

# Beth Shalom Temple Center



## GREEN VALLEY SHOFAR

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### President's Message

As we enter September, our focus turns to the Yamin N'orim/Days of Awe, the High Holidays. The dedicated efforts of the Ritual Committee and the Rabbi are instrumental in planning our services, preparing the Memorial Book, and guiding us into the spirit of these holy days. A heartfelt thank you to the Rabbi and the Ritual Committee, led by the committed Suenette and Steve Maron. We also thank Gary Friedman and his security committee for their unwavering commitment to ensuring the safety of BSTC and its worshippers.

Politically, things are gearing up as well. Both the Republican and Democratic conventions are over, and we can look forward to lots of rhetoric from both sides and some, no doubt, interesting debates. Hopefully, no matter who we are supporting, we cast our votes so that the people of Arizona and America make a clear choice.

Too, the Gala Committee and all its supporters are busy canvassing for ads, donating items, and sending in tributes. I hope the entire BSTC family gets involved in this beautiful occasion celebrating thirty years as a community. Thank you all for making the effort to help BSTC continue to grow and increase its programming, facilities, and outreach to the community.

Finally, as of this writing, it is good news that Israel has agreed to a ceasefire and return of the hostages. Unfortunately, however, Hamas has turned the proposal down. We must not forget that Israel stands alone as a democracy in the Middle East. As a nation, I believe that Israel has a right to defend itself, but it is time to try to bring an end to hostilities and the agony of the many parents, grandparents, and children on both sides. As the

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### Message from Rabbi Norm Roman

A Most Auspicious Time

Dear Friends,

I cannot recall a late Summer series of events, services, programs and opportunities that will match those for which we are preparing this September, October and November. Many of you have heard me refer to the High Holy Day and Sukkot gatherings as the I.J.S (the "Intensive Jewish Season") – but this year, at this time, my emotions and anticipation for spending these next 10 weeks or so with you are completely wow-filled!

Of course, we are focusing on Rosh HaShana and Yom Kippur of 5785. I am excited and proud to share the news that our daughter, Caryn, will once again be with us at BSTC as our Vocal Soloist! Our cadre of Ritual and Security Committee members, led by Suenette and Steve Maron, Gary Friedman, President Esther Brill and many others, are working hard to help provide meaningful and safe Worship for the Days of Awe. We are still looking for any of you who wish to read parts or have 'Aliyot during the Services to let us know (asap, please). And I have been discussing with colleagues around the world, so that our Congregation, too, will be including the appropriate time for acknowledging the anniversary of the October 7, 2023 terrorist massacre.

Please also remember two other, very significant customs for BSTC: on Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 am in the Jewish section of Green Valley Cemetery on S. La Canada Drive, we will conduct our brief "Kever Avot" (Honoring our Ancestors) ceremony. It is traditional to visit the graves of loved ones and

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# The GREEN VALLEY SHOFAR

The Official Newsletter of  
Beth Shalom Temple Center

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## **PAYMENTS MADE TO BSTC**

- ◆ BSTC accepts ZELLE to [bstcgv@gmail.com](mailto:bstcgv@gmail.com)
- ◆ Credit cards/PayPal link is on the BSTC website.
- ◆ Checks are always welcome! Please memo for 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* items, contact Gary Melton.
- ◆ For information on *Commemorative Items*, contact the office.

## **TEMPLE USAGE SCHEDULING**

**Please turn in the Facilities Reservation Form (on the website or from the rack in the temple lobby) to reserve space.** 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 25<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to the publication date.

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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.

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The volunteer chairing this committee will mail a personalized card to whomever you choose.

**SEE SOME SAMPLE CARDS ON THE BSTC WEBSITE.**

For an acknowledgement card to be sent **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 which address*)
3. **Type of Tribute:** Happy Birthday, In Honor Of, With Sympathy, etc.
4. **Names of ALL who are sending** the Tribute including name of spouse, if appropriate.
5. Send your Tribute request and free-will offerings to: BSTC, P.O. Box 884, Green Valley, AZ 85622 (mark "Tributes" on the envelope and check memo line!)

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- ♦ From Esther Levine and Ed Brill: **mazel tov to:** Beth Surdut for first place in the Sahuarita Photography Contest
- ♦ From Linda Stein: **happy birthday to:** Michael Gervan for his 80th
- ♦ From Sue and Marty Cohen: **happy birthday to:** Michael Gervan for his 80th
- ♦ From Sue and Marty Cohen: **happy anniversary to:** Bobbie and Jack Vishner on their 50th
- ♦ From Sue and Marty Cohen: **congratulations/appreciation:** Kent Blumenthal and the Stand with Israel Committee on being awarded a micro grant from the Weintraub Center. "Their timely editorial responses to propaganda serve as a noble force in public education."
- ♦ From Sue and Marty Cohen: **condolences to:** Marlys Fiterman on the passing of her spouse, Marlys Rechkemmer
- ♦ From Sue and Marty Cohen: **condolences to:** Laurie Sherman on the passing of her uncle
- ♦ From Joyce and Mike Finkelstein: **condolences to:** Marlys Fiterman on the loss of her spouse, Marlys Rechkemmer
- ♦ From Bobbie and Jack Vishner: **condolences to:** Marlys Fiterman on the passing of Marlys Rechkemmer
- ♦ From Gary Friedman: **condolences to:** Marlys Fiterman on the passing of Marlys Rechkemmer
- ♦ From Sue and Marty Cohen: **healing thoughts to:** John Unger for undergoing back surgery
- ♦ From Sue and Marty Cohen: **healing thoughts to:** John Evans on his recent illness
- ♦ From Sue and Marty Cohen: **healing thoughts to:** Gary Melton for recent hospitalization
- ♦ From Sue and Marty Cohen: **healing thoughts to:** Jo Legat and her family for recent injuries
- ♦ From Sherry Hoffman-Blum: **happy birthday to:** Michael Gervan for his 80th
- ♦ From Gary & Toi Melton: **mazel tov to:** Bobbie & Jack Vishner on the birth of their newest grandson, Zachary Mason

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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.

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Remembered by	Relationship	Yahrzeit
Barbara Kowalski	For her Husband	Joseph Anthony Kowalski
Nili Mirande	For her Parents	Pinkas & Sara Olech
Sherry Hoffman-Blum	For her Uncle	Manny Schneider
Holli Madsen	For her Mother	Cyrel Bandy



# BSTC ACTIVITY CALENDAR

**BSTC continues to Live Stream Services on YouTube. Links are emailed to members.**

Schedule of Services, Meetings, Classes & Events			
Day	Date	Time	Event
SUN	9/1/24	10am	Bagel Breakfast <i>sponsor: Michael &amp; Sara Benisch</i>
TUE	9/3/24	11am	Adult Ed on Zoom
WED	9/4/24	10am	BSTC Book Club
FRI	9/6/24	10am	Ritual Committee Meeting
<b>FRI</b>	<b>9/6/24</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>Friday Night Shabbat Service</b>
SAT	9/7/24	10am	Torah Study—BSTC & Zoom
TUE	9/10/24	10am	Sisterhood Meeting
WED	9/11/24	9am	Men's Club Meeting
THU	9/12/24	9am	Long Range Planning on Zoom
FRI	9/13/24	1pm	Dine & Laugh Planning meeting
SAT	9/14/24	8am	Hunger Walk at Canoa Ranch
<b>SAT</b>	<b>9/14/24</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Saturday Morning Shabbat</b>
TUE	9/17/24	11am	Adult Ed on Zoom
THU	9/19/24	10:30	Social Action Committee mtg
FRI	9/20/24	9:30am	Program Committee on Zoom
<b>FRI</b>	<b>9/20/24</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>Friday Night Shabbat Service</b>
SAT	9/21/24	10am	Torah Study—BSTC & Zoom
SUN	9/22/24	2:30pm	Art Gallery Reception
MON	9/23/24	10am	BSTC Board Meeting @BSTC
SAT	9/28/24	10am	Torah Study—BSTC & Zoom
SUN	9/29/24	10am	Bagel Breakfast <i>sponsor: Les Bakke &amp; Bev Lake</i>
SUN	9/29/24	11am	History of BSTC—Part 2 <i>immediately following breakfast</i>
<b>WED</b>	<b>10/2/24</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>Erev Rosh HaShana</b>
<b>THU</b>	<b>10/3/24</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Rosh HaShana (first day)</b>
<b>THU</b>	<b>10/3/24</b>	<b>4pm</b>	<b>Tashlich @ Sahuarita Lake</b>
<b>FRI</b>	<b>10/4/24</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Rosh HaShana (second day)</b>
<b>SUN</b>	<b>10/6/24</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Kever Avot @ GV Cemetery</b>
<b>MON</b>	<b>10/7/24</b>	<b>5pm</b>	<b>Transportation to JCC Event</b>
<b>FRI</b>	<b>10/11/24</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>Erev Yom Kippur</b>

**SEE THE RITUAL SECTION FOR THE FULL SCHEDULE OF HIGH HOLY DAY SERVICES**

**RECOMMENDED:** Please check the Active Calendar on the BSTC website (bstc.us) for any updates.

**President's Message** continued:

parents of hostage Hersh Goldberg Polin said at the Democratic National Convention, "There is a surplus of agony on all sides ...of the conflict in the Middle East. In a competition of pain, there are no winners." And to quote from the crowd at the Convention, "Bring them home!"

Let us continue this incredible journey together,  
Esther Levine Brill



**Message from Rabbi Norm Roman** continued:

community leaders during the Ten Days of Repentance between Rosh HaShana and Yom Kippur. Many of those who are buried here do not have family members residing locally, and so it is incumbent upon us to attend the Service for them and recite Kaddish as well as other memorial prayers.

And, please notify me or Stacy in the BSTC Office of any children, grandchildren, nieces or nephews, etc. who have been born or adopted into your extended families since last Yom Kippur. Just as we read the names of those who have died during the past year at our Yizkor Service on Yom Kippur, we joyfully go from sadness to joy as we immediately welcome those babies or children who have joined our People in the last 12 months with a hearty "Mazel Tov!"

I want to draw your attention to two community-wide events that link together with the themes we will be sharing during the High Holy Days, sadly: On Tuesday evening, September 24<sup>th</sup>, Rabbi Jonah Pesner, a friend who is one of the leading Religious Activists and Jewish Spokesmen of this generation, will be speaking at the Tucson Jewish Museum and Holocaust Center. His presentation will be both in person and live-streamed, but advanced registration is required (though there is no charge). His topic is formidable: "Antisemitism and Democracy". We can all benefit from his guidance in preparing for the Days of Awe and the 2024 U.S. Election.

And more information will be forthcoming about the Tucson Jewish Community's October 7<sup>th</sup> Commemoration, to be held at the JCC on that Monday evening. We are working on providing transportation for those from Green Valley who wish to attend in person, and registration will be required.

Furthermore, the end of this year's I.J.S. will actually usher in the beginning of a new chapter in the life of Beth Shalom Temple Center. On Simchat Torah eve, Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, we will welcome and dedicate our new Torah Scroll! You will be receiving a separate invitation to this celebration, as we sing and dance and each-one-of us has the chance to join in the procession, reciting a special blessing and thanking all those who contributed and supported the realization of this dream over the last 2 years!

Finally, an amazing group of volunteers have been devotedly planning for our special 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala, to be held on Saturday evening, November 9<sup>th</sup>, at the Desert Diamond Conference Center. Details and plans for the event are available through the Temple website [bstc.us] or the special Beth Shalom Temple Center Gala page and group on Facebook. We will be celebrating our past and helping provide for our future, honoring Joyce Finkelstein and Pat Shearer, enjoying great food, music, dancing and a performance by Tucson's famous 'Unscrewed Theater' improvisation group. There also will be an auction (some items available in advance to those who won't be able to attend the evening in person), and an Ad Book for messages and congratulations.

I hope that you can join us – not only does BSTC need the funds in order to continue and improve upon our programs and responses to the needs of the Green Valley Jewish community - but in light of all the emotional ups-and-downs we'll be having during this "most auspicious time", we will undoubtedly need an opportunity to have some fun! And if you can't attend, please consider placing an ad, or bidding in the auction, sending a congratulatory message to the Temple or honoring Joyce and/or Pat, or just simply making a donation. It is vital that as many of us as possible participate in these Gifts of the Hearts (in Hebrew they are known as "Terumot HaLev"). For many of you know the foundational phrase of Synagogue life as requested by God in the Torah: "Let them build and maintain for Me a Sanctuary, and I will dwell among them".

I look forward to seeing you soon.

Shalom,

Rabbi Norm Roman

[Oh, and don't forget to VOTE!]



## **MEMBER DIRECTORY UPDATES**

The 2024 Membership Directory is updated and posted on the Members Only page of the website when new information is received.

*Printed copies of the directory are available for members upon request. Please email Stacy at bstcgv@gmail.com (or, call the office) for a copy.*

- ♦ **New member:** Gail S. Abend  
Green Valley, AZ
- ♦ **New address:** Lucy Graham  
Tucson AZ  
(email & phone number are the same)

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## **TEMPLE TIDINGS**

### **HAPPY NEWS**

Shared by Bobbie and Jack Vishner: We are so happy to announce the birth of another grandson! Zachary Mason was born on July 12th and weighed in at 6 pounds, 15 ounces. Parents Jessica and Rudy Stoler, and big sister Hailey Danielle, are in love with Zachy!

### **SAD NEWS**

BSTC member, Jane Gold, lost her brother, Paul Levin, on July 28th when he passed away in his sleep the day after his birthday. The family decided not to hold a service. Per his wishes, Paul will be cremated. May his memory be a blessing.

In sympathy, we also share the news that Robert Spear, the husband of our member Claudia Stoores, passed away peacefully on Saturday morning, August 24th, at age 99. May his memory be a blessing.

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## **BOARD NOTES**

**The most recent Board Meeting was on Monday, August 26, 2024 at 10am.**

The BSTC Board meets at BSTC for the General Board meetings at 10am on the fourth Monday of each month. The approved minutes and financial reports are posted for review on the website and

on the hallway bulletin board. All BSTC members are welcome to join General Board meetings. The agenda is emailed the Friday prior to the meeting. Member comments are entertained at each meeting. Check the active calendar for any updates.

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## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **ART GALLERY**

A new exhibit will be hung mid-September with a meet-and-greet reception on Sunday, September 22nd at 2:30pm. We hope to see you there!

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### **BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE**

Every year, BSTC distributes the Book of Remembrance at Yom Kippur. We will again have an **electronic Book of Remembrance. We will mail a printed copy to anyone requesting a copy who has made a monetary donation.** If you wish to have the name(s) of your deceased loved ones included in the book for 5785, October 2024 – September 2025, please send in your information along with your free-will donation by **September 16, 2024.**

Use the form on the last page of this newsletter and please print clearly to avoid any misspellings.

If you have any questions, you may email Suenette, or the Temple at [bstcgv@gmail.com](mailto:bstcgv@gmail.com). You may also email me your list, or just email or note that it's the same as last year. However, monetary donations must be sent to the Temple. **Please also note if you would like a printed copy.**

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### **CARING COMMITTEE**

#### **Who to Call?**

Do you need to let the congregation know about an important life event? Are you interested in making 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 Gary Melton, chair of the BSTC Caring Committee. Please call or email him.

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## **COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE**

### **Calling the All Stars of BSTC!**

Ready to have a blast and help make our Gala the event of the year? We're rolling out the red carpet (okay, maybe it's more like a plush red rug) and need **\*\*YOU\*\*** to enter the spotlight!

We're looking for a few fun-loving, camera-ready folks to share their excitement and be part of the buzz. Plan on 15 minutes and you don't need to be Redford, Streep or even Spielberg—bring your enthusiasm, a big smile, and your love for BSTC! We will send a sample script to make your own. And it will be just a couple sentences! Bring your excitement about the Gala. This will truly help the Temple.

Think of it as your chance to shine, support the Temple, and show everyone why this Gala is going to be unforgettable. Plus, who doesn't love a good cameo?

Interested? Drop us a line to get all the details. Let's make some 'movie magic' happen together!

Lights, camera, action!

Laurie and John  
Communications Committee, BSTC

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### **E-SCRIP**

**RAISE RIGHT** is a national program offering name brand gift cards for purchase (sometimes at a discount) and *raises funds for BSTC without costing anything extra!*

Please contact Joyce Finkelstein with questions or for help.

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### **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"

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

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## HOSPITALITY

### **DUE TO THE DATES OF THE HIGH HOLY DAYS, SEPTEMBER HAS TWO BAGEL BREAKFASTS\*!**

(See Ritual Section for information about the BREAK THE FAST on Saturday, October 12th.)

***\*Bagel Breakfasts are normally on the first Sunday of each month at 10am. Due to the dates of the High Holy Days this year, Sunday September 29th, will replace the October event.***

Michael G is at the piano from 9:30 to 10.

Food events **MUST HAVE YOUR RSVP by the Wednesday prior to ensure there is enough food.**

The cost is now \$12 for Members and for \$15 for Non-members. To ensure there is adequate food and that enough tables are set up, any member who just shows up without having pre-reserved a space will be required to pay the non-member price, and any non-member doing the same will be charged \$20 per person.

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## JIM CLICK RAFFLE

The **2024 Jim Click Raffle** is underway! ***Tickets are \$25 each or 5 for \$100—back by popular demand!*** The grand prize is a Brand NEW 2024 Jeep Wrangler Rubicon 4x4 Plug-in Hybrid! Second prize is two round-trip, first-class plane tickets to anywhere in the world (some restrictions apply). Third prize is \$5,000 in cash. Please contact Ed Gold or call the BSTC office for more information. ***So far, BSTC has raise \$425 in this year's raffle.***

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## LIBRARY

### ***Jane Gold is the New BSTC Librarian!***

Jane has completed weeding through the Fiction, Jewish Humor, and Travel sections. She and Rabbi will be working on the Religious section together.

Jane is also updating the policy and procedure for use of the space and any donations.

Please contact Jane at janemgold88@gmail.com, or call 201-230-9071, with any questions or donations.

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## BSTC Book Club

The BSTC Book Club meets at BSTC every first Wednesday of the month at 10 a.m. All members are welcome. Contact Laura Unger for more information.

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## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

### **Welcome to new member, Gail Abend!**

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

### **Member Photos**

BSTC welcomes photos to be shared in the Shofar. Send pictures to Mike with details.

Anyone interested in joining this committee please contact Mike Finkelstein.

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## MEN'S CLUB

The Men's Club meets at El Patio Restaurant at 9am on the second Wednesday of each month.

### **\*\*CARDBOARD\*\*CARDBOARD\*\*CARDBOARD\*\***

The Men's Club is collecting cardboard (NO pizza boxes, bank statements, etc.) to benefit the Sahuarita Food Bank.

**Bring flat, folded cardboard to the September 29th Bagel Breakfast** and the Men's Club will take care of getting it to the Sahuarita Food Bank.

Contact Harry Segal with any questions or for more information.

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## PROGRAMS

**Through Their Eyes** is a Zoom program scheduled for September 9th at 7 p.m. with Congregation M'kor and Yuval Malka, the Israeli emissary (Shlichah) in Tucson. This Zoom program is an opportunity to share experiences from visiting Israel during the war with personal perspectives beyond the headlines. Watch your email for the Zoom link.

**Dine & Laugh fundraiser Gala** is on Saturday, November 9th, 2024 at the Desert Diamond Conference Center on Pima Mine Road. Lots of planning is in the works with many members and friends already reserving their spots. Go to [bstc.us](https://bstc.us) and see the article below for more information.

### **Celebrating 30 Years:**

#### **Dance Into the Night at Our Unforgettable Gala!**

For more information, visit **BSTC.us**

Dear Congregants,

This year marks a significant milestone in the life of Beth Shalom Temple Center—our 30th anniversary! To celebrate three decades of community, faith, and friendship, we're hosting a Gala like no other on Saturday, November 9, 2024. We warmly invite you to join us for an evening filled with joy, laughter, and memories that will last a lifetime.

#### What's in Store?

The evening will begin with a Pre-Glow Reception, featuring music from a talented Klezmer trio, setting the tone for an unforgettable night. As you enjoy the rich melodies, you can mingle with friends old and new, savor delicious hors d'oeuvres, and sip on your favorite beverages. This intimate gathering is the perfect opportunity to reconnect with fellow congregants and celebrate the rich history we've shared together.

As the Gala officially begins, prepare to be dazzled! You'll enjoy a three-course elegant dinner, crafted to delight your taste buds. Following dinner, get ready to laugh out loud with a comedy performance by Unscrewed Theater. Their hilarious acts will set the perfect mood for the rest of the evening.

#### Honoring Our Community Leaders

We are thrilled to honor some of the pillars of our congregation at this year's Gala. Joyce Finkelstein will be recognized for her outstanding contributions to Green Valley and her tireless dedication to our temple. Her leadership and commitment have made a lasting impact on our community, and we are excited to celebrate her achievements.

Additionally, we will honor Pat Shearer for his extraordinary efforts to support Ukraine. Pat has been instrumental in organizing countless initiatives and providing aid to those affected by the ongoing crisis. His dedication to this cause reflects the best of our shared values, and we are proud to recognize his

selfless contributions.

#### How You Can Help

This Gala is more than just a celebration—it's a community effort, and we need your help to make it truly spectacular! Here are some ways you can contribute and ensure this event is the success it should be:

- Assist with Getting the Word Out: Spread the excitement! Share information about the Gala with your friends, family, and social networks. The more people who know about it, the better!

- ◆ **Become a Sponsor or Help Secure Sponsors:** Sponsorships are crucial to the success of our event. Whether you or someone you know might be interested in supporting us, your help in securing sponsors is invaluable. We offer a range of sponsorship packages, each providing fantastic exposure and benefits.
- ◆ **Help with the Auction:** Our auction is a highlight of the evening, and we need volunteers to help organize, solicit items, and assist on the day of the event. If you have a knack for getting great donations or want to help the auction run smoothly, we'd love your support.
- ◆ **Assist on the Day of the Gala:** From setting up the venue to welcoming guests and ensuring everything runs smoothly, we need volunteers for various tasks on the day of the event. Your time and energy can make a big difference!
- ◆ **Other Ways to Contribute:** If you have specific skills or ideas on how you can help, we'd love to hear from you! Whether it's assisting with decorations, helping with logistics, or offering creative input, every bit of help counts.

#### Why You Should Be There and Why You Should Help

This Gala isn't just another event—it's a celebration of who we are, where we've been, and where we're going. By attending and supporting this event, you're not only treating yourself to an extraordinary evening, but you're also playing a vital role in ensuring the future of our temple. The funds raised will go directly toward supporting the many programs and initiatives that keep our temple thriving.

Moreover, as we gather to celebrate, we also remember the significance of this time of year. November 9th marks the anniversary of Kristallnacht, a



night of terror that began the Holocaust. Our Gala is an opportunity to reflect on this dark chapter of history while celebrating the resilience, strength, and enduring spirit of the Jewish people. As we remember the Shoah, we also celebrate our survival, our culture, and our community.

Your participation in this event is not just about having a good time—it's about making sure our temple continues to be a place of worship, learning, and community for generations to come. By helping, whether through sponsorship, volunteering, or simply attending, you're contributing to something much bigger than yourself. You're helping to build a future where Beth Shalom Temple Center continues to thrive and be a beacon of hope and faith.

Don't miss out on this incredible event! Tickets are available now at **BSTC.us**, and they're going fast. We can't wait to celebrate with you on November 9th. Let's dance into the night as we toast to 30 years of Beth Shalom Temple Center and look forward to many more.

Warmly,

Pat Naselow and Mike Finkelstein  
Gala Committee Co-Chairs

For more information, visit **BSTC.us**.

## Other Program News:

- ♦ **Rabbi Norm is leading a four-part Zoom series on the Book of Proverbs** with the last two sessions on September 3rd and 17th at 11 a.m. Watch your email for the Zoom link.
- ♦ **THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE EVENT AT THE TUCSON JCC ON OCTOBER 7th.** See the flyer below and register to sign up for transportation to and from BSTC.
- ♦ **Rabbi Norm also invites BSTC members to attend the TJMHC's Lakin Lecture Series presenting Antisemitism & Democracy with Rabbi Jonah Pesner on Tuesday, September 24th from 6-8 p.m.** Rabbi Pesner is a bright, articulate, and engaging speaker, who serves as the representative of Reform and Conservative Judaism in Washington, DC. Rabbi Norm has worked with Rabbi Pesner (and his predecessor, Rabbi David Saperstein) on many social action and legislative advocacy issues through the years. He strongly encourages everyone to attend or listen to his presentation! This FREE hybrid event will be offered in-person and live streamed but registration is required. For more information visit this link: <https://www.tjmhc.org/programs-and-events/lakin-democracy> and you can register there, too.
- ♦ **Rabbi Norm will be presenting Ethical Wills and Setting Up Your Own Oral History. It will be held at the temple on Thursday, November 21st from 2-3:30 p.m.**
- ♦ **Michael Gervan is organizing a fundraising show to benefit the people of Israel which will take place on Sunday, January 19, 2025 at 1 p.m.** "This show will feature some of the best entertainers in Arizona. Please make note of this and make your plan to be a part of this event. For more information call 520-437-1287. Israel is the home of every Jew everywhere. More information will follow as we get closer to this event. I thank the members of the temple who have already responded favorably. I thank Rabbi Roman for his enthusiasm for my fundraising efforts for the people of Israel."

*Michael G*

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

**With Broken Hearts, and Heads Held High:**  
**בלב שבור, בראש מורם**

**Community-Wide October 7 Commemoration**  
Monday, October 7, 2024  
Doors open 6:00 PM; Program 6:30 – 8:00 PM  
Jill Rosenzweig Memorial Sculpture Garden, Tucson JCC

Join us as we gather **with broken hearts, and heads held high** to commemorate the one-year anniversary of the tragic events of October 7. We will welcome Israeli musician and October 7 survivor **Micha Biton** to lead us in strength, spirit, and song.

**Registration required. No bags permitted. Transportation available.**

**Click here to register**

Event made possible thanks in part to the generosity of the Rabbi Lee A Kivel Endowment Fund for Jewish Life

**Sponsors:** Jewish Philanthropies of Southern Arizona, Weintraub Israel Center, Congregation Anshei Israel, Beit Simcha, Congregation Beit Shalom, Chaverim, Handmaker, JFCS, Kol Ami, TUCSON JEWISH MUSEUM & MOSQUE CENTER, TUCSON TORAH CENTER, Hillel.

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**PUBLIC RELATIONS—is now the Communications Committee. Please see message there!**

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## **RITUAL**

The Ritual Committee co-chairs are Suenette and Steve Maron.

The High Holy Day services are approaching. We're looking for volunteers to do a reading in English, an Aliyah (Hebrew blessings before and after reading from the Torah), Hagba, Gelila and Hakafa (lifting, dressing and carrying the Torah), or lighting the candles.

### **Service times readers are needed for are:**

- ♦ Erev Rosh Hashana: Wednesday 10/2—7 PM
- ♦ Rosh Hashana morning: Thursday 10/3—10 AM
- ♦ Erev Yom Kippur: Friday 10/11—7 PM
- ♦ Yom Kippur morning: Saturday 10/12—10 AM
- ♦ Yom Kippur & Neila: Saturday 10/12—4:30 PM

Please email Suenette if you're interested, and whether you have a preference in which service you'd like to participate.

### **The full schedule of High Holy Day services is listed here:**

- ♦ **WED 10/2/24—7pm: Erev Rosh HaShana**
- ♦ **THU 10/3/24—10am: Rosh HaShana (1st day)**
- ♦ **THU 10/3/24—4pm: Tashlich @ Sahuarita Lake**
- ♦ **FRI 10/4/24—10am: Rosh HaShana (2nd day)**
- ♦ **SUN 10/6/24—10am: Kever Avot @ Cemetery**
- ♦ **FRI 10/11/24—7pm: Erev Yom Kippur**
- ♦ **SAT 10/12/24—10am: Yom Kippur Services and programming all day, then Break the Fast**
- ♦ **FRI 10/18/24—7pm: Chol HaMo'ed Sukkot**
- ♦ **FRI 10/23/24—4:30pm: Simchat Torah—Shemini Atzeret (Service, Yizkor, New Torah dedication)**
- ♦ **FRI 11/1/24—7pm: Shabbat Worship**
- ♦ **SAT 11/9/24—10am: Shabbat Worship**
- ♦ **FRI 11/15/24—TBD: Community Shabbat at Tucson JCC (NO SERVICES AT BSTC)**

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## **SECURITY**

***“If you see something, say something!”***

Please contact Gary Friedman with any security questions or concerns.

*Gary Friedman*

BSTC Security

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## **SISTERHOOD**

The Sisterhood usually meets every second Tuesday of the month at 10am at BSTC, but due to Tisha B'Av met on the fourth Tuesday of August instead to explore programs for the coming year.

For those who wish to participate, a newly formed cancer support group sponsored by the Jewish Philanthropies of Southern Arizona (JPSA) is available. Contact Carol at 520-440-3561 for information.

The Sisterhood Shabbat is being planned for January 3, 2025 and the Sisterhood Membership Paid-up Dessert event will be on January 21st, honoring BSTC President Esther Brill.

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## **SOCIAL ACTION**

The Social Action committee is back after a 2 month summer break. We have exciting information about upcoming projects to share with the congregation.

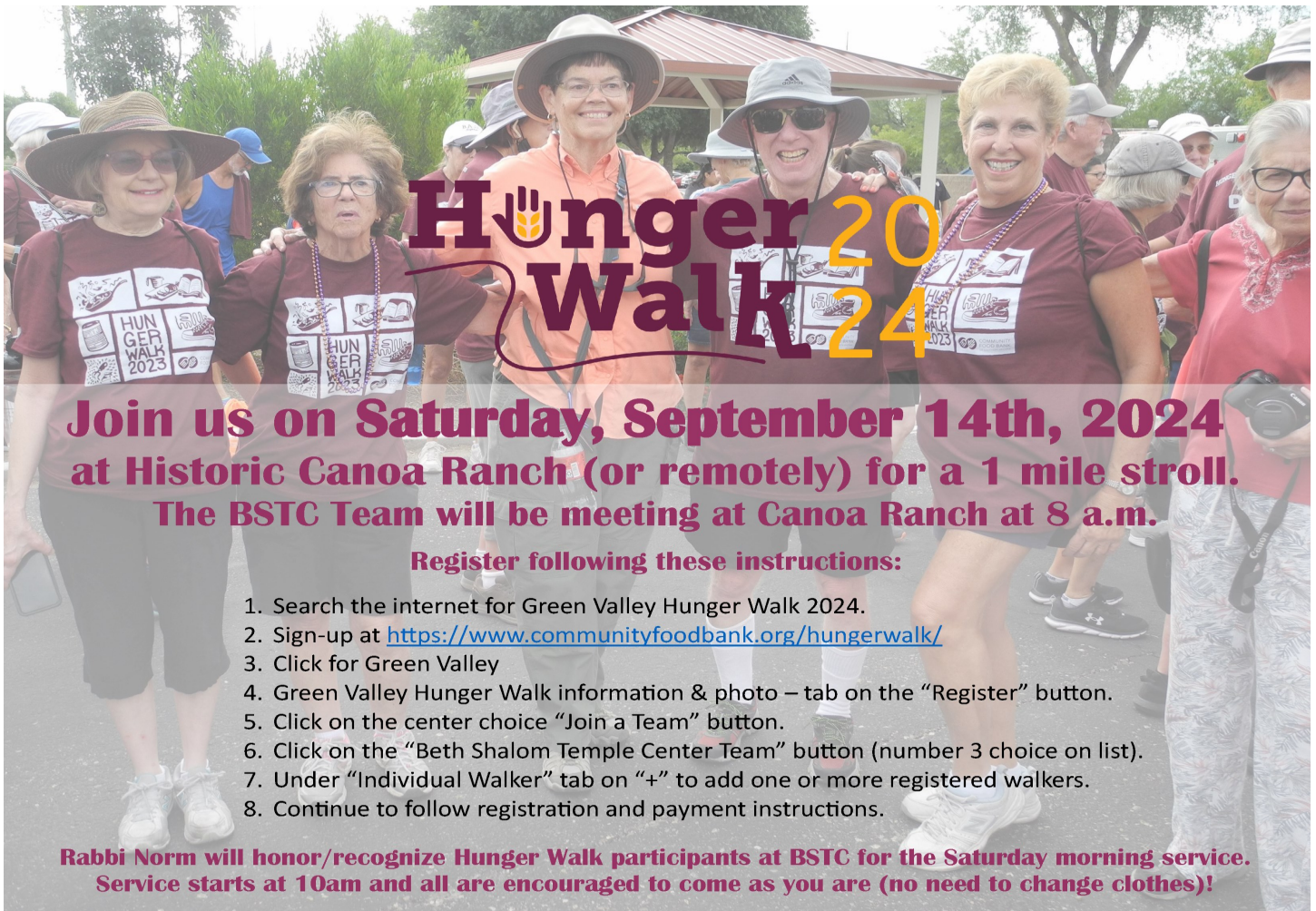
The Food Bank Hunger Walk is Saturday, September 14, 2024. All of you who have supported The 2024 Hunger Walk have been invited to Shabbat Worship at 10 a.m. after the walk has ended. No need to go home and change clothes. Come as you are. Please join us at services, Rabbi Norm would like to honor you for supporting the Hunger Walk by calling you up to the Torah for a special blessing.

Sign up at <https://www.communityfoodbank.org/hungerwalk/>!

There is a **large collection box for the Food Bank** in the temple lobby. Your food & monetary donations are greatly appreciated. In June 27 pounds, and in July another 40 pounds, of non-perishable food were delivered to the local Food Banks.

There is also a bin in the lobby for the **Angel Heart Pajama Project**. They always need donations of new pajamas and new or gently used childrens books.





# Hunger Walk 2024

**Join us on Saturday, September 14th, 2024  
at Historic Canoa Ranch (or remotely) for a 1 mile stroll.  
The BSTC Team will be meeting at Canoa Ranch at 8 a.m.**

**Register following these instructions:**

1. Search the internet for Green Valley Hunger Walk 2024.
2. Sign-up at <https://www.communityfoodbank.org/hungerwalk/>
3. Click for Green Valley
4. Green Valley Hunger Walk information & photo – tab on the “Register” button.
5. Click on the center choice “Join a Team” button.
6. Click on the “Beth Shalom Temple Center Team” button (number 3 choice on list).
7. Under “Individual Walker” tab on “+” to add one or more registered walkers.
8. Continue to follow registration and payment instructions.

**Rabbi Norm will honor/recognize Hunger Walk participants at BSTC for the Saturday morning service.  
Service starts at 10am and all are encouraged to come as you are (no need to change clothes)!**

And, there is a **collection box** in the lobby for **used eyeglasses, sunglasses, hearing aids and cell phones** for recycling through the Lions.

This year Mitzvah Day is on Friday, November 8, 2024. It is looking like we will have the same wonderful participants as we did last year. Angel Heart Pajama Project to fold the pj's. Project Linus for drawing fun designs on fabric that will be used for making childrens quilts. Seed counting for the Food Bank. Making insert cards for YOTO (Youth On Their Own). And this year some of the congregants from the Santa Cruz Valley Methodist Church will be joining us with their own project for Sister Jose Womens shelter, bagging kibble for cats and dogs. I will share more information about registering for the event as soon as those details are available.

More details for all our projects will be coming as E-Blasts.

*The Social Action Committee meets the 3rd Thursday of every month from 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. at the temple. Consider dropping by and joining us.*

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## **TORAH STUDY**

Torah Portions are included for members in the table on the next page. Torah Study meets every Saturday and has begun gathering again at the Temple at 10am, still including members unable to join in person via our Zoom virtual platform. All are welcome. The link has been emailed and does not change. Contact the office if you need it.

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## **WEBSITE—bstc.us**

There are links on the password protected page to the Board meeting minutes and financial reports, both current and archived, and *the most updated member contact information directories are also available here.*

The active calendar is also there, as well as on-line payment option details are there.

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## BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE FORM

Please print the name(s) of your dearly departed

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Remembered by: (Please print)

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**O I/We would like a printed copy.**

Mail this form and your free-will donation to:

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

Mark BOR on your check memo and envelope. Thank you.

MONTHLY TORAH PORTIONS			
Portion (Parashat)	Date	Torah	Haftarah
SHOFTIM	Sept 6-7, 2024	Deuteronomy 16:18-21:9	Isaiah 51:12-52:12
KI TEITZEI	Sept 13-14, 2024	Deuteronomy 21:10-25:19	Isaiah 54:1-10
KI TAVO	Sept 20-21, 2024	Deuteronomy 26:1-29:8	Isaiah 60:1-22
NITZAVIM/VAYEILECH	Sept 27-28, 2024	Deuteronomy 29:9-31:30	Joel 2:15-27
HA-AZINU	Oct 4-5, 2024	Deuteronomy 32:1-52	Hosea 14:2-10; Micah 7:18-20
YOM KIPPUR	Oct 11-12, 2024	Deuteronomy 29:9-14, 30:11-20; Numbers 29:7-11	Isaiah 57:14-58:14
SUKKOT	Oct 18-19, 2024	Exodus 33:12-34:26; Numbers 29:17-31	Ezekiel 38:18-39:16
BEREISHIT	Oct 25-26, 2024	Genesis 1:1-6:8	Isaiah 42:5-43:10





Martha Fine	2-Sep
Bonnie Cole	6-Sep
Kay Eason	9-Sep
Charlotte Brody	12-Sep
Stephen Schein	12-Sep
George Tarquinio	12-Sep
Bob Epstein	14-Sep
Shelly Rothstein	14-Sep
David Bayless	15-Sep
Bonnie Vadnais	27-Sep
Les Bakke	1-Oct
Larry Feldman	3-Oct
Howard Cohne	3-Oct
Deborah Haraway	3-Oct
Gary Friedman	4-Oct
Beth Surdut	7-Oct
Claudia Stoores	8-Oct
Joyce Palm	15-Oct
Joyce Finkelstein	16-Oct
Pat Naselow	16-Oct
Linda Stein	23-Oct
Suenette Maron	24-Oct
Myra Lipson	26-Oct

Michael & Sara Benisch	1-Sep
Myra & Robert Lipson	7-Sep
Debbie & Harry Segal	20-Sep
Linda Alexander & Gene Nudelman	25-Sep
Dusty & Rick Kunin	15-Oct
Venilda & Josh Migdal	27-Oct
Norm & Lynne Roman	28-Nov



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