
THE SHOFAR

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Hillel Services: Fridays, 7:15 PM
(when Virginia Tech is in session)
Shabbat Services: Saturdays, 10:00 AM
(usually alternating weeks: Conservative, Reform)

SCHEDULE OF SHABBAT SERVICES

[Services begin at 10:00 AM]

April 5–Tazria–Conservative–M. Kranowski
April 12–Metzora–Reform–Rebecca Scheckler **
** Potluck lunch today.
April 19–Aharei Mot–Reform–Eric Hallerman
April 26–7th day Pesach–Conservative–M&S
Kranowski

POTLUCK LUNCH, APRIL 12

Our monthly Shabbat potluck lunch will take place on April 12, right after services (about 11:45 AM). Please bring a dairy or vegetarian dish to share and a serving utensil.

MEMORIAL SERVICE, APRIL 15

The BJCC will hold a Memorial Service on Tuesday evening, April 15, at 7:30 PM, in remembrance of last year's tragic events. Rabbi Zahara Davidowitz-Farkas will lead this special service, which will be marked by candle-lighting in memory of those we lost, readings, Kaddish, and a concluding "walk around the block," the traditional way to symbolize the end of a year of mourning and reflection. Everyone is welcome.

NEXT SHOFAR DEADLINE: APRIL 22

The deadline for submitting news for the next issue of the *Shofar* is April 22. Send information to Richard at rhirsch@vt.edu and to Sue Kurtz at skurtz@vt.edu.

PURIM PARTY THANKS

From Marta Brinberg, organizer of the Purim event at Sunday School (and dancing participant in the Purim play): Thanks to all the donors for their contributions to the Sunday School's Purim Carnival. What a pleasure to watch the children's delight in purchasing the prizes with their hard-won tickets!

KLEZMER PERFORMANCE, APRIL 26

Get ready for this year's big cultural event. The Alexandria Kleztet, a klezmer group (pictured below) from Washington DC, will perform on April 26 at 8:00 PM at the BJCC. Since 2000, the ensemble has received a total of eleven awards from the Washington Area Music Association, which honors musical achievement in the greater DC metropolitan area. The group has received kudos for "Best World Music Duo or Group," "Best World Music Instrumentalist," "Best Jazz Instrumentalist," and "Best World Music Recording." Recently, Seth Kibel, clarinet/flute/sax player from the group, received Wammies for the "Best Blues or Traditional R&B Recording," the "Best Jazz Instrumentalist" and the "Best World Music Instrumentalist." Don't miss this wonderful musical event.



YIZKOR SERVICE ON APRIL 27

On Sunday, April 27, the last day of Pesach, we'll have a brief Yizkor service starting at 8:30 AM and going for about 30 minutes. Please try to come and make a minyan for this service.

THANKS

We have received the following gift from:

✧ Meir & Debbie Schneller—General Fund.

WATCH THIS SPACE, PART 5

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

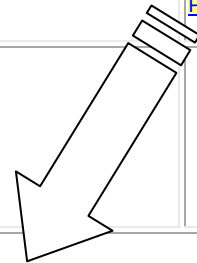
A BJCC general membership meeting will be held on Mon., Mar. 31, at 7 PM at the BJCC. We will elect the new slate of officers (who will not officially begin their terms until the budget is presented and approved next month), and we will have an update on the proposed BJCC/Hillel building project. We are fortunate that joining us will be architect Mark Levin. Mark is a Hokie and was one of the earliest members of the Virginia Tech Hillel. His firm has vast experience in the design and construction of synagogues. Mark has been working most closely with the Building Committee and will be able to share his ideas with all of us at this meeting. Please attend so that we can hear your reactions, ideas, and suggestions.

Thanks,

Doris

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 25 Adar II 5768	2 26 Adar II 5768	3 27 Adar II 5768	4 28 Adar II 5768	5 29 Adar II 5768 Conserv. Svc. Parashat Tazria
6 1 Nisan 5768 Rosh Chodesh Nisan	7 2 Nisan 5768	8 3rd of Nisan 5768	9 4 Nisan 5768	10 5 Nisan 5768	11 6 Nisan 5768	12 7 Nisan 5768 Reform Svc. and Potluck lunch Parashat Metzora
13 8 Nisan 5768	14 9 Nisan 5768	15 10 Nisan 5768 Memorial Service at the BJCC	16 11 Nisan 5768	17 12 Nisan 5768 Ta'anit Bechorot	18 13 Nisan 5768	19 14 Nisan 5768 Reform Svc. Parashat Acharei Mot Shabbat HaGadol Erev Pesach
20 15 Nisan 5768 Pesach I	21 16 Nisan 5768 Pesach II	22 17 Nisan 5768 Pesach III (CH"M) May Shofar deadline	23 18 Nisan 5768 Pesach IV (CH"M)	24 19 Nisan 5768 Pesach V (CH"M)	25 20 Nisan 5768 Pesach VI (CH"M)	26 21 Nisan 5768 Conserv. Svc. Klezmer performance @ BJCC 8:00 PM Pesach VII
27 22 Nisan 5768 Pesach VIII Yizkor service, 8:30 AM	28 23rd of Nisan 5768	29 24 Nisan 5768	30 25 Nisan 5768			



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