



GREEN VALLEY SHOFAR

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Having just finished with “the intensive Jewish season”, I find myself trying to catch up on things, and sending this to the Shofar so late, demonstrates that I’m not doing this all that well.

It is with heartfelt gratitude that I see the living hostages have been returned. I hope their reintegration into society goes well. However, the fact that all families have not been reunited as yet, and that families cannot bury their dead, is very sorrowful and upsetting. While there have been some breaks in the ceasefire, I pray that it continues.

I hope too that we see a decrease in antisemitism, although I am, unfortunately, doubtful about this.

I would like to invite you to step up and volunteer to be on or even lead some committees. As you may know, we definitely need a hospitality chair. Ricki Letowt has organized this so well that it is mostly administrative. She is also someone who will be happy to help anyone wishing to step up.

Too, nominations for the board are beginning. I hope you will think about running. We have monthly meetings as you may be aware as well as study sessions to review things we want to “hash out” before we bring things, proposals, etc. to the board. Each board member has a “portfolio”, be it in charge of hospitality, chairing a committee, acting as secretary, etc. So, if you are interested, or if our Nomination Committee Chairperson (Josh Migdal, our vice president) contacts you, certainly consider running. At this point, all that is required of you is to fill out a form talking about your past experiences, why you wish to serve on the board, etc.

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MESSAGE FROM RABBI NORM

FROM RABBI ROMAN AND LAURIE SHERMAN

The renowned Professor of Jewish Liturgy and Thought, Dr. Larry Hoffman, has taught that the Sid-dur/Prayerbook is actually a “mirror of the Jewish soul”, reflecting who we are on our best and worst days, and giving us the permission to imagine who we want to be. He also reminds us that our sacred, searching literature, and the “choreography” of our worship that accompanies it, has seen many, many changes and modifications through the centuries - if you weren’t aware, our oldest Jewish “prayers” are almost 2,000 years old, and the outlines of our prayerbook are almost 1,300 years old. Some of those changes have been accepted, and added into the fixed liturgy, while some have been included in selected Services: evening or morning, weekday or Shabbat, Festivals or Holy Days.

Further, Ashkenazim and Sephardim have different wordings for some prayers, primarily based on their agricultural or geographic needs and seasons (when do we plant or harvest? When do we pray for rain?). Their and our cultures demanded relevance and appropriate themes: there have been times when we prayed for, or against, the government, for example. Or, you might remember, that many Rabbis ordered that the Kol Nidrei formula should NOT be recited by all the Congregation.

However, there has **always been** a respectful attitude towards new wording or proposed structure of our prayer environment. And, there has always been the attempt to include at least a token reminder of the “traditional”, whenever possible.

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The GREEN VALLEY SHOFAR

The Official Newsletter of
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The editors reserve the right to edit contributions for grammar, length and content. Community and member news will be published only as space permits. Community or member events that conflict with Temple events will not be publicized in the Shofar.

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 Judy & Randy Gehman: **in honor of:** Judy's 99-year-old mother, Claire Westerman.
- ◆ From Ed & Esther Brill: **in honor of:** her mother, Sophie Greenblatt Levine Sorgen.
- ◆ From Ed & Esther Brill: **refuah shlema to:** Agi Klieger, Sue Cohen, Linda Alexander, Jane Gold and Rabbi Norm.
- ◆ From Ed & Esther Brill: **condolences to:** Michael Tannenbaum on the loss of his wife, Alice.
- ◆ From Joyce & Mike Finkelstein: **in memory of:** Alice Tannenbaum

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
Judy & Randy Gehman	For her Father	Arne Westerman
Sherry Hoffman-Blum	For her Mother	Millie Hoffman
Sid & Ruthann Shapiro	For his Mother	Evelyn Shapiro



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
SAT	11/1/25	10am	Torah Study on Zoom ONLY
SUN	11/2/25	10am	Bagel Breakfast <i>sponsor: Michael & Sara Benisch</i>
TUE	11/4/25	3pm	Uniting the Community Through Music Meeting
WED	11/5/25	10am	BSTC Book Club @BSTC
WED	11/5/25	1pm	In Sarah's Tent Rehearsal
FRI	11/7/25	7am	Mitzvah Day Projects @BSTC
FRI	11/7/25	7pm	Friday Night Shabbat Service
SAT	11/8/25	10am	Torah Study on Zoom ONLY
SUN	11/9/25	3pm	In Sarah's Tent Rehearsal
TUE	11/11/25	10am	Sisterhood Meeting
TUE	11/11/25	3pm	Uniting the Community Through Music Meeting
WED	11/12/25	9am	Men's Club Meeting @El Patio
THU	11/13/25	9am	Long Range Planning Meeting on Zoom
SAT	11/15/25	10am	Torah Study on Zoom ONLY
SUN	11/16/25	12:30p	In Sarah's Tent Rehearsal
TUE	11/18/25	12-4pm	Sisterhood Mahjong Tournament
THU	11/20/25	10:30a	Social Action Committee Mtg
FRI	11/21/25	9:30am	Program Committee Meeting on Zoom
FRI	11/21/25	5:30pm	Friday Night Shabbat Service
FRI	11/21/25	7pm	In Sarah's Tent
SAT	11/22/25	10am	Torah Study on Zoom ONLY
SUN	11/23/25	2pm	Uniting the Community Through Music Program at Sahuarita Auditorium
MON	11/24/25	10am	BSTC Board Meeting
SAT	11/29/25	10am	Torah Study on Zoom ONLY

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (continued)

Of course, have a happy and thankful Thanksgiving. I shall pass this way, but once. Therefore, let me do what little I can now since I will not pass this way again.

Let us continue this incredible journey together,
Esther Levine Brill



RABBI'S MESSAGE (continued)

So, this explanation is background for the invitation for all to share in a very special Erev Shabbat, on Friday, November 21st, at 7:00 pm. **In Sarah's Tent** will be "immersion into a point of view, a sacred, healing, exciting experience . . ."

Please see Laurie Sherman's words:

In Sarah's Tent is not a performance or a service — it is an immersion into a point of view, a sacred, healing, exciting experience.

A circle of candles, voices, and living memory, unfolding across centuries — from Eve's first breath to Tikvah's future light.

You'll travel through time beside Jewish women who changed the world: prophets and poets, rebels and healers, scholars and dreamers, singers and weavers.

You'll hear their words, their laughter, their prayers — not as history, but as presence. The Tent surrounds you, inviting you to listen, breathe, and take part. You'll feel the past brushing against the present, the sacred woven into the human. Take part in Sarah's Feast (Oneg) with the Women!

Bring a friend, a daughter, a question — bring your whole self. This is a shared journey through exile and return, through silence and song, through the thousand ways women keep the light alive.

When you leave, we hope you will carry that glow with you — the hidden light of Kislev, the whisper of every voice saying: Hineni. We are here.

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But for those who choose not to enter the Tent at 7:00 pm, we will still hold a more traditional, but abbreviated Shabbat Service at 5:30 pm. It will be informal, but include the basic prayers and, of course, Mourners' Kaddish. However, there will not be and Oneg.

Please reach out to me or to Laurie if you have any questions about the evening.



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 Email Address: Gail Sommers**

- ◆ **New Email Address: Susan Korn**

BOARD NOTES

The monthly Board meeting is normally held on the fourth Monday of each month. **The next Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 24th at 10am.** All members are welcome to join.

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 allows us to subsidize some or all the cost of participation in 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:** This fund is partially subsidized by a JPSA grant and provides meals and visitation to members who are recovering from illness/surgery.

- ◆ **Art Gallery Fund:** While the Art 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.

COMMITTEE NEWS

ART GALLERY

The new exhibit **"It's Wild Out There"** by Ed Freedman, photography artist, went on display on October 23rd, and the reception was on Sunday, October 26th. The items exhibited are for sale, and Ed will donate all sales to BSTC. They are priced at \$25 each, including a frame. They make great gifts for friends and family.

Marcia Wiener & Bev Lake



BIKUR CHOLIM—CARING MEALS PROGRAM

At Beth Shalom, we believe in feeding body and spirit. Through our Caring Meals program—rooted in the Jewish tradition of Bikur Cholim (visiting and

supporting those who are ill or in need)—BSTC members lovingly prepare and deliver meals, along with a visit or friendly check-in, to anyone who could use a little extra care.

If you're recovering, grieving, feeling alone, or simply in need of support, we're here for you. But we're not mind-readers—so please let us know.

Contact the Temple Office or Amy Storer to request support for yourself or someone you care about and/or to let us know you have food to contribute. Either bring it without portioning and we can divide and freeze, or please freeze in individual portions. **If you add or take anything to/from the freezer for the Caring Meals, please let Stacy, Ricki, or Dawna know. We keep an inventory of what's there so we know what we are able to offer.**

We are here to nourish, connect, and remind each other: you are not alone.

BOOK CLUB

The BSTC Book Club usually meets at BSTC every first Wednesday of the month at 10 a.m. All are welcome. Contact Laura Unger with questions.

BSTC Book Club 2025 Reading List:

- ◆ Nov 5th—***The Hemminges of Montecello*** by A Gordon Reed
- ◆ Dec 3rd—***The Women*** by Kristin Hannah
This historical fiction follows a young army nurse's journey from innocence through two tours in Vietnam to her re-entry back to the States. Surprised by the abandonment of her country, as well as disbelief that women served in Vietnam, she fought to bring to the forefront that women can be heroes, too.

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?

We have beautiful Tribute cards available to commemorate a life event, and they also act as a fundraiser. At the moment, our financial records indicate that the cost of these cards is greater than the donations that they are bringing in. When making your donation, please remember that the cost to temple for each card is just under \$5, which includes the card stock, printing, envelopes, and stamps. Tribute cards are available for viewing on our BSTC website.

If you have prayer requests, know of 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

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 President Esther Levine Brill.

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

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

The BSTC Grief Support group has been meeting regularly since last Spring, creating a caring space for those navigating loss. If you are finding it difficult to move forward due to a loss, whether recent or from long ago, please know that you are not alone. Our meetings offer a safe and supportive

environment to share experiences, listen, and support one another in confidence. All are welcome, regardless of where you are in your journey. We hope you will join us. For more information, please contact me for the next meeting date and location.

Looking forward to seeing you.

Bunny Tarquinio
Grief Recovery Specialist

HOSPITALITY

Bagel Breakfasts are usually on the first Sunday of each month at 10am. The **November 2nd** event is sponsored by Michael and Sarah Benisch.

To ensure there is enough food and that plenty of tables and chairs are set up, the Committee policy is that all food events are prepaid. **WE MUST HAVE YOUR RSVP by the Monday prior to the event and your PAYMENT PRIOR TO THE EVENT CONFIRMS 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 drawing date is coming near! The last chance to purchase tickets at a bagel breakfast is November 2nd. Following that event, tickets will still be available in the office until the end of November, 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

We are planning a **special Shabbat service** for those who have joined our temple in the past year. It is scheduled for the evening of **Friday, December 5th at 7pm**. It is open to all members and their friends and families.

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 Finkelstein.

MEN'S CLUB

The Men's Club has changed its leadership. Steve Maron and Stuart Lisk are currently co-presidents. Gary Melton has moved to the Pacific Northwest to be closer to their family.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 12th, at El Patio Restaurant, at 9:00 am.

PROGRAMS

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Do you long for connection, meaning, and community? Now?

In Sarah's Tent: A Sacred Gathering is a women's Shabbat experience where ancient and modern Jewish voices — Sarah, Miriam, Ruth, Golda, Debbie, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, and more — come alive in story, song, and spirit.

We read, reflect, laugh, and lift one another — creating a living circle of light across generations.

No memorization needed — just your voice, your presence, your heart.

Join us at the unique Shabbat Rosh Chodesh Kislev Ritual/theater on Friday, November 21 at 7:00 PM, Beth Shalom Temple Center. See the flyer on the

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Artwork Donated for Fundraising



Long Island Jewish Center

26-1/4 x 27-1/4 inch framed art
\$250

Artwork Donated for Fundraising



Miriam's Well

8 x 10 inch matte framed woodblock print
\$25



SW Window with Morning Glories

12 x 15 inch framed art
\$250



Musicians Suite Beethoven

20 x 20 inch framed art
\$325



Set of two Floral Pictures

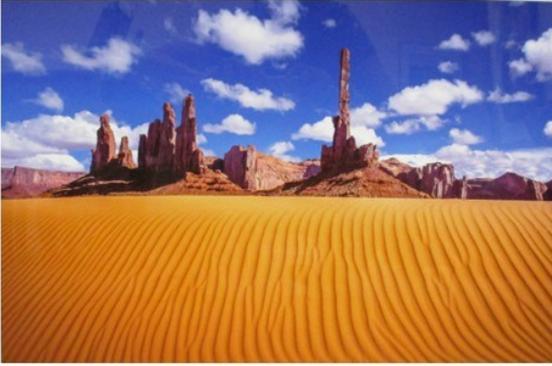
15 x 15 inches each framed art
\$125



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

next page for more details.

- ◆ **SAVE THE DATE of December 25th for a Jewish Winter Sing-a-long** with Laurie Sherman and John Evans. This event will include Christmas and winter songs, all written by Jews, with a brief narration on the songwriters, followed by a Chinese food dinner.

FUNDRAISING

Uniting the Community Through Music fundraiser is Sunday afternoon, November 23rd from 2-4:30pm at the Sahuarita School Auditorium. Tickets are available. See the flyer on the next page. This program will be open to the public (reduced price for children and students) and will include:

- ◆ **Amber Norgaard**—“Tucson’s folk-rock goddess”
- ◆ **Klezmerkaba**—Tucson’s premier Klezmer ensemble
- ◆ **Mariachi Aztlán**—award-winning Mariachi music
- ◆ **Ami Sarasvati**—Native American flute, The Healing Power of Music

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

LAST CHANCE TO MAKE ANY OFFER!

There were several pieces of **artwork** donated for the 2024 Gala Auction that remain unsold, and are going to be re-donated at the end of the year if no one wants them. See images on pages 8 and 9 for what is still available. Make an offer to own whichever you like!

REWARD PROGRAMS

RAISE RIGHT is a program offering name brand gift cards for purchase and raises funds for BSTC!

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

FRY’S COMMUNITY REWARD PROGRAM

1. Visit www.frysfood.com

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In Sarah's Tent

– *The Women Speak* –

A Sacred Shabbat Experience for
Rosh Chodesh Kislev

Presented by The Hineni Circle Project
of Beth Shalom Temple Center, Green Valley, AZ

Friday, November 21, 2025

7:00 PM

Uniting the Community Through Music

Sunday, November 23, 2025 at 2 pm

Sahuarita School Auditorium

350 W. Sahuarita Rd. • Sahuarita, AZ 85629

Come Celebrate Cultural Diversity
by enjoying an afternoon of musical performances.



FEATURING

Amber Norgaard

Tucson's Folk-Rock Goddess

Mariachi Aztlán de Pueblo Magnet High School

Award-winning Mariachi Music



Ami Sarasvati

Native American flute:
The Healing Power of Music

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 or visit:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/uniting-the-community-through-music-tickets-1568325968189>

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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.

November Service Schedule:

- ◆ **Friday, November 7th—7pm**
Friday Night Shabbat Service
- ◆ **Saturday, November 15th—10am**
Friday Night Shabbat Service
- ◆ **Friday, November 21st—5:30pm**
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.

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).

ROSH CODESH CHAVERAH

Our Rosh Chodesh Chaverah will resume in January with the theme Gratitude—which is a spiritual time for renewal, connection, and friendship. Rosh Cho-

desh, the celebration of the new moon, is an ancient women's holiday and a time to share stories, ideas, and experiences from the heart. This is not a study group or book club, but a circle of friends exploring feminist Jewish spirituality and women's changing roles.

In the meantime, please come experience In Sarah's Tent at the Shabbat service on Friday, November 21st at 7pm.

Laurie Sherman

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. All Sisterhood members are invited to join.

SOCIAL ACTION

We are gearing up for Mitzvah Day on Friday, November 7, 2025. Please register using this link [gvc-foundation.org](https://www.gvc-foundation.org) Scroll down the page and you will see the registration option.

The Social Action Committee has a Mitzvah Day Wish List on Amazon. It's a very easy way to donate pet food that will be bagged and delivered to Sister José Women's Shelter in Tucson. The food will be delivered to my home and I will bring everything to the temple when we set up for November 7th. Here is the link to our Wish List.

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/MB5E0J2YFG2A?ref=wl_share

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The Social Action Committee collects non-perishable food for the local food bank and pajamas for Angel Heart Pajama Project all year long. There are donation bins in the lobby and your donations are always appreciated. I enjoy buying pajamas for the children. And when I get a Kohls 30% off coupon, well that makes it even more fun to shop.

The Santa Cruz Valley United Methodist Church has extended an invitation to join them on a Cross-Border tour on December 9, 2025. The cost is \$95 per person. If you are interested please contact Reverend Meredith Joubert at revmerjoubert@gmail.com for more details.

I would like to invite new and existing members to join our committee. We meet on the 3rd Thursday of the month. The meeting is in the temple lobby and we meet from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. We also offer a Zoom link so you can attend the meeting virtually.

*Connie Greenwald
Social Action Chair*

TORAH STUDY

Torah Portions are included for members in the table below. Torah Study meets only via Zoom, on Saturday mornings that have no service. All are wel-

come. 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 there.** 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.



MONTHLY TORAH PORTIONS			
Portion (Parashat)	Date	Torah	Haftarah
LECH L'CHA	Oct 31-Nov 1, 2025	Genesis 12:1-17:27	Isaiah 40:27-41:16
VA YEIRA	Nov 7-8, 2025	Genesis 18:1-22:24	I Kings 4:1-37
CHAYEI SARAH	Nov 14-15, 2025	Genesis 23:1-25:18	I Kings 1:1-31
TOL'DOT	Nov 21-22, 2025	Genesis 25:19-28:9	Malachi 1:1-2:7
VA YETZEI	Nov 28-29, 2025	Genesis 28:10-32:3	Hosea 12:13-14:10



Norm & Lynne Roman	28-Nov
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Ricki Letowt	3-Nov
Holli Madsen	12-Nov
Nancy Puckett	13-Nov
Arlene Hammond	16-Nov
Rebecca Benisch	18-Nov
Lynn Greenes	24-Nov
Ruthann Shapiro	28-Nov
Serene Rein	30-Nov
Sharon Richwine	30-Nov

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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
Tributes	Amy Storer
Website	Stacy Laetsch/BSTC Office