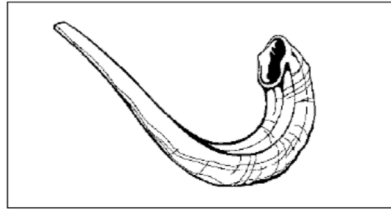


GREEN VALLEY SHOFAR



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear BSTC Members:

We are pleased to have Steve Levine, our new Membership Coordinator, onboard. Steve has been working under the mentorship of Mike Finkelstein to help rebuild our membership.

Changes to the Dissolution portion of our Articles of Incorporation have been approved and accepted to state that, upon dissolution of BSTC, our assets will go to a *Jewish* synagogue or charity. The updated Articles of Incorporation can be found on our website.

All of you have been curious to know the details of the Fish Estate. We are currently only part way through the probate process; however, I am pleased to announce that we have received \$50,000 from the estate, of which \$5000 will be set aside for annual Bagel Breakfasts to honor Lou and Helene Fish (which will be free to all temple members,) and \$45,000 will be invested to give the temple an interest income. As a result of the generosity of Lou and Helene Fish, a leaf has been inscribed on the Tree of Life honoring their lives; and a plaque has been installed over the kitchen door dedicating the kitchen to their memory.

A temple friend will be honored at the November 6th Bagel Breakfast. Margaret Bierd, our office manager, has selflessly worked above and beyond her paid duties to temple. Margaret will receive a leaf on the Tree of Life, an honorary temple membership and a ceramic pot for her garden with an inscribed "necklace" on it in appreciation of BSTC.

Wishing you all a sweet New Year,

Amy Storer, President

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Lugers at 444-3740. Information and/or questions on Yahrzeits should also be directed to Judy.

For information on the Green Valley Cemetery, contact Ingeborg McDonald

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Ingeborg McDonald Marilyn Forstot, Irene Case, Mike Finkelstein, Ed Brill

The editor reserves the right to edit contributions for grammar, length and content. Community and member news will be published only as space permits. Community or member events that conflict with Temple events will not be publicized in the Shofar.

MAIL TO THE TEMPLE

To expedite delivery, any mail sent to the temple should be addressed to:

P.O. Box 884, Green Valley, AZ 85622. Sending mail to the Rio Mayo address may result in a delay.

Please include the name of the person you wish to contact on the front of the envelope to expedite delivery

For information on the Memorial Board, or to purchase leaves for the Tree of Life and all other commemorative gifts, call Judy

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturdays, 10 a.m. **Torah Study**

Friday, November 4, 9 a.m. - noon
Mitzvah/Good Deed Day
12:30 – 2 p.m. The
“Gratitude Gathering”

Friday, November 4, 7:00 p.m.,
Friday Night Service. Oneg
sponsored by *Sam and Irene*
Miller

Sunday, November 6, 9:30 to 10 a.m. ,
Michael G at the piano (Before
Bagel Breakfast)

Sunday, November 6, 10 a.m.
(doors open at 9:30 a.m.); **Bagel**
Breakfast, Sponsored by Myrna and
Steve Feldman in honor of their
anniversary

Sunday, November 6 following Bagel
Breakfast; **Yiddish Club**

Tuesday, November 8, **Election Day**

Sunday, November 13, **Mariachi**
program cancelled

Tuesday, November 15, 11:30 a.m. –
4 p.m. BSTC Sisterhood 6th
Annual **Mah Jongg Fun-Raiser**

Wednesday, November 16, 9:45 a.m.
a.m., **ROMEO men’s club**
breakfast, at El Patio

Friday, November 18, 7 p.m., **Friday**
Night Service. Oneg sponsored by
Marilyn Israel in memory of her
husband, Jack

Thursday, November 24, **Thanksgiving**

Monday, November 28, 9 a.m. BSTC
Board Meeting

Friday, December 2, 7:00 p.m., **Friday**
Night Service

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a.m., **Michael G at the piano**
(Before Bagel Breakfast)

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Breakfast, Sponsored by Barry and
Ellen Savitz in honor of their
grandchildren

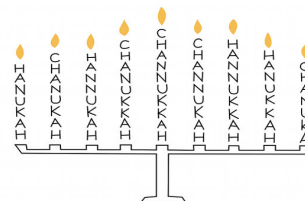
Sunday, December 4, following Bagel
Breakfast; **Yiddish Club**

December 5, New Gallery Exhibit Starts
Finding Your Roots (goes to
February 2, 2017) with reception
Sunday, January 8, 2017

Friday, December 16, 7 p.m., **Friday**
Night Service

Monday, December 26, 9 a.m.,
BSTC **Board Meeting**

Saturday night after 6:06 p.m.,
December 24 sunset – January 1,
sunset **Chanukah**



Sunday January 1, **Happy, Healthy**
(Secular) New Year (No Bagel
Breakfast)

MEMBER NEWS & UPDATES

Birthdays: Happy Birthday to

Nov. 2 Jerry Belenker
Nov. 12 Betty Meyers
Nov. 15 Sonya Foigelman
Nov. 16 Arlene Hammond
Nov. 16 Fran Licciardiello
Nov. 17 Judith Lugers
Nov. 21 Barbara Solin
Nov. 26 Diane Wernick
Nov. 30 Serene Rein
Dec. 1 Richard Wernick
Dec. 4 Kay Grask
Dec. 7 Sherry Hoffman-Blum
Dec. 8 Roberta Rabin
Dec. 10 Harriet Belenker
Dec. 12 Denis Nathan
Dec. 15 Martin Cohen
Dec. 20 Michael Tannenbaum
Dec. 21 David Lugers
Dec. 31 Lisa Israel

Jan. 1 Trish Sandstrom
Jan. 3 Merle Sobol
Jan. 3 Bob Nye
Jan. 4 Marilyn Forstot
Have a great day and year

Anniversaries: Happy Anniversary to:

Nov. 1 Carmen & Sig Friedman
Nov. 5 Gary & Timber Friedman
Nov. 26 Merle & Kay Sobol
Nov. 27 Stephen & Myrna Feldman
Dec. 3 Madelyn & Steve Weig
Dec. 25 Gerald & Sonya Foigelman
Jan. 1 Alan & Barbara Winfield
Jan. 3 Michael & Joyce Finkelstein
Jan. 10 Esther & Ed Brill
And many more in health and happiness

Commemorative Items:

The following memorial plaques, leaves for the Tree of Life, and other commemorative items are available for purchase:

Memorial plaques, \$300	Leaf for the Tree of Life, \$100
Sanctuary Chair, \$125	Garden Bench, \$225
Garden Brick, \$100	

Send specific wording for the plaque, brick, etc. together with your check (made out to Beth Shalom Temple Center) to BSTC, Attention "Memorial Board" or "Tree of Life," etc. Order forms can be found in the Temple foyer. *Judy Lugers, Chairperson*

Sisterhood has purchased a leaf for the Tree of Life in honor of Barbara Solin reading: Dear friend: For your unfailing and inimitable style and grace, BSTC Sisterhood thanks you and wishes you every blessing in Austin Texas.

TRIBUTES

Do you need to send a greeting card? Do you want to support your Temple? Here's a great way to do both. Judy Lugers, BSTC Tributes Chairman, will mail a lovely, personalized card to whoever you choose. Here's how to do it:

Send your Tribute request and free-will offerings to:

1. Beth Shalom Temple Center, P.O. Box 884, Green Valley, AZ 85622 (mark "Tributes" on the envelope!)
 2. OR mail it to me at 206 W Paseo Recortado, Green Valley AZ 85614
 3. OR send an e-mail to me at jlugers@yahoo.com (send your check to BSTC)
- I'll receive your request much faster if you e-mail it or send it to my home address.

Tributes continued...

If ordering several Tributes at the same time, print the birthday/anniversary page of the Shofar, check off the names of those you'd like to designate for Tribute(s), and mail it in with your check. Tributes may be sent with your own personal greeting for birthdays, anniversaries, get well, condolences, best wishes for the new home, in appreciation, mazel tov, and sympathy upon loss of a pet. *Judy Lugers, Tributes Chairperson*

Birthdays

Mel Roman from Steve and Suenette Maron

Sam Miller from Mel & Dorrie Roman, Dave & Donna Wyte, Linda Stein, Gerry and Sonny Foigelman, and Ed and Esther Brill

Get Well

Jeff Lawrence from David and Donna Wyte

Rene Marcus from David and Donna Wyte

Irene Miller from Barry and Ellen Savitz

Mel Roman from Barry and Ellen Savitz

In Appreciation

Mel & Dorrie Roman for all that you do from Ed and Esther Brill

Marilyn Forstot for all that you do from Ed and Esther Brill

Myrna & Steve Feldman for all that you do from Ed and Esther Brill

Merle Sobol for all that you do from Ed and Esther Brill

Thank You/Todah Rabah to Randy, Irene & Jerry Case, Irene & Sam Miller, Marcia Wiener and Pam Weston for their help in building and decorating the Sukkah

Yahrzeits

Beth Shalom Temple Center will provide reminders of yahrzeits, and the name(s) of your loved ones will automatically be recited for Kaddish at the appropriate Sabbath Services according to the Hebrew calendar. If your yahrzeits are not yet on the current list and you wish them to be, please notify me (jlugers@yahoo.com) or send a note to the Temple for my attention including your name, the name and relationship of deceased, and the date of death. Family members must approve additions to the list. *Judy Lugers, Yahrzeit Committee Chairperson*

Donations have been received from:

Michael Gervan for his mother, Pearl Gervan

Lawrence Feldman for his father, Louis Rex Feldman

Nili Mirande and daughters and **Shoshana Oref** for their parents and grandparents,
Sara & Pinkas Olech

Sherry Hoffman-Blum for her mother, Mollie Hoffman, and her uncle, Emmanuel Schneiderman

Ted Walden for his father, Louis Wofsoniker

Irene Falkenstein-Case for her grandfather, Max Reinemann; and for her uncle, Kurt Reinemann

Steve Maron for his father Irving and his brother Danny

Sam and Irene Miller for Irene's mother, Ella Harris

INTRODUCING STEVE LEVINE: BSTC'S NEW MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR

Steve was born and raised in a Jewish household in Cincinnati, Ohio, graduating from high school in 1969. He holds a BA with honors in Political Science from the University of Cincinnati and studied Government and Public Administration at the George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

Steve has been coming to Arizona for a while now but staying in Tucson. In 2015 he and his wife Karen who, sadly passed away shortly after moving to Green Valley, attended a Tubac arts festival. On their way back to Tucson, for no apparent reason, they exited I-19 at Continental Road, looked around, and liked what they saw. Later they stopped at a real estate company and purchased a home. It was, according to Steve, "a good decision," one that we at BSTC can agree with.

He has successfully worked for and with numerous public agencies, associations, and for-profits in order to advance the public interest. One example is the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), where Steve coordinated the provision of disaster assistance as a member of the Response and Recovery Division. It was at this agency where Steve first encountered the challenges facing small synagogues. While in a small Mississippi town, following a flood, "I noticed a building with a Star of David above the front door and inquired about it with an elderly lady living next door. Noticeably sad, she explained that, once a functioning synagogue, it was no longer in use. The young people had moved away for opportunities in big cities and there weren't enough people left to support the synagogue anymore."

Steve was a founder of the National Association of Environmental Risk Auditors and served as its Executive Vice President. He also owned a real estate appraisal and consulting practice in the Cincinnati area and specialized in litigation support and expert witness testimony..

Presently, besides being our membership coordinator, Steve is an Arizona licensed real estate agent with a local residential brokerage house.

His affiliations include the American Legion and the Elks. Some of his interests are playing golf ("not very well"), dogs in general, and golden retrievers in particular." In the past, he and his wife have had several dogs including a golden retriever named Martha Layne named for the Governor of Kentucky (Martha Layne Collins) where they were living at the time and later a golden named Bogey and a Shetland sheepdog named Bacall. Pet free at the moment, Steve is unsure about his status as a future pet owner.

Steve has begun to meet BSTC members at Bagel Breakfasts and Board meetings and looks forward to meeting more members as well as helping further BSTC's outreach.

TEMPLE TIDBITS

Beth Shalom Membership Initiative Sounding Board

Many of you know that we had a very successful search committee that met periodically earlier this year in our quest to find a Membership Coordinator for BSTC.

Now that Steve Levine is on board, he and I would like to convene a Membership Initiative Sounding Board, to help us evaluate, prioritize, and assist in implementing those ideas that we and the BSTC board agree are best, in order to better engage our current members and attract more new members.

Please let me know if you would be willing to participate in this important endeavor. We would attempt to schedule our periodic meetings to meet everyone's schedules.

Also, if you know of others who might participate with us, let me know. *Mike Finkelstein*, mfinkel2@cox.net

Lines From The Library

Diversity can be found in abundance in our beautiful library. It is nothing short of amazing! Our readers have requested that we do book reviews. Here they are!

Fiction: *War Brides* (Helen Bryan) - top shelf of the library cart. In 1939 the lives of five young women, most evacuees, mesh in a sleepy English town where a bond is formed among them as the war draws near creating hardships and privations that become commonplace. Despite distance and time, the ties among these women lasts a lifetime. The courage and strength of these women and also of wartime England is to witness strength and fortitude as they help each other and their neighbors. One such hero is a teenage bride from Austria who was too old for the Kinder Transport but whose desperate efforts are displayed.

Lines from the Library continued

At the end of the war four of the women return to celebrate the 50-year anniversary of VE day. But are the women there only to commemorate or remember, or for something else? Read and find out.

As Close to Us As Breathing (Elizabeth Poliner) (top of library cart) - "Bagel Beach" in Connecticut has long been a summer destination of Jewish families. The story is told as seen from the eyes of a twelve-year-old girl who opens the book by telling us about a terrible accident that has occurred during this summer, the summer of 1948. The details are withheld until the very end, but throughout we are introduced to two of her aunts and her mother as well as the other relatives and friends. The book also details the lives of traditional Jews post World War II as they come against the modernity of American life.

We are Your Sons: The Legacy of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg - written by their sons Robert and Michael Meeropol- (Men's Bio Shelf). Robert and Michael Rosenberg lived Lines From The Library continued....

very ordinary lives until their parents, at the height of the McCarthy communist scare, were arrested and found guilty of passing A-bomb secrets to Russia. Eventually adopted by Anne and Abel Merepool, the brothers discuss their memories of this harrowing time as well as their own growth in the politically volatile era of the 1960's. Interwoven throughout the book are letters Ethel and Julius wrote while in prison.

More reviews in the future! *Sonny Foigelman and Linda Stein, BSTC Librarians*

SISTERHOOD

Chanukah

Sisterhood and Men's Club will once again be co-chairing the BSTC Chanukah Party. Right now we need a Sisterhood member to serve as Sisterhood's liaison with the Men's Club for this event. If you are interested, please contact Gail Norton at abirdwoman@gmail.com

Sixth Annual Mah Jongg Fun-Raiser

On Tuesday November 15 from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., the Sisterhood is holding its 6th Annual Mah Jongg Fun-Raiser benefitting Hands of Friends (Dazees and Genesis House) and BSTC. The cost is \$25 per person and includes a Chinese lunch at noon, the tournament from 1 to 4 pm. as well as a Chinese auction and prizes. For further information call **Joyce Palm** (520) 207-639

The Sisterhood is also looking for donations of items to put in the very popular raffle gift baskets. We would very much appreciate it if you would give us something new and unused. Gift cards/certificates to restaurants, hairdressers, nail salons and such are also appreciated so please ask your merchants to donate. Remember, a percentage of ALL the profits goes to Genesis House, a local women's shelter. If you have something or would like more information, please contact Linda at (520) 399-2444 or dalin982@cox.net.

ART GALLERY

Wanted: Menorah and Dreidels for an Art Gallery exhibition, **Finding Your Roots** December 5, 2016 to February 2, 2016. Call Marcia Weiner, (520) 232-3599.

DO A MITZVAH – CONTRIBUTE TO THE TORAH STUDY FUND

To help with the expense of having professional leadership at Torah Study BSTC has created a Torah Study Fund. Currently, once every month, either Michael Mussman or Rabbi Miri Fleming, lead our Torah Study. Please consider making a donation to this fund so we can continue the practice of Torah Study at BSTC. Donating for the study of Torah is a very old Jewish tradition, even for those who, for whatever reason, are currently not studying Torah. Making a donation for the studying of Torah is considered a mitzvah.

Calling Women Born in 1939

I'm looking for women born in 1939 so we can get together. Contact me, Helene Feldman at 398-9666 or 2bachummingbird@q.com

TORAH STUDY

BSTC makes it easy to study the Torah weekly. Meeting every Shabbat morning at 10:00 a.m., BSTC Torah Study studies and discusses the weekly Torah Portion for about two hours. You are welcome to attend whether or not Torah Study is a new experience. Weekly attendance is not required nor is knowledge of Hebrew. Books are provided.

Following Simchat Torah, the cycle begins again and during the months of November and December we return to **The Book of Genesis (B'reishit)**. Except for once a month, members of the group facilitate Torah Study. For all those in need of healing and health the *Mishaberach* (Prayer for Healing) is sung at the conclusion of Torah study followed by the reciting of the Mourner's Kaddish for our loved ones who have died during the last 11 months or for those observing a Yahrzeit.

If you would like to receive a weekly email indicating the group facilitator as well as information about the week's Torah portion and Haftarah, email BSTCebblast@aol.com with your request. You can also ask to add names for the *Mishaberach* and/or Mourner's Kaddish list.

WEEKLY TORAH/HAFTARAH PORTIONS

Saturday, November 5 Torah Portion: Noach (Gen. 6:9–11:32)
Haftarah: Isaiah 54:1–55:5
November 12, Torah Portion: Lekh Lekha (Gen. 12:1–17:27)
Haftarah: Isaiah 40:27–41:16
November 19, Torah Portion: Vayera (Genesis 18:1–22:24)
Haftarah: 2 Kings 4:1–37
November 26, Torah Portion: Chayei Sarah (Genesis 23:1–25:18)
Haftarah: 1 Kings 1:1–31
December 3, Torah Portion: Toledot (Genesis 25:19–28:9)
Haftarah: Malachi 1:1–2:7
December 10, Torah Portion: Vayetze (Genesis 28:10–32:3)
Haftarah: Hosea 12:13–14:10, Opt. subst. Micah 7:18 (Hosea 11:7–12:12)
December 17, Torah Portion: Vayishlach (Genesis 32:4–36:43)
Haftarah: Obadiah 1:1–21, Opt. Hosea 11:7–12:12
December 24, Torah Portion: Vayeshev (Genesis 37:1–40:23)
Haftarah: Amos 2:6–3:8
December 31, **(Shabbat Chanukah)** Torah Portion: Miketz (Genesis 41:1–44:17), Maftir (Numbers 7:48–59) Haftarah: Zechariah 2:14–4:7

JEWISH ART CALENDAR AVAILABLE

Irene Case has a supply of 5777 (2016 -2017) Jewish Art Calendars that have been provided by Rabbi BenZion Shemtov of Chabad of Sierra Vista/Cochise County. She will make them available at Saturday morning Torah Study, and Bagel Breakfast. If you would like one please email BSTCebblast@aol.com. The 5777 Jewish Art Calendar is free of charge, however, a free will donation would be appreciated to pay for printing and distributing expenses. Please send your free will donation to Chabad of Sierra Vista, 2160 E Fry Blvd 5, PMB 555, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635. Thank you, *Irene Case*

WISH YOU WERE THERE

“ROAD” SCHOLARS

In mid September twelve folks from Green Valley, mostly BSTC members joined 23 others in a Road Scholar program in New Mexico devoted to the topic of *Conversos* and Crypto-Jews.

In 1492 the Alhambra Decree (the Expulsion Edict) forced Spain’s Jewish citizens to make a decision: convert to Christianity or leave the country. Over the next 500 years, Conversos (those forced to convert) and Crypto-Jews — who practiced their faith in secrecy—migrated to the New World and finally to New Mexico, the outer reaches of New Spain. Our group heard from a number of interesting speakers, including several Conversos. We also had the privilege of visiting a special exhibit, “Fractured Faiths, Spanish Judaism, the Inquisition, and New World Identities” on loan from Spain. We actually saw one of the only two copies of the Expulsion Edict still remaining.

Thank you to Gary Friedman for organizing this worthwhile trip. We plan to develop a program here at BSTC, open to the public that will explore this fascinating topic.



Mike Finkelstein

COMMUNITY UPDATE

Temple Emanu-El in Tucson has a series of Jewish education programs including **Basic and Intermediate Judaism, and Practical Judaism**. Course description and fees can be found at their website www.templeemanueltucson.org or call Mila Vasser, Program Coordinator at the Temple (520) 327-4501.

Saturday, November 5, to Sunday, November 13, 7 p.m., **Shoestring Players Someone Who’ll Watch Over Me**, Community Performance and Art Center,(CPAC), 1250 W. Continental Road, Green Valley. Info: (520) 399-1750

Monday, November 7, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m., **Hadassah: Coffee & Conversation**
La Posada, La Perla Apt. Building, 2nd Floor. Discussion about Jewish & Israeli issues. **Anne Lowe, Hadassah Southern Arizona Hadassah President** will discuss her experience with **Jewish Life in Singapore**. Hadassah membership **not** required to attend.
This group will meet the **first Monday of every month** at this location and time. For more information, contact **Iris Sapovits (520) 648-1214**.

Saturday, November 12, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., **Sahuarita Pecan Festival**, 1625 E Sahuarita Rd, Sahuarita. Entry Cost: **Free**. **Parking \$5 per car**. **Free shuttle service** from Sahuarita School District and Walden Grove High School parking lots. Shuttle drop-off on south side of Sahuarita Rd. Info: (520) 329-5790. www.sahuaritapecanfestival.com/events/

Tuesday, November 15, 7 p.m., **Jack Lasseter, The Declaration of Independence** Community Performance and Art Center (CPAC), 1250 W. Continental Road, Green Valley Info: (520) 399-1750

Wednesday, November 16, 7 p.m., **Old Pueblo Jazz Band**, Community Performance and Art Center (CPAC), 1250 W. Continental Road, Green Valley

Saturday, November 19, 3 p.m. & 7 p.m., **Blue, Blues, & Boogie**, With Joe Bourne & Arthur Migliazza,; Community Performance and Art Center (CPAC), 1250 W. Continental Road, Green Valley, Info: (520) 399-1750

Wednesday, November 30, 7 p.m., **R. Carlos Nakai Quartet, Community** Performance and Art Center (CPAC), 1250 W. Continental Road, Green Valley

Friday, December 2, 3 p.m., **Nashville Gold**, Community Performance and Art Center (CPAC), 1250 W. Continental Road, Green Valley
Info: (520) 399-1750

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Tuesday, December 6, 7 p.m., **Jack Lasseter, Our Founding Fathers**, Community Performance and Art Center (CPAC), 1250 W. Continental Road, Green Valley

Wednesday, December 7, 7 p.m., **Gabriel Ayala Quintet**, Community Performance and Art Center (CPAC), 1250 W. Continental Road, Green Valley

Friday, December 16, 3 p.m., **Blue Xmas (A Tribute to Elvis)**, Community Performance and Art Center (CPAC), 1250 W. Continental Road, Green Valley

Saturday, December 17, 3 p.m., **Run Boy Run (Bluegrass & Folk)**, Community Performance and Art Center (CPAC), 1250 W. Continental Road, Green Valley,
Info: (520) 399-1750