virginia Tech for our second Annual Chanukah Formal. This year's event will feature a live jazz band, mocktails, fancy hors d'oeuvres, a photo booth, and a dance party.

Attire: cocktail dresses, suits and ties, dress to impress!

Tickets are \$15 for students, \$32 for VT faculty/staff, \$45 for community members. To see the full menu and to buy tickets:

https://secure.lglforms.com/form_engine/s/eoikBPgCLFuRpcNBiYuVLw

THANKS FOR THE DONATIONS

To Blacksburg Interfaith Food Pantry (not listed last month):

- Linda Deemer
- Alan Kornhauser & Rhea Epstein
- Eric and Ester Hallerman
- Amoz and Nitza Kats
- Brad and Rita Klein
- Stephen and Rebecca Scheckler

Memorial donations:

- Richard and Doris Zallen in memory of Gail Rebecca Letzter
- Muriel Kranowski in memory of Nat Kranowski

PJ BOOK NEWS: HOW TO USE OUR SYSTEM

- Color Coding
 - Teal bins: ages 9+.
 - Royal blue: ages 6 months-8 years; books for younger children in the front.
 - White bins for adults.
 - Hot pink bin for book cards and returns.
- Each bin has a QR code on the left side; scan to see a list of books in that bin, with photos of the covers, as well as the title and suggested age.
 - Tap on a book to get more info.

SHOFAR DEADLINE, DEC. 24

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



OUR NEW AED

We now have an item that we hope we never need—an automated external defibrillator (AED), which will be installed shortly in



the sanctuary. We are grateful to the Compress & Shock Foundation, in conjunction with Lewis Gale Montgomery Hospital, for the equipment that can potentially save the life of someone experiencing sudden cardiac arrest.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 30 Cheshvan Rosh Chodesh Kislev	2 1 Kislev Rosh Chodesh Kislev	3 2 Kislev	4 3 Kislev	5 4 Kislev	6 5 Kislev	7 6 Kislev Parashat Vayetzei In-person service at BJCC (also streamed) and potluck lunch
8 7 Kislev	9 8 Kislev	10 9 Kislev	11 10 Kislev	12 11 Kislev	13 12 Kislev	14 13 Kislev Parashat Vayishlach In-person service at BJCC (also streamed)
15 14 Kislev	16 15 Kislev	17 16 Kislev	18 17 Kislev	19 18 Kislev	20 19 Kislev	21 20 Kislev Parashat Vayeshev Zoom service
22 21 Kislev	23 22 Kislev	24 23 Kislev Deadline for submission of items for January issue of the <i>Shofar</i>	25 24 Kislev Chanukah: 1 Candle 	26 25 Kislev Chanukah: 2 Candles 	27 26 Kislev Chanukah: 3 Candles 	28 27 Kislev Chanukah: 4 Candles Parashat Miketz Zoom service 
29 28 Kislev Chanukah: 5 Candles 	30 29 Kislev Chanukah: 6 Candles 	31 30 Kislev Chanukah: 7 Candles Rosh Chodesh Tevet 				