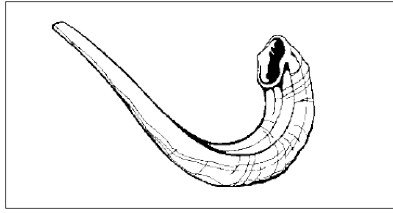


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear BSTC Members:

It is my real pleasure to be addressing you as the President of Beth Shalom Temple Center. I would first like to thank the 2017 Board of Trustees, Myrna Feldman, Jo Legat, Ruth Barwick, Barry Weisman, Werner Larson, and Michael Benisch for selecting me as the next in a long line of dedicated individuals who have served as your President.

There is a Yiddish saying that proclaims "You cannot make Shabbat by yourself." The point is we need other Jews around us to live a Jewish life that involves community and the place where Jews connect with each other is the local Synagogue.

That is why it is so important to support Beth Shalom Temple Center. This is the gathering place for our community and the place where Jews connect in Green Valley and Sahuarita.

It is exciting for me to enter our Synagogue and see the life and activities. We have so many activities and events that there should be something for everyone. If there is

something you would like to be part of that we are not doing, please let me know. If you have new ideas for new activities, please let me know that too. Congregation Beth Shalom Temple Center is here to serve you all.

Jewish Life is sustained through the strength of family and Synagogue.

Merle Sobol

Let's all Pray, Play, and take care of each other.

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For information on the Memorial Board,
Yahrzeits and other commemorative gifts
contact Ruth Barwick

For information on the Green Valley
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648-6329.

TEMPLE USAGE SCHEDULING

Before scheduling a program, please notify Amy
Storer at 398 4747. This will avoid scheduling
conflicts. If you wish to have your program
included in the Shofar calendars, notify the
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, March 3, 7 p.m., **Sisterhood Shabbat.** *Oneg sponsored by Sisterhood*

Sunday, March 5, 9:30 to 10 a.m., **Michael G at the piano** (Before Bagel Breakfast)

Sunday, March 5, 10 a.m. (doors open at 9:30 a.m.), **Bagel Breakfast.** *Sponsored by the Wernick's in honor of their son's birthday.* **Yiddish Club** to follow

Wednesday, March 8, 1 p.m., Men's Club visit to **Jewish Museum** (\$7/person). Lunch (on your own) at 11:30 at 5 Points Market and Restaurant, RSVP **by March 1**

Thursday, March 9, **Fast of Esther**

Sunday, March 12, 4 p.m., **BSTC Purim Party and Megillah Reading**

Friday, March 17, 7 p.m., **Friday Night Services**

Sunday, March 19, 10 a.m.. **Reception for New Members**

Monday, March 27, 10 a.m., **Board Meeting**

Sunday, April 2, 9:30 to 10 a.m., **Michael G at the piano** (Before Bagel Breakfast)

Sunday, April 2, 10 a.m. (doors open at 9:30 a.m.), **Bagel Breakfast.** *Sponsored by Michael Gervan.* **Yiddish Club** to follow

Friday, April 7, 7 p.m., **Friday Night Services.** *Oneg sponsored by Ingeborg McDonald in memory of Louis Gantz*

Sunday, April 9, 7:13 p.m., **Search for Chametz** (*B'dikat chametz*)

Monday April 10 ,(starts 6:29 p.m.) to Tuesday, April 8, 7:30 p.m., **Passover**

Tuesday, April 11, **Annual BSTC Seder** (2nd night of Passover)

Friday, April 21, 7 p.m., **Friday Night Services.** *Oneg sponsored by Donna and David Wyte in honor of their anniversary*

Monday, April 24, 10 a.m. **Board Meeting**

Sunday, April 30, 2 p.m., **Concert of Popular Jewish Composers**

TORAH STUDY: Saturdays, 10 a.m.

March 4 **Torah Portion:** Terumah (Exodus 25:1 – 27:19); **Haftarah:** I Kings 5:26--6:13

March 11, **Torah Portion:** Tetzaveh (Exodus 27:20--28:306), **Maftir:** Gen. 25:17-17, **Haftarah:** I Samuel, 15:2--34

March 18, **Torah Portion:** Ki tissa (Exodus 30:11--34:35); **Maftir:** Numbers 19-1-22, **Haftarah:** Ezekiel 36:16--38

March 25, **Torah Portion:** Vayakhel-Pekudei, (Exodus, 35:1--40:38), **Maftir:** Exodus 12:1--20, **Haftarah:** Ezekiel 45:16--46:18

April 1, **Torah Portion:** Vayikra (Leviticus 61:1—2:16) **Haftarah:** Isa. 43:21- 44:23

April 8, Shabbat Hagadol, Torah Portion: Tsav (Lev 6:1--7:10) **Haftarah:** Mal. 3:4--24, 23 -

MEMBER NEWS & UPDATES

Baruch Habah - A hearty BSTC welcome to our new members. Please add their contact information to your Directory

Lenore Mills

Ruthann and Sid Shapiro

BIRTHDAYS: Happy Birthday to:

March 1 Dick Cavell
March 1 Janet Kenigsberg
March 2 Ruth Gosman
March 5 Kay Sobol
March 18 Myrna Feldman
March 26 Larry Melnick
March 30 Jo Legat
March 31 Norman Gosman
April 3 Roslyn Bank
April 4 Theo Rosenberg
April 6 Michael Benisch
April 8 Irene Miller
April 9 Sara Benisch
April 17 Helene Feldman
April 17 Marva Litt
April 20 Ingeborg McDonald
April 26 Bunny Soffer
April 26 Jack Glickman

April 30 David Wyte
May 2 Amy Storer

Have a great day and year

Anniversaries: Mazal Tov to:

March 18 Ceylon Kelly & Michel
Kouhana
April 18 David & Donna Wyte
April 18 Ros & Richard Halmos
May 26 Faigee & Clarence Niebow
May 27 Melvin & Dorrie Roman
May 28 Richard & Danielle Wernick

May you continue to celebrate in good health, happiness and joy.

MEET OUR MEMBERS

Jane and Ed Gold

In October 2016, the Golds moved to the Quail Creek community in Green Valley. Both Jane and Ed were born in Washington, D.C. and grew up in Silver Spring, MD. They raised their son, Mitch, in Flanders, NJ where they lived for the past 30 years. Dissatisfaction with his present job as well as a desire to retire to our area in the future, made looking at our area a good idea, especially since a Tucson based company could help with the moving costs.

In January 2016, Ed joined Raytheon in Tucson as a quality assurance engineer. He came well qualified for this position having worked in quality assurance for the past 13 years at two medical device companies, Maquet and Catherer Robotics. Before that he worked in telecommunications.

Jane wasn't able to come out here to house hunt until March 2016. However, since the NJ house was not on the market as yet, no offers for the places they saw were made.
The Golds continued

She came out again soon after Labor Day having had to recover from an illness and surgery back in NJ. It was at this time Ed and Jane bought a home in Quail Creek.

Jane is a retired public librarian. She worked at the Washington Township Public Library in Long Valley, NJ for the last 15 years. Her job included organizing adult programs, processing interlibrary loans and doing reference work. She worked at other public libraries in Morris County, New Jersey, Connecticut and Maryland. She wouldn't mind working as a part-time librarian here.

Ed likes to draw, paint and take photos. He is looking forward to working on his coin and stamp collections and model trains.

Jane enjoys reading (of course) and needlework. Once she is done unpacking, she hopes to catch up on her scrapbooking.

Both Ed and Jane enjoy cooking together and look forward to meeting and making Jewish friends through BSTC.

ROSALIND (ROS) HALMOS

Originally a schoolteacher, Ros taught religious school in Los Angeles for 30 years. She also worked for the State of California for almost 30 years. While unable to do it now, Ros loves Israeli Folk Dancing. She has taken classes in Jewish history.

Ros considers herself a secular Jew but "firm in my faith."

TRIBUTES

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 Ruth Barwick or to BSTC, Attention "Memorial Board" or "Tree of Life," etc. Order forms can be found in the Temple foyer.

TRIBUTES

Do you need to send a greeting card? Do you want to support your Temple? Here's a great way to do both. Amy Storer, will mail a lovely, personalized card to whomever you choose. Here's how you can 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 and check)

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, etc.

Tributes

Condolences to Cyrel Bandy on the death of Jeff Lawrence from the Marons

Get Well wishes to Steve Feldman from Barry Savitz

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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 **Ruth Barwick**) or send a note to the Temple for her attention including your name, the name and relationship of deceased, and the date of death. Family members must approve additions to the list.

In Memory of Lee Maron, Steve's mother, and Harold Abrahamson, Suenette Maron's father

PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

ART GALLERY

March is Women's History Month. BSTC is celebrating this by not only having Sisterhood Shabbat on March 3, but also with an exhibit in our gallery highlighting the work of some of our members. Starting on February 26 and running until April 17, 2017, a display of work created by women artists from BSTC will be shown. Paintings, ... sculpture, glass works, ceramics, jewelry and gourd art are among the artisan work shown. Some of the women exhibiting include Joyce Palm, Serene Rein, Carol Heller, Kay Sobol, Marcia Wiener, Joan Domash, Dorrie Roman, Esther Ma'aravi, Jeannette Nathan, and Tobey Gitelle. Come match the art with the artist. *Marcia Wiener*

MEN'S CLUB

On March 8 members of the Men's Club and their guests will be visiting the Jewish Museum in Tucson. The group will gather at the entrance to the Museum to then begin their 1 p.m. tour. Cost: \$7 per person.

At 11:30 a.m., prior to the museum tour everyone will enjoy an “on your own” lunch at 5 Points Market and Restaurant at 756 S Stone Ave (where 6th and Stone meet, <http://www.5pointstucson.com>)

Reservations for lunch and the museum must be made **by March 1**. When making your reservation please let Gerry or Ed know the number of guests and whether or not you need a ride or will be able to drive people to the venue. Car-pooling will meet at the temple parking lot to be ready to leave by 11 a.m.

SISTERHOOD

Thank You Barbara

It is with deep regret that Sisterhood was unable to honor Barbara Solin in a manner reflecting the profound sense of gratitude we all feel in our longstanding relationship with her, prior to her move to Austin, Texas. Barbara moved there to be nearer to her daughter and son-in-law. Because several of us were either incapacitated or traveling there was not a meaningful opportunity to plan a special, timely event celebrating all the fond memories she helped create for each of us over a twenty-year period with the temple.

Not only was she one of the founders of the temple Sisterhood, but she also served as Sisterhood President, Sisterhood Historian, and mentor to many newcomers, Bagel Breakfast co-chair for five years, coordinator of volunteers, and an advisor par excellence. She collaborated on several fundraisers and never refused to assist when asked to share in a project.

Barbara was a guiding influence toward constructive and innovative change, and we will miss her presence beyond measure. Below is the actual wording we have on the gold leaf now added to our tree of life in recognition of our dear friend:

Barbara Solin, dear friend,
For your unfailing wit and wisdom, inimitable style and grace,
BSTC Sisterhood thanks you
and wishes you every blessing in Austin.

Sisterhood Shabbat

On Friday, March 3, Sisterhood is leading a special Shabbat service honoring extraordinary women in our state (and locally) as well as in Jewish history. We are drawing from many rich Jewish sources for our readings and prayers. An artistic *Oneg* in conjunction with the new gallery exhibit will highlight aspects of femininity and spiritual influence. We hope everyone in our congregational family will attend. *Sue Cohen*

Purim Celebration

On March 12, at 4 p.m. BSTC will try to drown out Haman's name and eat Hamentaschen at their annual Megillah Reading and Celebration. The Event is a potluck with BSTC supplying the Hamentaschen. Costumes are optional.

Please bring something as a noisemaker, such as a box of macaroni that can then be added to the food bank container. *Linda Stein*

TORAH STUDY

Torah Study continues to meet every Saturday morning from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. We are currently reading from Exodus and will continue this over the next six weeks. In mid April we begin Leviticus.

Miri Fleming is conducting the Torah Study session on March 4. Michael Mussman will lead the session on April 22. For updates on the Torah Study sessions, please contact Marty Cohen.

Torah Study Fund

Please consider donating to the Torah Study Fund to help defray the costs of our weekly Torah Study. Send your contributions (with notation on check and envelope: Torah Study Fund) either online or by mail to the temple.

WISH YOU WERE THERE

On February 8, as part of the Know Your Roots Exhibit curated by Marcia Wiener, Professor David Graizbord of the University of Arizona gave a talk on the current state of the Jewish people with an emphasis on central and Eastern Europe.

Dr Graizbord talked about the history of how we Jews came to live in various countries, especially the United States. In doing so he debunked a popular myth that many of us believed in - the myth of "*Shoin Fergessen*." Officials at Ellis Island or Castle Gardens would have had no time to change names with the many immigrants pouring through.

In his talk, Dr. Graizbord cautioned us about the rising Anti-Semitism around the world, mentioning that anti-Israel sentiment is the more modern focus of anti -Jewish feeling.

Beginning in the 19th century, he spoke of the "deal" that certain countries wanted to give the Jews. The deal was that each Jew would be allowed to participate in the civil, intellectual and business life of the country. Prior to the 19th century, European Jews used their own courts, legal code, and so on. Many rulers were happy with this arrangement since it relieved them of the burden of governing the Jews.

Wish You Were There continued

However, in order to be considered full and loyal citizen and participate in "the deal," Jews would have to give up the "special" nationhood of the Jewish people, i.e. be countrymen first and Jews second.

We American Jews are a fine example of the emancipated Jew, able to participate in every part of American life, unlike the Chasidim who still rely on religious courts to adjudicate problems. For example, to divorce the Chasid must obtain a *Get*, something that is easy for a man to obtain. However, unless a woman receives a *get* from her husband she is not considered divorced even if she has gotten a civil divorce. Her status within the community is as an *agunah* – a chained wife, unable to date or remarry within the religious community. While a wife can sue for divorce in a *bet din*, a Jewish

court, and while the *bet din* can order the husband to issue the get, the husband can still refuse.

Dr. Graizbord's talk reminded me of growing up in Williamsburg (part of Brooklyn, NY), witnessing what our lives were like in Eastern and Central Europe in pre-holocaust days.

Ed Brill

Thank You Tamara Kahrmanas

The "Tree of Life" at BSTC consists of gold leaves bearing the names of men and women whose efforts have been especially significant to the congregation. At the February 3 Friday night service, a leaf was added for Tamara Kahrmanas in gratitude for the past ten years during which she provided music, both at the piano and vocally, and led the temple choir during Sabbath services and other events.

Ms. Kahrmanas is active in Green Valley's musical events. She has been heard at the Green Valley Chamber Music Society, and currently serves as assistant director of the 80-voice Community Chorus and as music director for two choirs at our Lady of the Valley Roman Catholic Church.

Ms. Kahrmanas earned an M.A. degree from Bryn Mawr College. Before coming to Green Valley, she performed with the New England Lyric Operetta and directed several full-length Broadway musicals for community theater.

Merle Sobol, President of Beth Shalom, said that "We've all been very fortunate to have Tamara provide her talents to improve our Sabbath services and other activities at Beth Shalom. We will miss her but look forward to seeing and hearing her in other local venues."

COMMUNITY UPDATE

PESACH FOOD FOR THOSE WHO ARE IN NEED OF IT

Jewish Family & Children's Services is preparing baskets for Jewish families in need of Pesach food items to include: gefilte fish, grape juice, matzah ball soup mix, and produce.

To protect the privacy of our members, we have not submitted any names or contact information to the JFCS; however, if you need help in obtaining Pesach foods, we encourage you to contact **JFCS at 795-0300 and ask for the Matza & More division.**

This year the organization will prepare nearly 200 baskets for Jewish families and they are looking for families in Green Valley and Sahuarita who need assistance. Beth Shalom Temple Center is a sponsor of this program. If you yourself don't need this assistance consider making a donation to JFCS

Wishing our members a happy Pesach *Amy Storer*

FRY'S COMMUNITY REWARD PROGRAM

Do you shop at Fry's? Do you have a Fry's VIP Card? Would you like to make money for Beth Shalom Temple Center without costing you anything? If you answered, "Yes" to these questions, then you need to enroll in the **Fry's Community Rewards Program**.

Here is all that you need to do...

1. Visit www.frysfood.com
2. Register your Fry's VIP Card online
3. Search for Beth Shalom Temple Center, or by organization **#77412**
4. Select "Enroll"

That is all you need to do. Fry's will send a percentage of your purchases directly to the Temple.

If you are not a Fry's VIP Card holder, just stop by your nearest Fry's and ask for a free application. It will only take minutes to get your VIP Card.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you, *Joyce Finkelstein*

Committee Chair Updates

Committee	Chair(s)
Aesthetics	Tobey Gitelle
Art Gallery	Marcia Wiener
Bagel Breakfast Coordinator	Werner Lawson
Book of Remembrance	Suenette Maron
BSTC Shopper	Mel Roman
Building Reservations	Amy Storer
Caring	Jo Legat
Cemetery	Ingeborg McDonald
Data Base/Business Manager	Margaret Bierd
Event Updates	Ellen Gold
Facilities	Amy Storer
Finance	Jo Legat, Margaret Bierd
Fundraising Projects	OPEN
Historian	OPEN

Hospitality	Michel Kouhana
Library	Sonny Foigelman, Linda Stein
Memorial Board/Yahrzeits	Ruth Barwick
Membership Initiative	Mike Finkelstein
Membership Coordinator	Steve Levine
Men's Club	Gerry Foigelman, Ed Brill
Oneg Shabbats	OPEN
Phone Messages	Joyce Finkelstein
Mishaberachs	Jo Legat
Programs	OPEN
Public Relations	Mike Finkelstein
Ritual	Marty Cohen
Social Action	Jerry Belenker
Shofar / E-Shofar	Esther Levine Brill
Sisterhood	Sue Cohen
Tributes	Amy Storer
Website	Mike Finkelstein