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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I hope that all of you who celebrated the graduations of friends and family this past June had a wonderful time and received a lot of “naches” from your relatives.

When I first started writing this column, I was trying to get some inspiration on what to write.

However, with the recent events in the news, the fighting with Iran, the possibility of nuclear assets being decreased, and the resulting fears engendered by this, my thoughts turn to the fears people in Israel are experiencing, mourning for those who have been killed and recuperation for those injured.

Too, we still mourn the ongoing fighting in Israel and Gaza and the many hostages who are still unreturned. Together with the many reports of antisemitism around the world, it brings feelings of sorrow, sadness, and fear. I, like many of you, wonder when we can look forward to the return of our hostages and the end of hostilities. We also mourn the many victims of antisemitism here and abroad. I am very grateful to our wonderful security team, especially Josh Migdal, who regularly keeps in touch with JFSA's security people and lets us know what's happening.

July is also centered around Independence Day, and we indeed celebrate this. However, without being political, there is worry over the many intrusions on the nation's freedoms. I can only say that we stay informed, remain vigilant, and safe.

As many of you know, the board will not be meeting this July, but behind the scenes, we are working,

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MESSAGE FROM RABBI NORM

June 23, 2025. 26 Sivan, 5785.

(I write this message less than 24 hours after United States Military Forces, at the President's directive, attacked the sites in Iran that had been designated by Israeli and other Intelligence sources as the bases of that terrorist-state's nuclear weapons program.)

Two time-related and philosophical/strategic comments run through my mind today:

The first, referring to the State of Michigan, where my wife and I just spent 10 days with family and friends, simply states that “if you don't like the weather you're experiencing right now, just wait an hour or two and it will be different!” The truism holds for the Middle East, as well.

And second, I am reminded of the famous, brave and courageous proclamation of the Zionists who lived in the Yishuv, the Jewish Community in what was then-called Palestine during the British Mandate and World War II, as they chose to work with the Allies on the one hand, and work against those same governments who denied the potential establishment of the State of Israel on the other, calling out “we will fight against Hitler as if there were no White Paper, and against the British White Paper as if there were no Hitler!”

There is much still to contemplate and analyze, but my initial response to the bombing of Iran (both by the Israelis as prelude and now the Americans) is one of reluctant gratitude. I subscribe to those who see the battle between Israel and her neighbors as part of a larger, even more consequential battle - one that has its counterparts today in Russia vs.

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PAYMENTS MADE TO BSTC

- ◆ BSTC accepts ZELLE to 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

Any mail sent to the temple should be addressed to:
P.O. Box 884, Green Valley, AZ 85622.

To expedite delivery you may 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.
- ◆ For *Tributes* items, contact Amy Storer.
- ◆ 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 to submit Shofar copy is the 25th 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

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!)

Tributes received since our last publication:

- ♦ From Caroline Weintraub: **happy birthday to:** Laura Unger
- ♦ From Caroline Weintraub: **in memory of:** her daughter, Joanne Ruth Stickle, and son-in-law, Vernon Hunter Stickle.
- ♦ From Ed & Esther Brill: **happy birthday to:** Laura Unger
- ♦ From Ed & Esther Brill: **healing thoughts to:** Ricki Letowt, Martha Fine, Marty Cohen and Ron Sommer.
- ♦ From Jean Shekter: **in memory of:** Eldon Clark
- ♦ From Sue & Marty Cohen, Amy Storer, Irene Miller, Joyce & Mike Finkelstein, Debbie & Harry Segal, and Suenette & Steve Maron: **congratulations to:** Rabbi Norm on his 50th Rabbinical Anniversary

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:

Remembered by	Relationship	Yahrzeit
Ruthann Shapiro	For her Mother	Rosella Herman
Ingeborg McDonald	For her Friend	Donald Weisbaum
Carolyn Weintraub	For her Daughter	Joanne Ruth Stickle
Carolyn Weintraub	For her Husband	Vernon Hunter Stickle
Carolyn Weintraub		Helen & Harold Forster
Ruthann Shapiro	For her Father	Norman Herman
Serene Rein	For her Mother	Frances M Leavitt
Esther Levine Brill	For her Father	Saul Levine



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
WED	7/2/25	10am	BSTC Book Club
SAT	7/5/25	10am	Torah Study on Zoom ONLY
SUN	7/6/25	10am	Bagel Breakfast sponsors: Ed & Esther Brill and John Evans & Laurie Sherman
TUE	7/8/25	10am	Sisterhood Meeting
WED	7/9/25	9am	Men's Club Meeting @El Patio
SAT	7/12/25	10am	Saturday Shabbat Service
TUE	7/15/25	12-4pm	Sisterhood Summer Mahjong Tournament
FRI	7/18/25	9:30a	Program Committee Mtg
SAT	7/19/25	10am	Torah Study on Zoom ONLY
WED	7/23/25	2pm	Uniting the Community Through Music meeting
SAT	7/26/25	10am	Torah Study on Zoom ONLY
FRI	8/1/25	7pm	Friday Night Shabbat Service (lay led)
SAT	8/2/25	10am	Torah Study on Zoom ONLY
WED	8/6/25	10am	BSTC Book Club
SAT	8/9/25	10am	Torah Study on Zoom ONLY
SUN	8/10/25	10am	Bagel Breakfast sponsor: Jill Fabian

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

President's Message (continued)

painting the synagogue, making roof repairs, cleaning the shed, and sprucing up the parking lot—not to mention deep cleaning the rugs. We hope you enjoy the new look and will feel proud coming to and bringing friends and family to BSTC for the high holidays.

We also hope that more people will come to our board meetings. We always have member comments and appreciate your thoughts and input.

Finally, as we experience the summer heat and possibly monsoon season, everyone stays hydrated, protects their skin from summer rays, and generally stays safe while vacationing.

I shall go this way but once, therefore, the little I can do, let me do it now, since I will not pass this way again.

Let us continue this incredible journey together,
Esther Levine Brill

President, BSTC, Board of Directors



Rabbi's Message (continued)

Ukraine (and Europe/NATO), and possibly even within our own country. Democracies, based on progressive, pluralistic, tolerant values vs. autocracies and theocracies that are regressive, intolerant and too-often hate-filled. (Jews somehow always seem to be seen as the ultimate root of the problem . . .)

I have spent much of today reading, researching, and participating in a webinar (that was originally scheduled to be a healing/memorial service for the victims of Boulder and Washington, DC). Permit me to share with you some of the most astute comments and lessons I've found:

The mood in Israel continues to be conflicted - with near-unanimous support and thanksgiving for yesterday's US involvement, but ongoing fear and pain and disappointment, as well. You might know that the typical greeting one gives to another in Israel is "Ma Sh'lomcha (or Sh'lomaich, for a female)?" The response these days, however, is just as typically "Sh'lomi k'Sh'lom 'Ami", in other words "I'm only as

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good as the Shalom-wholeness of my People". And our People are broken.

The writer and thinker, Yossi Klein-HaLevi (whose words in print I recommend to you wherever you find him), answered the question this morning of how he and most Israelis felt: "It's actually happened!!!??? We've prayed for so long; and it's weird to be expressing gratitude to those for whom we don't ordinarily express respect."

He continued, "but we can't stop and celebrate. Gaza is still on our agenda, and the hostages are still on our agenda." And, he wondered, what will we be able to do about Bibi?

President Isaac Herzog issued this statement: "In the pages of human history, this is a moment when the principles of liberty, responsibility and security have triumphed; a decisive moment between the axis of terror and evil and the axis of hope."

The leaders of my Movement, the Union for Reform Judaism and the Central Conference of American Rabbis, summarized for many of us: "One need not agree with (all) the policies of the current Israeli or US governments to express genuine gratitude for this dramatic intervention."

B'kitzur (in short), as we say, we may applaud and give thanks for an important, and some would say long-overdue, effort to remove Iran's nuclear threat against Israel and the Jewish People. But we cannot, must not, pause in our other efforts to challenge those who threaten our lives and souls (Jewish and American, indeed of all God's creatures). Those threats might come not only from the Anti-Semites around us, but even from the leaders (yes, Netanyahu and Trump) among us.

Please continue to speak out, demonstrate, express your thoughts, opinions and conscience. We can disagree, and we can do so politely and respectfully.

Send messages of support (financial assistance, if you can) to friends or family or lone soldiers in Israel. Vote, when the opportunity arises. And don't hesitate to ask for my suggestions on how to learn more about the many issues facing us.

(I hope that the heat and summer haven't been too uncomfortable for you. Lynne and I are excited that we will be spending some of July and almost all of

August on a Holland America cruise to Greenland, Iceland, Norway's Fjords, and the British Isles. I will be the Rabbi on board - conducting Shabbat Services, giving some other possible interfaith educational presentations, and supporting the Jewish passengers when needed. We'll see each other in the Fall, as we prepare for Rosh HaShana 5786!)

Shalom,

Rabbi Norm Roman



MEMBER DIRECTORY UPDATES

The 2025 Membership Directory is posted on the password-protected page of the website.

Please let the office know if you move, or change any of your contact information.

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

- ♦ **New member:** Adrienne Lowe
Green Valley AZ 85614
- ♦ **New apartment number:** Serene Rein
still in La Vista at La Posada
- ♦ **Phone number change:** Tobey Gitelle
cell number

BOARD NOTES

The monthly Board meeting is normally held on the fourth Monday of each month. **There will be no Board Meeting in July.** The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 25th at 10am.

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RESTRICTED (DESIGNATED) ACCOUNTS

While no specification is required, when making a general donation or tribute to BSTC, you may opt to specify that to the general fund, or to some other fund that represents your desires regarding where the money is used.

Following here is a list of the Restricted Accounts we have on our books. Some have been there for a while, and some are new. The money can only be used for the stated purpose if an account is restricted (designated).

- ♦ **Rabbi Discretionary Fund**: This will be a standard Discretionary fund to allow the Rabbi to donate as he sees appropriate.
- ♦ **Gratitude Fund**: This fund was set up in 2024, before Pesach. The price for the Seder dinner was considerably higher than it had been pre-COVID, when we had the Seder in-house, and a member of BSTC donated his time. All we had to pay for was the food. We were concerned that some of our members could not afford the higher price. Some members said “we are grateful that we can afford to allow any of our members to attend ritual events.” This fund allows us to subsidize some or all the cost of rituals for our less fortunate members.
- ♦ **Garden Fund**: BSTC does have a budget for *property maintenance*. However, we may want to do something extra (special) for the garden, and this fund is for this.
- ♦ **Bikur Cholim (Caring Meals) Fund**: Recently, we have had many people whose spouse/partner has passed away. We want to help them through this grieving time by bringing them meals. We have expanded this to include people coming home from the hospital, or other such serious events. A group of us have decided that personally making meals available to help them through this trying time is a meaningful mission. We are thinking to have prepared meals available or give them certificates for Door Dash or the like. We will make food and store it in the BSTC freezer, all marked to indicate whether the meal is low-salt, gluten-free, vegetarian, etc. **We will need money to buy the food, containers, and volunteers to help us cook.**
- ♦ **Art Gallery Fund**: This one is obvious. While the

Gallery Committee has a budget for expected costs (hanging devices, receptions, honorariums for speakers), the committee chairs can use this fund to enhance the gallery at their discretion.

- ♦ **Membership Fund**: This account is set up to support the recruitment of new members to our Temple, through various means of communication outside the temple. It would include, but not be restricted to, on-line, newspapers, radio, and TV informational posts; and meet-and-greet with the Community off site, as well as at the Temple.

TEMPLE TIDINGS

Holy Ground, Right Under Your Feet

When Moses meets the burning bush, God says, “Take off your shoes — the ground is holy!”

Wait, what? Dirt = sacred? Yep. According to the Torah, the earth isn’t just mud and rock — it’s a divine co-creator, a witness to holiness, even a covenantal partner.

Psalms say rivers clap, mountains sing, and rain gets its own blessing. The mystics? They saw divine sparks in every blade of grass. Rebbe Nachman literally prayed with the plants.

So what can you do?

- ♦ Say a blessing when you see something awesome — rain, the sea, a great tree.
- ♦ Walk outside mindfully — pretend the earth is whispering ancient prayers.
- ♦ Eat with intention — thank the earth before you chow down.
- ♦ Mark Shabbat — even the land needs rest!

Next time you step outside, remember: You’re not just on a sidewalk — you’re on sacred ground.



EATING JEWISH—RECIPE OF THE MONTH



Savory Chickpea Salad Wraps

A refreshing vegetarian dish—perfect for a light lunch or Shabbat prep.

Ingredients:

- 1 can (15 oz) chickpeas, drained and rinsed
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- ½ teaspoon garlic powder
- Salt & pepper to taste
- ¼ cup chopped fresh parsley
- 2 tablespoons tahini or hummus
- Optional: diced cucumber, cherry tomatoes, or shredded carrots
- 4 large romaine leaves or soft tortillas

Instructions:

1. In a bowl, mash chickpeas with a fork until chunky.
2. Add olive oil, lemon juice, garlic powder, salt, pepper, and parsley. Mix well.
3. Stir in tahini or hummus for creaminess.
4. Spoon into lettuce leaves or tortillas. Add optional veggies if desired.
5. Serve immediately or refrigerate for up to 2 days.

Kosher, vegan, and under \$5 to make.
Perfect for our warm (!) days or light post-service meals.

COMMITTEE NEWS

ART GALLERY

“The Way I See It” by BSTC member, Dawna Wheeler is our current exhibit in the Gallery. The show will remain on display until October 2025.

Please take some time to view her artwork, and please sign the quest book!

Marcia E. Wiener & Bev Lake

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 with questions.

2025 Reading List:

- ♦ July 2nd—***The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane***
by Lisa See
A Chinese mother’s difficult choice to abandon her daughter leads to a parallel journey exploring their families growing legacy.
- ♦ Aug 4th—***The Day The World Came to Town***
by Jim Defede
Following the 9/11 crisis, all airplanes were grounded/diverted to a small town in Canada.
- ♦ Sept 3rd—***Nothing Like It in the World***
by Stephen Ambrose
The story of the building of the First Continental Railroad.
- ♦ Oct 8th—***The Hemmingses of Montecello***
by A Gordon Reed
- ♦ Nov 5th—***The History of Bees*** by Maja Lunde
- ♦ Dec 3rd—***The Women*** by Kristin Hannah

BIKUR CHOLIM—CARING MEALS PROGRAM

BSTC has started a new endeavor, and we need your help. Here’s our plan:

If you, or someone you know, need assistance with meal preparation whether because of some unfore-

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Artwork Donated for Fundraising



Long Island Jewish Center

26-1/4 x 27-1/4 inch framed art

\$250



SW Window with Morning Glories

12 x 15 inch framed art

\$250



Set of two Floral Pictures

15 x 15 inches each framed art

\$125

Artwork Donated for Fundraising



Miriam's Well

8 x 10 inch matte framed woodblock print

\$25



Musicians Suite Beethoven

20 x 20 inch framed art

\$325



Paris—1924

33-1/4 x 26-1/4 inch framed art

\$400

Artwork Donated for Fundraising



Metal Print—Desert Sands

16 x 24 inch metal print

\$150



Metal Print—Cactus Flower

16 x 24 inch metal print

\$150



I. Rubenstein Simchat Torah

20-3/4 x 24-3/4 inch framed art

\$394

seen circumstance, (or foreseen: e.g. planned surgery), we would love to help by bringing you a meal or two, help you as we can, and make sure everything is okay with you or if you need anything else.

While we have begun to build a supply of prepared (by our members) food to bring, we need people to deliver these meals, help prepare more, and make sure that those being visited are doing alright.

What do we need now? People who love to cook to prepare food, and people who love to help people by delivery and visiting.

Additionally, we need people to make calls to check on our members to see if they are in need of anything, are going for surgery or have suffered a loss.

Please contact Amy Storer and/or Ricki Letowt with questions or for more info.

CARING COMMITTEE

Do you need to let the congregation know about an important life event? Are you interested in making calls to other members? Can you cook meals for the Bikur Cholim freezer and/or deliver food to those in need?

If you have any prayer requests, know of any of our members who are sick and/or in/just out of the hospital, would like to make phone calls, or otherwise volunteer to help with this committee, please contact Amy Storer.

GRANTS

At the December 2024 board meeting, the Board voted to establish a **Grants Committee** to help secure funding for Beth Shalom Temple Center's vital programs and initiatives.

If you're interested in chairing or joining the committee, or would like more information, contact the temple office or Esther Levine Brill, Beth Shalom Temple Center's Board President.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to support BSTC in an impactful way. We look forward to hearing from you!

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Grief is the normal and natural reaction to loss.

Grief is not a choice, but healing is.

If you are not living your life fully due to the loss of a loved one either recently or long ago, please join us.

We will meet next on Monday, July 7th and July 21st at 1:00 PM. For location information, please contact me by phone or email.

Bunny Tarquinio, Grief Support Specialist

HISTORIAN

Gail Sommers is working on updating the archives.

HOSPITALITY

Bagel Breakfasts are on the first Sunday of each month at 10am. July's event is being sponsored by John Evans & Laurien Sherman and Esther & Ed Brill.

To ensure there is adequate food and that enough tables are set up, the Hospitality Committee has reinstated its policy that all food events **MUST HAVE YOUR RSVP by the Monday prior to the event and that YOUR PAYMENT IS YOUR RESERVATION.**

The cost remains \$12 for Members and for \$15 for Non-members. **Your reservations are appreciated!**

JIM CLICK RAFFLE

The 2025 Jim Click Raffle is underway! Tickets are available in the office and at bagel breakfasts, or contact Ed Gold for more details. ***The 2025 raffle has raised \$575 for BSTC so far! THANK YOU to all who participate in this fun way to donate to BSTC!***

LIBRARY

Please contact BSTC Librarian, Jane Gold, with any questions or donations.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

Welcome to new member, Adrienne Lowe!

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.

MEN'S CLUB

The Men's Club had a very busy breakfast meeting on June 11 th . A lot of membership ideas were reviewed for our future Men's Club programs for BSTC and social events for our members. A survey will be sent out to those members not able to attend our summer meetings, so their voices can be heard too. Gary Melton, the new president, thanked Arnie Krohn for his time as past president. He also thanked Harry Segal, George Tarquinio, and Jack Vishner for joining him in helping Ricki Letowt cleanout the kitchen storage shed area to prep it for painting and new shelving.

As of our May meeting our Men's Club leadership changes are noted below:

President – Gary Melton (new)

Vice President – Stuart Lisk (new)

Secretary – Harry Segal (no change)

Treasurer – Mike Finkelstein (no change)

The membership also voted unanimously to support the proposal that gold leafs for Harry Segal and Mike Finkelstein, for their dedication and years of hard work as club secretary and treasurer, be purchased for the Tree of Life in our BSTC foyer. Gary Melton will coordinate this action.

Following the meeting, Gary Melton visited the local cemetery and met with the administrator and Richard, the cemetery maintenance supervisor. The replacement of the old wall at the entrance side of the Jewish section is 90% completed and looks very good. The remaining small section not yet completed should be completed soon. Gary has photos and will visit again in 30 days.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, July 9th

at El Patio Restaurant at 9:00 am. We will be continuing to plan for upcoming programs and also review our current Men's Club Bylaws, to ensure it is up-to-date.

Gary Melton, Men's Club President

PROGRAMS

FUNDRAISING

Mike Finkelstein is organizing a Global Music Extravaganza: **Uniting the Community Through Music** on Sunday afternoon, November 23rd from 2-4:30pm at the Sahuarita School Auditorium, featuring Mariachi and Klezmer music groups, as well as Amber Norgaard, who has been described as "Tucson's folk-rock goddess". To participate on this committee, or if you have questions, contact Mike Finkelstein.

Program News:

- ◆ Plans are starting for a late 2025 program by Laurie Sherman. It blends Jewish women's monologues (biblical, historical, and modern); music and percussion; and a focus on sacred reflection. Two events are planned: Yom Kippur afternoon and a Friday night service/ritual on November 21st.
- ◆ **Jewish Winter Sing-a-long** with Laurie Sherman and John Evans on December 25th will include Christmas and winter songs, all written by Jews, with a brief narration on the songwriters, plus a Chinese food dinner.

Programs with Rabbi Norm:

Adult Education Opportunity

All are invited to participate in the next mini-series of discussions that will center around reading another of the Sacred Texts of Jewish Literature - most likely a book of the Bible from the 'Sections' known as Prophets (Nevi'im) or Holy Writings (Ketuvim). A group recently completed studying the Book of Joshua, and we are open to suggestions for the next selection. Psalms? Judges? The Five Scrolls?

Please let Rabbi Roman know of your ideas!

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

REWARD PROGRAMS

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 Ricki Letowt or Joyce Finkelstein with questions or for help getting started.

FRY'S COMMUNITY REWARD PROGRAM

1. Visit 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"

If you are not a Fry's VIP Card holder, just stop by your nearest Fry's and ask for a free application.

RITUAL

Marlys Fiterman is the Ritual Committee Chair. Please contact her with any questions or if you are interested in participating on this committee.

Summer Service Schedule:

- ◆ **Saturday, July 12th—10am**
Saturday Morning Shabbat Service
- ◆ **Friday, August 1st—7pm**
Friday Night Shabbat Service (lay led)
- ◆ **Friday, August 29th—7pm**
Friday Night Shabbat Service

Re: the Mi Shebeirach at Worship Services

Rabbi Roman, the Ritual Committee and the Board of Trustees are continuously re-evaluating how BSTC can best support our members who request public acknowledgement of their (or their loved ones') desire for healing prayers at our Services. There are several complicating issues, not the least of which are HIPAA privacy laws, and managing the length of any list that might be read out-loud.

SAVE THE DATE!

Uniting the Community Through Music

Sunday, November 23, 2025 at 2 pm

Sahuarita School Auditorium

Come Celebrate Cultural Diversity by enjoying an afternoon of musical performances celebrating our diverse community.

FEATURING



Amber Norgaard

Tucson's Folk-Rock Goddess

Mariachi Aztlán de Pueblo Magnet High School

Award-winning Mariachi Music



Ami Sarasvati

Native American flute

Klezmerkaba

Tucson's premier Klezmer ensemble



Admission: Adults \$25 • Students 12-18 \$5 • children 11 and under FREE

For more information, please call (520) 648-6690

A fund raiser for Beth Shalom Temple Center, Green Valley

A suggestion has been made, and we will experiment for the next several months: the Rabbi or Worship Leader will ask for those present to share the name of someone in need of prayers WITH FIRST NAME ONLY, OR FOR THE INDIVIDUAL'S HEBREW NAME TO BE SPOKEN (e.g. Nachman ben Hindel).

Please feel free to share your thoughts or reactions to this pattern throughout the Spring and Summer, by contacting Rabbi Roman, Esther Levine Brill (President) or Marlys Fiterman (Ritual Committee Chair).

SECURITY

"If you see something, say something!"

The Security Chair is Josh Migdal. Please contact Josh with any security questions or concerns.

BSTC Security

SISTERHOOD

The Sisterhood meets every second Tuesday of the month at 10am at BSTC.

The semi-annual **Mahjong Tournament** will be held **Tuesday, July 15th** to benefit Genesis House via the BSTC Sisterhood. Doors will open at 11:30am for check in, lunch will be served at noon, and the games will be played from 1:00 until 3:30pm, with raffle drawings and prizes awarded immediately following. **Players must pre-register using the form on the following page.** Don't hesitate to send in your group if you want to play—there are only a few spaces remaining! FUN coming up on the horizon!

SOCIAL ACTION

There are no meetings scheduled for June, July and August.

We have two on-going donation bins in the temple lobby:

The Angel Heart Pajama Project can always use new or gently used children's books and new pajamas. The most needed sizes for boys and girls are children's size 12 and up.

And, The Green Valley and Sahuarita Food banks always need help. During the summer months donations decline, however the need is always there.

Here is the current list of the most needed items:

- ♦ Cereal and oatmeal
- ♦ Peanut butter and other nut butters (for those with allergies)
- ♦ Canned meat, including tuna fish and chicken
- ♦ Macaroni and cheese/ramen/ pasta
- ♦ Canned soup, particularly hearty soups such as Progresso
- ♦ Beans and rice
- ♦ Canned vegetables
- ♦ Canned tomato products
- ♦ Instant potatoes and rice
- ♦ Soup packages (only hot water needed)

There are food bank visitors living out of their cars or on the streets. They do not have any access to a refrigerator or stove. They appreciate when they can get food that is in smaller portions and doesn't require preparation.

To make BSTC food donations even easier during the summer months we are offering a DRIVE-UP DONATION PROCESS. Gary Melton will be at the temple on the following days and all you need to do is drive up and he will walk to your car and you can hand him your donations.

7:30-9:30 am on the following dates:

- ♦ **Wednesday, July 2nd**
- ♦ **Wednesday, July 9th**
- ♦ **Wednesday, August 20th**
- ♦ **Wednesday, August 27th**

And, mark your calendars! Mitzvah Day is Friday, November 7, 2025. The Social Action Committee will be working together with the Santa Cruz Valley United Methodist Church on 2 upcoming projects:

- ♦ A pet food collection for Sister Josè Women's Shelter
- ♦ Folding pajamas for The Angel Heart Pajama Project.

I will send out an e-blast when the details for those projects are complete.

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.

Keep calm and summer on.

Connie Greenwald

BSTC Social Action Committee Chair

Saturday morning. All are welcome. The link has been emailed and does not change. Contact the office if you need it.

WEBSITE—bstc.us

There are links on the password protected page to the Board meeting minutes and financial reports, both current and archived, and **updated member contact information directories are available here.** The active calendar and on-line payment options are there, too.

Please email bstcgv@gmail.com or call the office at 520-648-6690 with any questions or comments.

TORAH STUDY

Torah Portions are included for members in the table below. Torah Study meets only via Zoom every

MONTHLY TORAH PORTIONS			
Portion (Parashat)	Date	Torah	Haftarah
CHUKAT	July 4-5, 2025	Numbers 19:1-22:1	Judges 11:1-33
BALAK	July 11-12, 2025	Numbers 22:2-25:9	Micah 5:6-6:8
PINCHAS	July 18-19, 2025	Numbers 25:10-30:1	I Kings 18:46-19:21
MATTOT-MAS'EI	July 25-26, 2025	Numbers 30:2-36:13	Jeremiah 2:4-28



Helene & Larry Feldman	7-Jul
Larry & Ina Gravitz	15-Jul
Margaret & Paul Anderson	16-Jul
Martin & Susan Cohen	23-Jul
Gene & Diane Stein	23-Jul
Kate & Harry Wolf	29-Jul

Ed Brill	3-Jul
Kimberly Lisk	3-Jul
Becky Charboneau	4-Jul
Art Drucker	4-Jul
Larry Gravitz	8-Jul
Stuart Lisk	11-Jul
Josh Migdal	11-Jul
Marcia Wiener	11-Jul
Ina Gravitz	13-Jul
Shari Rosenbloom	13-Jul
Gene Nudelman	18-Jul
Diane Stein	23-Jul



STAY COOL



COMMITTEE	CHAIR/CO-CHAIR
Aesthetics	Tobey Gitelle
Art Gallery	Marcia Wiener Bev Lake
Bagel Breakfast	Mariann Katz
Book of Remembrance	Suenette Maron
Calendar & Reservations	BSTC office
Caring & Bikur Cholim	Amy Storer
Facilities & IT	Les Bakke
Facebook	Jane Gold
Finance	Ricki Letowt
Grants	Esther Levine Brill
Historian	Gail Sommers
Hospitality	CHAIR OPEN
Jim Click Raffle	Ed Gold
Library	Jane Gold
Long Range Planning	John Evans
Memorial Board /Yahrzeits	Joyce Finkelstein
Membership	Mike Finkelstein
Men's Club	Gary Melton
Oneg	Cris Hager
President	Esther Levine Brill
Programs	Mike Finkelstein
Rabbi	Norman Roman
Rewards Programs	Joyce Finkelstein
Ritual	Marlys Fiterman
Security	Josh Migdal
Shofar	Stacy Laetsch/BSTC Office
Shopper	Judy Gehman
Sisterhood	Sue Cohen
Social Action	Connie Greenwald
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