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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Since we are still in the midst of what the Rabbi calls “the Intensive Jewish Season (IJS) I’m sure we have all been busy, cooking, baking, cleaning, having guests for dinner, telephoning friends and relatives, and sending out *L’Shana Tova greetings*, whether by Facebook, email, or cards.

The Rabbi talked about these days as a time of reflection, of good things and bad, of past mistakes, and even of *the mitzvot you or someone else carried out. In essence, our very being as a Jew.*

But as we do these things, we certainly reflect on friends and family both near and far, from the present and the past. It can certainly be nostalgic as you take out your grandmother’s honey dish, one you have seen used since childhood, or recall your father saying the *kiddush*. Yes, we may say kaddish for these people, but the memories evoked by recalling past holidays, family traditions, and get-togethers are, at least for me, quite different. It is the *tam/taste*, the smell, and the fragrance that attach themselves to these memories.

I hope all your memories are sweet and that you are not only written in the book of life but sealed as well for a good, happy, prosperous year - one that brings comfort and healing to all.

Have an easy fast.

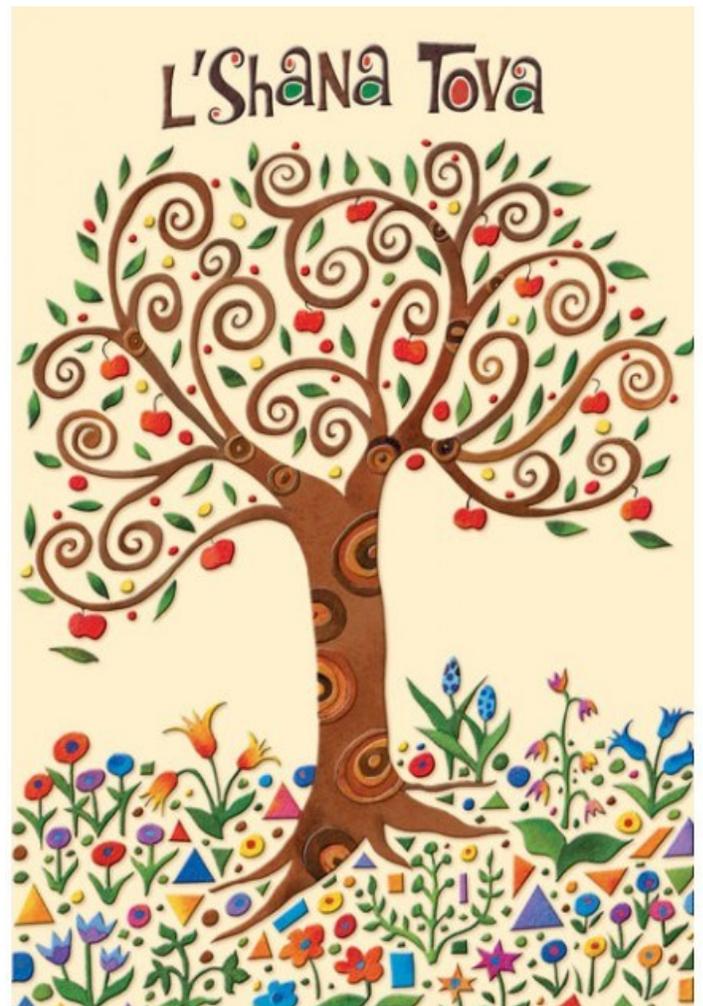
Finally, I hope this is the year that our hostages are returned to us.

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

MESSAGE FROM RABBI NORM

Rabbi Norm, being very involved currently with the High Holy Day services and events, will contribute to next month’s Shofar.



The GREEN VALLEY SHOFAR

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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 Ed & Esther Brill: **mazel tov to:** Gary & Toi Melton on the birth of their new grandchild.
- ♦ From Ed & Esther Brill: **refuah shlema to:** Fil Ficks, Mike Finkelstein, and Agi Klieger.
- ♦ From Judy & Randy Gehman: **in honor of:** Judy's 99-year-old mother, Claire Westerman.

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
Barbara Kowalski	For her Husband	Joseph Kowalski
Sid Shapiro	For his Father	Harry Shapiro
Esther & Ed Brill	For their Brother-in-law	Bernie Pincus
Esther & Ed Brill	For her Mother	Sophie Greenblatt Levine Sorgen
Nili Mirande	For her Parents	Pinkas & Sara Olech
Suenette & Steve Maron	For his Father	Irving Maron
Suenette & Steve Maron	For his Brother	Daniel Maron
Judy & Randy Gehman	For her Father	Arne Westerman



BSTC ACTIVITY CALENDAR

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

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 Members:** Eliot Bolan & Susan Korn
Green Valley, AZ 85614
- ◆ **New Member:** Marvin Steiner
Green Valley, AZ 85622
- ◆ **Returning Members:** Ruthann & Sid Shapiro
Green Valley, AZ 85614
- ◆ **New Address:** Nancy Puckett/Emanuel Shaham
Green Valley, AZ 85614
(phones & emails have not changed)
- ◆ **Corrected Mailing Address:** Larry Feldman
Tubac, AZ 85636

BOARD NOTES

The monthly Board meeting is normally held on the fourth Monday of each month. **The next Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 27th at 10am.** All members are welcome to join.



Schedule of Services, Meetings, Classes & Events			
Day	Date	Time	Event
WED	10/1/25	7pm	Kol Nidre Service
THU	10/2/25	10am	Yom Kippur Service
THU	10/2/25	12:30p	Yizkor Service
THU	10/2/25	2pm	Yom Kippur Symposium <i>Speakers (see Ritual section)</i>
THU	10/2/25	3:30p	Yom Kippur Afternoon Ritual <i>Kol Isha—The Women Speak</i>
THU	10/2/25	4:30p	Yom Kippur Afternoon Service
THU	10/2/25	6pm	Shofar/Havdalah/Break the Fast
SAT	10/4/25	10am	Torah Study with Rabbi Norm on Zoom ONLY
SUN	10/5/25	10am	Bagel Breakfast <i>sponsor: Ingeborg McDonald</i>
MON	10/6/25	7pm	Erev Sukkot Service
WED	10/8/25	9am	Men's Club Meeting @El Patio
WED	10/8/25	10am	BSTC Book Club @BSTC
SAT	10/11/25	10am	Torah Study with Rabbi Norm on Zoom ONLY
MON	10/13/25	7pm	Simchat Torah/Shemini Atzeret Yizkor Service
TUE	10/14/25	10am	Sisterhood Meeting
THU	10/16/25	10:30a	Social Action Committee Mtg
SAT	10/18/25	10am	Torah Study with Rabbi Norm on Zoom ONLY
FRI	10/24/25	7pm	Friday Night Shabbat Service
SAT	10/25/25	10am	Torah Study with Rabbi Norm on Zoom ONLY
SUN	10/26/25	2pm	Art Gallery Reception
MON	10/27/25	10am	BSTC Board Meeting
TUE	10/28/25	3pm	Uniting the Community Through Music meeting
WED	10/29/25	2pm MTS 5pm EST	ZOOM Program: Grief & Loneliness from a Jewish Perspective

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

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.

TEMPLE TIDINGS

MAZEL TOV to Gary & Toi Melton on the birth of their new grandson, Max, in Seattle. The parents are Jonathan and Kate.

COMMITTEE NEWS

ART GALLERY

We will be installing our new exhibit “**It’s Wild Out There**” by Ed Freedman, photography artist, on October 23rd, and will have a **reception from 2:00 to 4:30 on Sunday, October 26th**. We will have beverages and goodies, and the artist is scheduled to talk at 3:00pm. Ed will donate all sales to BSTC, they are priced at \$25 each, including a frame. They make great gifts for friends and family. We look forward to seeing you there!

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:

- ◆ Oct 8th—*The History of Bees* by Maja Lunde
- ◆ Nov 5th—*The Hemmingses 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.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Every year BSTC distributes the Book of Remembrance at Yom Kippur. We will again have an **electronic Book of Remembrance. We will provide a printed copy to anyone who has made a monetary donation and requests a copy.**

To date, this year has raised \$2,697.

Thank you to all who participate.

Suenette Maron, BOR Chair

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. Our next meeting is on Monday, October 6th at 1:00 pm. 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.

Looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

Bunny Tarquinio
Grief Recovery Specialist

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HOSPITALITY

Bagel Breakfasts are usually on the first Sunday of each month at 10am. The **October 5th** event is sponsored by Ingeborg McDonald in honor of 30 years of membership.

To ensure there is adequate food and that enough tables are set up, the Hospitality Committee policy is that all food events **MUST HAVE YOUR RSVP by the Monday prior to the event and your PAYMENT 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 is underway! Tickets are available in the office and at bagel breakfasts, or contact Ed Gold for more details. ***The 2025 raffle has raised \$525 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 BSTC members: Marvin Steiner, Eliot Bolan and Susan Korn, and also to returning members: Ruthann and Sid Shapiro! 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

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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 continued to meet every Wednesday during the summer this year, and has continued to benefit from numerous new BSTC and Men's Club members. This summer our club has grown which is very good. New members, new friends, and new ideas!

We are moving forward firming up details for another Gaslight Theatre production, another ice hockey game, and a visit to the new Tucson Military Vehicle Museum in early 2026. Most of these activities will be open to all BSTC members. More details will be forthcoming. We also just began planning to conduct the January 2, 2026 Shabbat Service at BSTC while Rabbi Norm is away at a conference.

Our immediate planning is focused on supporting the BSTC Chanukah celebration this December. Also, several Men's Club members assisted in moving the kitchen supplies between the kitchen storage shed and a rental pod during renovation work this past month. Thanks to all those Men's Club members who participated. Great teamwork!

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 8th, at El Patio Restaurant, at 9:00 am.

Gary Melton, Men's Club President

PROGRAMS

PROGRAMS WITH RABBI NORM

Grief & Loneliness from a Jewish Perspective

A Zoom program on grief and loneliness from a Jewish perspective is being planned by Rabbi Roman and Rabbi Ilan Glazer for October 29, 2025 at 2pm Arizona/5pm Eastern.

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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

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- ◆ **Kol Isha—The Women Speak**, by Laurie Sherman, blends Jewish women’s monologues (biblical, historical, and modern); music and percussion; and a focus on sacred reflection. Hear the Women of our Jewish past, present and future tell their own stories. Featuring: Esther Levine Brill, Jo Legat, Sherry Hoffman-Blum, Marlys Fiterman, Joyce Finkelstein, Ricki Letowt, and Martha Fine. Two events are planned: Yom Kippur afternoon and a Friday night service/ritual on November 21st. See the flyer on the 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 planned for Sunday afternoon, November 23rd from 2-4:30pm at the Sahuarita School Auditorium, according to Mike Finkelstein. See the updated 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 Aztlan**—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!

Kol Isha

The Women Speak

Yom Kippur Afternoon,
October 2, 3 PM
Beth Shalom Temple Center

Why should you join us?

*Voices of Jewish Women Across Time –
Written in the Margins of Memory. Spoken
in Light*

Esther Levine Brill, Sherry Hoffman-Blum
Martha Fine, Marlys Fiterman
Joyce Finkelstein, Jo Legat, Ricki Letowt
Fran Orrok

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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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
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.

October and HHD Service Schedule:

- ◆ **Wednesday, October 1st—7pm**
Erev Yom Kippur/Kol Nidre Service
- ◆ **Thursday, October 2nd—10am**
Yom Kippur Morning Service
- ◆ **Thursday, October 2nd—12:30pm***
Yizkor Memorial Service
- ◆ **Thursday, October 2nd—2pm***
Yom Kippur Symposium Speakers:
Sharon Richwine
Harry Segal
Caroline Weintraub
- ◆ **Thursday, October 2nd—3:30pm***
Kol Isha—The Women Speak
- ◆ **Thursday, October 2nd—4:30pm***
Yom Kippur Afternoon Service
- ◆ **Thursday, October 2nd—6pm***
Shofar/Havdalah/Break the Fast

** Times are approximate*

- ◆ **Monday, October 6th—7pm**
Sukkot Service
- ◆ **Monday, October 13th—7pm**
Simchat Torah/Shemini Atzeret/Yizkor Service
- ◆ **Friday, October 24th—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.

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).

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 Chodesh, 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 join us at Kol Isha: The Women Speak on Yom Kippur afternoon at 3:30 PM at BSTC, and come experience In Sarah's Tent on Tuesday, November 26—two powerful gatherings honoring Jewish women's voices across time. You are welcome to read a part in either event—just let Laurie know of your interest.

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.

Sisterhood members are planning an outing to the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum on Sunday, October 19th. Plans are to meet at the temple at 8:15am for carpooling and/or caravanning with arrival at the museum around 9:30am. A guided walk led by interpretive naturalist (and BSTC member) Gail Abend will focus on the ethnobotany and biodiversity of the Sonoran Desert and will last about 40-50 minutes in both sunny and shady areas. Afterwards, wander on your own or continue with Gail for more nature interpretation. The group will meet for lunch in the Ironwood Restaurant (on site) with the time determined after the walk. This outing is limited to 12 people. Contact Gail with any questions or to RSVP for this event.

SOCIAL ACTION

The Social Action Committee is currently working on a couple of new projects we look forward to sharing more details about in the near future. We will also be working with the Program Committee to plan interesting and relevant and important information to the congregation.

Mitzvah Day is on Friday, November 7, 2025. I have been informed that the online registration should be ready in early October. As soon as the link is active I will send out an email to everyone.

Please consider joining our committee. We meet the 3rd Thursday of every month at the temple from 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. and also offer a Zoom link for committee members.

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A little goes a long way, like one can or package of non-perishable food for the food bank. We always appreciate your donations and as the weather gets cooler, the need increases.

The Hunger Walk was on Saturday, September 27th at the Historic Canoa Ranch park. Enjoy a photo of our 2025 Team below!

Connie Greenwald
Social Action Chair



TORAH STUDY

Torah Portions are included for members in the table on the next page. Torah Study meets only via Zoom, on Saturday mornings that have no service. 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.



Dusty & Rick Kunin	15-Oct
Venilda & Josh Migdal	27-Oct

Les Bakke	1-Oct
Larry Feldman	3-Oct
Howard Cohne	3-Oct
Deborah Haraway	3-Oct
Elliott Sacks	3-Oct
Maggie Anderson	8-Oct
Claudia Stoope	8-Oct
Joyce Palm	15-Oct
Joyce Finkelstein	16-Oct
Linda Stein	23-Oct
Suenette Maron	24-Oct
Myra Lipson	26-Oct
Andy Madsen	28-Oct

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MONTHLY TORAH PORTIONS			
Portion (Parashat)	Date	Torah	Haftarah
HA-AZINU	Oct 3-4, 2025	Deuteronomy 32:1-52	II Samuel 22:1-51
CHOL HA-MO'ED SUKKOT	Oct 10-11, 2025	Exodus 33:12-34:26	Ezekiel 38:18-39:16
B'REISHIT	Oct 17-18, 2025	Genesis 1:1-6:8	Isaiah 42:5-43:10
NOACH	Oct 24-25, 2025	Genesis 6:9-11:32	Isaiah 54:1-55:5
LECH L'CHA	Oct 31-Nov 1, 2025	Genesis 12:1-17:27	Isaiah 39:27-41:16

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