
THE SHOFAR

The Monthly Bulletin of the BJCC

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SCHEDULE OF SHABBAT SERVICES

[Saturday Shabbat services begin at 10:00 AM]

Sept. 7–Shoftim–E.Hallerman (Nellies Cave Park shelter) **followed by potluck lunch**

Sept. 14–Ki Teitzei–M.Brinberg (BJCC & live-streamed)

Sept. 21–Ki Tavo–R&S Scheckler (Zoom)

Sept. 28–Nitzavim–Vayeilech–B.Klein (Zoom)

SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER

This month, we'll have our last outdoor service of the summer, an indoor service at the BJCC, and two Zoom services—something for everyone.

Please join us for some of these services.

OUTDOOR POTLUCK LUNCH, SEPT. 7

The Sept. 7 service at Nellies Cave Park will be followed by a potluck picnic lunch. You can come for the service at 10:00 AM and bring your potluck dish in an insulated container, or drop by at 11:15 AM with your dish and join us for lunch. The BJCC will supply bagels and cream cheese, lemonade, and serving utensils.

UPCOMING HIGH HOLIDAYS

The High Holy Days are marked by the Jewish New Year (Rosh Hashanah) and the Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur). All HHD services will be held at the BJCC and will be live-streamed.

Erev RH–Wed., Oct. 2, 7:30 PM

**followed by a dessert collation

RH daytime–Thurs., Oct. 3, 9:30 AM

Erev YK (Kol Nidrei)–Fri., Oct. 11, 7:00 PM

YK daytime–Sat., Oct. 12, 9:30 AM

YK closing (Neilah)–Sat., Oct. 12, 6:30 PM

**followed by a simple Break-the-Fast meal supplied by the BJCC.

HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS

Anyone may attend virtual services by requesting the Zoom link. In-person attendance by non-BJCC members must be approved in advance. Send both kinds of requests to

info.blacksburgbjcc@gmail.com.

THANKS FOR THE DONATIONS

To the general fund:

- Linda Deemer
- Eric and Ester Hallerman
- Steve Jacobs
- Gary Long
- Dan and Pam Sable
- Melissa Blau, with thanks to Rebecca Scheckler who officiated her wedding

To NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet:

- Linda Deemer
- Ruth Grene
- Eric and Ester Hallerman
- Stephen and Rebecca Scheckler
- Marcia Shumsky

DUES AND SUNDAY SCHOOL FEES

Please pay BJCC dues as soon as possible.

Member dues: \$800/year for families and \$400/year for single households. Our BJCC treasurer urges members to pay via PayPal or to mail their membership dues 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 in privacy with the treasurer, Marta Brinberg. The BJCC mission is to serve the needs of New River Valley Jews. No one will be turned away for lack of financial resources.

PJ BOOK NOOKS

Have you had a chance to browse our PJ Library book nooks? If not, take a minute and check them out! Conveniently located in the sanctuary vestibule and downstairs in the multipurpose room, they offer something for everyone.

Featured this month for adults, you can find *A Time to Grow: A PJ Library Family Guide for Starting the Jewish Year* in the white bin downstairs. In the white bin upstairs, you can find *Six Word Memoirs*, in which contributors sum up Jewish life in six words. The contributors include Larry David, Henry Winkler, Ed Koch, Amy Schumer and many others.

The teal bins have books for ages 9+. Upstairs, *Chelm for the Holidays* might be of interest. It incorporates folktales, multiple holidays and humor. Downstairs, we have a copy of *The Adventures of Hershel of Ostropol*, another book for older readers that mixes folktales and humor.

The blue bins have books for ages 6 months to 8 years. Both book nooks have a wide variety of volumes about Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Simchat Torah and Sukkot. If you have younger readers, be sure to browse the collection of books for the High Holidays.

The hot pink bins are for books that you want to return or donate. Have fun browsing!

SHOFAR DEADLINE, SEPT. 23

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

HILLEL NEWS

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

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 28 Av	2 29 Av	3 30 Av Rosh Chodesh Elul	4 1 Elul	5 2 Elul	6 3 Elul	7 4 Elul Parashat Shoftim Service at Nellies Cave Park shelter; NOT live- streamed
8 5 Elul	9 6 Elul	10 7 Elul	11 8 Elul	12 9 Elul	13 10 Elul	14 11 Elul Parashat Ki Teitzei At BJCC and live-streamed
15 12 Elul	16 13 Elul	17 14 Elul	18 15 Elul	19 16 Elul	20 17 Elul	21 18 Elul Parashat Ki Tavo Zoom service
22 19 Elul	23 20 Elul Deadline for Oct. issue of the <i>Shofar</i>	24 21 Elul	25 22 Elul	26 23 Elul	27 24 Elul	28 25 Elul Parashat Nitzavim- Vayeilech Zoom service
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