

Beth Shalom Temple Center



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President's Message

First of all I want to thank the BSTC family for the honor of being its president for the past three years. To say that it has been worry free would not be honest but I can honestly say that I have learned a lot and that as a whole it has been a positive experience. The time has come though to turn this over to someone else. Who it will be we will find out later today. I can only promise them my complete and total support.

How to recap 2021. In many ways the whole year is a blur. Covid found us in January of 2021 when Stacy's son came home to do his laundry. Two weeks later it hit again at a card game. We ended up locking the building completely for most of the month of February essentially quarantining the building.

When we "reopened" it was only to select individuals and only for religious services. At every board study session we discussed when we felt we could safely reopen to everyone. That date kept getting pushed further and further ahead.

We continued to conduct everything except religious services via Zoom and thanks to our Program Committee, many member volunteers and Rabbi Roman we were busier than ever. I'd like to thank each of you individually but I know I'd miss someone there were so many. Please just accept my thanks.

Finally on August 2nd, Stacy returned to working at the Temple re-establishing posted office hours and we were officially reopened.

Things didn't return to normal though. Many of you know that I don't sleep well as is but the debate I was constantly having mask/no mask didn't help. Then there was the question how to conduct the

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2022 BSTC Board of Directors

President	Gloria Clancy
VP	Esther Brill
Treasurers	Ricki Letowt Ruthann Shapiro
Secretary	Marlys Fiterman
At Large	Mike Finkelstein
At Large	Dan Galitz
At Large	Arnold Krohn
At Large	Gary Melton
At Large	John Unger

Message from Rabbi Norm Roman

SAYING 'THANK YOU'

This past month of January prompted many different expressions of gratitude – most of us were able to pronounce the traditional Hebrew Shehechyanu prayer upon entering 2022 in good health, while some celebrated victories achieved by their favorite sports teams. Still others (including Lynne and me) shared a grateful, heartfelt blessing for the premature, scary, but very welcome arrival of our third granddaughter.

Rabbi Charlie Cytron-Walker and the members of Congregation Beth Israel in Texas joined together in the days following the hostage-taking at their Temple, and said a collective "Thank You" to God, to the first-responders of their community, and to their friends in the Coleyville interfaith community. The

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The Official Newsletter of
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Editor: Stacy Laetsch

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Go to: bstc.us to view and print archived volumes.

NEWSLETTER SUPPORT STAFF: Mike Finkelstein and Jane Gold

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.

SENDING IN CHECKS TO BSTC

If you are sending in a check to BSTC (not using our website to pay, either by PayPal or credit card) ***please make sure your check indicates the name of the program/event*** for which you are paying.

Mail should be addressed to:

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

Sending mail to the Rio Mayo address may result in a loss or delay. To expedite delivery please include the name of the person you wish to contact on the front of the envelope.

- ◆ For information on the *Memorial Board* and *Yahrzeits* contact Joyce Finkelstein by phone or by email.
- ◆ For information on *Tributes* items, contact Amy Storer.
- ◆ For information on *Commemorative Items*, contact the office.

TEMPLE USAGE SCHEDULING

BSTC is currently open to members who are fully vaccinated. Please contact the BSTC office at (520) 648-6690 or bstcgv@gmail.com with any questions.

Not all scheduled events are included in the Shofar. To include your program in the Shofar calendars, please notify the Shofar editor. Deadline for Shofar copy is the 20th 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

Amy Storer, the volunteer chairing this committee, will mail a personalized card to whomever you choose. **SEE SOME SAMPLE CARDS ON THE BSTC WEBSITE.**

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 to which address your tribute should be sent: e.g. Arizona or other state**)
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.

Send your Tribute request and free-will offerings to:

Beth Shalom Temple Center, P.O. Box 884, Green Valley, AZ 85622

(mark "Tributes" on the envelope and check memo line!)

Tributes received this month:

- ♦ From Sue & Marty Cohen: **In celebration of** Rabbi Norm and Lynne Roman's newest granddaughter, Chloe Jewel.
- ♦ From Joyce & Mike Finkelstein: **In memory of** Bobbie & Jack Vishner's grandchild, Sherayah Zichri.
- ♦ From Esther & Ed Brill: **In memory of** Bobbie & Jack Vishner's grandchild and Maridell Nochumson's nephew.
- ♦ From Esther & Ed Brill: **In memory of** Sue Cohen's mother, Bud Heller, Denis Nathan and Daniel Day.
- ♦ From Esther & Ed Brill: **Refuah Shleamah** to Fred Legat.
- ♦ From Esther & Ed Brill: **In honor of** The Outgoing Board & all the chairpersons and members of committees at BSTC.
- ♦ From Esther & Ed Brill: **In honor of** Ruthann & Sid Shapiro, Stacy Laetsch, and Jane Gold.
- ♦ From Esther & Ed Brill: **In honor of** Merle Sobol on his presidency of the Brotherhood.
- ♦ From Esther & Ed Brill: **Mazel Tov** Newly Elected Board & Officers
- ♦ From Esther & Ed Brill: **Mazel Tov** Rabbi Norm & Lynne Roman on their new granddaughter.

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
Zandra Lindblad	Her Mother	Roslyn Sirota
Suenette Maron	Her Father	Harold Abrahamson
Bunny Callis	Her Father	Irvin Rosenstein
Mark Travitsky	His Father	Louis Travitsky
Ann-Marie Schaffer	Her Husband	David Schaffer
Larry Feldman	His Mother	Hortense Feldman



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OPEN for Services to members who are fully vaccinated! Masking required.

BSTC also continues to Live Stream Services on YouTube.

Schedule of Services, Meetings & Events			
Day	Date	Time	Event
WED	2/2/22	1 pm	Mahjong@BSTC
FRI	2/4/22	5 pm	Shabbat Service
SAT	2/5/22	10 am	Torah Study on Zoom
TUE	2/8/22	10 am	Sisterhood Meeting@BSTC
WED	2/9/22	1 pm	Mahjong@BSTC
THU	2/10/22	10 am	Brotherhood Shooting Schmoozing & Fressing
SAT	2/12/22	10 am	Saturday Shabbat Services
MON	2/14/22	10 am	Parashat HaShavua on Zoom
MON	2/14/22	12 pm	Gallery Graham Open House in Tubac
WED	2/16/22	1 pm	Mahjong@BSTC
FRI	2/18/22	5 pm	Friday Night Service
SAT	2/19/22	10 am	Torah Study on Zoom
WED	2/23/22	1 pm	Mahjong@BSTC
WED	2/23/22	3 pm	Social Action Meeting@BSTC
THU	2/24/22	2 pm	Meet the Rabbi's Rabbi on Zoom
SAT	2/26/22	10 am	Torah Study on Zoom
SUN	2/27/22	10 am	Gentle Yoga Class@BSTC
MON	2/28/22	10 am	BSTC Board Meeting@BSTC

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High Holy Days. I truly was afraid that after all our planning no one would show up. Thanks to you we had a meaningful and healthy High Holy Day season.

By the beginning of October it was looking like Covid was waning so we planned the re-dedication of our Temple with a Brotherhood/Sisterhood sponsored Chanukah party and new member bagel breakfast for the beginning of December. Both affairs were successful but the fear of the Omicron variant kept a lot of people at home. The January bagel breakfast proved that it is too soon for us to bring back functions that include food. I trust the 2022 will bring back these functions as soon as it is safe to do so. At this point in time I doubt we will be serving hamantaschens at Purim although they will be available for sale from the Sisterhood, or a Passover Seder.

I don't want you to think that 2021 was all doom and gloom. For one thing we finally received acknowledgement from the Tucson Jewish Community that there are Jews living south of Valencia. We are now a part of the Federation Round Table and Rabbi Roman is part of the Rabbi's group. We also now have access to the Federation's Community Calendar. I just wish we had something to put on it.

And the best part of 2021 was that we continued to grow. We had 27 people join BSTC in 2021 and even though we lost some people as far as I know none were to Covid.

All and all I think the 2021 BSTC Board did a fantastic job under very unusual circumstances. I thank each and everyone of you for all your help and support and I trust that I leave BSTC in the good hands of the 2022 Board.

Ruthann



SAVE THE DATES for:

COME MEET THE RABBI'S RABBIS!

An Adult Education Series on Zoom

Monthly on Thursday afternoons • 2:00-3:15 pm
February 24th • March 24th • April 28th • May 26th

Message from Rabbi Norm Roman (continued)

Rabbi's words speak to us all:

We are not helpless. We bring healing with band-aids and hugs, a cup of coffee and chicken soup.

We are not helpless. We bring healing with a text, a call, a card, a response that says, 'You are not alone'.

We are not helpless. We bring healing with acceptance, patience, and understanding for ourselves and for others.

We are not helpless. We bring healing with words of compassion and acts of compassion, reaching out with care and love.

We are not helpless. We bring healing to heart and mind, body and soul. We bring healing every day.

For, We stand together against hatred, bigotry and violence. We stand together in love and support of each other. We stand together in words and deeds. We stand together understanding that our actions matter.

January, 2022 also affords me the opportunity of saying "Thank You" to you – the members of Beth Shalom Temple Center – for the welcome and support you have given me (and Lynne) during our first two years together. The pandemic has made our efforts very challenging, but our Worship, Study, Community Involvement and friendship one-to-the-other has continued to be a source of inspiration and pride. We don't always agree (we're Jews, of course!) but we acknowledge that we are all connected, in-person or through virtual means. Thank you for maintaining the traditional saying: Kol Yisrael 'Areivim Zeh BaZeh – all Israel are responsible and responsive through each other.

And a final, most sincere "Thank You" to our outgoing President, Ruthann Shapiro. In ways large and small, visible by many and behind-the-scenes (or behind the camera), she has been a steady, reliable, loyal and faithful partner to me in the holy work of guiding the Congregation. I said at the Annual Meeting that, in almost 50 years of my Rabbinate, I have never "worked" with a President who was more present, available, and dedicated to those whom she served. Lynne and I, for our own sakes, as well as on behalf of BSTC's members, volunteers and staff, salute her (and Sid) with a well-deserved "Yashar Koach – Job well-done!"

Shalom to all.

Rabbi Norm Roman

PS—THE GROUP TRIP TO ISRAEL HAS BEEN POSTPONED . IT IS TENTATIVELY RESCHEDULED FOR FALL 2022. PLEASE CONTACT RABBI NORM FOR INFO!



DIRECTORY UPDATES

Directory Updates:

The Membership Directory is updated and posted on the Members Only page of the website when new information is received. Directories can be printed from the website or requested by members from the office.

- ♦ **New Member:** Stephen Schein
Green Valley AZ

TEMPLE TIDINGS & MEMBER NEWS

MEMBER PASSING



BSTC Life Member, Stuart (Bud) Heller, passed away December 24, 2021. Bud and his wife, Carol, have been members for many years and were active in the temple.

BSTC member, Nancy Feldman, shared the loss of her brother. Marc Feldman passed away on Sunday, January 2, 2022.

BSTC members, Bobbie and Jack Vishner, have shared sad news of the losses of their nephew, Jack Azizo (Ya'akov Ben Yosef Azizo) as well as their grandson, Shemaryah Zichri.

BOARD NOTES

The BSTC Annual Board meeting was a hybrid event with some people gathering at the temple while others were present via Zoom. The election of the **2022 Board of Directors** was held. The executive session following the meeting saw the following positions assigned:

President—Gloria Clancy
Vice President—Esther Brill
Secretary—Marlys Fiterman
Treasurers—Ricki Letowt and Ruthann Shapiro
Director At-Large—Mike Finkelstein
Director At-Large—Dan Galitz
Director At-Large—Arnie Krohn
Director At-Large—Gary Melton
Director At-Large—John Unger

Minutes from the previous month's meetings are posted for members on the website and the bulletin board at the back of the sanctuary.

Who to Call?

Do you need to let the congregation know about an important life event? Are you interested in making caring calls to other members? If you have any prayer requests, know of any of our members who are sick and/or in the hospital, or would like to make phone calls, please contact Jo Legat, chair of the BSTC Caring Committee.

Cards sent last month:

- ♦ **Get Well** to Laurie Unger and Nancy Karsh
- ♦ **Sympathy** to Carol Heller and Bobbie & Jack Vishner

See the Mi Sheberach List on the website for those who need your prayers.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ART GALLERY

The Art Gallery Committee is happy to announce the exhibit: ***Cri de Coeur: A Cry from the Heart*** featuring Tucson Guest Artist watercolorist, Nancy Charak display will continue through February.

Postponed: Gallery Reception with a presentation on the environment of ravens in our community by Beth Surdut.

BSTC Brotherhood Billiards Social

February 9, 2022 • 4-6 PM

Quail Creek Madera Clubhouse Billiards Room

*Dinner to follow
at Quail Creek Grill*

RSVP Required—contact Lenny: mathcoach801@gmail.com

Open to first 16 respondents

All vaccinated BSTC Brotherhood members and significant others are invited.

BROTHERHOOD

Upcoming Brotherhood Events:

A group billiards game is planned for February 9, 2022 from 4-6 p.m. with dinner to follow at the Quail Creek Grill. See the image on the previous page for more details.

E-SCRIP

Fundraise for BSTC without doing anything extra!

Shop with Scrip (SWS) Purchase gift cards directly from an app on your phone, and they are mailed directly to you! Please contact Joyce Finkelstein with questions or for help.

AMAZON SMILE

Shop Happy and make a Difference!

Do you shop on Amazon? Do you like to help BSTC? Then you should be shopping with Amazon Smile: (smile.amazon.com), the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to the charitable organizations you select. If you have any questions, contact Joyce Finkelstein.

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"

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

If you are not a Fry's VIP Card holder, just stop by your nearest Fry's and ask for a free application. It will only take minutes to get your VIP Card.

Please let Joyce know if you have any questions.

HOSPITALITY

Bagel Breakfasts have been postponed again due to covid. Current CDC Guidelines are being followed, and since masking is recommended food events are on hiatus once more.

ORDER PROOF & BAKE CHALLAHS AND/OR

BOIL & BAKE BAGELS by retired pastry chef and BSTC member, Randy Gehman, will be made fresh and flash frozen once every month. Available for sale to BSTC members and their friends. They are one pound braided loaves for \$7 each. Bagels will be formed and ready to proof, boil and bake. Bagels are \$6 per half dozen. **These must be pre-ordered!** **Contact Ruthann or the contact the office.**

JIM CLICK RAFFLE

The 2022 Jim Click Raffle will begin soon—watch for more details to come. ***BSTC raised \$3300 from this year's raffle! Great job Steve, Ed and Jane and THANK YOU to all who participated!***

LIBRARY

The BSTC Library has recently received numerous donations of books and, while the generosity is greatly appreciated, Linda cannot accept any more at this time.



Still active is the Yiddish Book Center. Online, weekly virtual public programs. Follow on social media, and sign up to receive our new "Weekly Reader" at yiddishbookcenter.org/signup.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

Welcome new member, Stephen Schein!

Show your Pride in a BSTC shirt! BSTC members and friends have begun to order their BSTC logo embroidered polo shirts, supporting the Temple at the same time! **Big Frog Custom T-shirts & More** has set up a special on-line store just for BSTC members and their friends at: bethshalom.itemorder.com/sale or by phoning the store directly at 520-326-3764.



YOU, too, can look beautiful in blue!

Join our BSTC Fundraiser by purchasing **Beth Shalom Temple Center Embroidered Apparel**

BLUE Polo shirts and/or sweatshirts embroidered in white reading:

"Beth Shalom Temple Center Green Valley, AZ"

Click on this link: <https://bethshalom.itemorder.com/sale>

Note: The polo shirts run large, so you might wish to purchase a size smaller from what you usually wear.

The estimated cost for the polo shirts is \$28.99 with larger sizes a dollar or two higher.

BSTC will make a 20% profit on each item ordered.

You will be notified when your purchases are ready, and you may pick them up from temple.

Every shirt you order, the temple earns \$7.00!

Finished items will be available for pickup (or shipping directly to the purchaser) about a week and a half after the order was received. To avoid incurring a shipping charge, and if you cannot pickup your shirts, we are arranging to have one of our members pick up shirts that members have ordered every 2-3 weeks, and drop them off at the temple. If you prefer to have your order picked up and brought to the temple, please contact the office at 520-648-6690 or bstcgv@gmail.com. **BSTC has received \$101 from these sales so far.**

Member Photos

BSTC welcomes other photos from our members to be shared in the Shofar, Schmooze and/or on our social media platforms. Send pictures to Mike with details.

Members are invited to SCHMOOZE!

Please send your comments, story and/or photos to Ricki for upcoming editions of The BSTC Schmooze.

Then, watch for the BSTC Schmooze to come in your email!

Anyone interested in joining this committee please contact Mike Finkelstein.

PROGRAMS

WITH RABBI NORM

COME MEET THE RABBI'S RABBIS!

An Adult Education Series Monthly on Zoom

Thursday afternoons • 2:00-3:15 pm

February 24th • March 24th • April 28th • May 26th

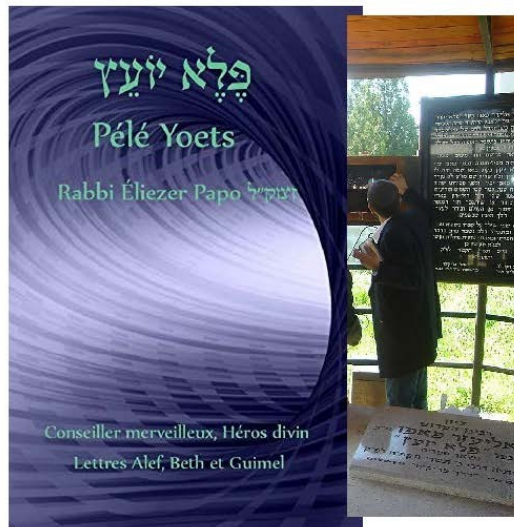
I look forward to studying these Rabbis, and their importance to our Jewish identities, with you!

Details for this month's lecture are on the following page.

Meet the Rabbi's Rabbis

Thursday, February 24, 2022 • 2 pm

Rabbi Eliezer Papo (1785-1828)



Rabbi Eliezer Papo was a leader and scholar of the *Musar* movement, which taught ethics and moral guidance within the context of traditional religious law. He was also the Chief Sephardic Rabbi of Bulgaria, and quite a few of his descendants or distant relatives – like me! – also became Rabbis. I mentioned Papo and his work on Yom Kippur, last September.

AT BSTC

Gentle Yoga Classes using chairs will be held the last Sunday of the month for BSTC members. If you have any questions, or would like to join, please contact Karen.

Pleasurebent Tours Presentation on Wednesday, February 16th. This local travel tour provider will be at BSTC to discuss their many travel offerings, including customized programs. See flyer for details.

Upcoming Events:

Member, Michael “Michael G” Gervan is planning a fundraising concert for March 20th at the temple. Watch for further details.



Karen Baker Fitness

Integration of mind, body & spirit for your health & wellness

Gentle Yoga

“Yoga should be a dance, not a wrestling match with your body”.

Come try this **beginning** level class to safely develop and improve your yoga practice. This class is designed to be safe for all body types. Certified Yoga instructor Karen Baker will provide modifications and adjustments for each pose to help you successfully enjoy your yoga practice. Chairs will be used. All levels welcome and no experience necessary.

Please bring a mat and 2 yoga blocks to class.

When: The last Sunday of each month, 9:00-9:45am

(Starting Jan 30, 2022)

Where: Temple Center Beth Shalom

Class Fee: \$5/ class for members

For more info contact: Karen Baker

520-269-7341 (Home) kkbaker1714@gmail.com

**Pleasurebent
Tours**

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TRAVEL PRESENTATION

Discover U.S. & International Destination Tours and Day Trips

Wednesday, February 16, 2pm-3pm

BSTC Sanctuary

- Plan your next tour to over 80 unique places!
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Register in person to win a FREE DAY TOUR!

Check off your Bucket List and experience our amazing world! Here are a few places we'll take you.

Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta	Tournament of Roses Parade	Amazing Alaska	Branson Musical Holiday
Mexico's Copper Canyon	Santa Barbara Gallery	Washington D.C.	Lake Michigan Circle Tour
Prescott Victorian Christmas	White Sands, Carlsbad Caverns & Big Bend National Parks	Honduras: Caribbean Ocean & Lush Rainforests	San Juan Islands, Victoria B.C. & Olympic Peninsula
New York Holiday	Winter in Yellowstone	San Carlos, Mexico	Durango, Silverton & Ouray
Thanksgiving at the Hotel Del	Death Valley & Grand Canyon	Memphis & Nashville	Magical Kenya: Safari & Coast
Venice, Rome & Amalfi Coast	Grand Tour of Austria & Switzerland	Catalina Island & Whale Watching	Canadian Rockies & Glacier National Park
Canyon de Chelly & Monument Valley	Costa Rica: Tropical Paradise	California Splendor: Yosemite	Secrets of the Southwest
Black Hills & Badlands			

Visit: PleasurebentTours.com || **Call:** 520.325.8839

RITUAL

BSTC continues to conduct Shabbat services three times a month: the first and third Friday nights, and the second Saturday morning. All members and their guests are welcome to attend in person as long as they are fully vaccinated and boosted. We currently require a mask be worn as well. We continue to follow current CDC recommendations as to the wearing of masks.

All services will continue to be streamed.

Plans for Purim and Passover are currently in progress. Watch your e-blasts for further details.

This is your BSTC and unless we know what your religious needs and wants are we can not provide for them. Please let me know.

Ruthann

SECURITY

The recent hostage situation which targeted several members of the Beth Israel Congregation in Colleyville, Texas has reinforced the need to address hate and discrimination crimes toward our Jewish communities. We will continue to offer important information and training to our community members in the coming weeks and months regarding measures to avoid and increase our safety in times of crisis. Please make every effort to attend these learning opportunities. **The incident at Beth Israel Congregation validated the importance of preparedness and proper training for such crises.**

As our BSTC in-person activities and programs will likely increase in 2022, everyone must be more conscious of safety and security. Please make sure that indoor events are registered properly with Stacy and calendared to avoid any double-booking surprises.

Our updated and simplified building alarm system has been working very well. If you are not clear on arming/disarming procedures please ask Gary Melton and/or read the instructions posted inside the main entrance doors. This is especially important if you are new to the security processor a new member of the Board of Directors. For clarification, only members who have a need to regularly enter or close the building will be issued a fob.

We have lots of new members. If you have not yet received a nametag, please let our office manager, Stacy, or Membership Chair, Mike Finkelstein, know immediately. **Please wear your nametag** whenever attending services or events at BSTC. THANK YOU!

Entering or departing BSTC should always be done through the front entry double doors in the foyer. Side doors are for emergency exit only or for facility worker use. We have had several incidents recently of the building alarm being triggered when members have exited through the side doors.

Gary Melton

BSTC Security

SISTERHOOD



The Sisterhood are planning to bake Hamantashen for Purim in the temple kitchen. Watch for details to join the fun, and order some for a delicious treat!

SOCIAL ACTION

The committee traditionally has not conducted a December meeting. Meetings are being held in person at BSTC again since October, and the last meeting was Wednesday, January 26th at 3 p.m.

Continuing Projects:

- ◆ Providing motivational quotes for YOTO students is back on our usual schedule of 100 cards for their students at the end of each month. During

Mitzvah Day, Larry Gravitz led a project that saw over 600 cards completed giving us a stockpile for the next several months. Another 100 were donated to the Tucson YOTO office on January 27th.

- ♦ Collection of non-perishable food items during January had brought 19.2 pounds of food and \$36 in monetary donations by the time of publication. The final January food collection date was on Wednesday, January 26th. There will be only one collection date in February: **Tuesday, February 15th from 8-11 a.m. in the BSTC parking lot.** Also remember, with increased access to the building again, members attending services and other events at BSTC are encouraged to drop off food donations directly in the lobby bin as well.

This year, Larry Gravitz has accepted the position of co-chair for the BSTC Social Action Committee. He is working very hard to increase our committee's knowledge and awareness of hate crimes.

Bev Lake continues to keep our committee in touch with the struggles of immigrants in Arizona and nationwide.

Martha Fine and Marcia Wiener continue to provide leadership and direction to the Green Valley Council Foundation's Good Deeds Advisory Committee as it prepares for a very busy year expanding the focus of Good Deeds in Green Valley.

This year we are expanding our Mitzvah Good Deeds to include community effort to better support our participation in the February 17th *National Random Acts of Kindness Day*, the April 18th *National Good Deeds Day*, the September 28th *National Good Neighbor Day*, and of course, not to forget, our original *Mitzvah: Good Deeds Done Together Day* on November 4th, 2022!

TORAH STUDY

Torah Portions are included for members in the table on the next page and on the Active Calendar on the BSTC website. Torah Study is meeting via Zoom virtual platform. All are welcome. Invitations are emailed weekly.

WEBSITE

Please email Stacy at bstcgv@gmail.com, or call 520-648-6690, if you have any issues or comments on the website.

MONTHLY TORAH PORTIONS				
Portion (Parashat)	Date	Hebrew Date	Torah	Haftarah
T'rumah (<i>Gifts</i>)	Feb 5, 2022	4 Adar 5782	Exodus 25:1-27:19	I Kings 5:26-6:13
T'tzaveh (<i>[You] Shall Further Instruct</i>)	Feb 12, 2022	11 Adar 5782	Exodus 27:20-30:10	Ezekiel 43:10-27
Ki Tisa (<i>When You Take a Census</i>)	Feb 19, 2022	18 Adar 5782	Exodus 30:11-34:35	I Kings 18:1-39
Vayak'heil (<i>[Moses] Assembled</i>)	Feb 26, 2022	25 Adar 5782	Exodus 35:1-38:20	II Kings 12:5-16



Happy Birthday to:	
Lucy Graham	5-Feb
Laurence Eason	6-Feb
Sig Friedman	8-Feb
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