

# Beth Shalom Temple Center



## GREEN VALLEY SHOFAR

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### President's Message

For this issue, the President has requested that photos from the recent group trip to Israel take the space earmarked for this and the Rabbi's message.

### Message from Rabbi Norm Roman

Rabbi Norm is out of town until early January.



*Travelers to Israel from Arizona and Detroit*



*Jerusalem*



*Baha'i Gardens in Haifa*



# GREEN VALLEY SHOFAR

The Official Newsletter of  
Beth Shalom Temple Center

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This is the January issue of the Shofar. Shofars are being published bi-monthly, electronically only. Printed copies can be mailed to any member who desires such in return for a fee of \$18 annually for this courtesy.

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 Irene Miller: **Condolences to** the family of Helen Beckelman.
- ♦ From Marcia Wiener: **Condolences to** the family of Helen Beckelman.

## 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
Gail Norton	Her Daughter	Kelly Kern
John Holleran	His Uncle	Kenny Spears
Sid Shapiro	His Father	Irwin Shapiro

# 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	1/4/23	10am	BSTC Book Club
WED	1/4/23	12:30	Learn Mahjong@BSTC
WED	1/4/23	1pm	Art Gallery OPEN
FRI	1/6/23	7pm	Friday Shabbat Service
SAT	1/7/23	10am	Torah Study on Zoom
SUN	1/8/23	10am	Bagel Breakfast 9:30 Michael G on piano
SUN	1/8/23	2pm	Tucson Jewish Film Festival at BSTC (see Programs)
TUE	1/10/23	10am	Sisterhood Meeting
WED	1/11/23	9 am	Men's Club Meeting
WED	1/11/23	12:30	Learn Mahjong@BSTC
WED	1/11/23	1pm	Art Gallery OPEN
THU	1/12/23	9am	Long Range Planning Meeting on Zoom
FRI	1/13/23	10am	Stomp on Parkinson's class w/Karen Baker
SAT	1/14/23	10am	Saturday Shabbat Service
TUE	1/17/23	2pm	Sisterhood Paid-Up Dessert Reception
WED	1/18/23	12:30	Learn Mahjong@BSTC
WED	1/18/23	1pm	Art Gallery OPEN
FRI	1/20/23	10am	Stomp on Parkinson's class w/Karen Baker
FRI	1/20/23	10:30am	Social Action Mtg @BSTC
FRI	1/20/23	7pm	Friday Shabbat Service
SAT	1/21/23	10am	Torah Study on Zoom
<b>MON</b>	<b>1/23/23</b>	<b>2pm</b>	<b>BSTC Annual Board &amp; Congregational Meeting</b>
WED	1/25/23	12:30	Learn Mahjong@BSTC
WED	1/25/23	1pm	Art Gallery OPEN
FRI	1/27/23	10am	Stomp on Parkinson's class w/Karen Baker
SAT	1/28/23	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 members:** John & Shelly Rothstein  
Green Valley, AZ
- ♦ **New address:** Deborah Haraway  
McKinney TX

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

**RAISERIGHT (formerly SHOPWITHSCRIP)** provides an easy way to raise money for the Temple. All you need to do is shop at your favorite stores! **Please let Joyce Finkelstein know right away if you would like to order a NEW Safeway\* or other gift cards. I will place one order and save much of the shipping and handling fees.**

**\*Effective December 29, you will no longer have access to add new funds to your Safeway/Albertsons physical gift card. The partner is launching new gift cards in 2023, so reload on existing cards will no longer be available until the new cards are introduced, expected by the end of January.**

**NOTE: Your current gift card and any funds added up through December 29th will continue to work until the funds are gone.**

## 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.

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## 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 or email Amy.

***The Mi Sheberach List has been removed from the website. A prayer for recitation has been added in place of that for those who need your prayers. Please contact Amy, Ruthann or Rabbi Norm with any questions.***

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!**

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## HOSPITALITY

**Bagel Breakfasts** have resumed, every first Sunday of the month again as of February. (January event was moved forward due to New Year's.) **RSVP and pre-payment are required for ALL food events.** (Remember that credit cards payments for any event/donation can be easily made through the BSTC website.)

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## JIM CLICK RAFFLE

The 2022 Jim Click Raffle drawing was on December 15th. **BSTC raised \$1425 in this year's raffle!** The new raffle begins in February 2023. Watch for news!

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## 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*

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## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

### Welcome New Members!

BSTC has more new members! A warm welcome to John and Shelly Rothstein.

### The Member Badge drawers have been tidied up!

Due to the growth in temple membership and the existing mix of badges, chain, and magnets, we were often faced with trying to separate them. The Membership committee discussed this and presented an acceptable solution to the Board. The current drawers have slots in which to place your badges, and three drawers so badges can be stored alphabetically. BSTC member, Connie Greenwald, offered to build and install dividers in each drawer to further separate badges. We are beginning to convert ALL badges to the magnet style, eliminating most, if not all, chains. If a member prefers to have a chain (for medical reasons), please let Mike Finkelstein know.

See photos on the next pages of BSTC members enjoying one another's company on the recent trip to Israel. 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.

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## MEMORIAL BOARD

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

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## MEN'S CLUB

The BSTC Men's Club held their December meeting at BSTC, serving up a complimentary bagel breakfast for all who attended.

The co-sponsored Chanukah party was enjoyed by



*Rabbi Norm and the bus driver, Moti*



*Dead Sea Floating Finkelsteins*



*Sunrise on the Dead Sea*

*Rabbi Norm with Jim & Bonnie Cole at the Israeli winery*



*View of the Mediterranean from Tel Aviv hotel*



about five dozen people. A shout out of thanks from Arnie to the volunteers who'd signed up as well as to the last-minute back-up helpers!

The New Year's Day BBQ party was postponed and will occur instead of the Romeo & Juliet dinner on February 14th.

The Men's Club Shabbaton with Rabbi Norm has also been cancelled.

Merle has stepped down as President due to health reasons and Vice President, Arnie Krohn, will fill the position.

### Upcoming Men's Club Events:

- ♦ **Romeo & Juliet BBQ@BSTC Dinner** February 14th, 2023

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## PROGRAMS

### GENERAL

- ♦ Over 40 people attended the **program on Israeli cooking** at 5pm on Monday, December 5th with Abbii Cook, director of the Weintraub Israel Center at the Tucson JCC. Judy Gehman coordinated the program and assisted Abbii. The group also viewed photos and heard reflections of temple members' recent trip to Israel, led by Rabbi Norm and assisted by Les Bakke. ***Event photos plus a link to the full recipe booklet is on the BSTC website Gallery page.***
- ♦ On Wednesday, December 7th BSTC member, Harriet Ayer, spoke about her fascinating **Life As An International Fashion Model** sharing numerous Italian magazine feature photos. Her niece, who just moved to Green Valley, joined us.

### 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.
- ♦ **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.
- ♦ **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 rescheduled for MARCH 24-26, 2023. Registra-

tion forms and information are on the table in the temple lobby. Those who planned to attend the cancelled event please contact Ricki if you are interested in signing up again.

- ♦ 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!

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

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## RITUAL

With the beginning of the secular year, BSTC will resume its normal winter Shabbat service schedule. Shabbat services will be held on the first and third Friday nights of the month at 7 p.m. A Saturday Shabbat service will be held on the second Saturday of the month at 10 a.m. All services will be followed by wine/challah plus, giving us the opportunity to socialize.

We will continue to stream our services via YouTube **Live**. Links will be sent via e-blast a few days before each service.

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

### The schedule of services for January and February is below:

- ♦ **Friday, Jan 6th, 7pm**—Shabbat Service
- ♦ **Saturday, Jan 14th, 10am**—Saturday Shabbat
- ♦ **Friday, Jan 20th, 7pm**—Shabbat Service
- ♦ **Friday, Feb 3, 7pm**—Shabbat Shirah music service
- ♦ **Saturday, Feb 11, 10am**—Shabbat Service
- ♦ **Friday, Feb 17, 7pm**—Shabbat Service

All members and their guests are welcome to attend in person. Vaccinations are recommended and masks are optional. If you borrowed a prayer book but now attend in person, please return the prayer book.

Mark your calendar for these special services:

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- ◆ Friday, Feb 3, 7pm—Shabbat Shirah
- ◆ Monday, Mar 6, time to be determined—Purim
- ◆ March 24-26—Shabbaton: contact Ricki Letowt for details and registration
- ◆ Thursday, Apr 6—Second Seder to be held at the Desert Diamond Conference Center, watch your eblasts for details coming in mid-January.

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

*Ruthann*

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## SECURITY

- ◆ Your Security Committee is now, with the approval of the Board, ready to present to the membership for a Congregational vote on the installation of a Secondary Security Enclosure to enter the temple. Please plan to attend the Annual Meeting on Monday, January 23, 2023 at 2pm for an informational presentation by your Security Committee and the Security Directors of the Jewish Philanthropies of Southern Arizona.
- ◆ 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!"**

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## SISTERHOOD

### Upcoming events:

- ◆ January 17th—Sisterhood Paid-Up Dessert Reception with Program featuring renowned artist, Beth Surdut.

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## SOCIAL ACTION

The committee met on Thursday, December 15th.

Connie Greenwald has agreed to become the new chair of this committee.

### 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. **December donations received included \$140 collected at Bagel Breakfast, plus another \$200 check donated, in addition to 23 pounds of food delivered to the Sahuarita food bank on December 23rd! THANK YOU!**

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## 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.

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## WEBSITE

***Please email Stacy at [bstcgv@gmail.com](mailto:bstcgv@gmail.com), or call 520-648-6690, if you need the password to access the "members' only" page.***

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Happy Anniversary to:	
Mike & Joyce Finkelstein	3-Jan
Ed & Esther Brill	10-Jan
Art & Sandy Drucker	19-Feb



Happy Birthday to:	
Marianne Katz	1-Jan
Merle Sobol	3-Jan
Marilyn Forstot	4-Jan
David Wolpert	4-Jan
Jean Shekter	6-Jan
Martha Wolpert	9-Jan
Susan Cohen	11-Jan
Janet Brown	15-Jan
Judith Kramer	16-Jan
Judy Gehman	16-Jan
Randy Gehman	18-Jan
Ceylon Kelly	20-Jan
David Liebling	22-Jan
Robin Garman	24-Jan
William Forstot	27-Jan
John Holleran	28-Jan
Lynne Block	1-Feb
John Rothstein	2-Feb
Lucy Graham	5-Feb
Laurence Eason	6-Feb
Fran Gordon	8-Feb
Agi Klieger	10-Feb
Linda Alexander	13-Feb
Kent Blumenthal	13-Feb
John Evans	13-Feb
Tobey Gitelle	13-Feb
Mike Finkelstein	14-Feb
Esther Brill	14-Feb
Bill Liebson	17-Feb
Hermine Router	17-Feb
Judy Berlin Clifford	21-Feb
Andrew Katz	25-Feb

MONTHLY TORAH PORTIONS			
Portion (Parashat)	Date	Torah	Haftarah
<u>VaYechi</u>	Jan 6-7, 2023	Genesis 47:28-50:26	I Kings 2:1-2:12
<u>Shemot</u>	Jan 13-14, 2023	Exodus 1:1-6:1	Isaiah 27:6-28:13
<u>VaEira</u>	Jan 20-21, 2023	Exodus 6:2-9:35	Ezekiel 28:25-29:21
<u>Bo</u>	Jan 27-28, 2023	Exodus 10:1-13:16	Jeremiah 46:13-46:28
<u>B'shallach</u>	Feb 2-3, 2023	Exodus 13:17-17:16	Judges 4:4-5:31
<u>Yitro</u>	Feb 10-11, 2023	Exodus 18:1-20:23	Isaiah 6:1-7:6
<u>Mishpatim</u>	Feb 17-18, 2023	Exodus 21:1-24:18	Jeremiah 34:8-34:22
<u>Terumah</u>	Feb 24-25, 2023	Exodus 25:1-27:19	I Kings 5:26-6:13

<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>CHAIR/CO-CHAIR</b>
Aesthetics	Tobey Gitelle
Art Gallery	Marcia Wiener
Book of Remembrance	Suenette Maron
BSTC Book Club	Laura Unger
BSTC Shopper	Pat Naselow
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	Bunny Tarquinio
Jim Click Raffle	Steve Abrahams
Jim Click Raffle (co-chair)	Ed Gold
Library	Linda Stein
Library (co-chair)	Charlotte Brody
Long Range Planning	John Unger
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	Connie Greenwald
Tributes	Amy Storer
Website	BSTC Office