

Beth Shalom Temple Center



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It was so great seeing so many people at the Seder—both old and new members. New member, Heidi Winer even did the four questions in sign language. Unfortunately, I lost out to Dawna Wheeler in finding the afikoman – but that’s all right she is younger than I. Maybe next year though.

May is another busy month in which I hope people will participate.

On May 1 we have Yom Ha Atzmaut, celebrating Israel’s Independence Day, of course the day is preceded by Yom HaZikaron – Israel’s day to commemorate Memorial Day for fallen Soldiers.

Of course there’s *Lag Ba’Omer*: (May 15-16, 2025), which is also known as 33rd day of the Counting of the Omer, which occurs on the 18th day of the Hebrew month of Iyar. One reason given for the holiday is the day of passing of Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai. Modern Jewish tradition links the holiday to the Bar Kokhba Revolt against the Roman Empire (132-135 CE). In Israel, it is celebrated as a symbol for the fighting Jewish spirit. It is also a day that in Israel it is celebrated with outings, parades and other joyous events. Around the world it is also celebrated as a day of being with nature – almost like earth day. As a child, my Hebrew school would travel to a local park, where we enjoyed various activities. At the end of the month, we have Yom HaShoah.

It is distressing to think that another year has gone by with our hostages still being held captive. We can only hope by next year we celebrate the festival of freedom and these other days with all our hostages home.

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MESSAGE FROM RABBI NORM

Like many of you, and countless others around the country (and the world), I have become quite concerned about certain, shocking decisions and actions being taken by our governments and leaders - especially in the United States and Israel. I cannot recall a time when this much anxiety and fear have been the marked feelings of the people with whom I speak, and to whom I try to listen or counsel. Yes, as a student, teacher and Rabbi, there have been generational differences, political debates and protests in which I have participated. But the divisiveness, lack of respect and civility, threats and accusations today have fallen to an inconceivably dangerous level. What is happening to our society? To our sense of peoplehood?

Those of you who know me well, are aware of how much this mental struggle has been challenging me (as it has for others). What can I do? What MUST I do? In the public arena? From the Bimah? Of one thing I am confident: the Temple (BSTC) will remain a place that insists upon respecting each other, honoring our differences - as is the Jewish tradition - and serving as a welcoming, inclusive Sukkot Shalom, a Peaceful Shelter for all.

I recently signed a letter, along with more than 500 Rabbinic colleagues, addressing this deep national anxiety. We are urging the importance of articulating and incorporating fundamental religious beliefs in shaping our dialogue and the discussions about political action. The initial text contained 10 statements of Jewish belief that we hold dear, and maintain that they should guide us these days and always. Among them:

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The GREEN VALLEY SHOFAR

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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 since last publication:

- ♦ From Sue & Marty Cohen: **condolences to:** Jean & Cliff Shekter on the passing of her father, Eldon Clark.
- ♦ From Ed & Esther Brill: **condolences to:** Lynn Greenes on the death of her sister, Iris Stark.
- ♦ From Ed & Esther Brill: **get well to:** Dean Cochran, son-in-law of Amy Storer.
- ♦ From Ed & Esther Brill: **condolences to:** Amy Storer on the death of her brother, Michael Lund.
- ♦ From Ed & Esther Brill: **condolences to:** Kim Lund on the death of her father, Michael Lund.
- ♦ From Amy Lund Storer: **in memory of Michael Lund to:** Susan Lund Collins (his sister).
- ♦ From Amy Lund Storer: **in memory of Michael Lund to:** Steve Lund (his brother).
- ♦ From Amy Lund Storer: **in memory of Michael Lund to:** Kim Lund Playfair (his daughter).
- ♦ From Amy Lund Storer: **in memory of Michael Lund to:** Kristin Lund Strazdins (his daughter).
- ♦ From Amy Lund Storer: **in memory of Michael Lund to:** Rick Lund (his son).

YAHREZEITS

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
Amy Storer	For her Husband	Don Storer
Mark Travitsky	For his Father	Louis Travitsky
Fran Gordon	For her Husband	Bernard Gordon
Ingeborg McDonald	For her Friend	Louis Gantz
Mark Travitsky	For his Mother	Ruth Travitsky
John Holleran	For his Mother	Sharon Spears Holleran
John Holleran	For his Uncle	Kenny Spears
Sherry Hoffman-Blum	For her Father	Seymour Hoffman



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
FRI	5/2/25	7pm	Friday Night Shabbat Service
SAT	5/3/25	10am	Torah Study on Zoom ONLY
SUN	5/4/25	10am	Bagel Breakfast sponsors: Marcia Wiener & The Shekters
WED	5/7/25	9am	Men's Club Meeting @El Patio
WED	5/7/25	10am	BSTC Book Club
SAT	5/10/25	10am	Saturday Shabbat Service
SAT	5/10/25	5:30p	Rabbi's 50th Anniversary in the Rabbinic Party @BSTC
TUE	5/13/25	10am	Sisterhood Meeting
WED	5/14/25	11am	Ritual Committee Meeting
THU	5/15/25	10:30a	Social Action Committee Mtg
FRI	5/16/25	7pm	Friday Night Shabbat Service
SAT	5/17/25	10am	Torah Study on Zoom ONLY
SAT	5/24/25	10am	Torah Study on Zoom ONLY
MON	5/26/25	10am	BSTC Board Meeting POSSIBLE DATE CHANGE PENDING
SAT	5/31/25	10am	Torah Study on Zoom ONLY
SUN	6/1/25	10am	Bagel Breakfast sponsors: Debbie & Harry Segal

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

President's Message (continued)

One happy event to look forward to is the 50th anniversary of Rabbi Roman's ordination. Hopefully, many of us will gather together to honor the Rabbi and say thanks for his many contributions to BSTC. Of course we will also celebrate Lynne Roman, who as the Rabbi's wife, has also contributed greatly.

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

President, BSTC, Board of Directors



Rabbi's Message (continued)

All people are the children of God, endowed with holiness and equal in value.

We welcome and love the stranger as ourselves, as we are descended from strangers in Egypt.

We believe in honesty and truthfulness, one to the other.

We believe in listening respectfully, valuing those with whom we disagree, and seeking peace with them.

We believe in fairness to all - in business and in life.

We are commanded not to take advantage of those less fortunate, nor favor the rich; not to place stumbling blocks before the blind, and to have respect for all, treating them with compassion and empathy.

We believe in the search for knowledge and the exchange of ideas.

We believe in caring for our world, acting as dedicated stewards of the land.

We cherish the religious freedoms and pluralism in our country. We celebrate the diversity of beliefs, customs and practices which are guaranteed by our national history and heritage.

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[I can provide the complete text of the letter, with the supporting Biblical references, to anyone who requests it. I also have a "Contemporary Dayeinu", shared at our Seder, that includes many of these same themes.]

As the prayer in our Siddur states: "May our lips, hands and hearts be one in serving the Eternal".

Rabbi Norm



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:** Margaret & Paul Anderson
Green Valley AZ
- ♦ **New members:** Barbara Brotman & Chuck Berman
Local Residence Green Valley AZ
Mailing Address Oak Park IL
- ♦ **New members:** Mort Naiman & Heidi Winer
Local Residence Green Valley AZ
Mailing Address Minnetonka MN
- ♦ **Updated Address:** Bill Liebson
Oro Valley AZ 85755



BOARD NOTES

The monthly Board meeting is normally held on the fourth Monday of each month. The next meeting is currently scheduled for Monday, May 26th at 10am, but this may change. Please watch your email for details.

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

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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

Honoring a Complex Legacy: Pope Francis and the Jewish Community

by Laurie Sherman

We extend our condolences to our Catholic friends and neighbors on the passing of Pope Francis. His long and influential life was marked by compassion, humility, and a commitment to social justice. For many, he was a spiritual guide and moral voice in a world often adrift. We honor that legacy and share in the sorrow of his loss.

For the Jewish community, Pope Francis's legacy is both hopeful and deeply complicated. He was, in many ways, a friend. He fostered warm relationships with Jewish leaders, co-authored a book on faith with Rabbi Abraham Skorka, and visited synagogues and Holocaust memorials with sincerity. He condemned antisemitism and helped open the Vatican's long-guarded Holocaust-era archives—an act of transparency many Jewish historians had long awaited.

Yet his papacy was also marked by words and actions that deeply troubled many Jews. He frequently used language condemning "Pharisees"—a group central to ancient Judaism and foundational to modern Jewish identity—in ways that reinforced old and damaging Christian stereotypes. He at times elevated voices within the Church and abroad that were hostile to Israel and, at moments, indifferent to Jewish suffering. His embrace of anti-Israel leaders and his moral equivalency in the wake of Hamas's attacks on Israeli civilians in October 2023 left a lasting wound.

As Jews, we are keenly aware of the power of religious leaders to shape the moral compass of millions. When that compass points toward justice and friendship, it can be transformative. But when it blurs the lines between legitimate criticism and antisemitic tropes, it can fuel misunderstanding and harm.

Pope Francis's legacy reminds us of the importance of vigilance and dialogue. We pray for peace between faiths and peoples, and we recommit ourselves to interfaith engagement that is honest, respectful, and rooted in shared humanity.

May his memory be for a blessing—and may our continued conversations reflect both the hope and the caution his leadership has taught us.

COMMITTEE NEWS

ART GALLERY

"The Way I See It" by BSTC member, Dawna Wheeler is our current exhibit in the Gallery. The reception was well attended and Dawna did a wonderful presentation on her art. The show will remain on display until October 2025.

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

Marcia E. Wiener & Bev Lake

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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.

CARING COMMITTEE & BIKUR CHOLIM CONTACT

Do you need to let the congregation know about an important life event? Are you interested in making calls to other members? Would you like to cook meals for the Bikur Cholim freezer? 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.

Esther began working on this immediately, and on April 11th received the message that the JPSA Board of Trustees met and approved a **\$2,643 grant to Beth Shalom Temple Center. Funds are to be used as seed money for Caring Meals**, the program outlined in the grant proposal. Conditions associated with the grant will be mailed with the distribution the week of April 21st. Mazal tov! And thank you for your partnership and for allowing us to help you initiate this program. We look forward to learning the results of your efforts.

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!

HISTORIAN

Gail Sommers is working on updating the archives.

NEW GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Grief is not a choice, but healing is.

Did you know that the Jewish sages were so wise that they commanded that Jews mourn the death of a loved one? Shiva for 7 days, minyan for 1 year, and then setting the stone on the burial site before the one-year anniversary of the yahrzeit. Of course,

grieving does not miraculously disappear after a year. The Jewish sages knew that doing the grief work was important to being able to live your life fully. And as Jews we are commanded to live our lives fully; to be the best we can be to improve the world with whatever talents we possess.

If you are not living your life fully due to the loss of a loved one either recently or long ago, please join us at our grief support group. Our meetings are private and confidential. **Our May meetings are planned for May 5th and May 19th.** Please contact me for the location of our next meeting.

Bunny Tarquinio, Grief Support Specialist

HOSPITALITY

Bagel Breakfasts are on the first Sunday of each month at 10am. May's event is being co-sponsored by Jean and Cliff Shekter and Marcia Wiener, with a security program by Paul Patterson immediately following the meal.

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 CHECK IS YOUR RESERVATION.**

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

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

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 \$375 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

Three new couples have joined BSTC! **Welcome to new members: Barbara Brotman & Chuck Berman from Chicago, Mort Naiman & Heidi Winer from Minneapolis, and Maggie & Paul Anderson from North Carolina.**

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.

MEMBER BIOGRAPHY



Mort Naiman and Heidi Winer

Heidi and Mort are snowbirds who recently purchased a new home in Madera Reserve. Heidi is originally from Marblehead, MA and Mort is from New York City. They met five years ago and are

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engaged. Heidi is a sign language interpreter, entertainer, and educator. Mort began his career as a teacher in Brooklyn, NY but spent 46 years doing development for Jewish non-profits. They are active in sports, and have a dog named Kobe. Heidi has three kids and Mort has one daughter. Heidi has already begun volunteering at the Equine Rescue Center, as well as the Animal Rescue Center.

MEN'S CLUB

- ♦ The BSTC Men's Club usually meets at El Patio Restaurant at 9am on the second Wednesday of each month but **this month's meeting is changed** by Executive Order of the President to **the first Wednesday, May 7th**, same time, same place.
- ♦ The Men's Club are **collecting pre-flattened CARDBORAD** to benefit the Sahuarita Food Bank in the BSTC parking lot **QUARTERLY on Bagel Breakfast Sundays. Upcoming collections are: July and October.**

PUBLIC RELATIONS

BSTC Members in the Green Valley News!

Marcia Wiener at the Hands Off Rally in Sahuarita on April 19, 2025:



Josh Migdal with the Rotary Club:



HONORING KIDS: Members of the Rotary Club of Green Valley presented a check for \$500 to the Sahuarita Unified School District to help pay for the breakfast that will honor 19 exceptional local youths at the AZ19 Most Influential Youths event, sponsored by the Sahuarita Sun/Green Valley News. Look for our special section May 7. From left are SUSD Superintendent Manny Valenzuela and Rotarians Eveline Eaton (she works for us), Jerry Kriebel, Josh Migdal and Merrill Ehrmentrout.

PROGRAMS

FUNDRAISING

- ♦ The Texas Roadhouse Dine to Donate fundraiser on Monday, March 31st raised \$100.
- ♦ ***That's Italian!*** Thank you to Bobbie Vishner and her volunteers, who set up, baked, served, and delivered a Pasta Dinner on Monday, April 21st. It was an enjoyable and financially profitable evening. A total of 45 folks attended the dinner, and the temple made about \$450 after expenses (food and cleanup). We took extra food over to the local fire department. Perhaps an ***Israeli dinner*** next time?
- ♦ Mike Finkelstein is working on an **Ethnic Multi Cultural Music Extravaganza** event for a Sunday afternoon in November featuring Mariachi, Klezmer, black gospel choir, Dixieland, Broadway show tunes, and folk singing. Anyone interested in helping with the planning should attend the kick-off meeting on Wednesday, April 30th at 2pm, or contact Mike Finkelstein at mfinkel2@cox.net.

Program News:

- ♦ Following the April 6th Bagel Breakfast, BSTC member Emanuel (Manny) Shaham told us his life story (including his life in Israel), as well as the latest news from Israel.

- ◆ The celebration commemorating Rabbi Roman's 50th Anniversary in the Rabbinat will be held on Saturday, May 10th at 5:30pm at BSTC. The program will be a special, fun, casual dinner and folk music concert, as well as an opportunity to honor Rabbi Roman's dedication and spiritual leadership. Reservation deadline is May 1st.
- ◆ A Zoom program, centered around grief and loneliness from a Jewish perspective, is being planned by Rabbi Ilan Glazer, Rabbi Roman, and Green Valley Cares.
- ◆ Plans are starting for a late 2025 program entitled Voices of Redemption: Six Women of the Exodus. Laurie Sherman is taking the lead.

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

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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.

Upcoming service dates are as follows:

- ◆ **Friday, May 2nd—7pm**
Friday Night Shabbat Service
- ◆ **Saturday, May 10th—10am**
Saturday Shabbat Service
- ◆ **Friday, May 16th—7pm**
Friday Night Shabbat Service

Re: the MiShebeirach 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).

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.

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:

- ◆ **Thursday, May 22nd**
- ◆ **Wednesday, June 18th**
- ◆ **Wednesday, June 25th**
- ◆ **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 Jose 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

TORAH STUDY

Torah Portions are included for members in the table on the following page. Torah Study meets only via Zoom every Saturday morning. All are welcome. The link has been emailed and does not change. Contact the office if you need it.

MONTHLY TORAH PORTIONS			
Portion (Parashat)	Date	Torah	Haftarah
TAZRIA-METZORA	May 2-3, 2025	Leviticus 12:1-15:33	II Kings 7:3-20
ACHAREI MOT-KEDOSHIM	May 9-10, 2025	Leviticus 16:1-20:27	Amos 9:7-15
EMOR	May 16-17, 2025	Leviticus 21:1-24:23	Ezekiel 44:15-31
BEHAR-BECHUKOTAL	May 23-24, 2025	Leviticus 25:1-27:34	Jeremiah 16:19-17:14
BAMIDBAR	May 30-31, 2025	Numbers 1:1-4:20	Hosea 2:1-22



John & Shelly Rothstein	11-May
Stuart & Kimberly Lisk	27-May



Barbara Katz	1-May
Amy Storer	2-May
Norm Roman	3-May
Eugene Stein	6-May
Susan Flemming	14-May
Lynne Severe	16-May
Bill Neusteter	18-May
David Levy	22-May
Madelyn Weig	26-May
Constance Greenwald	29-May

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