



## GREEN VALLEY SHOFAR

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### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

#### From Memory to Renewal: A Journey We Share

Hello everyone and welcome to spring in wonderful Green Valley. Speaking of spring, my allergies have definitely sprung forward.

On 4/20, several BSTC members joined the JCC sponsored Yom HaZikaron event. A very moving event focusing on the cost of our freedom. But it also reminded me that at **Beth Shalom Temple Center**, we find ourselves each spring moving together through one of the most meaningful and emotionally layered seasons in the Jewish calendar. In just a few short weeks, we are called to celebrate, to remember, to mourn, and ultimately—to rejoice. These moments are not isolated; they are deeply connected, forming a powerful narrative about who we are as a people.

We begin with Passover (Pesach), gathering with family and friends around the Seder table. As Rabbi Norman retold the story of our ancestors' journey from slavery to freedom, we are reminded that liberation is not only a moment in history—it is a responsibility we carry forward. Each of us is asked to see ourselves as if we personally came out of Egypt. At Beth Shalom, this message resonates deeply as we reflect on the freedoms we cherish and the ways we can extend dignity and compassion to others (more to come on this as we plan to reach out to our community).

Soon after, the tone shifts as we observe Yom HaShoah. As a community, we pause to honor the memory of the six million Jews who perished in the Holocaust. We remember not only the magnitude of loss, but the individual lives, stories, and legacies

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### RABBI'S MESSAGE

Rabbi Norm received the following, lovely message from Pastor Bruce and Karen Van Sickle, of the Evangelical Free Church of Green Valley; it was read at the Temple's 2nd Night Seder:

*"Dear Friends at BSTC—*

*Even though we are not physically present as often as we would like to be...our thoughts and prayers are with you during this season of Pesach. Our world is not as it should be or (we pray) will be...but in the interim—God's best to you and deep Shalom in this midst of difficulty. You are in our hearts."*

We are all deeply grateful for their friendship.

Shalom,

Rabbi Norm



### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT (continued)

that were cut short. In our sanctuary and in our hearts, we carry their memory forward. At Beth Shalom, remembrance is an act of sacred responsibility—ensuring that their voices are never silenced by time.

Just days later, we observe Yom HaZikaron. This day brings remembrance into our present reality, honoring those who gave their lives in defense of the State of Israel and victims of terror. It is a moment of collective reflection and gratitude, reminding us that the freedoms we celebrate—both ancient and modern—are not without cost. As a community, we stand in solidarity with those who mourn and

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# The GREEN VALLEY SHOFAR

is the Official Newsletter of  
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## PAYMENTS MADE TO BSTC

- ◆ Checks are always welcome! Please memo for the program/event for which you are paying.
- ◆ BSTC accepts ZELLE to bstcgv@gmail.com
- ◆ Credit cards/PayPal link is on the BSTC website and a 3% processing fee is requested.

## MAIL TO THE TEMPLE

Any **mail sent to the temple** should be addressed to:  
**P.O. Box 884, Green Valley, AZ 85622.**

To expedite delivery you may include the name of the person you wish to contact on the front of the envelope.

- ◆ For information on the *Memorial Board* and *Yahrzeits* contact Joyce Finkelstein.
- ◆ For *Tributes* items, contact Amy Storer.
- ◆ For information on *Commemorative Items*, contact the office.

## TEMPLE USAGE SCHEDULING

**Please turn in the Facilities Reservation Form (on the website or from the rack in the temple lobby) to reserve space.** Contact the BSTC office at (520) 648-6690 with any questions.



This is the May issue of the Green Valley Shofar. The Shofar newsletter is published monthly, electronically only. Go to: bstc.us for viewing and printing of current and archived volumes.

Subscriptions can be ordered from the office with a free will donation towards printing and postage.

Not all scheduled events are included in the Shofar. To have your program included in the calendars, please notify the Shofar editor. Deadline to submit Shofar copy is the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to the publication date.

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

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT (continued)

reaffirm our connection to Israel and its people.

And then, almost in a single breath, sorrow transforms into joy as we celebrate Yom HaAtzmaut. The transition is intentional and profound. It reflects the enduring strength of the Jewish spirit: the ability to rise from grief and continue building, dreaming, and celebrating life. At Beth Shalom Temple Center, we mark this day with pride and gratitude, honoring the miracle of Israel's existence and the resilience that made it possible.

Together, these observances form a sacred journey:

- From **freedom remembered** at Passover
- To **lives honored** on Yom HaShoah
- To **sacrifice recognized** on Yom HaZikaron
- To **renewal celebrated** on Yom HaAtzmaut

They remind us that our story is not defined by a single moment, but by the continuous weaving of memory, loss, hope, and renewal.

As members of Beth Shalom Temple Center, we walk this path together. We support one another in remembrance, uplift one another in celebration, and strengthen our shared commitment to Jewish life and values.

May this season inspire us to cherish our freedom, honor our past, and continue building a future rooted in compassion, resilience, and peace.

Josh Migdal

2026 BSTC President



## MEMBER DIRECTORY UPDATES

The **2026 Membership Directory** has been posted to the website.

***Please let the office know as soon as possible if you move, and/or change your contact information.***

*Printed copies of the directory spreadsheet are available for members upon request. Please email [bstcgv@gmail.com](mailto:bstcgv@gmail.com) (or, call the office) for a copy.*

♦ **New Members: Celia & Allen Klus**  
**Green Valley AZ 85614**

♦ **New Member: Carla Odell**  
**Green Valley AZ 85614**

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## BOARD NOTES

The monthly Board meeting is normally held on the fourth Monday of each month. **The next Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 25th at 10am.** All members are welcome, and encouraged to attend.

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## RESTRICTED (DESIGNATED) ACCOUNTS

While no specification is required, when making a general donation or tribute to BSTC, you may opt to specify that to the general fund, or to some other fund that represents your desires regarding where the money is used.

Following here is a list of the Restricted Accounts we have on our books. Some have been there for a while, and some are new. The money can only be used for the stated purpose if an account is restricted (designated).

- ♦ **Rabbi Discretionary Fund:** This will be a standard Discretionary fund to allow the Rabbi to donate as he sees appropriate.
- ♦ **Gratitude Fund:** This fund was set up allows us to subsidize some or all the cost of participation in rituals for our less fortunate members.
- ♦ **Garden Fund:** BSTC does have a budget for *property maintenance*. However, we may want to do something extra (special) for the garden, and this fund is for this.
- ♦ **Bikur Cholim (Caring Meals) Fund:** This fund is partially subsidized by a JPSA grant and provides

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# BSTC ACTIVITY CALENDAR

BSTC continues to Live Stream Services on YouTube. Links are emailed to members.

Schedule of Services, Meetings, Classes & Events			
Day	Date	Time	Event
FRI	5/1/26	7pm	Friday Night Shabbat Service
SAT	5/2/26	10am	Torah Study on Zoom ONLY
SUN	5/3/26	10am	Bagel Breakfast Sponsors: Rabbi & Lynne Roman
WED	5/6/26	10am	BSTC Book Club @BSTC
WED	5/6/26	1pm	Adult Education on Zoom
SAT	5/9/26	10am	Saturday Shabbat Service
TUE	5/12/26	10am	Sisterhood Meeting
WED	5/13/26	9am	Men's Club Meeting @El Patio
WED	5/13/26	1pm	Adult Education on Zoom
FRI	5/15/26	9:30am	Program Committee Meeting on Zoom
SAT	5/16/26	10am	Torah Study on Zoom ONLY
SUN	5/17/26	7a-7p	DENNY'S food fundraiser
TUE	5/19/26	2pm	Sisterhood Movie: <i>The Book Thief</i>
FRI	5/22/26	7pm	Shabbat/Shavuot with Yizkor Service
SAT	5/23/26	10am	Torah Study on Zoom ONLY
MON	5/25/26	10am	BSTC Board Meeting
SAT	5/30/26	10am	Torah Study on Zoom ONLY
WED	6/3/26	10am	BSTC Book Club @ BSTC
FRI	6/5/26	7pm	Friday Night Shabbat Service
SAT	6/6/26	10am	Torah Study on Zoom ONLY
SUN	6/7/26	10am	Bagel Breakfast sponsors: Josh & Venilda Migdal

**RECOMMENDED:** Please check the Active Calendar on the BSTC website ([bstc.us](http://bstc.us)) for any updates.

meals and visitation to members who are recovering from illness/surgery.

- ◆ **Art Gallery Fund:** While the Art Gallery Committee has a budget for expected costs (hanging devices, receptions, honorariums for speakers), the committee chairs can use this fund to enhance the gallery at their discretion.
- ◆ **Membership Fund:** This account is set up to support the recruitment of new members to our Temple, through various means of communication outside the temple.

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## TEMPLE TIDINGS

**Wander Women** is a social group open to all Temple women. If you're interested in joining other Jewish women for outings to the myriad venues the area has to offer, please contact Gail Abend.

## FORMER MEMBER PASSING



Sad news was shared that former BSTC member, Jerry Belenker, passed away on April 6th.

Long time BSTC member Jerry Belenker, who had relocated to Columbus, OH, with his wife Harriett, passed away 4/5/2026, according to Harriett. Jerry was 97.

Both Jerry and Harriet were very active at BSTC. In fact, Ingeborg suggested we put something together to acknowledge the Belenkers' BSTC involvement in the Shofar for our newer members.

Ingeborg shared contact information in Columbus, OH 43201 and a phone number.

Here is the Columbus Jewish News announcement published earlier today:

Jerry Belenker, beloved husband, father, grandpa and great-grandpa, passed away April 5, 2026. He was 96 years old.

Jerry was born in Brooklyn, New York, on Nov. 2, 1929, to Molly and Oscar Belenker, recent immigrants from Belarus. He had two older sisters, Bella and Marsha.

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Jerry graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School, and earned a B.A. in economics, Phi Beta Kappa, from Brooklyn College. He married the love of his life, Harriet Behr, in 1952. They moved to Minneapolis where he earned a M.A. in economics from the University of Minnesota. They welcomed their two daughters, Esther and Rachel, while living in Minneapolis.

In 1958, they moved to Cincinnati. Jerry worked for the Anti-Defamation League and began law school at night at the Salmon P. Chase School of law. He received the third highest score in the state on the bar exam.

In 1961, they moved to Toledo, where he worked for the Ohio Civil Rights Commission, focusing on fighting housing discrimination, and teaching economics at night at Toledo University. In 1962, they welcomed their son, Stuart.

In 1968, the couple moved to Cincinnati, where Jerry served as regional legal counsel for the U.S. Post Office. Following a 1972 run for Common Pleas Court judge, they relocated to Silver Spring, Md. There, Jerry joined the U.S. Postal Service headquarters, specializing in consumer protection law. During this time, he also taught night classes in economics at the University of Maryland — where Rachel was then a student — and at Columbia Union College.

**Forty years later, Jerry retired and they moved to their vision of Paradise – Green Valley, Az., where Jerry and Harriet became involved with the local synagogue. They enjoyed exploring Arizona.**

When Rabbi Norm Roman arrived at BSTC in 2020, the Belenkers were among the first to welcome him and Lynne. Over the following several years, Jerry provided occasional counsel and perspective, whenever called upon—and it was much appreciated!

Jerry was a most amazing, generous and giving person. He was a blood plasma donor, and frequently responded to emergency calls for plasma from NIH. He and Harriet volunteered their time to check in on shut-ins, and volunteered at the local food bank.

Throughout his life, family was Jerry's most important concern. He adored his wife, Harriet, and his three children, Esther (Ben Mehlman) Belenker, Rachel Belenker and Stuart Belenker and his five grandchildren, Shaina (Phil), Josh, David, Sam and Sophia, and his great-grandson Griffin. Jerry leaves a

legacy of love, generosity and compassion.

A funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. on April 7 at Epstein Memorial Chapel, 3232 E Main Street in Columbus. Interment will follow at New Temple Israel. Online guest book at [Jerry Belenker Obituary \(1929 - 2026\) - Columbus, Ohio.](#)

May his memory be a blessing.

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## **COMMITTEE NEWS**

### **ART GALLERY**

The photography exhibit on display through the summer of 2026 features the works of local artist, Mark Cohen. A reception was held Sunday, April 26th, and was enjoyed by over three dozen people. Please take some time to view the work, and please sign the guest book.

*The Art Gallery Committee*

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### **BIKUR CHOLIM—CARING MEALS PROGRAM**



At Beth Shalom, we believe in feeding body and spirit. Through our Caring Meals program—rooted in the Jewish tradition of Bikur Cholim (visiting and supporting those who are ill or in need)—BSTC

members lovingly prepare and deliver meals, along with a visit or friendly check-in, to anyone who could use a little extra care.

If you're recovering, grieving, feeling alone, or simply in need of support, we're here for you. But we're not mind-readers—so please let us know.

Contact the Temple Office or Amy Storer to request support for yourself or someone you care about and/or to let us know you have food to contribute.

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Either bring it without portioning and we can divide and freeze, or please freeze in individual portions. **If you add or take anything to/from the freezer for the Caring Meals, please let Stacy, Ricki, or Dawna know. We keep an inventory of what's there so we know what we are able to offer.**

We are here to nourish, connect, and remind each other: you are not alone.

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## BOOK CLUB

BSTC Book Club meets the first Wednesday of the month at 10 a.m. May's selection is non-fiction by Timothy Egan called "The Worst Hard Time". Jean Shekter will be facilitating the meeting and we all look forward to discussing this National Book Club winner about the Dust Bowl.

We hope you will come join us for this meeting. You don't have to read the book to enjoy our fun talks. June's selection is "The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek" by Kim Richardson. All avid readers will relate.

### BSTC Book Club 2026 Reading List:

- ◆ May 6th—***The Worst Hard Time*** by Timothy Egan  
*"The Worst Hard Time: The Untold Story of Those Who Survived the Great American Dust Bowl" by New York Times journalist Timothy Egan chronicles the Dust Bowl and the tragedy of errors that led to the disaster through the personal stories of survivors.*
- ◆ Jun 3rd—***The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek*** by Kim Richardson
- ◆ Jul 1st—***People of The Book*** by Geraldine Brooks
- ◆ Aug 5th—***The Greatest Generation*** by Tom Brokaw
- ◆ Sept 2nd—***Beloved*** by Tony Morrison
- ◆ Oct 7th—***Silent Spring Revolution*** by Douglas Brinkley
- ◆ Nov 4th—***The Haj*** by Leon Uris
- ◆ Dec 2nd—***A Tale of Love & Darkness*** by Amoz Oz

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## CARING COMMITTEE

Do you need to let the congregation know about an important life event? Are you interested in making calls to other members? Can you cook meals for the Bikur Cholim freezer and/or deliver food to those in need?

We have beautiful Tribute cards available to commemorate a life event, and they also act as a fundraiser. At the moment, our financial records indicate that the cost of these cards is greater than the donations that they are bringing in. When making your donation, please remember that the cost to temple for each card is just under \$5, which includes the card stock, printing, envelopes, and stamps. Tribute cards are available for viewing on our BSTC website.

If you have prayer requests, know of members who are sick and/or in/just out of the hospital, would like to make phone calls, or otherwise volunteer to help with this committee, please contact Amy Storer.

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## GRANTS

If you're interested in joining this committee, or would like more information, contact the temple office or Esther Levine Brill.

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## GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

The BSTC Grief Support group meets regularly, creating a caring space for those navigating loss. If you are finding it difficult to move forward due to a loss, whether recent or from long ago, please know that you are not alone. Our meetings offer a safe and supportive environment to share experiences, listen, and support one another in confidence. All are welcome, regardless of where you are in your journey. For more information, please contact me for the next meeting date and location.

Looking forward to seeing you.

*Bunny Tarquinio, Grief Recovery Specialist*

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## HOSPITALITY

Bagel Breakfasts are usually on the first Sunday of each month at 10am. The next event is Sunday, **May 3rd**, and the event is sponsored by Rabbi Norm and Lynne Roman to celebrate his birthday.

To ensure there is enough food and that plenty of tables and chairs are set up, the Committee policy is that all food events are prepaid. **WE MUST HAVE YOUR RSVP by the Monday prior to the event and your PAYMENT PRIOR TO THE EVENT CONFIRMS YOUR RESERVATION.**

The cost remains \$12 for Members and for \$15 for Non-members. **Your reservations are appreciated!**

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## JIM CLICK RAFFLE

Tickets will be available at the May 3rd bagel breakfast, as well as in the BSTC office. This year Mr. Click is raffling off three great prizes: the Grand Prize is a 2026 Nissan Frontier Pro-4X Roush Edition! The second prize is two round-trip first-class airline tickets to anywhere in the world (some restrictions apply), and the third prize is \$5,000 in cash. Tickets are \$25 each or 5 for \$100, and as in past years, BSTC keeps 100% of the proceeds.

Can't make the bagel breakfast? Don't have time to buy tickets from Office Manager, Stacy? If you live in the Green Valley area, contact Ed Gold.

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## LIBRARY

Jane got rid of one book of discarded books, added bookends to shelves that were missing them, took care of smelly lost and found items, and is still working on weeding the shelves.

Please contact BSTC Librarian, Jane Gold, with any questions or donations.

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## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

Our new Temple Board is interested in what our members want from the BSTC experience, as well as what you might want to see changed. **A survey has been mailed for each member to complete**, to serve as a tool for your Board to use, as we lay out plans for the future of Beth Shalom Temple Center. Please return it within two weeks of receipt.

We welcome new member, **Carla Odell**, who reports: "I am a Jersey Girl, born in Central Jersey, raised "Down the Shore", and commuted from North Jersey to NYC, where I worked in the magazine industry for two decades. But I'd always wanted to be an educator, so Act II was teaching high school literature and composition. When I retired, I did what I really, *really* wanted to do, which was to study classical portrait painting.

But I did leave Jersey when Ken and I got married. He had a business and two daughters in Bucks County, PA, and I could teach anywhere. Bucks was also where I met the friends who discovered Green Valley on an RV trip. And here we are.

These days I lead the Portrait Group with the Santa Rita Art League; sit on the planning committee of the regional Braver Angels, a cross-partisan movement to bridge the political divide; and research and present reports on Jewish American Affairs in my Board-appointed position with the SoAZ Hadassah.

In my spare time (!), I lap swim, read, and walk our highly anxious dog, George. I'm looking forward to getting to know my new family here at BSTC. Thanks for welcoming me!"

We also welcome **Allen and Celia Klus**, a mother and son addition to the BSTC family.

The 2026 Member Directory is available on the password protected page of the website. Please contact the office if you need that password.

New members who have not done so in the past, please submit a digital photo of yourself and brief profile in order to allow the rest of the membership to know a little bit about each of you. Send your photos and write-up of your background, interests, and any Jewish activities you particularly enjoy to Mike.

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## MEN'S CLUB

The next Men's Club meeting will be on Wednesday, May 13th, at El Patio Restaurant, at 9:00 am.

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## OPERATIONS PLANNING

Operations Planning Committee 2026

The Long Range Planning committee has been active on and off over the years, but has not met for 2 years. Now, the name is not appropriate, as many issues are short-term or immediate. Therefore, we are renaming the committee to Operations Planning Committee. The committee, as a whole, will not address any specific issue. It will be broken into sub-committees, each addressing only one issue. Each sub-committee will be charged to bring their issue to a conclusion. This plan will focus our attention on what is important and get things done to completion. Nothing will fall through the cracks.

The first three sub-committees will be:

- ◆ Congregation identity and plan to find a new Rabbi sometime in the future.
- ◆ Security plans and training for the entire congregation.
- ◆ Succession of important positions.

Each sub-committee will have a Board member and congregants interested in the purpose of that sub-committee. Is that you?

Contact Ricki.

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## PROGRAMS

- ◆ The **Jewish Film Festival** on Sunday, March 29th had a good turnout of over 20 people.
- ◆ Member Diane Stein presented *Surviving the Holocaust Through Art* after the April bagel breakfast.
- ◆ Paul Gross, an associate of Rabbi Roman, discussed climate change on Zoom on April 22nd.

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## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- ◆ A film screening of "Elie Wiesel—Soul on Fire" will occur at the Tucson JCC at 2pm on May 3rd, or can be streamed May 7-10th. All members are invited to attend in person and/or stream at their leisure.
- ◆ Steve Maron is restarting the Yiddish Club. The group will meet after Bagel Breakfasts. Steve reports there are 11 enrollees so far.

## WITH RABBI NORM

- ◆ **Rabbi Norm continues the new Adult Education series on Zoom: "Lessons from our Ancestors—Wise and Foolish Alike!" on Wednesdays: May 6th and May 13th at 1pm.**  
Zoom links will be emailed.  
No prior knowledge or familiarity with Pirkei Avot or The Wise Men of Chelm is necessary!

## FUNDRAISING

We hope you have enjoyed the fundraisers we have held at various fast-food restaurants. We are actively looking at other places, so mark your calendar for the 3rd Sunday of each month as a day to eat out. We are already talking to Culver's, but that will be way into the future as they only do one fundraiser each calendar quarter, and they have several lined up ahead of BSTC.

We are finding many national food chains are set up to do fundraisers, and Ricki is having fun researching the local area. What do you think of Taco Bell, Burger King, KFC, Popeye's, Chipotle, Egeee's, Arby's...do you have other places for her to check out? Let Ricki know.

- ◆ Ricki led another successful **FUNdraising DINE OUT** at MOD Pizza on Sunday, April 19th, raising \$247.05.
- ◆ The next **FUNdraising DINE OUT** is at **Denny's on Sunday, May 17th, from 7am to 7pm.** Flyers are on the lobby table and the next page.
- ◆ **Uniting the Community Through Music 2026 committee** are planning the event for **February 21st, 2027.** Please contact Mike Finkelstein if you would like to participate in the committee's work this year!

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**HELP US RAISE MONEY  
FOR NON-PROFIT  
ORGANIZATIONS.**

Visit the Denny's location below during the designated time  
and bring this flyer or show a photo of the flyer.

## **Beth Shalom Temple Center**

Denny's will donate 20% of proceeds to our organization.

**Sunday, May 17th**

**7 am - 7 pm**

**18875 S I 19 Frontage Rd, Green Valley**

## REWARD PROGRAMS

**RAISE RIGHT is a program offering name brand gift cards for purchase and *raises funds for BSTC!***

Please contact Ricki Letowt or Joyce Finkelstein with questions or for help getting started.

### **FRY'S COMMUNITY REWARD PROGRAM**

1. Visit [www.frysfood.com](http://www.frysfood.com)
2. Register your Fry's VIP Card online
3. Search for Beth Shalom Temple Center, or by organization #MH533
4. Select "Enroll"

If you are not a Fry's VIP Card holder, just stop by your nearest Fry's and ask for a free application.

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## RITUAL

Ruthann Shapiro is now the Ritual Committee Chair. Please contact her with any questions or if you are interested in participating on this committee.

### **Summer Service Schedule:**

- ◆ **Friday, May 1st—7pm**  
Friday Night Shabbat Service
- ◆ **Saturday, May 9th—10am**  
Saturday Shabbat Service
- ◆ **Friday, May 22nd—7pm**  
Shabbat/Shavuot with Yizkor Service
- ◆ **Friday, June 5th—7pm**  
Friday Night Shabbat Service
- ◆ **Friday, July 10th—7pm**  
Friday Night Shabbat Service
- ◆ **Friday, August 7th—7pm**  
Friday Night Shabbat Service

### **Re: the Mi Shebeirach at Worship Services**

Rabbi Roman, the Ritual Committee and the Board of Trustees are continuously re-evaluating how BSTC can best support our members who request public acknowledgement of their (or their loved ones') desire for healing prayers at our Services. There are several complicating issues, not the least of which are HIPAA privacy laws, and managing the length of any list that might be read out-loud.

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A suggestion has been made, and we will experiment for the next several months: the Rabbi or Worship Leader will ask for those present to share the name of someone in need of prayers WITH FIRST NAME ONLY, OR FOR THE INDIVIDUAL'S HEBREW NAME TO BE SPOKEN (e.g. Nachman ben Hindel).

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## SECURITY

***"If you see something, say something!"***

Dan Galitz, BSTC Security Chair

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## SISTERHOOD

Many changes have taken place in Sisterhood this past month.

We have new officers:

- Bobbie Vishner—President
- Caroline Weintraub—Vice President
- Bunny Tarquinio—Treasurer
- Linda Stein—Recording Secretary
- Agi Klieger—Corresponding Secretary
- Mariann Katz—Membership Chair
- Shelly Rothstein—At Large
- Ruthann Shapiro—At Large
- Charne Shoob—At Large

We recently visited the Greek Monastery in Florence, Arizona. It is a lovely facility and well worth the drive. Lunch following our tour was at Mount Athos Greek restaurant. See photos on the Gallery page of the BSTC website.

This month, on May 19th, we will be hosting a showing of a movie: The Book Thief. It will start at 2pm and is open to the entire congregation. There is no charge for this. Water and chips will be served.

On June 16th we are looking to go to Desert Meadows Park for coffee and whatever you'd like to bring. This will be a bring your own. Details to come.

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July 21st will be our summer Mahjong Tournament.

The next meeting is at BSTC on **Tuesday, May 12th at 10am**. Sisterhood meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 10am at BSTC and all Sisterhood members are invited to attend.

**WEBSITE—bstc.us**

**Please email [bstcgv@gmail.com](mailto:bstcgv@gmail.com) or call the office at 520-648-6690 with any comments or questions.**

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**SOCIAL ACTION**

The Chair for this committee is open. Please contact the President if you are interested in discussing this.

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**TORAH STUDY**

Torah Portions are included in the table below. BSTC Torah Study meets ONLY via Zoom, on Saturday mornings that have no service. All are welcome. The link has been emailed and does not change. Please contact the office if you need it.

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**YIDDISH CLUB**

Steve Maron is pleased to announce the reintroduction of an “old” Beth Shalom Temple Center tradition, Yiddish Club after bagel breakfasts. The current plan (subject to change, based upon circumstances) is to meet in the library at 12 noon after the monthly bagel breakfast. The first meeting is planned for Sunday, May 3rd. Please let Steve Maron know if you have an interest. All congregation members are welcome. The intent is to “schmooze” in Yiddish and English, and watch videos in Yiddish of comedy, songs, conversational Yiddish, etc.

MONTHLY TORAH PORTIONS			
Portion (Parashat)	Date	Torah	Haftarah
EMOR	May 1-2, 2026	Leviticus 21:1-24:23	Ezekiel 44:15-31
BEHAR-B'CHUKOTAI	May 8/9, 2026	Leviticus 25:1-27:34	Jeremiah 16:19-17:14
BAMIDBAR	May 15/16, 2026	Numbers 1:1-4:20	Hosea 2:1-22
SHAVUOT	May 22-23, 2026	Exodus 19:1-20:23	Book of Ruth
NASO	May 29-30, 2026	Numbers 4:21-7:89	Judges 13:2-25



Barbara Katz	1-May
Amy Storer	2-May
Norm Roman	3-May
Eugene Stein	6-May
Sid Shapiro	7-May
Susan Flemming	14-May
Bill Neusteter	18-May
David Levy	22-May
Constance Greenwald	29-May



John & Shelly Rothstein	11-May
Stuart & Kimberly Lisk	27-May

## COMMEMORATIVE ITEMS

The following commemorative items are available for purchase to honor or memorialize:

**Memorial Board 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 BSTC, Attention "Memorial Board" or "Tree of Life," etc. Order forms can be found in the Temple foyer or contact the office.

## TRIBUTES

The volunteer chairing this committee will mail a personalized card to whomever you choose.

**SEE SOME SAMPLE CARDS ON THE BSTC WEBSITE.**

For an acknowledgement card to be sent **All Tributes MUST include the following information:**

1. **Name** of EACH recipient
2. **Address** of EACH recipient (*for temple members living in Green Valley address need not be submitted with your request; however, if recipient has more than one address, please specify which address*)
3. **Type of Tribute:** Happy Birthday, In Honor Of, With Sympathy, etc.
4. **Names of ALL who are sending** the Tribute including name of spouse, if appropriate.
5. Send your Tribute request and free-will offerings to: BSTC, P.O. Box 884, Green Valley, AZ 85622 (mark "Tributes" on the envelope and check memo line!)

**Tributes received since our last publication:**

- ◆ From Ingeborg McDonald: **get well to:** Sue Cohen
- ◆ From John & Laura Unger: **get well to:** Sue Cohen
- ◆ From Mike & Joyce Finkelstein: **condolences to:** Harriet Belenker in memory of Jerry Belenker
- ◆ From David & Donna Wyte: **condolences to:** Harriet Belenker in memory of Jerry Belenker

## 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. Please email Joyce Finkelstein (or send a note to the Temple for her attention) including your name, the name and relationship of deceased, and the date of death.

**Yahrzeit Donations:**

Remembered by	Yahrzeit
Suenette Maron	Harold Abrahamson
Suenette Maron	Denise Rosenberg
Amy Storer	Don Storer
Mark Travitsky	Louis Travitsky
Judy Kramer	Don Kramer
Ingeborg McDonald	Louis Gantz
Mark Travitsky	Ruth Travitsky
Judy Gehman	Arne Westerman
Holli Madsen	Cyrel Bandy
Serene Rein	Frances Leavitt
Ingeborg McDonald	Donald Weisbaum

<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>CHAIR/CO-CHAIR</b>
Aesthetics	Tobey Gitelle
Art Gallery	Marcia Wiener Bev Lake
Bagel Breakfast	Mariann Katz
Book of Remembrance	Suenette Maron
Calendar & Reservations	BSTC office
Caring & Bikur Cholim	Amy Storer
Facilities & IT	Les Bakke
Facebook	Jane Gold
Finance	Ricki Letowt
Grants	Esther Levine Brill
Grounds/Landscaping	Ingeborg McDonald John Holleran
Historian	Gail Sommers
Hospitality	Dawna Wheeler
Jim Click Raffle	Ed Gold
Library	Jane Gold
Memorial Board /Yahrzeits	Joyce Finkelstein
Membership	Mike Finkelstein
Men's Club	Steve Maron
Oneg	Cris Hager
Operations Planning	Ricki Letowt
President	Josh Migdal
Programs	Mike Finkelstein
Rabbi	Norman Roman
Rewards Programs	Joyce Finkelstein
Ritual	Ruthann Shapiro
Security	Dan Galitz
Shofar	Stacy Laetsch/BSTC Office
Shopper	Judy Gehman
Sisterhood	Bobbie Vishner
Social Action	OPEN
Tributes	Amy Storer
Website	Stacy Laetsch/BSTC Office