



GREEN VALLEY SHOFAR

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I have just returned home, having spent a wonderful time in New York and New Jersey, getting to visit my older sister, some of her children and grandchildren; my brother; some cousins and friends, and of course, my 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ yr old grandson (please note the $\frac{3}{4}$ as I was clearly told he was no longer 4 $\frac{1}{2}$), as well as my son and daughter in law.

However, it is good to be back and look forward to seeing my BSTC friends as we now approach the high holidays. Rosh Hashanah, the start of the new year, brings a time of reflection, renewal, and celebration. As we reflect, we think of both the good and the not-so-good things that have happened during the year. We are enriched by the memories of the good times, but also by memories of those we may have lost during the year.

It is hard to believe we are coming up to the two-year anniversary of the October 7 slaughter in Israel and the taking of hostages. May this coming year see all our hostages freed and home.

Memories of those painful times help us hope for and prepare for a commitment to a better way of doing things.

Central to the holiday are the many sweet dishes we prepare, including the use of honey, all symbolizing hopes for a sweet and prosperous year ahead.

Many thanks to the board members, our religious leaders, our administrative manager and the many volunteers who have made BSTC the success it is.

I look forward to seeing you at Rosh Hashanah services and to personally greet you with Shana Tova

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MESSAGE FROM RABBI NORM

Dear Friends,

Soon we will be saying “L’Shana Tova Tikateivu (May you be inscribed in the Book of Life for a good New Year)” to each other! The Days of Awe and what I called the Intensive Jewish Season are approaching, quickly. Lynne and I, along with our Guest Cantorial Soloist, Tiffany Steyer Green from Michigan, are looking forward to sharing this holy time together with you.

Without a doubt, there is much for us to discuss and contemplate, learn about and pray for - many contemporary as well as traditional themes to include in our worship and community gatherings on Rosh HaShana, Yom Kippur and Sukkot. In addition to familiar wording (in Hebrew, Aramaic, and English) and melodies, this year’s High Holy Days will also include a new liturgy for the Tashlich ritual at Sahaurita Lake, and a unique “Kol Isha” program highlighting Jewish women through our history, inspired and created by the devoted work of our talented member, Laurie Sherman.

Each year, as I prepare for the challenges of a new year presented to me as a Rabbi and as a Jew, I search my collection of prayer books for meaningful words to guide me. These are the selections I have found in anticipation of 5786:

When heavy burdens oppress us, and our spirits grow faint, and the gloom of failure settles upon us, help us to see through the darkness to the light beyond. When we come to doubt the value of life because suffering blinds us to life’s goodness, give us the understanding to bear pain without

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

PAYMENTS MADE TO BSTC

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

MAIL TO THE TEMPLE

Any **mail sent to the temple** should be addressed to:
P.O. Box 884, Green Valley, AZ 85622.

To expedite delivery you may include the name of the person you wish to contact on the front of the envelope.

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

TEMPLE USAGE SCHEDULING

Please turn in the Facilities Reservation Form (on the website or from the rack in the temple lobby) to reserve space. Contact the BSTC office at (520) 648-6690 with any questions.

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

COMMEMORATIVE ITEMS

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

Memorial Board Plaques \$300 • Leaf for the Tree of Life \$100 • Sanctuary Chair \$125
Garden Bench \$225 • Garden Brick \$100

Send specific wording for the plaque, brick, etc. together with your check made out to BSTC, Attention "Memorial Board" or "Tree of Life," etc. Order forms can be found in the Temple foyer or contact the office.

TRIBUTES

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

SEE SOME SAMPLE CARDS ON THE BSTC WEBSITE.

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

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

Tributes received since our last publication:

- ◆ From Ed & Esther Brill: **in sympathy to:** Larry Feldman on the passing of his wife, Helene.
- ◆ From Ed & Esther Brill: **refuah shlema to:** Venilda Midgal
- ◆ From Ed & Esther Brill: **refuah shlema to:** Cris Hager
- ◆ From Ed & Esther Brill: **refuah shlema to:** Leslie Fellner
- ◆ From Ed & Esther Brill: **refuah shlema to:** Donna Wyte
- ◆ From Ingeborg McDonald: **in memory of:** Helene Feldman

Yahrzeits

Beth Shalom Temple Center will provide reminders of yahrzeits, and the name(s) of your loved ones will automatically be recited for Kaddish at the appropriate Sabbath Services according to the Hebrew calendar. If your yahrzeits are not yet on the current list and you wish them to be, please email Joyce Finkelstein (or send a note to the Temple for her attention) including your name, the name and relationship of deceased, and the date of death.

Yahrzeit Donations:

Remembered by	Relationship	Yahrzeit
Barbara Kowalski	For her Husband	Joseph Kowalski
Sid Shapiro	For his Father	Harry Shapiro
Esther & Ed Brill	For their Brother-in-law	Bernie Pincus
Nili Mirande	For her Parents	Pinkas & Sara Olech



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
WED	9/3/25	10am	BSTC Book Club
FRI	9/5/25	7pm	Friday Night Shabbat Service
SAT	9/6/25	10am	Torah Study on Zoom ONLY
SUN	9/7/25	10am	Bagel Breakfast <i>sponsors: Shelly & John Rothstein</i>
TUE	9/9/25	10am	Sisterhood Meeting
TUE	9/9/25	10am	Kol Isha Rehearsal
WED	9/10/25	9am	Men's Club Meeting
SAT	9/13/25	10am	Saturday Shabbat Service
MON	9/15/25	2pm	Uniting the Community Through Music meeting
THU	9/18/25	10:30a	Social Action Committee Mtg
FRI	9/19/25	9:30am	Program Committee on Zoom
MON	9/22/25	7pm	Erev Rosh Hashanah Service
TUE	9/23/25	10am	Rosh Hashanah Service
TUE	9/23/25	4pm	Tashlich Service @Sahuarita Lake
SUN	9/28/25	10am	Kever Avot Memorial Service @Green Valley Cemetery
SAT	9/27/25	10am	Torah Study on Zoom ONLY
TUE	9/30/25	12pm	Kol Isha Rehearsal
WED	10/1/25	10am	BSTC Book Club
WED	10/1/25	7pm	Kol Nidre Service

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

President's Message (continued)

U'Metuka V' Tikateivu" ("Have a good and sweet year and may you be inscribed in the Book of Life for a good year!")

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.

Esther Levine Brill



Rabbi's Message (continued)

despair. When we are tempted to suppress the voice of conscience, to call evil good and good evil, turn our hearts to the rights of others, and make us more responsive to their needs. And when we become immersed in material cares and worldly pleasures, forgetting You, may we we find that all things bear witness to You, Adonai, and let them lead us back into Your Presence. For it is said: "Better one hour of repentance and good deeds in this world than the whole life of the world-to-come". [Gates of Prayer]

Let there be love and understanding among us. Let peace and friendship be our shelter from life's storms. Adonai, help us to live with good companions, to live with hope in our hearts and eternity in our thoughts, that we may lie down in peace and rise up waiting to do Your will [Mishkan T'filah]

Laugh, laugh at all my dreams!

What I dream shall yet come true!

Laugh at my belief in man, at my belief in you.

Freedom still my soul demands

Unbartered for a calf of gold.

For still I do believe in man,

And in his spirit, strong and bold.

And in the future I still believe -

Though it be distant, come it will -

When nations shall each other bless,

And peace at last the earth shall fill.

[Saul Tchernikovski, translation by Rabbi Chaim Stern, Gates of Prayer]

Shalom L'hitraot,
Rabbi Norm Roman



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.

- ◆ No updates were received this month.

BOARD NOTES

The monthly Board meeting is normally held on the fourth Monday of each month, however due to the High Holy Day schedule **the next Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 29th at 10am.** All members are welcome to join.

RESTRICTED (DESIGNATED) ACCOUNTS

While no specification is required, when making a general donation or tribute to BSTC, you may opt to specify that to the general fund, or to some other fund that represents your desires regarding where the money is used.

Following here is a list of the Restricted Accounts we have on our books. Some have been there for a while, and some are new. The money can only be used for the stated purpose if an account is restricted (designated).

- ◆ **Rabbi Discretionary Fund:** This will be a standard Discretionary fund to allow the Rabbi to donate as he sees appropriate.

- ◆ **Gratitude Fund:** This fund was set up allows us to subsidize some or all the cost of participation in rituals for our less fortunate members.
- ◆ **Garden Fund:** BSTC does have a budget for *property maintenance*. However, we may want to do something extra (special) for the garden, and this fund is for this.
- ◆ **Bikur Cholim (Caring Meals) Fund:** This fund is partially subsidized by a JPSA grant and provides meals and visitation to members who are recovering from illness/surgery.
- ◆ **Art Gallery Fund:** While the Art Gallery Committee has a budget for expected costs (hanging devices, receptions, honorariums for speakers), the committee chairs can use this fund to enhance the gallery at their discretion.
- ◆ **Membership Fund:** This account is set up to support the recruitment of new members to our Temple, through various means of communication outside the temple.

TEMPLE TIDINGS

MEMBER PASSING



BSTC learned that long-time member, Helene Feldman, passed away. Larry expressed gratitude for all the members who were able to attend her funeral service and celebration of life at the Green Valley Mortuary and Cemetery on August 26th at 11:00 a.m. with Rabbi Ceitlin officiating. May her memory be a blessing.

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POETRY

SHE COVERS HER EYES



She lights the flame—
then hides her eyes,
not from the light,
but to feel it
from within.

A hush falls like linen.
Time folds its wings.
The world forgets to ache.
Behind her hands,
a quiet unfurls—
part memory,
part mercy.

She does not speak.
The silence prays for her.
The candle listens.

Shabbat arrives
not like thunder,
but like breath—
steady,
holy,
held.

EATING JEWISH—RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Apple & Honey Muffins

A sweet and simple way to welcome the New Year

Ingredients (12 muffins):

- 1 1/2 cups flour
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1/2 tsp cinnamon
- Pinch of salt
- 1 egg
- 1/2 cup honey
- 1/4 cup sugar (optional)
- 1/2 cup oil or butter
- 1/2 cup milk (dairy or non-dairy)
- 1 cup diced apple

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350F. Line muffin tin.

Mix dry ingredients.

Whisk egg, honey, sugar, oil, milk.

Combine, fold in apples.

Fill cups 2/3 full, bake 18-20 min.



COMMITTEE NEWS

ART GALLERY

“The Way I See It” by BSTC member, Dawna Wheeler is on display until mid-October 2025.

COMMITTEE NEWS (continued)

BIKUR CHOLIM—CARING MEALS PROGRAM



At Beth Shalom, we believe in feeding body and spirit. Through our Caring Meals program—rooted in the Jewish tradition of Bikur Cholim (visiting and supporting those who are ill or in need)—BSTC members lovingly prepare

and deliver meals, along with a visit or friendly check-in, to anyone who could use a little extra care.

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

Contact the Temple Office or Amy Storer to request support for yourself or someone you care about.

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



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.

BSTC Book Club 2025 Reading List:

- ◆ Sept 3rd—***Nothing Like It in the World***
by Stephen Ambrose
A most exciting book capturing the building of the Transcontinental Railroad from 1863-1869, mostly built by hand and opening the West to the nation.
- ◆ Oct 8th—***The Hemmingeses of Montecello***
by A Gordon Reed
- ◆ Nov 5th—***The History of Bees*** by Maja Lunde

- ◆ Dec 3rd—***The Women*** by Kristin Hannah
This historical fiction follows a young army nurse's journey from innocence through two tours in Vietnam to her re-entry back to the States. Surprised by the abandonment of her country, as well as disbelief that women served in Vietnam, she fought to bring to the forefront that women can be heroes, too.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Every year BSTC distributes the Book of Remembrance at Yom Kippur. We will again have an **electronic Book of Remembrance. We will provide a printed copy to anyone who has made a monetary donation and requests a copy.** If you wish to have the name(s) of your deceased loved ones included in the book for 5786, September 2025-September 2026, please use the form on page 10 and send your free-will donation in by **September 19, 2025.** You may also send your list directly to Suenette Maron at suenet7756@aol.com and just note that it's the same as last year, or to the BSTC office at bstcgv@gmail.com. Donations must be dropped off at, or sent directly to the temple: BSTC, PO Box 884, Green Valley, AZ 85622 with BOR marked on the envelope and/or check. **Please also note if you want a printed copy.**

Thank you,

Suenette Maron, BOR Chair

CARING COMMITTEE

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

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

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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

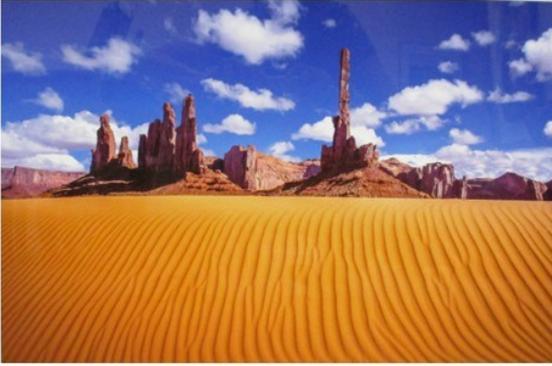


Musicians Suite Beethoven
20 x 20 inch framed art
\$325



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

GARDEN

Carlos Rodriguez continues to work monthly on the upkeep of our BSTC garden area, the parking lot, and other outside areas. This month, based on feedback from members and observation of the rapid growth of many of our trees and shrubs, he will have a lot of trimming to do. This need has been communicated to Carlos. In the future, whether it is Carlos or another landscaper doing the work, we probably need to consider having at least two days of work allocated during the summer months (May to August). Carlos completed the August trimming and clean up the last week of the month.

GRANTS

The Board voted to establish a **Grants Committee** to help secure funding for Beth Shalom Temple Center's vital programs and initiatives.

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

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

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Grief is the normal and natural reaction to loss.

Grief is not a choice, but healing is.

If you are not living your life fully due to the loss of a loved one either recently or long ago, please join us.

For the next meeting date and location information, please contact me by phone or email.

Bunny Tarquinio, Grief Support Specialist

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

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If you have any questions, you may email me at suenet7756@aol.com or the Temple at bstcgv@gmail.com . You may also email me your list, or just email or note that it's the same as last year. However, monetary donations must be sent to the Temple. **Please also note if you would like a printed copy.**

Thank you.

Suenette Maron
BOR chair

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE FORM

Please print the name(s) of your dearly departed

Remembered by: (Please print)

O I/We would like a printed copy.

Mail this form and your free-will donation to:

BSTC

P.O. Box 884

Green Valley, AZ 85622

Mark BOR on your check memo and envelope. Thank you.

HISTORIAN

Gail Sommers is working on updating the archives.

HOSPITALITY

Bagel Breakfasts are usually on the first Sunday of each month at 10am. September's event is being sponsored by Shelly and John Rothstein.

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. 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 \$475 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

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 continued to meet every Wednesday during the summer this year. Our attendance was understandably lower, especially in July and August, but we still managed to get enough members in attendance to vote on things and get good feedback on our plans for the coming year. We added three new members to the Men's Club during the summer. We have some good programs in development for the Fall of 2025, as well as the Winter and Spring of 2026. We have also had some good planning discussions for the Annual Chanukah Celebration hosted by the Men's Club. Our new Men's Club leadership are listed below:

President – Gary Melton

Vice President – Stuart Lisk

Secretary – Harry Segal

Treasurer – Mike Finkelstein

We have also reviewed our Men's Club By-Laws and made only a very few minor changes which will be voted on at our next meeting. The previous By-Laws update was completed in 2020.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 10th, at El Patio Restaurant, at 9:00 am.

Gary Melton, Men's Club President

PROGRAMS

PROGRAMS WITH RABBI NORM

Grief & Loneliness from a Jewish Perspective

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

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- ◆ Rehearsals continue for a program, titled **Kol Isha—The Women Speak**, by Laurie Sherman. It blends Jewish women's monologues (biblical, historical, and modern); music and percussion; and a focus on sacred reflection. Two events are planned: Yom Kippur afternoon and a Friday night service/ritual on November 21st. See the flyer on the next page for more details.

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Kol Isha

The Women Speak

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

Why should you join us?

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

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

- ◆ **SAVE THE DATE of December 25th for a Jewish Winter Sing-a-long** with Laurie Sherman and John Evans. This event will include Christmas and winter songs, all written by Jews, with a brief narration on the songwriters, followed by a Chinese food dinner.

FUNDRAISING

Uniting the Community Through Music fundraiser is planned for Sunday afternoon, November 23rd from 2-4:30pm at the Sahuarita School Auditorium, according to Mike Finkelstein. See the updated flyer on the next page. This program will be open to the public (reduced price for children and students) and will include:

- ◆ **Amber Norgaard**—“Tucson’s folk-rock goddess”
- ◆ **Klezmerkaba**—Tucson’s premier Klezmer ensemble
- ◆ **Mariachi Aztlan**—award-winning Mariachi music
- ◆ **Ami Sarasvati**—Native American flute, The Healing Power of Music

The committee is looking into another successful **Pasta Dinner**—possibly after the holidays, around the middle of October, according to Bobbie Vishner.

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

There are still several pieces of **artwork** that were donated for the 2024 Gala Auction. See images on pages 8 and 9 for what is available.

REWARD PROGRAMS

RAISE RIGHT is a program offering name brand gift cards for purchase and *raises funds for BSTC!*

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

FRY’S COMMUNITY REWARD PROGRAM

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

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

RITUAL

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

Call for High Holy Day Readers

If you would like to participate as readers, honors, and Aliyot during the High Holy Day services, please contact Marlys as soon as possible.

September and HHD Service Schedule:

- ◆ **Friday, September 5th—7pm**
Friday Night Shabbat Service
- ◆ **Saturday, September 13th—10am**
Saturday Morning Shabbat Service
- ◆ **Monday, September 22nd—7pm**
Erev Rosh HaShanah
- ◆ **Tuesday, September 23rd—10am**
Rosh HaShana I
- ◆ **Tuesday, September 23rd—4pm**
Tashlich Service at Sahuarita Lake
- ◆ **Sunday, September 28th—10am**
Kever Avot at Green Valley Cemetery
- ◆ **Wednesday, October 1st—7pm**
Erev Yom Kippur/Kol Nidre Service
- ◆ **Thursday, October 2nd—10am**
Yom Kippur Morning Service
- ◆ **Thursday, October 2nd—12:30pm***
Yizkor Memorial Service
- ◆ **Thursday, October 2nd—2pm***
Yom Kippur Symposium Speakers
- ◆ **Thursday, October 2nd—3pm***
Kol Isha—The Women Speak
- ◆ **Thursday, October 2nd—4:30pm***
Yom Kippur Afternoon Service
- ◆ **Thursday, October 2nd—6pm***
Shofar/Havdalah/Break the Fast
- ◆ **Monday, October 6th—7pm**
Sukkot Service
- ◆ **Monday, October 13th—7pm**
Simchat Torah/Shemini Atzeret/Yizkor Service

** Times are approximate*

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Uniting the Community Through Music

Sunday, November 23, 2025 at 2 pm

Sahuarita School Auditorium

350 W. Sahuarita Rd. • Sahuarita, AZ 85629

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



FEATURING

Amber Norgaard

Tucson's Folk-Rock Goddess



Mariachi Aztlán de Pueblo Magnet High School

Award-winning Mariachi Music



Ami Sarasvati

Native American flute:
The Healing Power of Music



Klezmerkaba

Tucson's premier Klezmer ensemble



Admission: Adults \$25 • Students 12-18 \$5 • children 11 and under FREE

For more information, please call (520) 648-6690 or visit:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/uniting-the-community-through-music-tickets-1568325968189>

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Re: the Mi Shebeirach at Worship Services

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

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

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

ROSH CODESH CHAVERAH

Our Rosh Chodesh Chaverah will resume in January with the theme Gratitude—which is a spiritual time for renewal, connection, and friendship. Rosh Chodesh, the celebration of the new moon, is an ancient women's holiday and a time to share stories, ideas, and experiences from the heart. This is not a study group or book club, but a circle of friends exploring feminist Jewish spirituality and women's changing roles.

In the meantime, please join us at Kol Isha: The Women Speak on Yom Kippur afternoon at 3:00 PM at BSTC, and come experience In Sarah's Tent on Tuesday, November 26—two powerful gatherings honoring Jewish women's voices across time. You are welcome to read a part in either event—just let Laurie know.

SECURITY

"If you see something, say something!"

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

BSTC Security

SISTERHOOD

The Sisterhood meets every second Tuesday of the month at 10am at BSTC. All Sisterhood members are invited to join.

SOCIAL ACTION

The Social Action Committee will be back from our summer break on Thursday, September 18, 2025. We meet at the synagogue and also offer a Zoom link for our committee members. The Social Committee meets the 3rd Thursday of every month at the temple from 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

We are gearing up for **Mitzvah Day** happening on **Friday, November 7, 2025**. An announcement will let the congregation know when you will be able to register.

The **2025 Hunger Walk** this year will be on **Saturday, September 27, 2025 at 8:00 am** at the Historic Canoa Ranch. Our BSTC Team site is open and five people are already registered. Following is the registration process:

1. Open the communityfoodbank.org/hungerwalk25 site on your computer or cell phone
2. Click on the tab for GREEN VALLEY
3. Click on the tab for REGISTER
4. Click on the logo for "join a team"
5. Select the Beth Shalom Temple Center Team
6. Follow the instruction/prompts to complete your registration and donation

Please consider donating to our two local food

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banks. From Rosh Hashana until now we have donated 525 pounds of food and over \$125.00 dollars.

Angel Heart Pajama Project is always in need of jammies for children. They are always in need of Pree-mie sizes and larger sizes for teens (male and female). We have a donation bin in the temple lobby.

L' shana Tova

Connie Greenwald
Social Action Chair

WEBSITE—bstc.us

There are links on the password protected page to the Board meeting minutes and financial reports, both current and archived, and **updated member contact information directories are available here.** The active calendar and on-line payment options are there, too.

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

TORAH STUDY

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

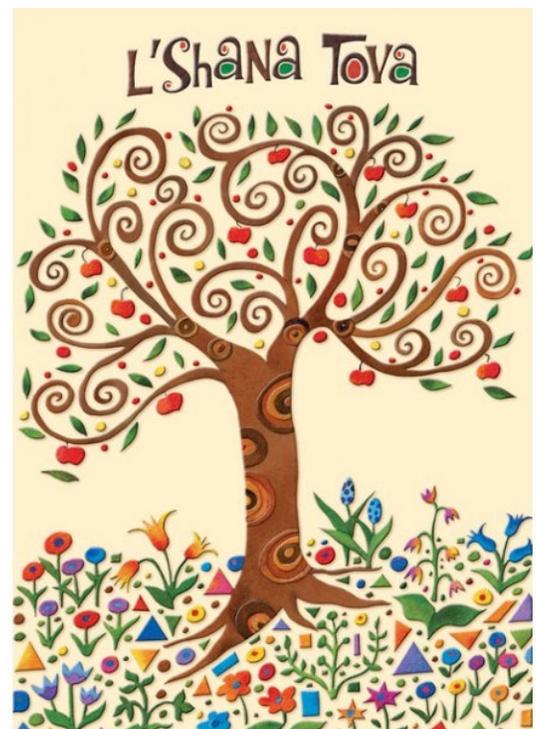


MONTHLY TORAH PORTIONS			
Portion (Parashat)	Date	Torah	Haftarah
KI TEITZEI	Sept 5-6, 2025	Deuteronomy 21:10-25:19	Isaiah 54:1-10
KI TAVO	Sept 12-23, 2025	Deuteronomy 26:1-29:8	Isaiah 60:1-22
NITZAVIM	Sept 19-20, 2025	Deuteronomy 29:9-30:20	Isaiah 61:10-63:9
VAYEILECH	Sept 26-27, 2025	Deuteronomy 31:1-30	Joel 2:15-27



Michael & Sara Benisch	1-Sep
Myra & Robert Lipson	7-Sep
Debbie & Harry Segal	20-Sep
Linda Alexander & Gene Nudelman	25-Sep

Martha Fine	2-Sep
Bonnie Cole	6-Sep
Heidi Winer	11-Sep
George Tarquinio	12-Sep
Shelly Rothstein	14-Sep
Steve Feldman	19-Sep
Bonnie Vadnais	27-Sep



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