

Beth Shalom Temple Center



GREEN VALLEY SHOFAR

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow Congregants,

The Jewish High Holy Days have past, and I am delighted by the enthusiasm and spirit of volunteerism shown by our members and Rabbi Norman Roman. We were also honored to have the Rabbi's daughter, Caryn Roman, share her beautiful voice with us during our observances. It was especially gratifying to welcome several new members and see such remarkable attendance.

Additionally, as Tucson's Jewish community gathered for the High Holy Days, October 7, 2023, remains close to our hearts. The Hamas attack in Israel took lives, separated families, and left grief that reached Jewish communities far beyond Israel. In Tucson, it also sharpened concerns about antisemitism and about whether our neighbors understand what Jewish people are experiencing.

Those concerns have a local face. Antisemitic materials were found near the Tucson Jewish Community Center in December 2025. At the same time, the community has continued to gather, teach, and support one another. A recent Southern Arizona survey found that 30 percent of respondents had become more involved in Jewish life over the preceding three years, citing reasons that included antisemitism and a desire for connection. Both realities matter: we feel more vulnerable, and we continue to seek one another out.

Carina Bien-Willner's September 16 presentation to Beth Shalom Temple Center helped connect these experiences to practical action. In discussing Jewish Philanthropies of Southern Arizona's (JPSA) work,

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RABBI'S MESSAGE

I am writing this article mere days after the final Shofar blast on Yom Kippur. Sukkot is upon us, and at its end, our observance of Simchat Torah and Shemini 'Atzeret (an "added" 8th day from the traditional 7 days of Harvest). The ancient Rabbis in their imagination, heard the Eternal One pleading in a whisper with the Israelites: "Stay, just one extra day, just a little bit longer! Please! It's been so nice having you close to Me during this holy day season." It's a beautiful image, and I echo its sentiment: don't feel that you now can "step away" from the Temple or the Community, now that our Festivals have passed. On the contrary, I hope that you have been inspired and motivated enough to become more involved and more active – whether here at BSTC, or in the larger Jewish world.

Our Services for Rosh HaShana and Yom Kippur were very meaningful this year. I enjoyed sharing the Bimah once again with our talented and creative daughter, Caryn. And I am deeply grateful for all who participated in our YomTov Community, whether by attending (in person or virtually), reading parts, opening and closing the Ark, blessing or reading the Torah, adding violin or Shofar, or coordinating the Break-the-Fast. Furthermore, a special thank-you to the Sisterhood, those Board Members who served as Greeters at each Service, and the Shomrim who added to our security. And, of course, my person appreciation and respect to President Josh Migdal, Ritual Chair Ruthann Shapiro, and Stacy Leatsch in our Office.

In my Rosh HaShanah message, I suggested that

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PAYMENTS MADE TO BSTC

- ◆ Checks are always welcome! Please memo for the program/event for which you are paying.
- ◆ BSTC accepts ZELLE to bstcgv@gmail.com
- ◆ Credit cards/PayPal link is on the BSTC website and a 3% processing fee is requested.

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 Cris Hager.
- ◆ 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.



This is the October issue of the Green Valley Shofar. The Shofar newsletter is published monthly, electronically only. Go to: bstc.us for viewing and printing of current and archived volumes. Subscriptions can be ordered from the office with a free will donation towards printing and postage.

Not all scheduled events are included in the Shofar. To have your program included in the calendars, please notify the Shofar editor. Deadline to submit Shofar copy is the 25th of the month prior to the publication date.

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

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT (continued)

she addressed legislative advocacy, reporting antisemitic incidents, and education. JPSA's Center for Jewish Resilience grew out of the community's response to antisemitism after October 7; it has heard concerns from families and students, including incidents in schools and at the University of Arizona. Reporting an incident helps the community understand what is happening. Education helps students, neighbors, and leaders recognize antisemitism and respond to it. Advocacy gives the community a voice when decisions affect its safety and belonging.

The High Holy Days ask us to reflect on how we have lived and how we will act in the year ahead. Rosh Hashanah invites renewal; Yom Kippur calls us to examine our responsibilities to one another. In a year marked by grief and unease, those questions feel especially personal. How do we care for someone who is afraid to speak openly about being Jewish? How do we make room for honest disagreement while remaining a community? And what will we do when we witness hatred directed at our neighbors?

Carina's presentation offers one way to carry our prayers beyond the synagogue: listen, learn, report what we see, and stand with one another. We honor those whose lives were taken on October 7 by remembering them. We also honor them by helping Jewish life remain visible, welcoming, and strong here in Southern Arizona.

May this new year bring comfort to those who grieve, courage to those who feel alone, and renewed commitment to the community we build together.

Josh Migdal
President
Beth Shalom Temple Center



RABBI'S MESSAGE (continued)

finding more opportunities for Torah in our lives would be a way to find balance, if not self-confidence in facing the difficulties of contemporary life. Our Shabbat/Saturday morning Torah Study Group will soon be shifting focus somewhat – most sessions for the next few months at least, will look at

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selected verses or themes from the weekly portion ("Parashat HaShavua"), and hopefully include a look at the corresponding Haftarah reading, also. Occasionally we plan to read and discuss some of the Psalms or other parts of the Bible's Wisdom Literature.

Please join us! No background is necessary – all are welcome.

Finally, please note the following dates for some very interesting programming:

- ♦ Wednesday, October 21st, 10:00 am
Guy Edasis, Chief Marketing & Communications Officer for the Jewish Philanthropies of Southern Arizona, will speak on: "Four Counties – One Jewish Community (Tucson)"
- ♦ Thursday, October 29th, 10:00 am [on ZOOM]
I will lead a discussion and analysis of the recent Israeli election
- ♦ Thursday, November 5th, 10:00 am [on ZOOM]. I will lead a discussion and analysis of the recent U.S. election

Please watch for emails and invitations with more information!

G'mar Chatimah Tovah – may we all be written and sealed in the Book of Life for a good, sweet, healthy and peaceful 5787!

Rabbi Norm Roman



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BSTC ACTIVITY CALENDAR

All services are in-person at BSTC.

Schedule of Services, Meetings, Classes & Events			
Day	Date	Time	Event
FRI	10/2/26	4:30p	Simchat Torah/Shemini Atzeret
SAT	10/3/26	10am	Torah Study on Zoom ONLY
SUN	10/4/26	10am	Bagel Breakfast sponsor: Michael Benisch
SUN	10/4/26	11:30a	Yiddish Club @BSTC
WED	10/7/26	10am	BSTC Book Club
SAT	10/10/26	10am	Torah Study on Zoom ONLY
TUE	10/13/26	10am	Sisterhood Meeting
WED	10/14/26	9am	Men's Club Meeting
FRI	10/16/26	4:30p	Friday Night Shabbat Service
SAT	10/17/26	10am	Torah Study on Zoom ONLY
SUN	10/18/26	All day	MOD Pizza Food Fundraiser
SUN	10/18/26	2pm	Movie Screening: KUNDUN
SAT	10/24/26	10am	Torah Study on Zoom ONLY
MON	10/26/26	10am	BSTC Board Meeting
SAT	10/31/26	10am	Torah Study on Zoom ONLY
SUN	11/1/26	10am	Bagel Breakfast sponsor: Ricki Letowt
SUN	11/1/26	11:30a	Yiddish Club @BSTC
WED	11/4/26	10am	BSTC Book Club
FRI	11/6/26	8-noon	Mitzvah Day at BSTC
FRI	11/6/26	4:30p	Friday Night Shabbat Service
SAT	11/7/26	10am	Torah Study on Zoom ONLY

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

MEMBER DIRECTORY UPDATES

The **2026 Membership Directory** has been posted to the website.

Please let the office know as soon as possible if you move, and/or change 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: Ray Mosely & Amy Stevens
Green Valley, AZ 85622**

♦ **New contact info: Donna & David Wyte**

BOARD NOTES

The monthly Board meeting is normally held on the fourth Monday of each month. **The next Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 26th at 10am.** All members are welcome, and encouraged to attend.

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 to allow us to subsidize some or all the cost of participation in rituals for our less fortunate members.

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- ♦ **Garden Fund:** BSTC does have a budget for *property maintenance*. However, we may want to do something extra (special) for the garden, and this fund is for this.
- ♦ **Bikur Cholim (Caring Meals) Fund:** This fund is partially subsidized by a JPSA grant and provides meals and visitation to members who are recovering from illness/surgery.
- ♦ **Art Gallery Fund:** While the Art Gallery Committee has a budget for expected costs (hanging devices, receptions, honorariums for speakers), the committee chairs can use this fund to enhance the gallery at their discretion.
- ♦ **Membership Fund:** This account is set up to support the recruitment of new members to our Temple, through various means of communication outside the temple.
- ♦ **Belenker Social Action Committee Fund:** This fund was set up in memory of member, Jerry Belenker, to support any Social Action projects including: donations to the food bank, school supplies and backpacks for all school-age students, pajamas for fostered youths, Youth On Their Own, etc.

TEMPLE TIDINGS

Wander Women is a social group open to all Temple women. If you're interested in joining other Jewish women for outings to the myriad venues the area has to offer, please contact Gail Abend.

COMMITTEE NEWS

ART GALLERY

The exhibit beginning on October 20th will feature paintings by BSTC President, Josh Migdal. Please take some time to view the work, and please sign the guest book.

BIKUR CHOLIM—CARING MEALS PROGRAM



At Beth Shalom, we believe in feeding body and spirit. Through our Caring Meals program—rooted in the Jewish tradition of Bikur Cholim (visiting and supporting those who are ill or in need)—BSTC members lovingly prepare and deliver meals, along with a visit or friendly check-in, to anyone who could use a little extra care.

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

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

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

BOOK CLUB

The BSTC Book Club, which is open to all Temple members, will be discussing a very timely and important book at our next meeting, *Silent Spring Revolution*, which is a historical account of the political movements to enact environmental protection legislation from the beginning of the movement through recent times. This is particularly important now as we see many of these protections being stripped away. Please join us on the first Wednesday of the month, October 7 at 10 am.

MarthaFine

BSTC Book Club 2026 Reading List:

- ♦ Nov 4th—***The Haj*** by Leon Uris
- ♦ Dec 2nd—***A Tale of Love & Darkness*** by Amos Oz

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Thank you to everyone who participated this year's Book of Remembrance, helping to make it a successful fundraiser, bringing over \$2,700 to BSTC.

Suenette Maron, BOR Chair

CARING COMMITTEE

Cris Hager is the new Chair for Caring and Tributes.

Do you need to let the congregation know about an important life event? Are you interested in making calls to other members? Can you cook meals for the Bikur Cholim freezer and/or deliver food to those in need?

If you have prayer requests, know of members who are sick and/or in/just out of the hospital, would like to make phone calls and/or visits, or can help with this committee otherwise, please contact Cris or the office.

GARDEN & LANDSCAPING

Volunteers Needed for Garden Cleanup help.

The more volunteers we have, the less often you have to work, and volunteering for these tasks is saving BSTC significant money by not paying someone to do what we can do ourselves.

Please respond to John Holleran.

GRANTS

If you're interested in joining this committee, or would like more information, contact the temple office or Esther Levine Brill.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

The BSTC Grief Support group meets regularly, creating a caring space for those navigating loss. If you are finding it difficult to move forward due to a loss, whether recent or from long ago, please know that you are not alone. Our meetings offer a safe and supportive environment to share experiences, listen, and support one another in confidence. All are welcome, regardless of where you are in your journey. For more information, please contact me for the next meeting date and location.

Looking forward to seeing you.

Bunny Tarquinio, Grief Recovery Specialist

HOSPITALITY

Bagel Breakfasts are usually on the first Sunday of each month at 10am. The next event is Sunday, **October 4th** and the sponsor is Michael Benisch..

To ensure there is enough food and that plenty of tables and chairs are set up, the Committee policy is that all food events are prepaid. **WE MUST HAVE YOUR RSVP by the Monday prior to the event and your PAYMENT PRIOR TO THE EVENT CONFIRMS YOUR RESERVATION.**

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

JIM CLICK RAFFLE

Tickets will be available at the October bagel breakfast. Tickets are \$25 each or 5 for \$100, and BSTC keeps 100% of the proceeds.

Can't make the bagel breakfast? Don't have time to buy tickets from Office Manager, Stacy? **If you live in the Green Valley area, contact Ed Gold for a meet up delivery.**

LIBRARY

Please contact BSTC Librarian, Jane Gold, with any questions or donations.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

A warm welcome to new members, Ray Mosely and Amy Stevens!

The 2026 Member Directory is available on the password protected page of the website. Please contact the office if you need that password, or if you would like a printed copy.

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

The Men's Club have been keeping active, continuing quarterly carboard collections for the Sahuarita Food Bank, coordinating making latkes for Chanukah, and planning for a Shabbat service in early 2027. The Men are also working out details for a clean-up visit to the Tombstone Jewish Cemetery.

The next Men's Club meeting will be on Wednesday, October 14th at 9:00 am.

OPERATIONS PLANNING

Operations Planning Committee 2026

The Long Range Planning committee has been active on and off over the years, but has not met for 2 years. Now, the name is not appropriate, as many issues are short-term or immediate. Therefore, we are renaming the committee to Operations Planning

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Committee. The committee, as a whole, will not address any specific issue. It will be broken into sub-committees, each addressing only one issue. Each sub-committee will be charged to bring their issue to a conclusion. This plan will focus our attention on what is important and get things done to completion. Nothing will fall through the cracks.

The first sub-committees will be:

- ◆ Congregation identity and plan to find a new Rabbi sometime in the future.
- ◆ Succession of important positions.

Each sub-committee will have a Board member and congregants interested in the purpose of that sub-committee. Is that you?

Contact Ricki..

PROGRAMS

PROGRAMS WITH RABBI NORM

- ◆ A two-part discussion on Zoom:
Thursday, October 29th—analyzing the results of the Israeli election and what they mean for us as American Jews.
Thursday, November 5th—analyzing the results of the US election and what they mean for us as American Jews.
- ◆ Special program at the Tucson JCC on **Sunday, November 15th** from 9am-2pm called "Z3 Tucson" with a theme of "Shared Hopes—Building the Jewish Future in the Post October 7th World".

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- ◆ Mostly Kosher, the LA based Klezmer group, will perform at CPAC the evening of November 21st. BSTC has arranged for a block of seats for members and friends to attend and about 25 tickets have been reserved by BSTC members. The opportunity is still open. Interested parties, please contact Mike Finkelstein.
- ◆ Les Bakke will present: The Last Titanic Meal on **Sunday, November 8th at 2pm**. The free program will be presented on Zoom.
- ◆ Tombstone Jewish Cemetery clean up: three Men's Club members visited the site on Sunday, August 16th. We contacted Tombstone City

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Council, to document our continued interest in the cemetery and our support for preserving this important historical site. We will follow up with them.

FUNDRAISING

- ♦ **Uniting the Community Through Music is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, February 21st, 2027. This is our major fundraiser of the year.**

The committee has selected Jovert Steel Drum Band; a Youth & Adult swing band; Halau Hula O Ualani, Hawaiian music; and Mariachi for the event.

TICKETS ARE ON SALE AS OF OCTOBER 1ST. See the flyer on the following page for details.

We are striving to get as many BSTC members as possible to attend.

Even if you cannot attend on February 21st, we would appreciate your financial support. There will be sponsorship opportunities as well.

- ♦ **FOOD FUNDRAISER on Sunday, October 18th at MOD Pizza. See flyer for details and the code!**

REWARD PROGRAMS

RAISE RIGHT is a program offering name brand gift cards for purchase and *raises funds for BSTC!* See the new flyer on the lobby table for details. Please contact Joyce Finkelstein or Ricki Letowt with any 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. Please contact Joyce Finkelstein with any questions about this program.

RIDE SHARE PROGRAM

Dear Fellow Congregant,

One of the results of our recent survey was that many people no longer drive at night or possibly don't drive at all making it difficult to attend BSTC functions.

In order to alleviate this problem and make ride sharing more feasible your Board has divided zip codes 85614 and 85622 into 10 regions. 85629 was not included as there are only seven members living in that zip code. Other zip codes had even fewer members and also were not included.

If you need a ride to a BSTC function whether it be a religious service, bagel breakfast or a meeting simply contact the BSTC office prior to the event, and either Stacy or a Board member will attempt to find someone in your region that is attending the same function and will be willing to give you a ride.

Unfortunately we can not guarantee a ride as we will be limited to who else in your region is attending the event but I can promise that we will give it our best effort.

Ruthann

RITUAL

Last spring, the BSTC Board sent out a survey to find out what our members wanted from our organization. One of the things mentioned in the results was that 7:00pm was too late to start Shabbat services during the fall-winter as many members do not drive in the dark.

Now that the days are getting shorter, we will be adjusting the start time. We will begin at 4:30pm with a "Ta-am L'Shabbat" (a pre-Oneg) during which we will make kiddush, a motzi, have cake and socialize. Our Shabbat service will then begin at approx 5:00pm, ending around 6:00pm.

This experiment will begin Friday, October 2 and continue at least through the rest of 2026. We will definitely welcome all feedback, both positive and negative. If you, our members like it, we will make it permanent. If you don't, we'll go back to 7:00pm with the Oneg following the service.

Ruthann

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Uniting the Community through Music

BETH SHALOM TEMPLE CENTER

Sunday, February 21, 2027 2:00 p.m.

Sahuarita School Auditorium

350 West Sahuarita Road, Sahuarita, AZ 85629

**Come Celebrate Cultural Diversity by enjoying
an afternoon of musical performances !**

Presented by Beth Shalom Temple Center



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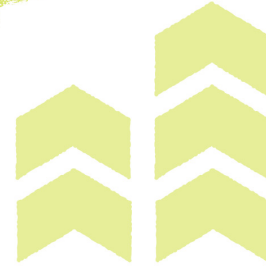
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FUNDRAISING



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

Schedule of services:

- ◆ Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah/Yizkor
Friday, October 2, 4:30pm
<https://youtube.com/live/Jbonw9Z8Kmc>
- ◆ Friday Night Shabbat Service—Oct 16, 4:30pm
- ◆ Friday Night Shabbat Service—Nov 6, 4:30pm
- ◆ Friday Night Shabbat Service—Nov 20, 4:30p
- ◆ Friday Night Shabbat Service—Dec 4, 4:30pm

All services will be in person at BSTC, those with a link will also be streamed via YouTubeLive.

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).

SECURITY

"If you see something, say something!"

Just a reminder to all that the outer metal security gate will remain closed and locked 30 minutes before each event, and will be locked during the event. The Shomer will be present to open the door for you.

Dan Galitz
Security Chair

SISTERHOOD

We will be having our **next meeting at BSTC on Tuesday, October 13th at 10am** and all Sisterhood members are invited to attend.

On **Sunday, October 18th at 2pm** all BSTC members are invited to view a very important movie: KUNDUN. See the flyer on the next page for details.

Bobbie Vishner, Sisterhood President

SOCIAL ACTION

Mitzvah Day is coming **Friday, November 6, 2026** to BSTC. Mitzvah Day lives on at BSTC in partnership with the **Santa Cruz Valley Methodist Church**. This will be a closed event.

Lunch will be provided by Posada Java and snacks will be provided by our friends at the church. Contact Connie Greenwald with any questions or to volunteer for this event.

The Chair for this committee is open. Please contact the President if you are interested in discussing this.

TORAH STUDY

Torah Portions are included in the table on the following page. BSTC Torah Study meets **ONLY** via Zoom, every Saturday morning at 10am. Everyone is welcome. The link has been emailed and does not change. Please contact the office if you need it.

WEBSITE—bstc.us

Please email bstcgv@gmail.com or call the office at 520-648-6690 with any comments or questions.

NOW is your opportunity to view this outstanding movie!

**Sisterhood is proud to present a viewing of Kundun
on October 18th at 2:00.**

**Open to ALL BSTC MEMBERS.
Don't miss this chance to see it!**

The 1997 biographical film directed by Martin Scorsese depicts the life of the 14th Dalai Lama and the 1950 Chinese intervention in Tibet. China viewed the film as a political insult and an interference in its internal affairs.

MARKET ACCESS THREATS:

In retaliation, Beijing blocked Disney films, halted negotiations for business ventures, and threatened Disney's access to the massive Chinese market.

THE CORPORATE APOLOGY:

Seeking to repair relations and pave the way for future projects, including the eventual opening of Shanghai Disneyland — CEO Michael Eisner traveled to China in 1998 and apologized to Chinese leaders calling the film “a stupid mistake” and stating that “the good news is that nobody watched it”.



PHYSICAL SCARCITY & CURRENT STATUS OF THE FILMS

Still withheld from streaming on any venue. Disney keeps the movie out of its circulation and off its streaming platform to avoid reopening political tensions with China. Official digital trailers have been scrubbed.

MARTIN SCORSESE did not publicly engage in a bitter or loud media war against Disney over Kundun, instead focusing his energy and making the film as a pure artistic and spiritual expression and quietly accepting the professional fallout. When the Chinese government blocked the film and placed a travel ban on him (which lasted years), and when Disney CEO Eisner later apologized to China, calling the film a “stupid mistake”, Scorsese maintained his dignity as an independent-minded auteur, letting the censorship speak for itself while continuing his career elsewhere.

YIDDISH CLUB

Sholem Aleichem! The Yiddish Club invites you to join its exploration into what was perhaps your parents' secret language. The intention is to continue this as a regular fun temple activity at 11:30 AM after every monthly bagel breakfast, open to all members. The meeting location will be in the library or the main sanctuary. We will also probably be continuing to show videos of Yiddish songs, comedy and cinema as well as doing a lot of schmoozing in Yiddish and English. At our last meeting we saw videos of Leonard Nimoy ("Mr. Spock") quoting Hamlet in Yiddish and telling his personal story, as well as a clip about the Yiddish Book Center in Amherst, Mass., and some Yiddish song and conversation. Knowledge of Yiddish is not necessary (but it doesn't hurt!). Please contact Steve Maron if you have an interest in participating to be added to the mailing list, if you haven't already contacted Steve.

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If you would like printed copies of the Shofar mailed to you each month, please send your free will donation to cover printing & postage to: BSTC, PO Box 884, Green Valley AZ 85622 and put "Shofar" on the memo line.



MONTHLY TORAH PORTIONS			
Portion (Parashat)	Date	Torah	Haftarah
SH'MINI 'ATZERET	Oct 2-3, 2026	Deuteronomy 14:22-16:17 Numbers 29:35-39	I Kings 8:54-66
B'REISHIT	Oct 9-10, 2026	Genesis 1:1-6:8	Isaiah 42:5-43:10
NOACH	Oct 16-17, 2026	Genesis 6:9-11:32	Isaiah 54:1-55:5
LECH L'CHAIM	Oct 23-24, 2026	Genesis 12:1-17:27	Isaiah 40:27-41:16
VAYEIRA	Oct 30-31, 2026	Genesis 18:1-22:24	I Kings 4:1-37



Les Bakke	1-Oct
Howard Cohne	3-Oct
Larry Feldman	3-Oct
Deborah Haraway	3-Oct
Elliott Sacks	3-Oct
Carla Odell	9-Oct
Joyce Palm	15-Oct
Joyce Finkelstein	16-Oct
Linda Stein	23-Oct
Suenette Maron	24-Oct
Myra Lipson	26-Oct



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

COMMEMORATIVE ITEMS

The following commemorative items are available for purchase to honor or memorialize:

Memorial Board Plaque \$300

Leaf for the Tree of Life \$100

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.

THANK YOU in General to:

BSTC acknowledges with gratitude all specific and general donations made since the last publication.

THANK YOU to all who donated to the High Holy Day appeal! Your donations raised over \$1,200.

TRIBUTES

The volunteer chairing this committee will mail a personalized card to whomever you choose.

For an acknowledgement card to be sent **Tributes MUST include the following information:**

1. **Name and address of EACH recipient** (for temple members living in Green Valley address need not be submitted; however, if recipient has more than one address, please specify which address).
2. **Type of Tribute:** Happy Birthday, In Honor Of, With Sympathy, etc.
3. **Names of ALL who are sending** the Tribute.
4. Send your Tribute request and free-will offerings to: BSTC, P.O. Box 884, Green Valley, AZ 85622 (mark "Tributes" on the envelope and check memo line!)

Tributes received since the last publication include:

- ♦ **From Mike & Joyce Finkelstein:** *I'shana tova* to the entire congregation and their loved ones.
- ♦ **From Judy Gehman:** *I'shana tova* wishing everyone a very healthy & wonderful new year.

YAHREZITS

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. 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	Yahrzeit
Nili Mirande	Her parents, Pinkas & Sara Olech
Fran Gordon	Her friend, Billy Conn
Larry Feldman	His wife, Helene Feldman
Esther Brill	Her mother, Sophie Greenblatt Levine



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