

# Beth Shalom Temple Center

## GREEN VALLEY SHOFAR



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### President's Message

When we sent out an electronic only Shofar in May I sincerely hoped that by now we would be back together and that a printed Shofar would be necessary. Needless to say we are still closed so once again we are sending an electronic Shofar. I've had many members ask me when we do plan to reopen. The honest answer is that we don't know. Judaism teaches the health and welfare of people is the most important of our responsibilities. We are an older congregation with many high risk members. Until we reach a point where we can be confident in our ability to keep everyone as safe as humanly possible BSTC will remain closed.

That doesn't mean we can't get together, it just needs to be done electronically. In April, BSTC purchased a Zoom license and currently we have at least three Zoom meetings per week. Many of our groups/committees have been conducting their meetings via Zoom, too. If any temple member would like to set something up just let me know. Still don't know how to use Zoom?? I am happy to show you how!

On May 22nd we streamed a **LIVE** Friday night Shabbat service led by Rabbi Roman via YouTube. May 29th we will have another, which will include a Yizkor service as it is also the first day of Shavuot. Through June we will continue our YouTube services and may begin to include a Saturday morning service.

All told I am very proud of our congregation. We are definitely showing the world that we may be "older" but we are still certainly part of the 21st century.

*Ruthann Shapiro,  
President*



# GREEN VALLEY SHOFAR

**The Official Newsletter of  
Beth Shalom Temple Center**

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## Office Hours:

**Monday & Friday: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
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This is the 2nd half of the May/June issue of the Shofar, and is being published only electronically. The Shofar is normally published 6 times a year: Jan/Feb, March/April, May/June, July/Aug, Sept/Oct, and Nov/Dec.

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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 IN CHECKS TO BSTC**

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

## **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 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* or *Commemorative* items, contact Amy Storer.

## **TEMPLE USAGE SCHEDULING**

**Before scheduling a program**, please **check the live calendar** to avoid scheduling conflicts. **Please turn in a Facility Reservation Form** and **contact the Facilities Manager** for any set up or clean up needed. Contact the BSTC office at (520) 648-6690 with any questions.

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 10<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to the publication date.

## COMMEMORATIVE ITEMS

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

**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 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, the volunteer chairing the committee will mail a personalized card to whomever you choose.

Here's how:

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!)

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.

- ♦ From Diane Stein: *for the Mitzvah of making masks*: Arnie & Carolyn Krohn and Martha Fine
- ♦ From Amy Storer: *in memory of*: Michel Kouhana
- ♦ From Joyce & Mike Finkelstein: *in memory of*: Michel Kouhana
- ♦ From Joyce & Mike Finkelstein: *in memory of*: Alan Winfield

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

### Yahrzeit Donations:

Remembered by	For His/Her	Yahrzeit
Ingeborg McDonald	Her Friend	Louis Gantz
Larry Feldman	His Grandmother	Hermine Kornfeld
Ann Marie Schaffer	Her Sister	Helen Layne
Ruthann Shapiro	Her Mother	Rosella Herman
Judy Gehman	Her Father	Arne Westerman
Ingeborg McDonald	Her Friend	Donald Weisbaum
Serene Rein	Her Mother	Frances M Leavitt

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS



**CURRENTLY ALL EVENTS ARE  
CANCELLED OR WILL BE HELD  
VIA ZOOM MEETINGS.**

**Invitations with passwords  
will be sent via email for  
those who wish to attend  
the virtual meetings.**

**VISIT BSTC'S YOUTUBE CHANNEL FOR  
LIVE SERVICES and VIDEOS  
of OTHER VIRTUAL GATHERINGS!**

***Should any events be reinstated you  
will be informed via e-blast.***

Schedule of Services January-June 2020			
Day	Date	Time	Service
Saturday	6/13/20	10:00am	Shabbat
Friday	6/19/20	7:00pm	Shabbat
Torah Study every Saturday with no Saturday Service 9:30am			

## MEMBER NEWS & UPDATES

The 2020 Membership Directory is updated whenever new information is received, and then posted on the Members Only page of the website. *Printed copies are available for members upon request. Please call the office.*

### Directory Updates:

- ♦ New address for:  
Gary & Toi Melton  
(other contact information unchanged)

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## TEMPLE TIDINGS

*A poem by Jeanette Nathan*



### FINDING THE CURE

The incidence of Covid 19  
Having spread like wild fire  
Reportedly, has peaked at last  
Yet in some places, has got higher  
There's been work on vaccines, treatment, tests  
They've researched drugs with mixed reviews

And of course, conspiracy theories  
Now penetrate the news

Hydroxychloroquine, the first treatment of choice  
Was found not to be the cure  
Remdesivir shows promise  
But needs more trials before we're sure  
Since disinfectant kills viruses  
It has been tentatively suggested  
That researchers should find a way  
To make it humanly ingested

So I mixed a Clorox Cocktail  
It was delicious, but not a cure  
Likewise with the Lysol  
Which I tried in my liqueur  
Then it came to me in the shower!!!  
My great epiphany!!!  
For viruses of EVERY kind  
WE'VE ALWAYS HAD THE REMEDY!!

There's no need for further testing  
It has withstood the test of time  
Generations have used this remedy  
It has never passed it's prime  
Biochemists have done studies  
It's healing properties have been explained  
By the presence of certain constituents  
Therein contained

It has Niacin, Thiamine, Ferrous Sulfate  
To name just a few  
Folic acid, Sodium Phosphate  
And lots more that's good for you  
The dose can be adjusted  
To each patient's special need  
They may want to take a little  
Or devour it with greed

It is readily obtainable  
And inexpensive too  
It is easily administered  
By untrained staff like me and you  
There's no special equipment required  
Just a bowl; and a ladle with which to scoop  
The remedy which always "makes it better"  
Grandma's CHICKEN SOUP

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## Members Passing



We are sad to announce the deaths of two BSTC members.

First, Bernard "Bud" Stein passed on May 17, 2020. His daughter was with him. His funeral was held on May 24th in Milwaukee. Info and full obituary can be viewed at: [goodmanbensman.com](http://goodmanbensman.com)

If you wish to extend your condolences, please contact Ruthann or the office for the email addresses we have available for two of his three children. We have no mailing addresses for them.

Second, Alan Winfield died on May 22, 2020 in Palm Springs, CA after battling throat cancer. A beloved BSTC past-president, he was a long-time source of Jewish information and guidance to our congregation. Condolences can be sent to Barbara at her Palm Desert, CA address.

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**Thank You to Linda Stein** for making and donating masks to BSTC members! We appreciate you, Linda!



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## Notes From the Board

BSTC's Board met for the April and May meetings via Zoom, and will continue with this virtual platform until they have determined that gathering is once again safe. Members will be invited by eblast to join the General Board meetings. All are welcome.

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## Facility Reservation Form

Due to the continuing virus crisis, until further notice, BSTC Facilities are closed to reservations. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

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## Suggestion Box Responses

There have been no new suggestions as the box is currently in use as a **BALLOT BOX** for the proposed Bylaws updates. This has not yet been completed by the Board. If you have not sent in your ballot, please do! A new date for an official meeting for votes to be

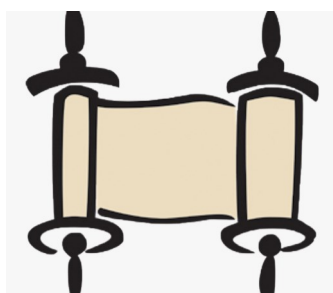


tallied is yet to be determined. Membership will be notified by mail of the new date. In the meantime, any suggestions will be taken via email.

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## Torah Study

As with the Board meetings, Torah Study is currently and successfully meeting via Zoom virtual platform. All are welcome. Invitations are emailed weekly.



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## Memorial Tablets

***A very generous donor stepped up to MATCH ALL CONTRIBUTIONS made by May 31, 2020.***

THANK YOU to all who participated in this campaign:

- ◆ Harvey & Marilyn Beim
- ◆ Richard & Bonnie Cavell
- ◆ Marty & Sue Cohen
- ◆ Judy Gehman
- ◆ James & Roberta Kelly
- ◆ Barbara Kowalski
- ◆ Gary & Toi Melton
- ◆ Maridell Nochumson
- ◆ Rabbi Norm & Lynne Roman
- ◆ Roberta Rabin & Fil Ficks
- ◆ Linda Stein
- ◆ Martha & David Wolpert

The intention of this campaign is to have a new board in time especially for dedication during the 25th Anniversary celebration planned for November.

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## Who to Call?

Do you need to let the congregation know about an important life event? If you have prayer requests, or know if any of our members are sick/in the hospital, please contact Jo Legat, chair of the BSTC Caring Committee.

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# COMMITTEE REPORTS

## ART GALLERY

Currently on display are Jewish artwork items from the personal collection of member, Bev Lake. Should it be determined that reopening and gathering again is safe, the committee is hoping that September will see a new exhibit of artwork by BSTC members, with an artists' reception following the September Bagel Breakfast. More information on that will be provided in upcoming Shofars.

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## AMAZON SMILES/E-SCRIP/SHOPWITHSCRIP

### AMAZON SMILES

**Are you finding yourself shopping for more things on-line during these trying times?**

**Shop Happy and make a Difference!**

Do you shop on Amazon? Would you like to help the Temple with your purchases? Then you should be shopping with Amazon Smile!

### What is AmazonSmile?

AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon that lets you enjoy the same wide selection of products, low prices, and convenient shopping features as on Amazon.com. The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile ([smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)), the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to the charitable organizations you select. If you have any questions, contact Joyce Finkelstein.

### Also, still active:

### 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 it costing you anything?
- If you answered "YES" to these questions, please en-



roll in the **Fry's Community Rewards Program**. Here is all that you need to do...

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"

That is all that 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 Joyce know if you have any questions.

#### **And, still NEW for many:**

**SHOPWITHSCRIP** is a new program at BSTC that allows you to purchase brand name gift cards for use in stores and ON-LINE, at their face value, **donating to BSTC without it costing you anything extra!** Please contact Joyce Finkelstein with questions.

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#### **JIM CLICK RAFFLE**

The new raffle has started. Tickets are \$25 each or 5 for \$100. BSTC is a 501(c)3 charity that can sell tickets for the raffle and keep 100% of the proceeds raised. Tickets are available, please contact Steve Abrahams at 914-450-7813 for more information.

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#### **LIBRARY**

##### **Notes from the Library**



Call Linda or Charlotte if you would like to join a leaderless book club.

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#### **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS**

BSTC members and potential members have responded positively to receiving welfare calls from

committee members. Please remember those who are alone, and reach out to your fellow congregants during these times of isolation.

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

#### **Send Us Your Photographs & SCHMOOZE with us!**

Ambitious BSTC member, Ricki Letowt, has created an email connection where members can share their photos and stories JUST with other BSTC members. Watch your Inbox for the BSTC Schmooze to come via eblast! ***Please send your story and photos to Ricki for the next edition of BSTC Schmooze.***

Your photos can also be shared for upload to our BSTC Facebook page, as well as our website photo gallery. Send them to Mike Finkelstein and cc it to Danielle Wernick, as well.



Thank you.

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#### **MEN'S CLUB**

The Men's Club stopped meeting at Manuel's following the March meeting due to the corona virus restrictions in place by the CDC. They conducted their May 13th meeting via Zoom. No meetings will be held during June or July, reconvening in August. A password will be emailed a day or two before the meeting.

Activities cancelled or rescheduled due to the virus pandemic include the April 3rd Men's Club led and sponsored Friday Shabbat Service but a new date in the fall is still being sought for rescheduling that.

- ♦ The April 22<sup>nd</sup> *Gaslight Theatre* event has been tentatively rescheduled for November 4th. Members who are signed up for this can get a refund, or stay signed up. Questions, please contact Dan Galitz.
- ♦ Roads Scholar trip canceled until the fall of 2021. Contact Gary Friedman for information.

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## ONEGS

To sponsor an Oneg or Kiddush luncheon once we have opened for gathering again, please sign up on the sheet on the wall next to the Fish Kitchen door at BSTC. Please contact Maridell Nochumson to volunteer for this committee.

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## PROGRAMS

No Program Committee meetings are planned for the near future. In consideration of the virus, most programs have had to be postponed or cancelled, although member Helene Fields used Zoom in May to present her program, Talking to Children About Death and Dying, in two parts. You can view these discussions at the BSTC youtube channel.

Please watch for eblasts, and check the active calendar, for the most updated information.

- ♦ The Dine & Laugh Evening of Improv at Quail Creek has been tentatively been rescheduled for October 31st.
- ♦ The committee is looking into possible screenings of films via Zoom.

### EVENTS STILL IN THE PLANNING STAGES:

- ♦ An outing with Rabbi Roman
- ♦ BSTC's 25th Anniversary Party (November 20-22) is still in the planning stages
- ♦ Michael G Musical tentatively re-scheduled for 2 p.m. on December 13th

Contact Mike Finkelstein or Les Bakke with questions, suggestions, or if you would like to join the Programs committee.

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## RITUAL

The Ritual committee has been working to create videos and learn live streaming in order to continue to provide services. Please check out the BSTC youtube channel for these! Subscribe to make sure you don't miss out on anything new. Also, the new High Holiday machzor are ordered. The old prayer books will be available to any members who desire a copy on a first come, first served basis. Contact Ruthann for these.



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## SISTERHOOD

### A Message from Sisterhood

As we grappled with the formidable challenges of isolation (some of you had self-imposed quarantines) in an effort to safeguard our dear ones and protect ourselves from becoming infected with Covid-19, we created every conceivable form of home entertainment: exercise, Zoom lectures and classes, even learning a foreign language...not to overlook indulging in the latest "fashion statements" (when the situation called for these) by wearing 3-ply masks (some adorned with Art Nouveau themes), vinyl gloves (nitrile gloves for the more "discerning" among us) accompanied by a dazzling little bottle of Purell (which has gained momentum as a grand fashion accessory) .....all the while reducing our monthly expenditures with the notable exceptions of purchasing those "rarest" of commodities, ie: toilet tissue, facial tissue, and paper towels and that "precious substance" known as Lysol....weekly grocery bills soared, and our hearts were tugged by the severity of restrictions imposed on local restaurateurs, so we generously availed ourselves of curbside pick-ups for prepared meals to bolster our local economy! While businesses are gradually re-opening now I would like to recommend exploring the depth of wisdom in our wondrous religion which will elevate the spirit and energize the mind. One can find solace and courage throughout our ancient teachings and experience a spiritual mindfulness to help guide us through this unimaginably difficult time. The vitality of the Jewish spirit cannot be ultimately diminished. We are eminently adaptable and fundamentally optimistic about the future. I en-



courage each of you to consult the writings of our rabbis, as well as the narratives and prayers in the Torah, to seek meaning that strengthens your resolve to work through this struggle with the pandemic. At BSTC we have the added blessings of You-Tube services and Zoom classes with Rabbi Roman, Steve Maron, and Marty Cohen, thanks in large part to the technological assistance of Les Bakke and Ruthann. Rabbi Roman brings learned commentaries and words of comfort to all of us and provides a sturdy and caring presence in our congregational life even when life cycle events must be conducted in a constrained manner. We are most grateful for Rabbi's stewardship in our community and his unfailing support during this confusing and frightening time. Take comfort in what Leo Baeck (a prominent Jewish thinker) called the "Ethical Optimism" within Judaism. We believe in the human capacity to improve the world. Consider the recent medical and scientific advances in treating Covid-19 and the unwavering commitment of workers serving the greater good of countries around the globe. Always keep in mind that part of our enduring legacy as Jews is the affirmation that goodness prevails. Stay positive. Be safe. Remain involved. Be well. Once we have the official endorsement to resume activities at the temple we will come together in spiritual and communal fellowship expressing the best attributes residing within us.

With warmest regards and high hopes,  
Sue Cohen

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## SOCIAL ACTION

We thank all the BSTC members for supporting our ongoing efforts to make our community a safer and better place to live through social action. Due to the virus pandemic, several recent programs have been cancelled or rescheduled.

- ♦ The May meeting was conducted via ZOOM. The committee does not meet during the summer.
- At time of publication, planned Social Action Programs still include:
- ♦ Providing monthly motivational quotes to the YOTO program students
  - ♦ Providing water and healthy snacks for the youth participating in the Amado Youth Center Drug Free Program
  - ♦ Providing school supplies to Sopori students in

Amado

- ♦ Walk for Hunger on Saturday, September 12th
- ♦ Mitzvah Good Deeds Day, Friday, November 6th

We wish all the membership of BSTC a very safe and healthy summer. Please follow the guidance for "social distancing" and do not hesitate to give any of us a call if you need support or just want to talk with someone. The restrictions have changed all our lives, and added a degree of uncertainty that can be challenging to cope with at times. We are all here for each other and you.

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## WEBSITE

There is now a BSTC youtube channel LIVE streaming services. Visit: [bstc.us](http://bstc.us) to see what's new!

## PASSWORD TO THE WEBSITE:

*Please call the office at 520-648-6690 if you need the password to access the "members' only" page.*

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Happy Birthday to:	
Marilyn Beim	3-Jun
Jeanette Nathan	4-Jun
Gail Norton	6-Jun
Gail Sommers	6-Jun
Bonnie Cavell	8-Jun
Carolyn Fox	10-Jun
Fran Orrok	10-Jun
Fern Wargotz-Blizzard	10-Jun
Ellen Brody	13-Jun
Steven Abrahams	18-Jun
Claire Westerman	19-Jun
Renee Marcus	21-Jun
Kate Wolf	21-Jun
Steve Maron	23-Jun
Harold Pesserilo	23-Jun
Harriet Ayer	29-Jun



***May you continue to celebrate your anniversary with joy and good health!***

Happy Anniversary to:	
Dick & Bonnie Cavell	8-Jun
Jack & Bobbie Vishner	15-Jun
Jerry & Harriet Belenker	21-Jun
William & Marilyn Forstot	24-Jun
Cliff & Jean Shekter	25-Jun
David & Martha Wolpert	26-Jun
Beverly Lake & Les Bakke	27-Jun
Sam & Irene Miller	30-Jun

COMMITTEE	CHAIR/CO-CHAIR
Aesthetics	Tobey Gitelle
Art Gallery	Marcia Wiener
"	Bev Lake
Bagel Breakfast	Ricki Letowt
Book of Remembrance	Suenette Maron
BSTC Shoppers	Agi Klieger
Building Reservations	BSTC office
Caring-Mishpochah	Jo Legat
e-Scrip	Joyce Finkelstein
Event-Updates	Jane Gold
Facilities	Arnold Krohn
Facebook	Danielle Wernick
Finance	Dusty Friedman
Historian	Gloria Clancy
Hospitality	Ricki Letowt
"	Maridell Nochumson
Library	Linda Stein
"	Charlotte Brody
Jim Click Raffle	Steve Abrahams
Memorial Board /Yahrzeits	Joyce Finkelstein
Membership	Mike Finkelstein
Men's Club	Gary Melton
Mishaberach	Jo Legat
Oneg	Maridell Nochumson
President	Ruthann Shapiro
Programs	Mike Finkelstein
"	Les Bakke
Public Relations	Mike Finkelstein
Rabbi	Norman Roman
Ritual	Ruthann Shapiro
"	Jo Legat
Security	Dan Galitz
Shofar	Jane Gold
Sisterhood	Sue Cohen
Social Action	Gary Melton
Tributes	Amy Storer
Website	BSTC Office