

# Beth Shalom Temple Center



## GREEN VALLEY SHOFAR

November 2022  
Vol. 27 No. 11

### President's Message

On Yom Kippur eve the Sanctuary was teeming with worshippers and we were called upon to add a row of chairs to accommodate everyone.

The room was filled with the music of the Kol Nidre melody. We thank Helene Benedikte on the cello and MaryAnn Schaffer on the piano, followed by the beautiful singing of Sarah Sandlaufer.

This began what was to be more opportunities to continue the celebration of the "High Holidays".

My all-time favorite is the celebration of the Torah on Simchat Torah. It is a joyful time of singing and marching with the Torah, followed by the unrolling of one Torah's beginning and the ending of another. Everyone sang the blessings followed by Rabbi Norm chanting from each Torah. Don't miss it next year!

On November 7th, Tom and I will join other members and non-members alike on a trip to Israel with Rabbi Norm and Lynne. For us it will be a first time and we are very excited for this "chance of a lifetime" opportunity. We will report back to you with pictures and stories of our adventure.

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

*Gloria*



### Message from Rabbi Norm Roman

Dear Friends,

I'm very concerned. And this article for the Shofar could easily have been focused on any of the things that bother me (Indeed, I have rewritten this several times already!) I'm worried about the US mid-term elections, the results and what they will mean for the future of our democracy, and even more, about how both "sides" will react to those results. I'm worried about a somewhat similar situation in Israel, the immediate results of which our tour group will see and feel while we are there. I'm worried about trends towards totalitarianism and brinkmanship and authoritarianism around the world. I'm worried about imminent threats to civil rights and human rights and individual rights, as well as the reality that we are losing respect for each other, each other's feelings and beliefs – too many people think and act as if they are the only ones who are right.

But, having written all the above, I must add some comments about another concern – and I am certain that most of you are starting to share that concern, as well. Please permit me to "borrow" some context from my friend and colleague, Rabbi Paul Kipnes of California, who wrote recently, in light of the anti-semitic tirades by Kanye/Ye and other hate-filled actions around the world:

"We live in a country where (such) speech – including racism, antisemitism, homophobia, hate against Asians and against people with disabilities [NTR adds 'immigrants and refugees'] – is increasingly prominent and increasingly tolerated in too many quarters. We Jews know that words matter, because

*(Continued on page 4)*

# GREEN VALLEY SHOFAR

The Official Newsletter of  
Beth Shalom Temple Center

1751 N. Rio Mayo, Green Valley, AZ 85614  
(520) 648-6690

**Mail:** PO Box 884, Green Valley, AZ 85622

**Website:** [www.bstc.us](http://www.bstc.us)  
**Email:** [bstcgv@gmail.com](mailto:bstcgv@gmail.com)

## Office Hours:

**Monday & Friday: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

**Wednesday: noon to 4 p.m.**

President	Gloria Clancy
VP	Esther Levine Brill
Treasurer	Ricki Letowt Ruthann Shapiro
Secretary	Marlys Fiterman
At Large	Mike Finkelstein
At Large	Gary Friedman
At Large	Dan Galitz
At Large	Arnold Krohn
At Large	John Unger

## In This Issue:

- ◆ President's Message
- ◆ Rabbi's Message
- ◆ Contact Info/Mail/Sending Checks
- ◆ Temple Usage Reservations
- ◆ Commemorative Items, Tributes & Yahrzeits
- ◆ Calendar of Events/Schedule of Services
- ◆ Member News and Updates
- ◆ Updated phone numbers, emails
- ◆ Temple Tidings
- ◆ Committee Reports
- ◆ Birthdays/Anniversaries/Committee Chair List

**Editor:** Stacy Laetsch

This is the November issue of the Shofar. Shofars are being published monthly, electronically only.

Go to: [bstc.us](http://bstc.us) to view and print archived volumes or call the office if you would like a copy mailed to you.

**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. It is recommended that members are fully vaccinated. Masks are optional.** Please contact the BSTC office at (520) 648-6690 or [bstcgv@gmail.com](mailto: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 20<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:

**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: **Condolences to** Roberta Rabin on the death of her son, Michael Rabin.
- ◆ From Esther & Ed Brill: **Refuah Sh'lamah to** Ricki Letowt.
- ◆ From Esther & Ed Brill: **Refuah Sh'lamah to** Ingeborg McDonald.
- ◆ From Esther & Ed Brill: **Yash Ha'Choach to** Rabbi Norm Roman for the meaningful High Holiday services.
- ◆ From Esther & Ed Brill: **Yash Ha'Choach to** Suenette Maron for arranging the prayer leaders for the High Holidays.
- ◆ From Esther & Ed Brill: **Yash Ha'Choach to** Suenette Maron for the Book of Remembrance.
- ◆ From Esther & Ed Brill: **Yash Ha'Choach to** Sarah Sandlaufer for the beautiful chanting at High Holiday services.
- ◆ From Esther & Ed Brill: **Yash Ha'Choach to** Ruthann Shapiro for her Ritual Committee work & YouTube services.
- ◆ From Esther & Ed Brill: **Yash Ha'Choach to** Joyce Finkelstein for her advocacy for getting citizens to vote.
- ◆ From Irene Miller: **In Memory of Michael Rabin to** Roberta Rabin.
- ◆ From Dan Galitz: **Refuah Sh'lemah to** Ricki Letowt.

## 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 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.

Remembered by	Relationship	Yahrzeit
Larry Feldman	His Father	Louis Rex Feldman
Esther Brill	Her Mother	Sophie Greenblatt Levine
Irene Miller	Her Husband	Sam Miller
Helene Feldman	Her Mother	Sylvia Snyder
Sid Shapiro	His Mother	Evelyn Shapiro
Linda Stein	Her Husband	Frank Stein
Karen Baker	Her Father	Norman Klapman
Steve Maron	His Parents	Irving & Lena Maron
Steve Maron	His Brother	Daniel Maron



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## BSTC is OPEN for Services!

Vaccination recommended/masking is optional.  
BSTC continues to Live Stream Services on YouTube.

Schedule of Services, Meetings & Events			
Day	Date	Time	Event
WED	11/2/22	10am	BSTC Book Club
WED	11/2/22	12:30	Learn Mahjong@BSTC
WED	11/2/22	2pm	History of Jewish Art: Pt 3
FRI	11/4/22	8-noon	Mitzvah Day @BSTC
FRI	11/4/22	7pm	Shabbat Service
SAT	11/5/22	10am	Torah Study on ZOOM
SUN	11/6/22	10am	Bagel Breakfast
TUE	11/8/22	10am	Sisterhood Meeting
WED	11/9/22	9am	Men's Club Meet@BSTC* *see Men's Club on pg8
WED	11/9/22	12:30	Learn Mahjong@BSTC
WED	11/9/22	1pm	Art Gallery OPEN
FRI	11/11/22	10am	Stomp on Parkinson's class w/Karen Baker
SAT	11/12/22	10am	Torah Study on Zoom
MON	11/14/22	All day	Sisterhood setup for Mahjong Tournament
TUE	11/15/22	12:30	Sisterhood FUNraiser Mahjong Tournament
WED	11/16/22	12:30	Learn Mahjong@BSTC
WED	11/16/22	1pm	Art Gallery OPEN
THU	11/17/22	9am	Long Range Planning Meeting on Zoom
FRI	11/18/22	10am	Stomp on Parkinson's class w/Karen Baker
FRI	11/18/22	7pm	Sisterhood Shabbat
SAT	11/19/22	10am	Torah Study on Zoom
MON	11/21/22	9:30am	BSTC Study Session
WED	11/23/22	12:30	Learn Mahjong@BSTC
WED	11/23/22	1pm	Art Gallery OPEN
SAT	11/26/22	10am	Torah Study on Zoom
MON	11/28/22	10am	BSTC Board Meeting
WED	11/30/22	12:30	Learn Mahjong@BSTC
WED	11/30/22	1pm	Art Gallery OPEN
WED	11/30/22	3pm	Social Action Meeting

words illuminate the hidden hatreds that foreshadow and inspire acts of violence by others."

I join Rabbi Kipnes in condemning the antisemitism of both the extreme left and the extreme right, the BDS and anti-Zionism trends of the one, and the white supremacy and nationalist/fascist themes of the other. These movements, in one way or another, adhere to the same basic thought – that Jews are the root of the world's evils. Recognizing the rise of hate groups and their misleading re-telling of history is a threat to all of us, especially to Jews.

BSTC is planning to host a workshop/panel discussion early in 2023 on this issue. We will be inviting experts to share their analyses and suggest how we, in Green Valley, can be involved in combatting antisemitism. Please watch for more information about the program.

For now, **here are some of the suggestions** which I am finding that others, around North America, are telling their communities:

So as not to bring more attention, validity or online visibility to these hate groups, **do not "click on"** or Google-search any of their links or websites;

**Report** to the AntiDefamation League, the Jewish Philanthropies of Southern Arizona (formerly the Jewish Federation), or local police ANY antisemitic activity or behavior of which you are made aware;

**Condemn**—in letters to newspapers, messages to civic or political leaders—and ask others to speak out against, acts of hatred, racism and antisemitism in any form.

Thank you. Wishing all of you

Shalom,

Rabbi Norm Roman



**SAVE THE DATE for:**

**Parashat HaShavua in December**

**A Discussion opportunity on Zoom**

**Tuesday, December 6, 2022 • 2:00pm**



### Directory Updates:

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

- ◆ **New member:** Lynne Block  
Green Valley, AZ
- ◆ **New email:** Don Janklow

\*\*\*

**LOVED ONE PASSING**

Michael Rabin, son of BSTC member, Roberta Rabin, passed away in Long Island, NY on October 14th. The funeral was held in New York on October 16th.

\*\*\*

## BOARD NOTES

The BSTC Board held the October meeting at BSTC. The meeting schedule may change for November due to many of the BSTC leadership joining the group going with Rabbi Norm to Israel. **Please check the active calendar on the BSTC website for any updates that may differ from the events list on page 4.**

\$ \$

***Fundraise everyday for BSTC...just by doing your shopping!***

**RAISERIGHT (formerly SHOPWITHSCRIP)** Purchase from a selection of gift cards—real and electronic—directly from an app on your phone. Please contact Joyce Finkelstein with any 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"

Please let Joyce know if you have any questions.

Do you shop on Amazon.com and like to help BSTC?  
Then you should be shopping with **AmazonSmile!**  
Log on at: [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and the AmazonSmile  
If you have any questions, contact Joyce Finkelstein.

\$ \$

## COMMITTEE REPORTS



## ART GALLERY

**Michael B Schwartz—Small Works** variety of Judaic themes was exhibited through October 27th.

**Judith Austen** returns through December with her **Water Up Close** series. Judith's exhibit had just opened at BSTC a few weeks prior to when Covid shut everything down. Please come take LOOK!

In January through February 2023, **Beth Surdut** will return with **Listening to Raven** filling our walls with her exhibit of intricate drawings of ravens. A bonus will be on Tuesday, January 17th, when Beth will be presenting her stories and drawings at the BSTC Sisterhood Paid-Up Luncheon. Watch for more info!

We finishing a three-part slide presentation streamed live on YouTube this month. All talks can be viewed again—or if you missed them—on the BSTC YouTube channel.

## Adventures In Art:

## Oct 19th—Montparnasse: The Crazy Years

### Modern Artists from the 20th Century

**Oct 26th—Women of Substance**  
Great Jewish Women Modern Art Painters  
of the 20th Century

## Nov 2nd—Driven to Abstraction

### Late 20th Century Modern Artists

Please call the office with any questions.

*Marcia and Bev*

\*\*\*



## BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

A printed Book of Remembrance was distributed at Yom Kippur to members who requested a copy and contributed a monetary donation, and mailed to those who were unable to attend services. It was shared electronically with all others who contributed. **THANK YOU BSTC FAMILY** for your generous donations! **\$4783 was raised this year!**

\*\*\*

## CARING COMMITTEE & TRIBUTES

**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 email.

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

Tributes can be made following the instructions on page 3 and a beautiful card will be mailed for you. Please let Amy know if you have any questions about this. **Thank you to those who participate!**

\*\*\*

## 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 drawing is in just a few short weeks! **WIN A CAR!** Donate to BSTC at the same time. Tickets will be on sale at the November Bagel Breakfast and in the BSTC office during office hours through November. ***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! 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 with any questions.

\*\*\*

## 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

BSTC has another new member! Warm welcome to Lynne Block.

Esther & Ed Brill generously hosted an informal meet-and-greet for our newer members at their home on Sunday, October 23rd. Over 20 people attended, including Rabbi Norm and Lynne, with 15 new members present. It was enjoyed by everyone and a great opportunity to get to know each other.

BSTC welcomes photos from our members to be shared in the Shofar and/or on BSTC's social media platforms. Any new members are encouraged to send biographies and/or photos to share. Send any pictures and biographies 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 October meeting at Arizona Family Restaurant. ***The November meeting will be a field trip*** on Wednesday, November 9th. Men's Club members are meeting at 9am in the BSTC parking lot to carpool to the Tucson Jewish Museum and Holocaust Memorial Center. Call Merle for more details or to RSVP for this! ALL male BSTC members are welcome to this event. See the flyer on next page for more details.

### 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

- ♦ Our wonderful baker, Randy Gehman, will be making **challahs for Thanksgiving. Place your orders NOW for pick up on November 16th.**
- ♦ BSTC member, Karen Baker, a Certified Parkinson's Exercise Trainer, has begun a **weekly class** at BSTC tailored for Parkinson's but is open to anyone, including caregivers. There are two classed each week: Tuesday at GVFitclub in the Green Valley Mall (*two doors down from Marti's*

*Bistro*) and **Fridays at BSTC**, both at **10am**. The classes are \$5. Come to the class on Friday mornings, or contact Karen directly with your interest or any questions.

- ♦ **Life As An International Fashion Model**—a talk by BSTC member, Harriet Ayer, on Wednesday, December 7th at 2pm. No charge to attend.
- ♦ Abbi Cook, director of the Weintraub Israel Center at the Tucson JCC, has offered to lead a **program on Israeli cooking** on Monday evening, December 5th. See the flyer on the next page for details.
- ♦ 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 on Wednesday afternoon, February 15. 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 and Judaism 101 may begin in early 2023. 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.

\*\*\*

# **Join the next BSTC Men's Club Meeting**

## **Wednesday, November 9, 2022**



**We will meet at 9 a.m. at BSTC to establish carpools to the Tucson Jewish History Museum & Holocaust Center at 564 South Stone Avenue** (please park on the street out front)

We will have an abbreviated Men's Club meeting upon arrival at the museum, then a docent will give us a tour of both the Jewish History Museum and the Holocaust Center.

Following the tour there will be a Question & Answer discussion.

**THERE IS NO COST FOR THIS VENUE.**

Then we will meet for lunch at **Brother John's** at 1801 N. Stone Avenue 520-867-6780.

This invitation is open to all BSTC Men's Club members and all male members of our congregation. The BSTC Men's Club offers the opportunity to expand one's circle of friends, get involved in Jewish affairs, and contribute to our congregation.

**Please RSVP to Merle Sobol, Men's Club President by November 2nd**



# ISRAELI COOKING & STORIES OF ISRAEL

Monday, December 5 at 5:00pm

Join at us BSTC for a relaxing evening of Israeli cooking and reminiscences of the Israel trip led by Rabbi Roman. Abbi Cook, the Director of the Weintraub Israel Center, will create delicious Israeli cuisine, and we will be assisting her! Once the food is prepared, you will enjoy a sampling\* of each dish while you hear wonderful stories of Israel.

*Cost is \$5 per member/\$7 for non-members.*

*Please RSVP to 520-648-6690 or [bstcgv@gmail.com](mailto:bstcgv@gmail.com)  
no later than Tuesday, November 22.*

*Vaccinations recommended/masking optional. If you are sick, don't attend.*

*\* Please be aware that this is not a full meal.*

## PUBLIC RELATIONS

BSTC placed an ad in the Green Valley News to thank the Jewish Philanthropies of Southern Arizona for the Brodsky Grant and their continued High Holiday support.

BSTC member, Leslie Fellner, is sharing information for a fundraiser for students who cannot attend her granddaughter's school in Mexico. Leslie authored the book being sold along with her granddaughter, a second-grader at the time, and all the proceeds are donated to her granddaughter's school. Please see the flyer on the next page for details.

\*\*\*

## 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 November & December is below:**

- ♦ **Friday, Nov 4th, 7 pm** - Shabbat Service
- ♦ **Friday, Nov 18th, 7 pm** - Sisterhood Shabbat
- ♦ **Friday, Dec 2nd, 7 pm** - Shabbat Service

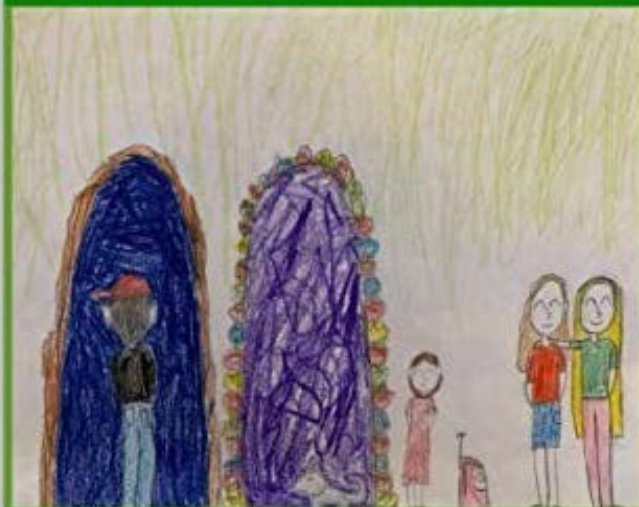
All members and their guests are welcome to attend in person. Vaccinations are recommended and masks are optional. Wine and challah are available at the conclusion of services as applicable. Onegs and light Kiddish luncheons will restart with our Passover celebration. Of course these plans may change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

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

If you borrowed a prayer book but now attend in



# THE GREEN GANG



## Enchanted and Demonized

By Leslie and Dennis Fellner and Maya Slobe  
Illustrated by Maya Slobe

Maya's mom is far away on a mission to save the ocean from environmental destruction and Maya desperately wants to bring her back home. Maya believes she can bring her mom back - all she has to do is figure out how to save the ocean. She enlists the help of her best friends - Luna, Alex, and little Ela - to figure out a solution. They form the "Green Gang" and set out on a mission to teach people not to pollute. And of course, her dog Ruffles is part of the gang. When their first plan doesn't work, Maya has a heart-to-heart with her wise old Grandpa, who tells her a puzzling prophecy: "You will find secret doors to enter two magical lands. There are many unusual creatures in those lands, but you must be brave. The creatures will not hurt you, but bad decisions will. In these lands, you will find many pathways. Sometimes the path that looks like the most fun, the prettiest, and the easiest is the path to destruction. Sometimes the uphill path that is covered with obstacles can lead to the most satisfaction. Whatever your big problem is, you must find the right path to lead you to your answer." She doesn't know exactly what Grandpa means, but she is determined to figure it out. Their ultimate and successful plan is a tech-savvy solution to stop people from polluting.

This story - and how it was created virtually while Leslie and Dennis Fellner and their 8-year-old granddaughter Maya Slobe lived in two separate countries during the

COVID-19 pandemic - is a true work of love and connection that comes at a time when so many people are separated and feeling isolated. It is our hope that it brings readers a bit of joy and light during these difficult times, and helps them think about creative ways they can reach out to those in their lives who matter most.

About the authors: Maya Slobe (co-creator and illustrator) is an artist and third-grader at El Jardín elementary school in Chacala, Nayarit, Mexico. She loves drawing, painting, engraving, printmaking, exploring nature, and spending time with her family and friends, including the real-life members of the Green Gang: Luna, Ela and Alex. She and her grandparents, Leslie and Dennis Fellner, met online once-a-week over six months during the COVID-19 pandemic to create the characters and storyline for this book. The Green Gang their first book created together as a grandparent-granddaughter team.

Leslie and Dennis Fellner (authors and co-creators) are Maya's grandparents. They live in Green Valley, Arizona. Writing this story, using Maya's ideas for characters and settings, has been a joy for everyone involved. The process created a connection that helped the family get through the separation caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Proceeds from the sale of this book will help to support El Jardín, a non-profit elementary school that serves 60+ children in Chacala, Nayarit - a small, fishing village on the Pacific Coast of Mexico.

Purchase on Amazon at: <https://www.amazon.com/Green-Gang-Enchanted-Demonized-ebook/dp/B08QNCQVPT>

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

- ♦ The Temple is looking for Shomeer volunteers to assist at Temple events. If you have any interest please contact Dan Galitz for more information.
- ♦ If you are at a temple service or event and need to leave the building before it concludes, PLEASE contact the security Shomeer, so he or she can let you out. The security Shomeer 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 or ring the doorbell and the security Shomeer 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

- ♦ October 25th—Reid Park Zoo field trip was attended by ladies (see photo to the right).

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. 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!

### Upcoming events:

- ♦ November 18th—Sisterhood Shabbat Service
- ♦ December 18th—Chanukah Party
- ♦ January 17th—Sisterhood Paid-Up Dessert Reception with Program featuring renowned artist, Beth Surdut.

\*\*\*

## SOCIAL ACTION

The committee met again on Wednesday, October 26th in the BSTC library, attempting unsuccessfully to accommodate virtual members. The committee has decided they should continue, but only take on projects that make an impact; not just to make them feel good. Les is continuing as interim chair.

Committee members are participating in Mitzvah Day with projects, including the Angel Heart Pajama



*Pictured right to left: Helene Feldman, Bobbie Vishner, Sue Cohen, Gail Norton, and Linda Stein.*



Project and Youth On Their Own, working at BSTC. Mitzvah Day is November 4, 2022 from 8am til noon. Please contact Marcia Wiener with any questions.

#### Continuing Projects:

- ♦ The committee will continue to make collections for the community food banks. Monetary donations as well as collected food donations will be transported to the local food banks once a month. Non-perishable food donations may be dropped in the bin in the lobby when attending services or meetings at the temple for local donation. **Following High Holiday services 103 pounds of food was delivered! THANK YOU!**

\*\*\*

#### **TORAH STUDY**

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

\*\*\*

#### **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](mailto:bstcgv@gmail.com), or call 520-648-6690 if you have any problems or suggestions.***

\*\*\*



Happy Anniversary to:	
Merle & Kay Sobol	26-Nov
Norm & Lynne Roman	28-Nov



Happy Birthday to:	
Jerry Belenker	2-Nov
Ricki Letowt	3-Nov
Nancy Puckett	13-Nov
Arlene Hammond	16-Nov
Rebecca Benisch	18-Nov
Anita Grace Farrar	27-Nov
Ruthann Shapiro	28-Nov
Serene Rein	30-Nov

MONTHLY TORAH PORTIONS			
Portion (Parashat)	Date	Torah	Haftarah
<u>Lech I'cha</u>	Nov 4-5, 2022	Genesis 12:1-17:27	Isaiah 40:27-41:16
<u>VaYeira</u>	Nov 11-12, 2022	Genesis 18:1-22:24	II Kings 1:1-31
<u>Chayei Sarah</u>	Nov 18-19, 2022	Genesis 23:1-25:18	I Kings 1:1-31
<u>Tol'dot</u>	Nov 25-26, 2022	Genesis 25:19-28:9	Malachi 1:1-2:7

<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>CHAIR/CO-CHAIR</b>
Aesthetics	Tobey Gitelle
Art Gallery	Marcia Wiener
Book of Remembrance	Suenette Maron
BSTC Shopper	OPEN
Calendar/BldgReservations	BSTC office
Caring-Mishaberach	Amy Storer
e-Scrip	Joyce Finkelstein
e-Blast	Jane Gold
Facilities	Arnold Krohn
Facebook	Jo Legat
Facebook (co-chair)	Jane Gold
Finance	Tobey Gitelle
Historian	Gail Sommers
Historian (co-chair)	Gloria Clancy
Hospitality: Bagel	Ricki Letowt
Hospitality: Oneg	OPEN
Jim Click Raffle	Steve Abrahams
Jim Click Raffle (co-chair)	Ed Gold
Library	Linda Stein
Library (co-chair)	Charlotte Brody
Memorial Board/Yahrzeits	Joyce Finkelstein
Membership	Mike Finkelstein
Men's Club	Merle Sobol
President	Gloria Clancy
Programs	Mike Finkelstein
Public Relations	Mike Finkelstein
Rabbi	Norman Roman
Ritual	Ruthann Shapiro
Ritual (co-chair)	Jo Legat
Ritual (co-chair)	Marlys Fiterman
Security	Dan Galitz
Shofar	BSTC Office
Sisterhood	Sue Cohen
Social Action (temp chair)	Les Bakke
Tributes	Amy Storer
Website	BSTC Office