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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to June – a time of transition, growth, and reflection. As the days grow longer and the warmth of summer begins to embrace us, we are reminded of the cycles of life and the opportunities each season brings to deepen our connection with one another, with our faith, and with the world around us.

While we start out with the month celebrating Shavuot – a celebration of the giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai – we are also reminded of the many ancestors and friends who are no longer with us.

Thus, June is a month that invites us to reflect on the themes of renewal and community. However, as we increasingly face a world in which being a Jew invites hatred and despair, I wonder how we can go beyond the senseless killing of Jews around the world. People are afraid of wearing signs of their Jewishness, whether it is a *Magin David* or a *kip-pah*. *How do we fight this, how do we let people know that Israel is the only Democratic state in the middle east.*

Unfortunately, it is becoming more difficult to demonstrate that as a sacred community, we mourn all people hurt in bombings and such. How do we answer the questions raised about our humanity. How do we let people know about the countless teachings in the Torah of working together, extending kindness, compassion and understanding to those around us? And how can we ensure that our actions reflect the values of *tikkun olam*—*repairing the world—that are so central to our faith?*

I wish I had answers for this, but I know that we are

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MESSAGE FROM RABBI NORM

Dear Friends,

I've been agonizing over writing these words for several months now; I've been reading, and webinar-ing, and consulting with teachers and colleagues. I have tried to keep a 'somewhat open mind', deferring to those much more wise and articulate than I. But, as I indicated to the BSTC Board of Trustees recently, I cannot remain silent.

The reminder in our Sacred Literature (Ecclesiastes) is: "For everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven – if there is a time for silence, then there also is a time to speak". Simply put, there is much too much that is happening in our world – and specifically in America and in Israel – that is destructive, exploitative, hateful, and ultimately, potentially fatal to our character, our human relationships (what the Rabbis refer to as *'bein adam l'chavero'*), and our hope for the future of our own and certainly future generations.

Our integrity as persons, and our purpose as being created in the Image of God, is to value and respect others, for in that concept, we demonstrate our belief in The Other. That is what Judaism teaches, consistently and clearly. Governmental actions that raise one person or group above others, or that deny equal rights and privileges, are unjust. Lying, avoiding accountability, misusing power for personal gain are all practices that our tradition deems immoral. Stereotyping, prejudicial restrictions, and dehumanizing have been used against us through the centuries – perhaps more than any other people. How dare we allow this wrong to be committed, so blatantly, in our day?

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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).

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
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
SUN	6/1/25	10am	Bagel Breakfast <i>sponsors:</i> <i>Debbie & Harry Segal</i>
SUN	6/1/25	7pm	Shavuot Yizkor Service
WED	6/4/25	10am	BSTC Book Club
WED	6/4/25	2pm	Global Music Show Meeting
FRI	6/6/25	7pm	Friday Night Shabbat Service
SAT	6/7/25	10am	Torah Study on Zoom ONLY
TUE	6/10/25	10am	Sisterhood Meeting
WED	6/11/25	9am	Men's Club Meeting @El Patio
SAT	6/14/25	10am	Torah Study on Zoom ONLY
FRI	6/20/25	9:30a	Program Committee Mtg
SAT	6/21/25	10am	Torah Study on Zoom ONLY
MON	6/23/25	10am	BSTC Board Meeting
SAT	6/28/25	10am	Torah Study on Zoom ONLY
WED	7/2/25	10am	BSTC Book Club
SAT	7/5/25	10am	Torah Study on Zoom ONLY
SUN	7/6/25	10am	Bagel Breakfast <i>sponsors:</i> <i>Ed & Esther Brill</i>

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

President's Message (continued)

stronger as people when we work together, lift one another up as well as celebrate our diversity

This month, let us take inspiration from the teachings in the Torah and ask ourselves: How can we contribute to the flourishing of our synagogue and the broader community? How can we extend kindness, compassion, and understanding to those around us.

To those leaving for the summer, have a safe journey and keep in touch.

Finally, as we gather in prayer, study, and fellowship this month, let us hold space for gratitude. Gratitude for the blessings in our lives, for the strength of our community, and for the enduring wisdom of our tradition. Let us also remember those who may be struggling—whether with illness, loneliness, or uncertainty—and commit to being a source of light and support for them. to be.

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

Let us continue this incredible journey together,
Esther Levine Brill

President, BSTC, Board of Directors



Rabbi's Message (continued)

I fear for our Country, the United States. Civil liberties are being trashed, democratic values (that's with a small "d") dissolved. Extreme positions for both left and right dominate the public discussion, with very few voices being raised or words printed that represent the "center". Who can proclaim the most ridiculous, dangerous accusation, or promote the weirdest theory? Who can tell the most lies – because we've apparently acquiesced to accepting them as being true? And, of course, once again, the Jews (often referred to as 'the Zionists') are either being blamed, or Anti-Semitism is being used as an invalid, inappropriate excuse for fanatical policies.

I fear for Israel, as well. Though I love her dearly, and pray daily for Israel and its neighbors to know

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Shalom, it is time to publicly state: “Dayeinu – Enough!” Along with more than 70% of the population there who are demanding, the ones who not only pray but live in the midst of Houthi and Yemenite and Hamas and Hizbullah rockets and terror attacks; the Government must stop its inhumane war against the people of Gaza. Netanyahu and his cronies feel empowered towards a plan of ethnic cleansing its inhabitants and settling their land. If that means continued fighting, or sadly, if that means that not one more hostage or body will be recovered, they will be content. But I, many like me around the world, and most significantly, hundreds of thousands of Israelis from all walks of life, protest every week against this war, crying in sympathy with all the bereaved families from this conflict.

[Rabbi Yehuda Kertzer of the Shalom Hartmann Institute in Jerusalem recently wrote: “Most of us . . . most Israelis, and most of us who support Israel from afar . . . are stuck in a state of dreams arrested, waiting for a future that won’t come if we can’t even try to envision it.”]

And one further example of the desperate level to which we have fallen: on Yom Hazikaron, Israel’s Memorial Day (which leads immediately into Yom HaAtzmaut, Independence Day), a Progressive Synagogue in the Tel Aviv suburb of Ra’anana was hosting a screening of a video that included interviews about fallen Israeli soldiers, as well as other Jewish, Christian, Druze and Arab victims

of terror – caused by both Jewish and Palestinian extremists. The attendees and leaders of the Congregation were spat upon, hit by thrown stones, cursed and physically threatened, with several people hospitalized and 2 cars vandalized. This was truly a 2025 pogrom – instigated and directed by the local head of the Prime Minister’s Likud Party, with the local police and security personnel advised in writing to “stand down”. When the incident was brought to the Knesset for a condemnation vote, Netanyahu’s coalition partners justified the action.

I will be sharing more of my fears and feelings – in the Shofar, in mailings and posts, and invitations for open discussions. But I will refrain from discussing this from the Bimah during Worship Services. Let our prayers speak for themselves, and for our hearts and souls during the sacred moments we share together on Shabbat and Yom Tov.

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Thank you. May the Summertime be peaceful, and may we all see Shalom for America, Israel, and all humanity.

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 member:** Jon Barton
Green Valley AZ 85614

BOARD NOTES

The monthly Board meeting is normally held on the fourth Monday of each month. The next meeting is currently scheduled for Monday, June 23rd at 10am.

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 stand-

ard Discretionary fund to allow the Rabbi to donate as he sees appropriate.

- ♦ **Gratitude Fund:** This fund was set up in 2024, before Pesach. The price for the Seder dinner was considerably higher than it had been pre-COVID, when we had the Seder in-house, and a member of BSTC donated his time. All we had to pay for was the food. We were concerned that some of our members could not afford the higher price. Some members said “we are grateful that we can afford to allow any of our members to attend ritual events.” This fund allows us to subsidize some or all the cost of rituals for our less fortunate members.
- ♦ **Garden Fund:** BSTC does have a budget for *property maintenance*. However, we may want to do something extra (special) for the garden, and this fund is for this.
- ♦ **Bikur Cholim (Caring Meals) Fund:** Recently, we have had many people whose spouse/partner has passed away. We want to help them through this grieving time by bringing them meals. We have expanded this to include people coming home from the hospital, or other such serious events. A group of us have decided that personally making meals available to help them through this trying time is a meaningful mission. We are thinking to have prepared meals available or give them certificates for Door Dash or the like. We will make food and store it in the BSTC freezer, all marked to indicate whether the meal is low-salt, gluten-free, vegetarian, etc. **We will need money to buy the food, containers, and volunteers to help us cook.**
- ♦ **Art Gallery Fund:** This one is obvious. While the Gallery Committee has a budget for expected costs (hanging devices, receptions, honorariums for speakers), the committee chairs can use this fund to enhance the gallery at their discretion.
- ♦ **Membership Fund:** This account is set up to support the recruitment of new members to our Temple, through various means of communication outside the temple. It would include, but not be restricted to, on-line, newspapers, radio, and TV informational posts; and meet-and-greet with the Community off site, as well as at the Temple.

TEMPLE TIDINGS

This poem, “A Prayer in the Face of Hate,” was written in response to a violent antisemitic attack against Eli Tsives, a Jewish college student who was physically assaulted for openly expressing his Jewish identity. Amid a growing wave of campus antisemitism, the poem offers a spiritual and emotional response rooted in Jewish tradition, invoking the Shema, prayers for healing (*refuah shlema*), and the call to repair the world (*tikkun olam*). It honors Eli’s courage and speaks to the pain, memory, and resilience of the Jewish people. The poem serves as both a prayer and a protest—grounding grief in faith and transforming fear into a powerful affirmation of presence, pride, and unyielding strength.

A Prayer in the Face of Hate

(for Eli Tsives, and for every Jewish student standing proud)

Shema,
we begin—
not with answers,
but with listening.
The ancient call:
Hear.
Feel.
Do not look away.

Shema,
we begin—
not with answers,
but with listening.
The ancient call:
Hear.
Feel.
Do not look away.

They struck him—
for standing
with courage
for calling himself

Jew.
For daring to wear
a name
carved by covenant,
tempered in exile,
brilliant with fire.

This is not new.
This is an echo—
of broken glass,
of closed gates,
of books burning
before bodies.

And still,
we rise.

Refuah shlema, we whisper—
for Eli's bruises,
for every child who flinches at slurs,
for voices silenced in fear.
Heal the body,
mend the spirit,
restore the truth.

Tikkun olam, we vow—
to mend what hatred shatters,
to stitch back the tapestry
with threads of justice,
threads of memory,
threads of flame.

Torches lit,
hearts fierce,
ancient names burning
on our tongues—
like prayers in a storm.
Shema.
We are still here.
And we will not be moved.

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 quest book!**

Marcia E. Wiener & Bev Lake

BOOK CLUB

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

2025 Reading List:

- ♦ May 7th—**1984** by George Orwell
- ♦ June 4th—**Outliers** by Malcolm Gladwell
- ♦ July 2nd—**The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane**
by Lisa See
- ♦ Aug 4th—**The Day The World Came to Town**
by Jim Defede
- ♦ Sept 3rd—**Nothing Like It in the World**
by Stephen Ambrose
- ♦ Oct 8th—**The Hemmingses of Montecello**
by A Gordon Reed
- ♦ Nov 5th—**The History of Bees** by Maja Lunde
- ♦ Dec 3rd—**The Women** by Kristin Hannah

BIKUR CHOLIM (Caring Meals)

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

If you, or someone you know, need assistance with meal preparation whether because of some unforeseen circumstance, (or foreseen: e.g. planned surgery), we would love to help by bringing you a meal or two, help you as we can, and make sure everything is okay with you or if you need anything else.

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

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

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

Please contact Esther and/or Ricki for more info.

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

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? Can you cook meals for the Bikur Cholim freezer and/or deliver them to those in need? If you have any prayer requests, know of any of our members who are sick and/or in/just out of the hospital, would like to make phone calls, or otherwise volunteer to help with this committee, please contact Amy Storer.

GRANTS

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

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 have been used as seed money for the Bikur Cholim Caring Meals**, the program outlined in the grant proposal.

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

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

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Grief is 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

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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. Please contact me for the dates and location of our next meetings.

Bunny Tarquinio, Grief Support Specialist

HISTORIAN

Gail Sommers is working on updating the archives.

HOSPITALITY

Bagel Breakfasts are on the first Sunday of each month at 10am. June's event is being sponsored by Debbie and Harry Segal.

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

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

JIM CLICK RAFFLE

The 2025 Jim Click Raffle is underway! Tickets are available in the office and at bagel breakfasts, or contact Ed Gold for more details. ***The 2025 raffle has raised \$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

Welcome to new member, Jon Barton!



New members who have not done so in the past, please submit a digital photo of yourself and brief profile in order to allow the rest of the membership to know a little bit about each of you. Send your photos and write-up of your background, interests, and any Jewish activities you particularly enjoy to Mike.

MEN'S CLUB

At the May 7th Men's Club meeting a new President, Gary Melton, and a new Vice President, Stuart Lisk were elected. Our Secretary, Harry Segal, and Treasurer, Mike Finkelstein, will continue to serve in those positions. **Our next Men's Club meeting will be on Wednesday, June 11th at 9:00 am at the El Patio Restaurant.** We will be focusing on establishing a calendar which will include both past reoccurring activities and also new activities with input from everyone attending. I will be making contact with all non-members to encourage them to rejoin or join, if they have never belonged. We have lots of fun and also provide important support for our larger BSTC community. Please consider joining us in the Men's Club! New members get their first year membership at no cost. Regular members only pay \$15 per year. I sincerely hope you will join us.

Gary Melton, Men's Club President

PROGRAMS

FUNDRAISING

Mike Finkelstein is organizing a **Global Music Extravaganza—Uniting the Community Through Music** event for Sunday afternoon, November 23rd from 2-4:30pm featuring Mariachi and Klezmer. Other possible groups, to fill time between the major act setup include: a black gospel group, folk music, Sahuarita HS choir or jazz groups. Anyone interested in helping with the planning should attend the next meeting on Wednesday, June 4th at 2pm, or contact Mike Finkelstein at mfinkel2@cox.net.

Program News:

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.

1. To Return—We are not here to become what the world has asked of us. We are here to peel away the costumes of survival, the masks we wore in exile, until the voice within matches the voice above that whispered us into being.

2. Invitation: Be a Part of Hineni: The Women Speak

Join us in bringing to life Hineni: The Women Speak—a sacred Reader's Theater for Yom Kippur afternoon. This powerful script honors the voices of Jewish women across time, from Eve to today, through poetic monologues, music, whispers, and light. We need women readers of all ages, backgrounds, and levels of experience to lend your voice to this ritual drama.

Why are we doing this? To awaken memory. To hold each other in sacred presence. To say, we are here.

Want to learn more? Ask anything. Your presence matters.

Will you rise with us?

Contact Laurie Sherman to ask for a draft script.

Programs with Rabbi Norm:

Adult Education Opportunity

All are invited to participate in the next mini-series

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

Please let Rabbi Roman know of your ideas!

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

REWARD PROGRAMS

RAISE RIGHT is a national program offering name brand gift cards for purchase (sometimes at a discount) and raises funds for BSTC without costing anything extra!

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

FRY'S COMMUNITY REWARD PROGRAM

1. Visit www.frysfood.com
2. Register your Fry's VIP Card online
3. Search for Beth Shalom Temple Center, or by organization #MH533
4. Select "Enroll"

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

RITUAL

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

Summer Service Schedule:

- ♦ **Sunday, June 1st—7pm**
Shavuot Yizkor Service
- ♦ **Friday, June 6th—7pm**
Friday Night Shabbat Service

- ♦ **Saturday, July 12th—10am**
Saturday Morning Shabbat Service
- ♦ **Friday, August 1st—7pm**
Friday Night Shabbat Service
- ♦ **Friday, August 29th—7pm**
Friday Night Shabbat Service

Re: the Mi Shebeirach at Worship Services

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

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

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

SECURITY

"If you see something, say something!"

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

BSTC Security

SISTERHOOD

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

The semi-annual **Mahjong Tournament** will be held **Tuesday, July 15th** to benefit Genesis House via the

BSTC Sisterhood. Doors will open at 11:30am for check in, lunch will be served at noon, and the games will be played from 1:00 until 3:30pm, with raffle drawings and prizes awarded immediately following. **Players must pre-register using the form on the following page.** Don't hesitate to send in your group if you want to play—half the tables are already reserved! FUN on the horizon!

SOCIAL ACTION

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

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

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

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

Here is the current list of the most needed items:

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

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

To make BSTC food donations even easier during

BSTC SISTERHOOD MAHJONGG FUN-RAISER

To benefit Hands of a Friend (Dazees/Genesis House)
& Beth Shalom Temple Center Sisterhood*

**Please see the list on the reverse side of the letter for most needed items.*

Tuesday, July 15, 2025 • 11:30am to 4pm

*Doors open at 11:30 am for registration • Lunch served at noon
Games from 1-3:30pm with prizes & raffles at the end!*

***Beth Shalom Temple Center
1751 N. Rio Mayo • Green Valley, AZ 85614
Contact: BSTC 520-648-6690***

Cash Prizes • Table Prizes • Raffles & More!

**PLEASE
BRING TABLE COVER
& MAHJONG SET**

SPACE LIMITED TO 15 TABLES! MUST REGISTER BY July 5th

SEND \$30 DONATION PER PLAYER TO: BSTC SISTERHOOD • PO BOX 884 • GREEN VALLEY, AZ 85622

PLEASE INCLUDE name, email address, mailing address, and phone number for EACH PERSON.

1. CONTACT _____
NAME EMAIL PHONE

2. _____
NAME EMAIL PHONE

3. _____
NAME EMAIL PHONE

4. _____
NAME EMAIL PHONE

INDIVIDUAL (WE WILL MATCH YOU WITH OTHER PLAYERS)

NAME EMAIL PHONE

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

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

- ♦ **Wednesday, 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 José 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 below. 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.

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 comment.

MONTHLY TORAH PORTIONS			
Portion (Parashat)	Date	Torah	Haftarah
NASO	June 6-7, 2025	Numbers 4:21-7:89	Judges 13:2-25
B'HA'ALOTCHA	June 13-14, 2025	Numbers 8:1-12:16	Zechariah 2:14-4:7
SH'LACH L'CHA	June 20-21, 2025	Numbers 13:1-15:41	Joshua 2:1-24
KORACH	June 27-28, 2025	Numbers 16:1-18:32	I Samuel 11:14-12:22



Marianne & William Katz	5-Jun
Jack & Bobbie Vishner	15-Jun
John & Laura Unger	16-Jun
Marilyn & Bill Forstot	24-Jun
Cliff & Jean Shekter	25-Jun
Beverly Lake & Les Bakke	27-Jun
Lynn & David Liebling	28-Jun



Charne Shoob	2-Jun
Jeanette Nathan	4-Jun
Gail Norton	6-Jun
Gail Sommers	6-Jun
Carolyn Fox	10-Jun
Fran Orrok	10-Jun
Harry Segal	14-Jun
Steven Abrahams	18-Jun
Kate Wolf	21-Jun
Steve Maron	23-Jun
Chuck Berman	28-Jun
Laura Unger	30-Jun



STAY COOL



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