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President's Message

As we move into 5779, please remember this synagogue is a space where we feel a sense of Jewish community and positive Jewish identity -even when it seems the world outside these walls conspired against us. In our stressful lives and during anxious times, Beth Shalom Temple Center is our refuge, and it is our strength.

The point is, we need other Jews around us to live a Jewish life, that, involves community and a place where Jews can connect with each other.

I would like to share a short history of Beth Shalom Temple Center.

In 1984, 27 Jewish residents of Green Valley celebrated Chanukah at the home of Roslyn and David Sirota. The instant camaraderie led to monthly Bagel Breakfast and Jewish festival celebrations held at various locations.

When Helen and Zev Chazanof moved to Green Valley in 1988, Zev volunteered to conduct Friday night Shabbat Services and served as our spiritual leader for many years. Services were held in a meeting room in the Episcopal Church, and it was soon apparent that a home of our own was needed.

With dedication, enthusiasm and hard-earned dollars, the extraordinary corps of volunteers built a center for Jewish life. Beth Shalom Temple Center. We worship, and engage in our festivals, remember our departed, and engage in social and education programs. We are a family.

The warmth extended to all who entered our home and resulted in a larger membership, and we outgrew our original facility. In 2005 with the money in our treasury, a generous grant from one of our members and donations from the membership we expanded our building to include the library/conference room, office, foyer, and a caterer, friendly kitchen. Mortgage free! Our latest improvement was the Chazanof Garden dedicated in 2007.

I believe "Twentieth Century" governance models aren't working in "Twenty - First" century congregations. Synagogue leaders are hungry for change. More and more congregations concluding that today's leaders stuck with yesterdays rules, can't lead tomorrow's synagogues.

Now, I would like to share part of an article I read about a Southeast Texas synagogue on the verge of closing their doors.

"Final days for Temple Emanuel." It's a problem that Temple Emanuel congregants face every week. Although about 115 families still belong to the temple, half of its members are over the age of 75. It's tough to put a number on exactly how much time we have left. Members hope that something-anything can help to save a place that has become more than a place to worship. When we walk in our building we feel the presence of G-D. On Friday nights, no matter what has been going on in our week or our day, we feel the sense of peace. The Temple can't afford a Rabbi, so a congregant must lead the service. As long as there are a few of us who want to maintain this temple, that's what we plan to do. We're hanging on and are going to keep going.

I personally love being part of the Beth Shalom Temple Center synagogue and family and rather than face the problems of the Texas Emanuel synagogue, I prefer to make changes now.

I believe hiring a part time Rabbi would help our community grow into the future.

We have a wonderful opportunity to explore this issue.

With Board approval, we have arranged for Rabbi Norman Roman to come to Green Valley for a weekend in November to lead our Shabbat Service and Torah Study Group. I hope our complete membership can attend. Our Ritual Committee is planning an exciting weekend. He just retired from serving 30 years as Senior Rabbi at Temple Kol Ami in Detroit. BSTC members, Marilyn and Harvey Biem, still members of Kol Ami, highly recommend him. (For more information, google Rabbi Norman Roman or call me at 520-300-6770)

This will be a great opportunity for our BSTC family to experience a Rabbi leading our Shabbat Service.

Please note; Nothing is being considered for the near future. Budget for the cost of a BSTC Part time Rabbi has already been approved by the Board and approximately 45 members at a special general membership meeting earlier this year. This is just the beginning of a long process.

I wish you and your family a year filled with peace, love, joy and good health. Shana Tova.

Merle Sobol—President

Let's Pray, Play and take care of each other.

GREEN VALLEY SHOFAR

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SENDING IN CHECKS TO BSTC

If you are sending in a check to BSTC (not using our web-
site to pay, either by PayPal or credit card) ***make sure
your check as well as the envelope indicates the pro-
gram/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 de-
lay. To expedite delivery please include the name of the
person you wish to contact on the front of the envelope.

For information on the *Memorial Board* and *Yahrzeits*
contact Joyce Finkelstein by phone or by email.

For information on *Tributes or Commemorative* items,
contact Amy Storer.

For information on the *Green Valley Cemetery*, please call
Ingeborg McDonald.

TEMPLE USAGE SCHEDULING

Before scheduling a program, please contact Amy Storer
to avoid scheduling conflicts. If you wish to have your
program included in the Shofar calendars, please notify
the Shofar editor.

Not all scheduled events are included in the Shofar.
Deadline for Shofar copy is the 15th of the month prior to
the publication date.

*Adieu: Unfortunately, this will be my last issue as Shofar edi-
tor. I have enjoyed doing it and the many compliments and
some complaints I have received. Sadly, family concerns have
necessitated my decision. I wish the new editors the best of
luck and promise them my help and support —ELB*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



August 31, **Art Gallery Exhibit "Members Show Part 1" opens**

Saturday, Sept. 1, 10 a.m., **Torah Study**

Sunday, Sept 2, 9:30 a.m., **Michael G at the piano**
10 a.m., **Bagel Breakfast**

Wednesday, Sept 5, 9 a.m., **Men's Club ROMEOS** at BSTC

Tuesday, Sept. 25, 10 a.m., **Beadmaking** with Joyce Palm, sponsored by Sisterhood. **RSVP** by Sept. 14.

Friday, Sept. 28, 7. p.m., **Friday Night Shabbat and Succot Services** led by the Mussmans

Saturday, Sept. 29, 10 a.m., **Torah Study**

Saturday, Oct 6, 10 a.m., **Torah Study**

Sunday, Oct. 7, 9:30 to 10 a.m., **Michael G at the piano**
10 a.m., **Bagel Breakfast**

Sunday, Oct., 7, following Bagel Breakfast, **Reception for Art Gallery Exhibit 'Members Show Part 1'**

Tuesday, Oct. 9, 10 a.m. **Sisterhood Board Meeting**, all Sisterhood members and prospective members invited

Friday, Oct. 10, **NO FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE**

Wednesday, Oct. 10, 9. a.m., **Men's Club ROMEOS** at BSTC

Thursday, Oct. 11, 1 p.m. , **Beginners Hebrew Class starts**

Saturday, , Oct 13, 10 a.m., **Torah Study**

Monday, Oct. 15, 1 p.m. **Beginners Hebrew Class** begins

Tuesday, Oct. 16, 10 a.m., Sisterhood visit to **Old World Imports** in Tubac. **RSVP** by Oct. 10.

Tuesday, Oct. 16, 10 a.m. **Genealogy Club** returns

Friday, Oct. 19, 7 p.m., **Friday Night Shabbat Services** with the Mussmans

Saturday, , Oct. 20, 10 a.m., **Torah Study** with Michael Mussman

Monday, Oct. 22, 10 a.m., **Board Meeting**, all BSTC members welcome

Saturday, Oct. 27, 10 a.m., **Torah Study**

Friday, Sept. 7, **NO FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE**

Saturday, Sept. 8, 10 a.m., **Torah Study**

Sunday, Sept 9, **Erev Rosh Hashanah**, 7pm
Services, led by Michael & Sarah Mussman

Monday, Sept 10, 10 a.m. , **Rosh Hashana Services**, led by the Mussmans

Monday, Sept 10, 4 p.m., **Tashlich**, led by Suenette Maron at Sahuarita Lake, bring slices of bread

Saturday, Sept. 15, 10 a.m., **Torah Study** led by Miri Fleming

Sunday, Sept 16, 10 a.m., **Kever Avot**, at Green Valley Mortuary

Tuesday, Sept 18, 7. p.m. **Erev Yom Kippur - Kol Nidre Services** led by the Mussmans

Wednesday, Sept. 19, 10.a.m., **Yom Kippur**, led by the Mussmans

3 p.m., **Torah Service**

4 p.m., **Yizkor**

6 p.m., **Break Fast**

Saturday, Sept. 22, 10 a.m., **Torah Study**

Monday, Sept. 24, 10 a.m., **Board Meeting** , all BSTC members welcome

COMMEMORATIVE ITEMS:

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

- ◆ Memorial plaques, \$300
- ◆ Leaf for the Tree of Life, \$100
- ◆ Sanctuary Chair, \$125
- ◆ Garden Bench, \$225
- ◆ Garden Brick, \$100

Send specific wording for the plaque, brick, etc. together with your check (made out to Beth Shalom Temple Center) to BSTC, Attention "Memorial Board" or "Tree of Life," etc. Order forms can be found in the Temple foyer.

TRIBUTES

Do you need to send a greeting card? Do you want to support your Temple? Here's a great way to do both. At present, Amy Storer, will mail a lovely, personalized card to whomever you choose. Here's how:

Send your Tribute request and free-will offerings to:

- ◆ Amy Storer directly, or
- ◆ Email Amy at amystorer.42@yahoo.com and send your check to
- ◆ Beth Shalom Temple Center, P.O. Box 884, Green Valley, AZ 85622 (mark "Tributes" on the envelope and check memo line!) or
- ◆ Mail your request and tribute directly to the temple.

If ordering several Tributes at the same time, print the birthday/anniversary page of the Shofar, check off the names of those you'd like to designate for Tribute(s), and mail it in with your check. Tributes may be sent with your own personal greeting for birthdays, anniversaries, get well, condolences, best wishes for the new home, in appreciation, mazel tov, and sympathy upon loss of a pet, etc.

Tributes To:

- ◆ Shaina Aviva Hombach wishing her a *Mazal Tov* on her graduation from law school, from her proud grandparents, Jerry & Harriet Belenker.
- ◆ The Belenkers on the occasion of their granddaughter's graduation from law school from Ed & Esther Brill.
- ◆ Donna Wyte wishing her happy birthday from Renee Marcus.
- ◆ Barbara Kowalski wishing her sincere condolences on the death of her husband Joe from Jane & Ed Gold, Amy Storer, and Ed & Esther Brill. May you be comforted by the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.
- ◆ *Mazal Tov* to Amy Storer on her granddaughter's recent marriage from Ed & Esther Brill.

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.

Yahrzeit Donations:

Date	Remembered by	For His/Her	Yahrzeit
13-Jul	Larry & Ina Gravitz	Grandmother	Bertha Boxer
27-Jul	Nili Mirande	Parents	Pinkas & Sara Olech
20-Aug	Louis Simon	Wife	Sybil Simon
20-Aug	Larry Feldman	Father	Louis Rex Feldman

MEMBER NEWS & UPDATES

BSTC Member in the News

Yasher Koach (Congratulations, but literally “may you have strength”) to **Joyce Finkelstein** who was pictured in the *KGvy Summer Community Quarterly 2018*, but also was highlighted in *Journey, Green Valley & Sahuarita, Arizona*.

In *KGvy* an article about the White Elephant highlights the 2018 high school graduates awarded scholarships from the White Elephant Scholarship foundation. Joyce, as CFWE Board member is pictured with students from Walden Grove High School.

Among other activities, Joyce is also Program Manager for the Green Valley/Sahuarita Volunteer Clearinghouse. It is in this capacity, the section on Volunteers in *Journeys*, features a four page spread with an article entitled “Q & A with Joyce Finkelstein.”

Joyce was recently chosen by the Green Valley News and Sahuarita Sun as one of the AZ19 region’s most influential people. Way to go Joyce and thank you!

A *Yasher Koach* to **Bill Leibson** as well. Bill and several of his works are featured in La Posada’s Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/LaPosadaGreenValleyAZ/>

Another *Yasher Koach* to **Karen I. Rautenberg** who is pursuing a Professional Genealogy Certificate in American Studies with The National Institute for Genealogical Studies based in Ontario, Canada. This school provides online education on all levels, both for the hobbyist and those seeking professional certificate courses. Affiliated through The University of Toronto, Karen hope to share what she learns with the BSTC Genealogy Club. Her first course was “The Wise Google Genealogist”. I know I can’t wait to hear about her studies.

And, last but not least, *Shalom*—a word that not only means hello “but peace be yours and even when you say goodbye, you say goodbye with Shalom.”* So, to **Alan & Barbara Winfield**, *shalom* as you move from Green Valley to Palm Springs to be closer to your children. Thank you for your long time membership, service and dedication to the Temple. We will miss you and hope you will continue to be in touch. *With love and best wishes from Your BSTC Mishpucha. (*Shalom, Shalom - from the play Milk and Honey)*

UPDATES FOR Your Directory

New phone numbers:

Lenny Friedman:	541-890-1620
Dusty Friedman:	541-582-0733
Sandy Kuroski:	(406) 559-7153

New Emails:

Amy Storer—amystorer.42@yahoo.com
Jo Legat—azladijo@gmail.com

Note: Soon after membership renewals are finished, BSTC publishes a directory. If you never got one contact Mike Finkelstein, or the BSTC office. Just remember that for the most up to date addresses, phone numbers and emails, check our website and notices of changes in the Shofar.

TEMPLE TIDINGS

L’Shana Tovah— New Year Greetings from Congregants to the Congregation & Community

As we celebrate another year of new and hopefully new beginnings we wish our congregation family and friends a year of sweet and special blessings filled with abundant, joy, peace, health and happiness.

Ruth & Jim Barwick
Jerry & Harriet Belenker
Esther Levine & Ed Brill
Roberta R. & Fil Ficks
Michael & Joyce Finkelstein
Ingeborg McDonald
Suenette & Steve Maron
Jeanette & Denis Nathan
Ruthann & Sid Shapiro
Louis Simon
Amy Storer
Marcia Wiener
Donna & David Wyte

Beginning Hebrew Class Launches

Results of several membership surveys have shown that members would like a beginners Hebrew class. Starting Thursday, October 11, from 1 to 2 p.m. we are doing just that. The class will run weekly for twelve weeks and will focus on reading from the *siddur* (prayer book).

Sue Penfil, the instructor is skilled in teaching Hebrew reading with quick and fluid results. She has been teaching in both Reformed and Conservative congregations for the past 10 years specializing in teaching *B’nai Mitzvah* students preparing them to read and chant *Torah* and

Hebrew prayers.

Costs include an upfront fee of \$100 for the twelve classes, as well as a \$15 student fee for a study book, which we have asked the teacher to order in bulk.

If a student must miss a class, the teacher has offered to provide individual tutoring.

If interested, please send a check to BSTC, noting "Hebrew class" on the memo line.

We Want to Hear From You

Have you noticed the Suggestion Box in the temple foyer. We are happy to hear any suggestions you may have. It could be about new adult education classes, new clubs, services, the way present clubs, committees or classes work, or anything else you want to suggest. You need not sign your name to your suggestion.

Steve Abrahams has been appointed to be in charge of checking the suggestion box and bringing it to the monthly study sessions held by the executive board. All suggestions will be discussed and brought to the membership as needed and then distributed via Shofar or Updates. Of course if there is something urgent, we won't wait for the monthly study session but taken up right away and Steve will let you know of anything implemented. As you know from past experiences (e.g. Saturday services) we will certainly listen to you.



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Memorial Tablet Space

Perhaps you have noticed that our three Memorial Tablets are getting full. Many members are choosing to remember their loved ones with the purchase of nameplates that are mounted on the Tablets. As you may notice, the bottom of each Tablet bears an inscription of the donor.

The Temple Board is investigating the purchase of an additional Memorial Tablet, the cost of which is approximately \$8000. Would you like to memorialize a loved one in this special way? By donating the cost of the Tablet, you may choose an appropriate inscription to be placed at the bottom of the Tablet to remember your loved one.

If you would like to discuss making this generous

donation, please contact Joyce Finkelstein.

Join the Choir

BSTC is looking to reinstate our choir which will be led by Tamara Kahrimanis. Those of you may be familiar with Tamara's great musicality if you have attended a Friday night service. Take my word for it, she really adds something to our services. If interested, or have questions, please contact Ingeborg McDonald.

Torah Study

We are fortunate again this year to have Rabbi Miri Fleming and Michael Mussman leading Torah Studies on an alternating monthly basis. If you look at the calendar of events, you will note who is leading services and when.

Each of these individuals adds their own perspective about the Torah to that of the participants, thus creating conversation. If you have never been to a lively Torah Study, or it's been a long time, please join us. Unless there is a Saturday service, Torah Study is from 10 a.m. to noon. *Ruthann Shapiro*

New Members, Please Come in and Give us a Shot—Have Your Picture Taken

We'd really love you to make an appointment with our office assistant, Stacy, to have your photo taken. Those who have visited BSTC lately will notice some of the pictures taken by Stacy to introduce our new members to the congregation as well as each other. This is one way we can say that BSTC is a family. Please **call Stacy at (520) 648-6690** to make your appointment. Thank you!

Office Hours

You may have noticed the beautiful sign near the entrance to BSTC, showing the hours that Stacy Laetsch, our wonderful administrative assistant, is available to personally answer calls or be available for members and others wishing to come to the temple.





Picture Yourself In Brand New 2018 Jeep Grand Cherokee Summit

Once again, the Jim Click Millions for Tucson is having a raffle with all the proceeds going to the organization selling the raffle. Just think, you can not only win big but so can BSTC.

Only 100,000 tickets will be sold with the drawing taking place on December 13. Won't that be a nice Chanukah present!

The new flyer showing all the details has been posted on the bulletin board in the Temple lobby. Tickets are \$25 each or 5 for \$100 and will only be available until December 5.

And, if you are not lucky enough to win the grand prize, then you have a chance at a second and third prize. Second prize is two first-class, round-trip airline tickets anywhere in the world and third prize is \$5,000.

Board member Steve Abrahams is in charge of ticket sales and you can see him at our monthly Bagel Breakfast or reach him on his phone or by email.

Here's hoping a BSTC member (or friends) wins one of the prizes. And remember, 100% of the raffle proceeds stays at BSTC.

Book of Remembrance

The deadline has been extended!!

Every year, BSTC distributes the Book of Remembrance on Yom Kippur. If you wish to have the name(s) of your deceased loved ones included in the Book Of Remembrance for Jewish Year 5778 (September 2017 - September 2018), please send the form along with your free-will donation so it will be received no later than **September 7th**. Please print clearly on the form to

avoid any misspellings. Forms are also available in the BSTC lobby.

The list can also be emailed to me, but monetary donations must be sent to, or dropped off at, the Temple. If your list is the same as last year's, all you need to do is inform me of that.

Thank you. Suenette Maron

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE FORM

Please print the name(s) of your dearly departed:

Remembered by:

This form and your free-will donation can be dropped in the BSTC office slot, or mailed to:

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

Please mark **BOR** on your check memo and the envelope.

Preparing For the High Holidays

As summer winds down, and the back-to-school season approaches, so, too, do the High Holidays. Jewish tradition provides us with several reminders of the upcoming High Holidays and the Days of Awe, as well as several ways to prepare for them.

Actually, preparation for the Holidays starts right after *Tisha B'Av* (see July August *Shofar*). Beginning on the *Shabbat* following *Tisha B'Av*, we read the first of the seven *Haftarot* of Consolation. These sections, are taken from the Book of Isaiah, a prophet who lived in the time of the Babylonian Exile and consoled Israel with comforting prophecies of the return to Zion, announce Israel's redemption and take us from the low point of the Temple's description and exile, to the high points of redemption

and the hope integral to a new year.

Following the month of Av is *Elul* and this month is replete with practices helping to sensitize us to the spirituality of the season. *Elul* is considered a time when G-d is particularly accessible to the Jewish people. The letters in the name of the month itself are embodied in this verse from the Song of Songs: *Ani l'dodi v'dodi li* (I am my beloved's and my beloved is mine), which highlights the loving relationship between G-d and the Jewish people.

It is during *Elul* that traditional synagogues blow the shofar every morning except for Shabbat. There are various tales/reasons for doing this.

Selichot, or penitential prayers but literally meaning forgiveness, is another aspect of holiday preparation during *Elul*. Interestingly, Sephardic Jews recite prayers for the entire month as an addition to morning prayers. Ashkenazim, however, say the prayer for at least four days right before Rosh Hashanah. This time period is based upon the laws of sacrifice during biblical times and traditionally is first recited at around midnight on the Shabbat before Rosh Hashanah (as long as there is at least four days to its start).

Either way, the tradition of *Selichot* is supposedly from a legend about King David who was troubled about how the Israelites would be able to truly atone for their sins. G-d is said to have advised him that the people should confess their sins by saying poems and prayers of repentance.

Keiver Avot, the custom of visiting the graves of dear friends and relatives in the days prior to Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur is another tradition of the holidays. We at BTSC go during the *Yamim Noraim*, or Days of Awe, the ten days between *Rosh Hashanah*.

With the start of *Tishrei* a month full of holidays begins, the first of which is *Rosh Hashanah* which literally means "Head of the Year." During the Days of Awe, people examine their behavior over the past year, consider atonement for misdeeds, and seek a closeness with God. Practically, this is done through repentance, reconciliation, and forgiveness.

Tashlich is observed in the afternoon of the first day of *Rosh Hashanah*, unless it falls on Shabbat. During this observance the theological bent of the services are reinforced in a concrete way. Individuals symbolically cast away their personal sins by



Join Us
at Beth Shalom
Temple Center
to

Break the Fast

Wednesday, September 19, 2018 (5779) • 6 pm

We will have all your favorite "Break the Fast" fare!

Ruthann's Homemade Challahs & Wanda's Homemade Kugel
Tuna Salad Sandwiches with Tomato & Lettuce on Whole Grain Bread
Vegetarian Flat Bread Sandwiches with Cream Cheese Spread
Apple-Pecan Salad with Raspberry Vinaigrette • Chips & Cookies
Wine • Soda • Unsweetened Iced Tea • Water

\$8 Members • \$10 Non-members

Please RSVP by August 28th

Mail checks to:

BSTC • PO Box 884 • Green Valley AZ 85614-0884
(with "Break the Fast" on the memo line)

For more information contact Merle Sobol at 520-300-6770 or merle8729@gmail.com

throwing breadcrumbs into a flowing body of water.

The Shabbat between *Rosh HaShanah* and *Yom Kippur* is known as *Shabbat Shuvah*, the Sabbath of Return. The name of this Sabbath is derived from the first words of the week's *haftarah*, *Shuvah Yisrael*, "return, O Israel" (Hosea 14:2). The custom in synagogues in Eastern Europe had been for rabbis to give impassioned pleas for repentance during their sermons on this Shabbat.

The culmination of the ten days is of course *Yom Kippur*, known as the Sabbath of Sabbaths. *Yom Kippur* begins the evening before with *Kol Nidre*. One of my favorite or awe inspiring aspects of *Kol Nidre*, is the declaration that it is okay to pray with sinners. I also like the idea that we are to ask forgiveness for our transgressions from each other and not from G-d.

The *Machzor*, the prayer book for the holidays, is replete with poems and prayers expressing the themes of repentance, human frailty and humility before. The musical style of the service also expresses the momentousness of the day.

The day closes with the *Neilah* (locking) service whereby

we pray before an open ark asking for one last chance to repent before the book of life is sealed (see last years Sept./Oct. Shofar, [Vol. 22, No. 5] for a more detailed explanation of the Book of Life).

Then, with a lengthy sounding of Shofar called *Tekiah Gedolah*, the service is ended and with many good wishes for a good, healthy, joyful year we head out to Break-Fast.

(Note: the information about the High Holidays came from a multitude of sources both from the web and other synagogue newsletters, to reflect BSTC's "reconformadox" traditions.)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ART GALLERY

Members Show Part 1

Starting August 31 the exhibit for the new year will open and run until November 8.

Many members have creative talents hidden to the rest of us. Hopefully this will be an opportunity to see some drawings, paintings, photographs, jewelry and ceramics from our congregants.

Artists will be Esther Brill, Larry Gravitz, Bill Liebson, Tim Orrock, Helaine Prince and Marcia Wiener.

A reception for this exhibit will be held on October 7 following the Bagel Breakfast. All are welcome and bring your friends to meet the artists. *Marcia Wiener*

LIBRARY

Find the Hidden Treasures at the BSTC Library

Do you want to browse the world; check a holiday custom; read about an interesting person; or keep up with current novels? It is all here in YOUR BSTC LIBRARY.

In this backroom you can find treasures in a variety of categories. There is strong section of REFERENCE books that includes bibles, prayer books (a great source for anyone leading services); books on Jewish thought and customs for daily living as well as holidays.

Many of the films that have been shown at Meal and Reels, such as Trumbo and Spotlight are now in the AUDIO-VISUAL section for you to borrow.

We have well stocked sections on GENERAL HISTORY OF THE JEWS, a special section on AMERICAN JEWS and a

large collection of books about the HOLOCAUST, several of which include vivid personal recollections.

There are several shelves containing MENS' and WOMENS' BIOGRAPHIES; highlighting everyone from Abba Eban and Ruth Bader Ginzberg to actors such as Kirk Douglas.

Short on time? Try reading from the SHORT STORY section. And, don't forget COOKBOOKS.

Keep up with current authors such as Daniel Silva and Jodi Picoult in the FICTION bookcase. Softcover versions are now in the new bookcase under the window. And remember those NEW ARRIVALS located on the book cart right as you enter the library.

BOOKS ARE A TREASURE AND BSTC HAS A WEALTH FOR YOU TO ENJOY. *Linda Stein and Charlotte Brody, librarians*

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

The Membership Committee, chaired by Mike Finkelstein and made up of Marcia Wiener, Amy Storer, Merle Sobol, Joyce Finkelstein, Ed and Esther Brill, Harriet Belenker and Steve Abrahams have been meeting to devise ways members enjoy their synagogue experience, not just services but the programming, events and such.

Earlier this year a short phone survey was undertaken to find out what members thought made BSTC so special and what suggestions they had for new programs and for changes to current ones. About 36 temple members responded. Membership chair Mike Finkelstein reviewed those ideas in depth with the temple board in July. Board members and committee chairs were asked to respond to members' ideas and to act on those that they agree might be of value and could be implemented.

The membership committee at one of their meetings felt that getting new members interacting with more experienced members in a less formal setting would help in not only increasing participation but also helping to ensure the feeling that, as Merle likes to refer, BSTC is a family. Several years ago, a program called "BSTC Dine-a round" had members sign up to host a meal for new members. We are considering doing this with several hosts on the same evening, and then possibly meeting at the temple for dessert. Contact Mike Finkelstein if you would be interested in being a host.

While this program wouldn't start until fall, the committee didn't want to wait until then. So, on Saturday night, July 7, new BSTC members and temple board members gathered for a lovely evening of wine, cheese, and desserts at the home of Esther and Ed Brill. It was a chance to get to know each other and develop friendships that we hope will continue for years to come.

Bobbie and Jack Vishner who attended this event followed up by offering to host a get-to-know-you event for our members, both new and not-so-new on Sunday, August 26. Again, an atmosphere of conviviality and friendship ensued amid some delicious food.



We invite others who might want to set up an informal evening with several new members to let Mike Finkelstein know. Mike can be reached at 393-0317.

Also planned is having a new member welcome, similar to the one held last year for the December Bagel Breakfast. So, plan on volunteering, planning menus, and accepting invitations for these future events. Any other suggestions for ideas are welcome. *Mike Finkelstein.*

Send Us Your Photographs

For those members and friends who take pictures at any of our BSTC events, please think about sharing them. We'd love to upload them to our BSTC Facebook page as well as our website photo gallery. Send them to Mike Finkelstein and cc it to Danielle Wernick as well.

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

The Beth Shalom Temple Center Social Action Committee currently consisting of 10 members will have its first full committee meeting to review the compiled list of suggested social action programs on the week of September 24th at 4:15 pm at BSTC.

The specific meeting day will be decided by committee members based on availability. If you are still interested in providing new ideas to add to our list for review at this upcoming meeting or if you would like to join our Committee, please call or email Gary. *Gary Melton, Chair*

SISTERHOOD

Sisterhood had a great meeting in July to begin to set up the calendar for this coming year. Having sat in on the meeting, it looks to be a very interesting, informative, engaging and fun calendar. Stay tuned.

The Sisterhood Board meets the second Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m. at BSTC and all Sisterhood members are invited.

Upcoming Sisterhood Events—Don't Miss Out

September 25: Thankfully, Joyce Palm is recovered from her hand injury, and has rescheduled her **Bead Making Workshop**. Meet at the Temple at 10 a.m. and bring a sack lunch and beverage while we will provide all necessary supplies. Call Gail Norton to RSVP by the 15th of September so Joyce will have enough supplies on hand.



October 16: Visit **Old World Imports** in **Tubac** at 10a.m. and learn about the symbolism in rug-making, the dyes that are used, where they come from and designs from around the world. RSVP to Gail no later than October 10th. We will meet up in the BSTC parking lot at 9:30 sharp to caravan to Tubac. *Gail Norton*

Sisterhood's Women's Assistance Project

For over seven years the Sisterhood has helped support the Domestic Violence shelter here in Green Valley called Genesis House. Established in 2007 with only 16 beds, it has now increased to a 50-bed facility and has provided over 80,000 bed nights to victims from as young as 2 months to as old as 86. As vital as the shelter is, just as important is the physical, dental, mental and legal assistance for the victims. Also available is transportation, schooling, employment training and assistance in finding permanent housing.

As you may know, part of the proceeds from our annual Mah Jongg tournament goes to Genesis House. Please help increase our efforts by donating either cash or gently used items to the DaZee's thrift shop at [231 West Duval Road](#). The hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday thru Saturday and their phone number is 399-4671. All your donations are tax deductible. *Gail Norton*

Ninth Annual BSTC Sisterhood Mah Jongg Fun-Raiser.

Mark your calendars for this years exciting Mah Jongg Tournament being held on Tuesday, November 13, from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



There will be lots of opportunities to win a prize including, as usual, first, second and third cash prizes there will also be a prize for the high scorer at each table, door prize, and a Chinese Auction (see flyer at Shofar's end).

Deadline for registration is November 1. See flyer with registration form within the Shofar.

Prizes, Prizes and Surprises for The Mah Jongg Raffle - Baskets Needed!

We need help in filling these beautiful baskets with NEW items. A GIFT CERTIFICATE from your favorite merchant is a favorite. If you have any NEW and unwanted item, we can give it a good home; a good way to recycle and re-gift. Nonperishable, unexpired foods are also acceptable. Anything NEW and/or unusual is welcome. Please contact Linda Stein. Thanks in advance.

GENEOLOGY CLUB

The Genealogy Club returns on October 16 at its regular time on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 10 am to Noon. The club runs from October through April. Membership renewal time begins in October and is still \$10. All membership fees are paid to Beth Shalom Temple Center. Membership forms available at each meeting.

The first meeting in October will be a conversation with the group about what they have learned so far in their genealogy research and has anyone found new ancestors. Members who would like to give a talk, or presentation to the group, please call Karen to put this on our schedule. All club members are encouraged to share what they have learned with the club. Let us all help each other learn together. *Karen I. Rautenberg*

A graphic for the Mah Jongg Fun-Raiser flyer. It features a large red circle with a yellow pagoda inside, surrounded by pink cherry blossoms and a yellow bridge.

**BSTC Sisterhood 9th Annual
MAH JONGG
FUN-RAISER**

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2018
11:30 AM - 4:00 PM

BETH SHALOM TEMPLE CENTER
1751 N. RIO MAYO
GREEN VALLEY, AZ
CONTACT: JOYCE PALM 520-207-6398

Registration	11:30 am	PLEASE BRING TABLE COVER AND MAH JONGG SET
Lunch	12:00 noon	
Tournament	1:00 pm	
WINNERS:		
1st Place	\$100	CHINESE LUNCH
2nd Place	\$50	RAFFLE BASKETS
3rd Place	\$25	PRIZES! MORE!

To benefit Hands of a Friend (Dazees/Genesis House) and Beth Shalom Temple Center Sisterhood

REGISTER FOURSOME OR INDIVIDUAL BY NOVEMBER 1ST
SEND DONATION OF \$25 FOR EACH PLAYER (PAYABLE TO BSTC SISTERHOOD) TO
BSTC SISTERHOOD, P.O. BOX 884, GREEN VALLEY, AZ 85622

----- PLEASE INCLUDE NAME, ADDRESS WITH ZIP, AND PHONE NUMBER FOR EACH PERSON ----- ✂

1. CONTACT

NAME ADDRESS ZIP PHONE

2. NAME ADDRESS ZIP PHONE

3. NAME ADDRESS ZIP PHONE

4. NAME ADDRESS ZIP PHONE

INDIVIDUAL (WE WILL MATCH YOU WITH OTHER PLAYERS)

NAME ADDRESS ZIP PHONE

MEN'S CLUB

The first meeting of the year will be held on Wednesday, September 5th, at 9. a.m. at BSTC. Since Men's Club traditionally ushers at the High Holiday Services, volunteers will be sought.

Also, planning for the year will also be a focus, so bring your ideas and get to it-ive-ness.

Bring snacks or whatever you want to munch on while the Men's Club supplies the coffee and does clean up.

The poker enthusiasts in the group are still attempting to have a game following the meeting but, except for one time, have not been too successful. If you are interested in playing poker, either after the meeting or at another time, please contact Merle Sobol.

SORRY YOU MISSED IT

What you missed over the summer!

On July 6 Ed and Esther led services and then on the 7th, they held a new member meet and greet at their home. All board members and those new members who were in town were invited with eight board and eight new members attending. It was reported that everyone had a great time.

On July 20th Mike and Sara Mussman led Friday Night Services with Sara leading the music.

On August 3rd Ruth Barwick lead Friday Night Services with Tamara leading the music.

On August 19 at 3:30 p.m., the Program Committee had scheduled a Meal and Reel. The film was GI JEWS: JEWISH AMERICANS IN WORLD WAR II and told the story of the 550,000 Jewish American men and women who fought in World War II. In their own words, veterans both famous and unknown share their war experiences: how they fought for their nation and people, struggled with anti-Semitism within their ranks and emerged transformed. Forty people, including new and prospective members, attended and enjoyed the screening of this documentary, along with the tuna and egg salad sandwiches afterwards.



	Happy Birthday to:
Sept. 6	Melvin Roman
Sept. 7	Sam Miller
Sept. 12	Charlotte Brody
Sept. 21	Renee Villani
Sept. 26	Jim Barwick
Sept. 27	Bonnie Vadnais
Sept. 27	Evan Wernick
Oct. 1	Les Bakke
Oct. 3	Larry Feldman
Oct. 4	Dorrie Roman
Oct. 4	Barbara Winfield
Oct. 4	Genie Morrison
Oct. 15	Joyce Palm
Oct. 16	Joyce Finkelstein
Oct. 16	Nancy Feldman
Oct. 19	Nancy Karsh
Oct. 19	Karen Rautenberg
Oct. 21	Diane Elliot
Oct 22	Stephen Weig
Oct. 23	Linda Stein
Oct. 24	Suenette Maron
Oct 24	Bud Stein
Nov. 2	Jerry Belenker

	Happy Anniversary to:
Sept. 1	Sara & Michael Benisch
Sept. 2	Ellen & Barry Savitz
Oct. 5	Rosalind & Jeff Cooper
Oct. 20	Genie & David Morrison



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



As a result of some fact checking among myself, Diane Wernick (Facebook moderator), and Mike Finkelstein (Membership chair), several names have been missed under birthdays and anniversaries. So to those who might not have been included in past months, rest assured they will appear in the coming year. Birthday names include: Barbara Kowalski (1/23), Sid Shapiro (5/7), Eric Rautenberg (5/25), and Janis Ferraro (6/24). Anniversaries include: the Shapiros. If anyone else has been overlooked, and you have not received an acknowledgement of it, please contact me.

COMMITTEE	CHAIR/CO-CHAIR
Aesthetics	Tobey Gitelle
Art Gallery	Marcia Wiener
	Bev Lake
Bagel Breakfast	Ingeborg McDonald
Book of Remembrance	Suenette Maron
BSTC Shoppers	Michael Benisch
"	Michel Kouhana
Building Reservations	Amy Storer
Caring-Mishpochah	Jane Gold
Cemetery	Ingeborg McDonald
e-Scrip	Joyce Finkelstein
Event-Updates	Jane Gold
Facilities	Michael Benisch
Facebook	Danielle Wernick
Finance	Jo Legat
Genealogy Club	Karen & Eric Rautenberg
Grants	Eric Rautenberg
Historian	Gloria Clancy
Hospitality	Michel Kouhana
"	Ingeborg McDonald
Library	Linda Stein
"	Charlotte Brody
Jim Click Raffle	Steve Abrahams
Memorial Board /Yahrzeits	Joyce Finkelstein
Membership	Mike Finkelstein
Men's Club	Ed Brill
Mishaberach	Jo Legat
Oneg	Ruthann & Sid Shapiro
Programs	Ruth Barwick
"	Kay Sobol
Public Relations	Mike Finkelstein
Ritual	Ruthann Shapiro
"	Jo Legat
Security	Dan Galitz
Shofar	Genie Gordon/Jane Gold
Sisterhood	Sue Cohen
Tributes	Amy Storer
Website	Mike Finkelstein