

# Beth Shalom Temple Center

## GREEN VALLEY SHOFAR



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### President's Message

As I write this, it is April 12, 2020. BSTC has now been closed for exactly one month. I miss everyone, but am thankful that even though some of our loved ones have contracted Covid-19, we have lost no one to this horrible virus. We did lose one valued member, Michel Kouhana, but from what I have been hearing, it was not from Covid-19.

I wish I could say that we will soon be able to reopen BSTC but, unfortunately, I don't think that will happen anytime soon. I have advised Stacy to cancel all May activities. If any can be reinstated, you will be informed via e-blast.

In order to keep going we, as many other organizations, have turned to electronic media. I hope everyone has had the opportunity to view our YouTube videos and joined in a Zoom discussion. I welcome any ideas on how else to use this "new" media.

Just stay healthy and keep your social distance. This will pass and then we can once again get together in person.

*Ruthann Shapiro,  
President*



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## The Official Newsletter of Beth Shalom Temple Center

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### Office Hours:

**Monday & Friday: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**  
**Wednesday: noon to 4 p.m.**

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At Large	Dan Galitz
At Large	Jane Gold
At Large	Jo Legat
At Large	Ricki Letowt
At Large	Merle Sobol

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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.

### **SENDING IN CHECKS TO BSTC**

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

### **MAIL TO THE TEMPLE**

To expedite delivery, any **mail sent to the temple** should be addressed to: **P.O. Box 884, Green Valley, AZ 85622**. Sending mail to the Rio Mayo address may result in a loss or delay. To expedite delivery **please include the name of the person you wish to contact on the front of the envelope.**

For information on the *Memorial Board* and *Yahrzeits* contact Joyce Finkelstein by phone or by email.

For information on *Tributes or Commemorative* items, contact Amy Storer.

### **TEMPLE USAGE SCHEDULING**

**Before scheduling a program**, please **check the live calendar** to avoid scheduling conflicts. **Please turn in a Facility Reservation Form** and **contact the Facilities Manager** for any set up or clean up needed. 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 for Shofar copy is the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to the publication date.

## **COMMEMORATIVE ITEMS:**

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

**Memorial 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.

## **TRIBUTES**

Do you need to send a greeting card? Do you want to support your Temple? Here's a great way to do both. Amy Storer, the volunteer chairing the committee will mail a personalized card to whomever you choose. Here's how:

Send your Tribute request and free-will offerings to:

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

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

If ordering several Tributes at the same time, print the birthday/anniversary page of the Shofar, check off the names of those you'd like to designate for Tribute(s), and mail it in with your check. Tributes may be sent with your own personal greeting for birthdays, anniversaries, get well, condolences, best wishes for the new home, in appreciation, mazel tov, and sympathy upon loss of a pet, etc.

- ♦ From Patricia McCoy, HBL CPAs, Inc: *In memory of:* Yeta Weston
- ♦ From Helen & Howard Schneider: *In memory of:* Yeta Weston
- ♦ From Joyce & Mike Finkelstein: *In memory of:* Michel Kouhana
- ♦ From Amy Storer: *In memory of:* Michel Kouhana

## **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:**

<b>Remembered by</b>	<b>For His/Her</b>	<b>Yahrzeit</b>
Ina Gravitz	Her Grandmother	Rose Feuer
Larry Gravitz	His Mother	Edith Gravitz
Larry Gravitz	His Father	Sydney Gravitz
Ina Gravitz	Her Father	Joseph Alster
Mark Travitsky	His Father	Louis J Travitsky
Gail Norton	Her Aunt	Kathlynn Champney
Linda Stein	Her Father	Jack Atlas

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS



**CURRENTLY ALL MAY EVENTS  
ARE CANCELLED OR WILL BE  
HELD VIA ZOOM MEETINGS.**

**Invitations with passwords  
will be sent via email for  
those who wish to attend  
the virtual meetings.**

***Should any events be reinstated you  
will be informed via e-blast.***

***May services listed below are cancelled***

Schedule of Services January-June 2020			
Day	Date	Time	Service
Saturday	5/9/20	10:00am	Shabbat
Tuesday	5/12/20	TBD	Lag B'Omer Picnic
Friday	5/15/20	7:00pm	Shabbat
Friday	5/29/20	7:00pm	Shabbat/Yizkor
Saturday	6/13/20	10:00am	Shabbat
Friday	6/19/20	7:00pm	Shabbat
Torah Study every Saturday with no Saturday Service 9:30am			

## MEMBER NEWS & UPDATES

### Directory Updates

- ◆ New phone number for Linda Alexander
- ◆ New address for Helene Fields
- ◆ Email address for Sherry Hoffman-Blum
- ◆ Email address for Rivka Horowitz and Howard Pessirilo
- ◆ Email address for Judy Kramer
- ◆ New home address, phone number and email for Ingeborg McDonald
- ◆ Corrected phone number for Jeanette Nathan
- ◆ Corrected zip code for Michael Tannenbaum

**The 2020 Membership Directory is updated whenever new information is received, and then posted on the Members Only page of the website. *Printed copies are available for members upon request. Please call the office.***

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## TEMPLE TIDINGS

### **Member Passing**

We are sad to announce the sudden death of BSTC member, Michel Kouhana, on April 11, 2020. His cause of death is currently unknown, and due to the ongoing virus crisis there will be no shiva. A private funeral is being arranged, and after the gathering restrictions have been lifted, a memorial service will be held. As soon as more information is available, we will inform the congregation.

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**Thank You to Martha Fine** for making and donating masks to BSTC! We appreciate you, Martha!

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### Notes From the Board

BSTC's Board did not meet for the March meeting, deciding at the study session the week prior to close the temple and cancel all activities due to the virus crisis. This will continue until the CDC have determined that gathering is once again safe.

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### Facility Reservation Form

In addition to allowing members access to the most updated information, the intention in providing the Active Calendar will be to avoid scheduling conflicts. To have your event shown on the calendar, please submit a Facility Reservation Form. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

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### Suggestion Box Responses

There have been no new suggestions as the box is currently in use as a **BALLOT BOX** for the proposed Bylaws updates. If you have not sent in your ballot, please do! A new date for official voting to be tallied is yet to be determined.

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### Torah Study

As with the Board meetings, Torah Study is currently and successfully meeting via Zoom virtual platform. All are welcome. If you would like to be added to the list to receive the invitation email for these, please contact Ruthann.

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### Memorial Tablet Space

Space is running out on our three Yahrzeit boards. The Temple Board has investigated the purchase of an additional Memorial Tablet, the cost of which is approximately \$8000 and takes about 6 months to get. We would like to install it for our 25th Anniversary celebration in November, so we need to order it soon. ***A generous donor has stepped up to MATCH ALL CONTRIBUTIONS made by May 31, 2020.*** Make checks to BSTC and put Yahrzeit Board on the memo.

### Who to Call?

Do you need to let the congregation know about an important life event? If you have prayer requests, or know if any of our members are sick/in the hospital, please contact Jo Legat, chair of the BSTC Caring Committee.

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## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### ART GALLERY

The Judith Austen exhibit has been postponed until the virus crisis has passed. Currently on display are Jewish artwork items from the personal collection of member, Bev Lake. September will see a new exhibit of artwork by BSTC members, with a reception following the September Bagel Breakfast. More information on that upcoming show will be provided in following Shofars.

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### AMAZON SMILES/E-SCRIP/SHOPWITHSCRIP

#### AMAZON SMILES

#### Shop Happy and make a Difference!

Do you shop on Amazon? Would you like to help the Temple with your purchases? Then you should be shopping with Amazon Smile!

#### What is AmazonSmile?

AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon that lets you enjoy the same wide selection of products, low prices, and convenient shopping features as on Amazon.com. The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile ([smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)), the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to the charitable organizations you select. If you have any questions, contact Joyce Finkelstein.

### FRY'S COMMUNITY REWARD PROGRAM

- ◆ Do you shop at Fry's?
  - ◆ Do you have a Fry's VIP Card?
  - ◆ Would you like to make money for Beth Shalom Temple Center without it costing you anything?
- If you answered "YES" to these questions, please enroll in the **Fry's Community Rewards Program**. Here

is all that you need to do...

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

That is all that you need to do. Fry's will send a percentage of your purchases directly to the Temple. If you are not a Fry's VIP Card holder, just stop by your nearest Fry's and ask for a free application. It will only take minutes to get your VIP Card. Please let Joyce know if you have any questions.

**SHOPWITHSCRIP** is a new program at BSTC that allows you to purchase brand name gift cards at their face value, *donating to BSTC without it costing you anything extra!* You will find flyers in the lobby with information, order forms, and a list of participating retailers. Links to these have also been added to the BSTC website. Please contact Joyce Finkelstein with questions.

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### **JIM CLICK RAFFLE**

The new raffle has started. Tickets are \$25 each or 5 for \$100. BSTC is a 501(c)3 charity that can sell tickets for the raffle and keep 100% of the proceeds raised. Tickets are available at Bagel Breakfasts so bring your checkbook! If you cannot make it to a brunch, please contact Steve Abrahams for more information.

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### **LIBRARY**

**No Notes from the Library**

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### **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS**

The Meet & Greet for new members that was planned for May 3rd at the home of Ed and Esther Brill has been postponed. A later date will be provided once the event has been rescheduled. New members who have not done so in the past, please submit a brief profile in order to allow the rest of the membership to know a little bit about each of you. Send a short write-up of your back-

ground, interests, and any Jewish activities you particularly enjoy to Mike Finkelstein.

### **Send Us Your Photographs**

For those members and friends who take pictures at any of our BSTC events, please think about sharing them. We'd love to upload them to our BSTC Facebook page as well as our website photo gallery. Send them to Mike Finkelstein and cc it to Danielle Wernick for Facebook, as well. Thank you.

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### **MEN'S CLUB**

The Men's Club has stopped meeting at Manuel's Mexican Restaurant following the March meeting due to the corona virus restrictions currently in place by the CDC. They conducted their April 8th meeting via ZOOM virtual meeting platform. The May 13th meeting will be the same. A password will be emailed a day or two before the meeting. Activities cancelled or rescheduled due to the virus pandemic include:

- ◆ The April 3rd Men's Club led and sponsored Friday Shabbat Service was cancelled and a date in the fall is being sought for rescheduling that.
- ◆ The April 22<sup>nd</sup> *Gaslight Theatre* event has been rescheduled for November 4th. Members who are signed up for this can get a refund, or stay signed up. If you have any questions, please contact Dan Galitz.
- ◆ The Men's Club is still promoting a Road Scholar trip to visit the Hopi Mesas and Navajo Lands of Canyon de Chelly and Monument Valley from September 29<sup>th</sup>-October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020. For more information on this trip you can visit [www.roadscholar.org/18591](http://www.roadscholar.org/18591) or email our Men's Club programs coordinator, Gary Friedman. Trip info also available on the BSTC website.

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### **ONEGS**

Any great Temple knows how to combine the religious and social aspects of Temple life. BSTC is one of the great Temples. To sponsor an Oneg or Kiddush luncheon please sign up on the sheet on the wall next to the Fish Kitchen door at BSTC. Please contact Maridell, at to volunteer for this committee.

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## PROGRAMS

No Program Committee meetings are planned for the near future. Due to the virus crisis, many of the upcoming programs have had to be postponed or cancelled. Please check the active calendar for the most updated information.

- ♦ The Dine & Laugh Evening of Improv at Quail Creek has been rescheduled for October 31st.
- ♦ The movie events will be rescheduled for the fall.

## EVENTS STILL IN THE PLANNING STAGES:

- ♦ An outing with Rabbi Roman, with a possibility of a weekend in Flagstaff or other location.
- ♦ BSTC's 25th Anniversary Party (November 20-22) is still in the planning stages.
- ♦ Michael G Musical re-scheduled for 2 p.m. on December 13th.

Contact Mike Finkelstein or Les Bakke if you would like to join the Programs committee.

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## RITUAL

The Ritual committee has put together a schedule of services through June 2020, though at this time the May services are cancelled.

Also discussed has been our need for a new High Holiday machzorim (prayer book). A new book has been selected. Copies will be purchased for the temple. Anyone wanting a personal copy, please contact Ruthann.

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## SISTERHOOD

The April field trip to the Tohono Chul botanical garden for a tour and lunch, and the May 19th field trip for a tour of the Pima Air and Space Museum in Tucson have both been cancelled.

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## SOCIAL ACTION

We thank all the BSTC members for supporting our ongoing efforts to make our community a safer and better place to live through social action. Due to the virus pandemic, several recent programs have been

cancelled or rescheduled.

- ♦ February saw the committee meeting as usual, but March meeting was cancelled. The April meeting will be conducted via the ZOOM virtual meeting platform. The password will be emailed to committee members a day or two prior to the meeting. It is likely that the May meeting will also be conducted via ZOOM. The committee does not meet during the summer.
- ♦ April Bagel Breakfast fundraising for Sopori Elementary student school supplies and guest speaker were cancelled. At the next meeting the committee will explore other options to raise funds to support this program.
- ♦ The committee completed enough cards with motivational quotes for the Youth On Their Own program to supply them through May. At least 100 cards are completed and submitted every month by our committee members. They will not need any more from us until September.

Upcoming Social Action Programs include:

- ♦ Providing Sopori school supplies by August 1st
  - ♦ Walk for Hunger on Saturday, September 12th
  - ♦ Mitzvah Good Deeds Day, Friday, November 6th
- Finally, we wish all the membership of BSTC a very safe and healthy May and June. Please follow the guidance for "social distancing" and do not hesitate to give any of us a call if you need support or just want to talk with someone. The restrictions have changed all our lives, and added a degree of uncertainty that can be challenging to cope with at times. We are all here for each other and you.

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## WEBSITE

There are now links to several videos, as well as to some websites recommended by Rabbi Norm. Visit: [bstc.us](http://bstc.us) to see what's new!

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Happy Birthday to:	
Amy Storer	2-May
Sid Shapiro	7-May
Eugene Stein	6-May
Rhonda Anderson	8-May
Harvey Beim	9-May
Frederic Doppelt	11-May
Susan Flemming	14-May
Ruth Barwick	16-May
David Levy	22-May
Les Simon	16-May
Madelyn Weig	30-May



***May you continue to celebrate your anniversary with joy and good health!***

Happy Anniversary to:	
Fred & Jo Legat	8-May
Melvin & Dorrie Roman	27-May

COMMITTEE	CHAIR/CO-CHAIR
Aesthetics	Tobey Gitelle
Art Gallery	Marcia Wiener
"	Bev Lake
Bagel Breakfast	Ricki Letowt
Book of Remembrance	Suenette Maron
BSTC Shoppers	Agi Klieger
Building Reservations	BSTC office
Caring-Mishpochah	Jo Legat
e-Scrip	Joyce Finkelstein
Event-Updates	Jane Gold
Facilities	Arnold Krohn
Facebook	Danielle Wernick
Finance	Dusty Friedman
Historian	Gloria Clancy
Hospitality	Michel Kouhana
Library	Linda Stein
"	Charlotte Brody
Jim Click Raffle	Steve Abrahams
Memorial Board /Yahrzeits	Joyce Finkelstein
Membership	Mike Finkelstein
Men's Club	Gary Melton
Mishaberach	Jo Legat
Oneg	Maridell Nochumson
President	Ruthann Shapiro
Programs	Mike Finkelstein
"	Les Bakke
Public Relations	Mike Finkelstein
Rabbi	Norman Roman
Ritual	Ruthann Shapiro
"	Jo Legat
Security	Dan Galitz
Shofar	Jane Gold
Sisterhood	Sue Cohen
Social Action	Gary Melton
Tributes	Amy Storer
Website	BSTC Office