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President's Message

As we all prepare for our coming New Year celebration, I look back at the past 9 months of my Presidency in wonder at the amount we have accomplished.

The Board of Directors has been pushing ahead with projects of necessity galore.

Under the leadership of Gary Melton and Dan Galitz the Security Committee applied for and received a Grant from the Jewish Federation (now Philanthropies) of Southern Arizona, which has paid for new LED Lighting on the outside of the building and will soon provide the same on the parking lot lights.

Working with the aesthetics Committee's Tobey Gitelle and Ingeborg McDonald, Arnold Krohn and his facilities committee oversaw the rebirth of our Garden, with the generous donation of an anonymous member.

Ruthann Shapiro and Ricki Letowt straightened out our books and hired an accountant to help keep them understandable.

Mike Finkelstein and his membership committee proudly introduced 15 new members to us, while his Program Committee just keeps on pumping them out as does the Men's Club and Sisterhood.

John Unger manages to keep the Long-Range Planning Committee's ideas for short- and long-range plans straight and working diligently.

Marlys Fiterman gallantly attempted to keep up with our plans from afar.

Ricki Letowt, in her role as Hospitality Chair planned and supervised all kitchen activities as well as chairing the Seder planning and research.

New Board member Gary Friedman has jumped right in with dedication and support for all we are trying to accomplish.

My Vice President is my rock. Esther Brill, Vaccination reviewer and Nominating Chairperson is always there when I need her, and always responds with her warmest smile.

Thank you all.

You can email me or phone with any questions, comments or suggestions!

L'shana tovah!

Gloria



Message from Rabbi Norm Roman

I look forward to seeing you at services.

Shalom,

Rabbi Norm Roman



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The Official Newsletter of
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At Large	Gary Friedman
At Large	Dan Galitz
At Large	Arnold Krohn
At Large	John Unger

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NEWSLETTER SUPPORT STAFF: Mike Finkelstein and Jane Gold

The editors reserve 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.

SENDING CHECKS TO BSTC?

If you are sending in a check to BSTC (not using our website to pay, either by PayPal or credit card) ***please make sure your check indicates the name of the program/event*** for which you are paying.

Mail should be addressed to:

P.O. Box 884, Green Valley, AZ 85622

Sending mail to the Rio Mayo address may result in a loss or delay. To expedite delivery please 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 by phone or by email.
- ◆ For information on *Tributes* items, contact Amy Storer.
- ◆ For information on *Commemorative Items*, contact the office.

TEMPLE USAGE SCHEDULING

BSTC is currently open to members who are fully vaccinated. Please contact the BSTC office at (520) 648-6690 or bstcgv@gmail.com with any questions. The Facility Reservation form is on the BSTC website and in the rack in the lobby.

Not all scheduled events are included in the Shofar. To include your program in the Shofar calendars, please notify the Shofar editor. Deadline for Shofar copy is the 20th of the month prior to the publication date.

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

Amy Storer, the volunteer chairing this committee, will mail a personalized card to whomever you choose. **SEE SOME SAMPLE CARDS ON THE BSTC WEBSITE.**

All Tributes MUST include the following information:

1. **Name** of EACH recipient
2. **Address** of EACH recipient (*Addresses for temple members living in Green Valley need not be submitted with your request; however, if your recipient has more than one address, please specify to which address your tribute should be sent: e.g. Arizona or other state*)
3. **Type of Tribute:** Happy Birthday, In Honor Of, With Sympathy, etc.
4. **NOTE: Any personal notes should be sent directly to the recipient as our cards do not have space to include them.**
5. **Names of ALL who are sending** the Tribute including name of spouse, if appropriate.

Send your Tribute request and free-will offerings to:

Beth Shalom Temple Center, P.O. Box 884, Green Valley, AZ 85622

(mark "Tributes" on the envelope and check memo line!)

Tributes received last month:

- ♦ From Esther & Ed Brill: **L'Shana Tova v'M'sukah** to the entire BSTC congregation.
- ♦ From Esther & Ed Brill: **Thank you to** Gary Friedman for organizing the Gaslight Theater outing.
- ♦ From Esther & Ed Brill: **Tzom kal, Gmar chatima Tova and a meaningful Yom Kippur** to the BSTC congregation.
- ♦ From Mike & Joyce Finkelstein: **In Memory of** Wendee Levy to Doveed Levy.
- ♦ From Amy Storer: **In Memory of** Wendee Levy to Doveed Levy.

YAHREZEITS

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 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.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OPEN for Services to all vaccinated members!
Masking is optional. BSTC also continues to
Live Stream Services on YouTube.

Schedule of Services, Meetings & Events			
Day	Date	Time	Event
SAT	10/1/22	10am	Torah Study on Zoom
TUE	10/4/22	7pm	Erev Yom Kippur Service
WED	10/5/22	10am	Yom Kippur Service
WED	10/5/22	12:30pm	Yizkor
WED	10/5/22	2pm	Yom Kippur Symposium
WED	10/5/22	4pm	Adult Education
WED	10/5/22	4:30pm	Yom Kippur Service
WED	10/5/22	6pm	Break Fast (MUST RSVP)
SAT	10/8/22	10am	Torah Study on Zoom
SUN	10/9/22	7pm	Erev Sukkot Service
TUE	10/11/22	10am	Sisterhood Meeting
WED	10/12/22	9am	Men's Club Meeting
SAT	10/15/22	10am	Torah Study on Zoom
SUN	10/16/22	7pm	Simchat Torah/Yizkor
WED	10/19/22	12:30pm	Mahjong@BSTC
WED	10/19/22	2pm	History of Jewish Art: Part 1 at BSTC
THU	10/20/22	9am	Long Range Planning Meeting on Zoom (may change to 10/19)
FRI	10/21/22	7pm	Friday Night Service
SAT	10/22/22	10am	Torah Study on Zoom
MON	10/24/22	10am	BSTC Board Meeting
TUE	10/25/22	All day	Sisterhood-Reid Park Zoo
WED	10/26/22	12:30pm	Mahjong@BSTC
WED	10/26/22	2pm	History of Jewish Art: Part 2 at BSTC
WED	10/26/22	3pm	Social Action Meeting?
SAT	10/29/22	10am	Torah Study on Zoom

DIRECTORY UPDATES

Directory Updates:

The Membership Directory is updated and posted on the Members Only page of the website when new information is received.

Directories can be printed from the website or requested from the office by members.

- ♦ **New member:** Patricia (Pat) Naselow
Green Valley, AZ 85614
- ♦ **New members:** Rick & Dusty Kunin
Green Valley, AZ 85614
- ♦ **New member:** Connie Greenwald
Green Valley, AZ 85614
- ♦ **New address:** Les Bakke & Bev Lake
Green Valley, AZ 85614
- ♦ **Updated anniversary & birthdates:**
Jean Shekter
Cliff Shekter
anniversary
- ♦ **Updated phone numbers:** Cris Hager
- ♦ **Email address:** Wanda Wolosky

TEMPLE TIDINGS & MEMBER NEWS

MEMBER PASSING



BSTC member, Wendee Wallach Levy, passed away peacefully late Friday night, September 23rd, with her family beside her. Funeral services were held at BSTC on Wednesday, September 28th at 11 a.m. with the internment following at the All Faiths Cemetery in east Tucson. David (Doveed) and fami-

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

A printed Book of Remembrance will be distributed at Yom Kippur to members who have requested a copy and contributed a monetary donation or mailed to those who are unable to attend services, and shared electronically with others who have also contributed.

THANK YOU for the generous donations! **\$4756 raised this year!**

CARING COMMITTEE—Who to Call?

Do you need to let the congregation know about an important life event? Are you interested in making caring calls to other members? If you have any prayer requests, know of any of our members who are sick and/or in the hospital, or would like to make phone calls, please contact Amy Storer, new chair of the BSTC Caring Committee. Please call or email.

See the Mi Sheberach List on the website for those who need your prayers. Contact Amy or Rabbi Norm to add any names to the list.

HOSPITALITY

Bagel Breakfasts have resumed, every first Sunday of the month. Fully vaccinated members and guests are welcome. RSVP and pre-payment are required for ALL food events, no refunds. (Remember that credit cards payments for any event/donation can be easily made through the BSTC website.)

JIM CLICK RAFFLE

The 2022 Jim Click Raffle has begun. ***BSTC has raised \$1225 so far in this year's raffle!*** Tickets are \$25 each or 5 for \$100 and 100% of your ticket purchase

goes directly to BSTC. Check the BSTC website for a link to the flyer of prizes!

Tickets will be on sale at the Bagel Breakfasts and in the BSTC office during office hours. Contact Steve Abrahams or Ed Gold. If you live in the Green Valley area, Ed will deliver tickets to your door. Or, call the BSTC office at 520-648-6690.

LIBRARY

A book club has formed and is meeting at 10 a.m. on the first Wednesday of each month in the BSTC library. All members are welcome! Please contact Laura Unger for more information.

Linda Stein and Charlotte Brody, Librarians

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

Four more new members joined in September. Welcome to Pat Naselow, Rick & Dusty Kunin, and Connie Greenwald!

Esther & Ed Brill have generously offered to host an informal meet-and-greet for our newer members at their home on Sunday, October 23rd.

BSTC welcomes photos from our members to be shared in the Shofar and/or on BSTC's social media platforms. Send pictures to Mike with your request and details.

Anyone interested in joining this committee please contact Mike Finkelstein.

MEMORIAL BOARD

The Memorial Board committee is showing several RESERVED plaques on the new boards. Members may opt to reserve places for themselves and/or loved ones. The cost is \$300 each.

For more information, contact Joyce Finkelstein.

MEN'S CLUB

The BSTC Men's Club held their September meeting at Arizona Family Restaurant and will be meeting there for the meeting on Wednesday, October 12th, at 9 a.m.

Gaslight Theater – Wizard of Rings on Sept 17th was greatly enjoyed by all who attended. THANK YOU to Gary Friedman for organizing this outing!

Upcoming Men's Club Events:

- ♦ **Men's Club Breakfast Meeting@BSTC**
Sunday, December 11th at 9 a.m.
- ♦ **Men's Club Sponsored Chanukah Party**
Sunday, December 18th (time to be announced)
- ♦ **Men's Club New Year's Day Back-to-Shul BBQ**
January 1, 2023 (time to be announced)
- ♦ **Men's Club Shabbaton with Rabbi Norm**
January 27-29, 2023
- ♦ **Romeo & Juliet Dinner** February 14th, 2023

PROGRAMS

GENERAL

- ♦ Nir Nitzen from Israel visited BSTC on September 7th. He met on Zoom and in person with temple members and others traveling to Israel in November. Then he spoke to a wide group in person and on YouTube about Life in Israel from his perspective.
- ♦ Our wonderful baker, Randy Gehman, made 39 challahs for the High Holidays.
- ♦ BSTC member, Karen Baker, a Certified Parkinson's Exercise Trainer, will begin offering a weekly exercise class tailored for Parkinson's but that would be open to anyone, including caregivers. The first class will be FREE and held at GVFitclub in the Green Valley Mall, two doors down from Marti's Bistro, on Tuesday, October 18th at 10 a.m. Then classes will be \$5 and held at BSTC on Friday mornings beginning October 21st at 10 a.m. Please contact Karen directly with your interest or any questions.
- ♦ Life As An International Fashion Model—a talk by BSTC member, Harriet Ayer. Watch for info!

- ♦ Abbi Cook, director of the Weintraub Israel Center at the Tucson JCC, has offered to lead a program on Israeli cooking. Details are being worked out.
- ♦ Israel Independence Day will be celebrated on Sunday, April 30, 2023 at the JCC in Tucson, and BSTC plans to participate in the 75th anniversary of Israel's founding. More details to come.

WITH RABBI NORM

- ♦ Rabbi Norm's former student, who lives much of the year in India, will lead a Zoom presentation on the Jews of India. More details to follow.
- ♦ **HOLD THE DATE:** The SHABBATON WEEKEND set at a small resort in Ajo, Arizona with Rabbi Norm that was cancelled this year due to covid is re-scheduled for MARCH 24-26, 2023. More information to come. Those who planned to attend the cancelled event please contact Ricki if you are interested in signing up again. Official registration will begin in January 2023.
- ♦ In-person Hebrew classes may begin in the fall. Please let Rabbi Norm know if you're interested in participating.
- ♦ We are considering a possible Jewish tour of New York City or Los Angeles in the spring 2023, led by Rabbi Roman, with the assistance of local travel agency, Pleasurebent Travel. More info to come!

Upcoming Events:

- ♦ Early planning is underway for a delayed BSTC anniversary event and fundraiser. If you are interested in helping with the planning please let Mike Finkelstein know.

Contact Mike Finkelstein if you are interested in participating on this committee.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

The visit in September to BSTC by Nir Nitzen from Israel was covered by the Green Valley News and local radio station KGVY 1080 AM.

RITUAL

BSTC has returned to the 7:00pm start time for our Friday night Shabbat service.

Reminder: BE ON TIME or you will need to ring the doorbell. Doors will be locked when services begin.

The schedule of services for October is below:

Tuesday, Oct 4th, 7 pm - Erev Yom Kippur/Kol Nidre

Wednesday, Oct 5th, 10 am - Yom Kippur Morning

Wednesday, Oct 5th, 12:30 pm - Yizkor

Wednesday, Oct 5th, 2 pm - Yom Kippur Symposium

Wednesday, Oct 5th, 4 pm - Adult Education:
The YK Afternoon & Martyrology Service
Readings & Commentary

Wednesday, Oct 5th, 4:30 pm - Afternoon Service

Wednesday, Oct 5th, 6 pm - Break Fast/Shofar

Sunday, Oct 9th, 7 pm - Erev Sukkot Service

Sunday, Oct 16th, 7 pm - Simchat Torah/Yizkor

Friday, Oct 21, 7 pm - Friday Night Shabbat Service

All members and their guests are welcome to attend in person. Vaccinations are recommended and masks are optional. Wine and challah are available at the conclusion of services as applicable. Onegs and light Kiddish luncheons will restart with our Passover celebration. Of course these plans may change if Covid restrictions need to be resumed.

For those who for what ever reason can not attend in person we will continue to stream our services via YouTube **Live**. *Watch your e-blasts for links and information.*

If you borrowed a prayer book but now attend in person, please return the prayer book.

This is your BSTC and unless we know what your religious needs are we can not provide for them. Please let me know.

Ruthann

SECURITY

Shomer assignments will be listed in this section. October Shomers include: Gary Friedman and Josh Migdal.

- ♦ If you are at a temple service or event and need to leave the building before it concludes, PLEASE

contact the security Shomer, so he or she can let you out. The security Shomer will be located in the back corner nearest to the sanctuary exit door. If you are coming into the Temple after the beginning of a service or event please knock on the door and the security Shomer will unlock the door and let you in.

- ♦ Our new BSTC Guide for Emergency Safety Procedures is completed but will always be open to revision as we collectively identify the need for revision. **This guide is posted in the "members only access" portion of the BSTC website for your ease of access.** We will also conduct training on short portions of the guide periodically to help all of us better understand the content.
- ♦ Please **wear your nametag** whenever you are at BSTC for services or events. Thank you.
- ♦ Remember: **"If You See Something (suspicious activity), Say Something!"**

Your BSTC Security Team,

Les Bakke, Dan Galitz, Gary Friedman & Cliff Shekter

SISTERHOOD

The Sisterhood enjoyed a docent-led tour of the University of Arizona Tree Ring Lab on the morning of Monday, September 19th.

Upcoming Events:

- ♦ October 25th—Reid Park Zoo
- ♦ November 15th—Annual Mahjongg Tournament will be from 12:45 to 4:30 pm. The tournament will feature ten raffle baskets plus other prizes. No lunch will be served, but bottled water and healthy snacks will be provided. Registration deadline not specified. This event is traditionally held to benefit the BSTC Sisterhood and Dazee's/Genesis House, a shelter for all abused people: women, children and the elderly. In the past, the Sisterhood has collected only clothing for donation to Dazee's at the tournament, but this year they have asked us to look at other needs they have instead and have requested donations of new/unopened personal care products. Cash and checks (payable to Hands of a Friend) are also most welcome and appreciated. Any questions about the donations needed? Please contact Gail

Norton. THANK YOU!

- ◆ November 18th—Sisterhood Shabbat Service
- ◆ December 19th—Chanukah Observance (may be changed to a different date)
- ◆ January 17th—Sisterhood Paid Up Dessert Reception and Program featuring renowned artist, Beth Surdut.

SOCIAL ACTION

Some members of the committee met on September 28th at BSTC to determine whether to continue or dissolve.

The National Good Neighbor Day, sponsored by the GVC Foundation, Inc., The Green Valley Council and “your HOA”, occurred on Wednesday, September 28th. No information about whether BSTC members participated was available at press time.

BSTC members: Jean Shekter, Ann Cohn, Suenette (and Jeremy) Maron participated in the September 10th “Hunger Walk” at Canoa Ranch. Irene Miller (not pictured) participated at La Posada, and Gary and Toi participated in Malaysia. See the photos.



BSTC was planning to participate in the October 9th “Walk Against Hate” before Gary moved away, but no contact person or details are currently available for that. Watch for any information to come via eblast.

Continuing Projects:

- ◆ The committee will transport collected food donations to the local food banks but are encouraging monetary donations now instead. Non-perishable food donations may still be dropped in the bin in the lobby when attending services or meetings at the temple and will be donated locally. THANKS!



- ◆ Committee members are actively planning to participate in Mitzvah Day with projects, including the Angel Heart Pajama Project, working at BSTC. Mitzvah Day is November 4, 2022. Please contact Marcia Wiener with questions.



TORAH STUDY

Torah Portions are included for members in the table on the following page, as well as on the Active Calendar on the BSTC website. Torah Study is meeting via Zoom. All are welcome. Invitations are emailed weekly.

TRIBUTES

Thank you to all who contribute and participate!

WEBSITE

The Gift Shop tab with links to these new pages is active for public access! BSTC will NOT have these items on site. Buyers must contact the artist directly to purchase items. Any BSTC artists who are interested in participating, please contact Stacy.

Please email Stacy at bstcgv@gmail.com, or call 520-648-6690, if you need the NEW password to access the "members' only" page, or if you have any problems or suggestions.



Happy Birthday to:	
Les Bakke	1-Oct
Libby Hanks	2-Oct
Larry Feldman	3-Oct
Howard Cohne	3-Oct
Deborah Haraway	3-Oct
Gary Friedman	4-Oct
Claudia Stoopes	8-Oct
Joyce Palm	15-Oct
Joyce Finkelstein	16-Oct
Pat Naselow	16-Oct
Nancy Karsh	19-Oct
Linda Stein	23-Oct
Suenette Maron	24-Oct
Virgil Graham	25-Oct
Myra Lipson	26-Oct
Simie Bayless	30-Oct
David McAllister Romo	31-Oct



Happy Anniversary to:	
Dusty & Rick Kunin	15-Oct
Venilda & Josh Migdal	27-Oct

MONTHLY TORAH PORTIONS			
Portion (Parashat)	Date	Torah	Haftarah
<u>Vayeilech</u>	Sept 30-Oct 1, 2022	Deuteronomy 31:1-30	Isaiah 55:6-56:8
<u>Ha-azinu</u>	Oct 7-8, 2022	Deuteronomy 32:1-52	Samuel II 22:1-51
<u>Chol HaMo'ed Sukkot</u>	Oct14-15, 2022	Exodus 33:12-34:26	Ezekiel 38:18-39:7
<u>B'reishit</u>	Oct 21-22, 2022	Genesis 1:1-6:8	Isaiah 42:5-43:11
<u>Noach</u>	Oct 28-29, 2022	Genesis 6:9-11:32	Isaiah 54:1-55:5