

# Beth Shalom Temple Center



## GREEN VALLEY SHOFAR

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### President's Message

As your new President and Historian, I am happy to report that BSTC history was made when, following this year's annual meeting, the newly elected Board of Directors voted all female officers into service:

Gloria Clancy: President

Esther Brill: Vice President

Ruthann Shapiro & Ricki Letowt: co-Treasurers

Marlys Fiterman: Secretary

The new Board is off and running to work together at moving some "old business" ahead and working on "new business" now and for the future.

With the assistance from Rabbi Roman and our Security Team, and that of the Federation's Team, we have been working on plans for securing our Temple and Congregation against attack by those who are wish to harm us. You all have been sent a letter describing our plans and a e-blast flyer about a teaching and training session on March 3<sup>rd</sup> at noon given by Paul Patterson of the Jewish Federation of Southern Arizona. **It is extremely important that all members of the congregation try to attend this session in person at the Temple or by Zoom.** The presentation will not be available later on YouTube.

I am looking forward to working with you this year, as are all of our Board members.

You can reach me by phone or email.

Gloria



### Message from Rabbi Norm Roman

IT'S PURIM TIME!

I can hear you asking: "Celebrating Purim under COVID limitations and conditions? Gaiety while facing an historic rise in Anti-Semitism around the world? Seriously?" And my response, as I understand Jewish tradition and teaching is: "Absolutely!"

No Jewish festival quite measures up to Purim. It has been described as the most serious yet boisterous 24 hour observance, "a day of Megilah and masquerade, groggers and grog" (Rabbi Israel Jacobs). It marks a day in our history when genocide was averted, when "grief was transformed into joy", and just as the Jews of Persia were granted light and gladness, thus, we pray, can it be for us. For were it not for the remarkable turn of events in Shushan of old, we might not be around to celebrate anything today!

Note well – one lesson is that in order to experience joy, we must acknowledge the memory of grief. Mordecai had lived through the destruction of Jerusalem, and then again, now in exile, he and his people came within a hair's-breadth of extinction. But when Esther saved the day, bringing good fortune and safety, when Mordecai himself was dressed by order of the King in "robes of blue and white, with a magnificent gold crown, and a mantle of fine linen and purple wool", the Jews of Shushan rejoiced. They had almost been destroyed, but the tide turned, and they appreciated their good fortune all the more.

The stories abound of Purim being celebrated in the Shtetls of Eastern Europe, in the streets of North Africa, along the canals of Venice, and in the 4 holy

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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.**  
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**Editor:** Stacy Laetsch

This is the March issue of the Shofar. The Shofars are now being published electronically only.

Go to: [bstc.us](http://bstc.us) to view and print archived volumes.

**NEWSLETTER SUPPORT STAFF:** Mike Finkelstein and Jane Gold

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) ***please make sure your check indicates the name of the program/event*** for which you are paying.

## Mail 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* items, contact Amy Storer.
- ◆ For information on *Commemorative Items*, contact the office.

## TEMPLE USAGE SCHEDULING

**BSTC is currently open to members who are fully vaccinated.** Please contact the BSTC office at (520) 648-6690 or [bstcgv@gmail.com](mailto:bstcgv@gmail.com) with any questions. The Facility Reservation form is on the BSTC website and in the rack in the lobby.

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 20<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:

**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

Amy Storer, the volunteer chairing this committee, will mail a personalized card to whomever you choose. **SEE SOME SAMPLE CARDS ON THE BSTC WEBSITE.**

**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 to which address your tribute should be sent: e.g. Arizona or other state*)
3. **Type of Tribute:** Happy Birthday, In Honor Of, With Sympathy, etc.
4. **NOTE: Any personal notes should be sent directly to the recipient as our cards do not have space to include them.**
5. **Names of ALL who are sending** the Tribute including name of spouse, if appropriate.

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!)

**Tributes received this month:**

- ♦ From Bobbie & Jack Vishner: **In appreciation of** Rabbi Norm & Lynne for their help and kindness.
- ♦ From Donna & David Wyte: **In memory of** Bud Heller.

## 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	Her Husband	Don Storer
David Wyte	His Mother	Sylvia Weitzman
Donna Wyte	Her Father	Frank Farber



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**OPEN for Services to members who are fully vaccinated! Masking optional.**

Schedule of Services, Meetings & Events			
Day	Date	Time	Event
THU	3/3/22	12 pm	Security Training Presentation with Paul Patterson @BSTC
FRI	3/4/22	5 pm	Shabbat Shirah: Rabbi Norm w/Marlys Fiterman
SAT	3/5/22	10 am	Torah Study on Zoom
TUE	3/8/22	10 am	Sisterhood Meeting
WED	3/9/22	9 am	Brotherhood Meeting @ El Patio Restaurant
SAT	3/12/22	10 am	Saturday Shabbat Services
MON	3/14/22	10 am	Parashat HaShavua on Zoom
WED	3/16/22	4 pm	PURIM Celebration @BSTC
FRI	3/18/22	5 pm	Friday Night Service
SAT	3/19/22	10 am	Torah Study on Zoom
SUN	3/20/22	2 pm	Michael G Performance @BSTC
THU	3/24/22	2 pm	Meet the Rabbi's Rabbi on Zoom
SAT	3/26/22	10 am	Torah Study on Zoom
SUN	3/27/22	10 am	Gentle Yoga Class@BSTC
MON	3/28/22	10 am	BSTC Board Meeting@BSTC
WED	3/30/22	3 pm	Social Action Meeting@BSTC

**BSTC also continues to Live Stream Services on YouTube.**

cities of what will, as of 1948, be known as the State of Israel. (But, you might know, that the isolated Jews of Ethiopia did not celebrate, for the word never reached them that Esther and Mordecai prevailed against Haman, and that the Persian Jews had been saved.) Purim was, and is, a time for excitement, relief, and utter, complete joy of heart and soul.

But a further lesson is a clear realization that merri-ment and rejoicing must be seen in proper context. Amalek in the Torah and Haman in the Megilah may be dead, but the evil they represented is not. We cannot let our minds be turned away from the sorrow and pain which others who are persecuted may be enduring. Our souls must be tuned to the fragility of life. I am reminded of the wisdom expressed by a character in Judith Guest's novel, Ordinary People: "You gotta feel lousy sometimes in order to feel better."

Finally, Purim directs us to rephrase some important questions: for example, we shouldn't be asking ourselves why God permits evil and hatred in our world, but rather what can I do to prevent it? What can I do to alleviate suffering? Purim teaches us that the ultimate defense against Amalek and Haman is to participate in creating a just, moral, righteous society for all.

Dr. Robert Oppenheim, who supervised the development of then first atomic bomb, was asked, "Is there a defense against this dreadful weapon?" He responded, "Yes, there is – Peace".

May we all have a joy-filled and meaningful Purim. And may we be rewarded with the Megilah's prophecy: "Orah v'Simchah – Light and Gladness"!

Shalom to all.

Rabbi Norm Roman

*PS—THE GROUP TRIP TO ISRAEL HAS BEEN POSTPONED . IT IS TENTATIVELY RESCHEDULED FOR FALL 2022. PLEASE CONTACT RABBI NORM FOR INFO!*



**SAVE THE DATES for:**

**COME MEET THE RABBI'S RABBIS!**

**An Adult Education Series on Zoom  
Monthly on Thursday afternoons • 2:00-3:15 pm**

**March 24<sup>th</sup> • April 28<sup>th</sup> • May 26<sup>th</sup>**

## Directory Updates:

The Membership Directory is updated and posted on the Members Only page of the website when new information is received. Directories can be printed from the website or requested by members from the office.


- ♦ **New Members:** Mariann & William Katz  
Green Valley AZ

- ♦ **New Address:** Ruth & Jim Barwick  
*Excited to announce their move from a garden home at La Posada to an apartment:*  
Green Valley AZ  
*Same phone & email*

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## TEMPLE TIDINGS & MEMBER NEWS

### MEMBER PASSING



Julie Kelley, daughter of former BSTC Member, Sonya ("Sonny") Foigelman, has informed us that Sonny passed away on January 20, 2022, at the age of 89. Sonny was the original BSTC Librarian and was an active member who attended services, holidays and entertainment programs. Sonny moved to her daughter's in 2017 after her husband, Gerald, passed away. Julie wanted to share her gratitude with anyone who remembers Sonny, for all the kindness and support to their family over the years.

Should you care to acknowledge Julie's message, her address is:

Julie A Kelley  
Manitou Springs CO 80829

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Also, a message was received from Suenette Maron that her sister, Denise Rootenberg, passed away.

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## BOARD NOTES

The BSTC Board meeting was a hybrid event with most people gathering at the temple with a few people present via Zoom. Minutes from the previous month's meetings are posted for members on the website and the bulletin board at the back of the sanctuary.

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### Who to Call?

Do you need to let the congregation know about an important life event? Are you interested in making caring calls to other members? If you have any prayer requests, know of any of our members who are sick and/or in the hospital, or would like to make phone calls, please contact Jo Legat, chair of the BSTC Caring Committee. Call 520-822-8388, or email: azladijo@gmail.com.

Cards sent last month:

- ♦ **Get Well** to Bill Forstot, Ricki Letowt, and David Liebling

- ♦ **Sympathy** to Suenette Maron

*See the Mi Sheberach List on the website for those who need your prayers.*

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## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### ART GALLERY

#### Wait, There's More!

Thanks to Beth Shalom Temple Center, Nancy Charak's exhibit has been extended. This new group are bright watercolors on panels and paper pieces mounted on panels. They span a couple of decades of work made both here in Tucson and Chicago. Marcia Weiner and Bev Lake dug deep into the recesses of Nancy's studio to select the work.

ABOUT: Nancy Charak, a native Chicagoan, now makes drawings and paintings in Tucson. Her work is represented in the west by Space Gallery—Denver and ARTEZONA Gallery—Tucson, in the Midwest at The Nevica Project—Chicago and Cerbera Gallery—Kansas City. Please come on by.

Nancy's studio, Rounder Studio, is at the East Hive, 326 S. Wilmot Rd., #200A, (off 14th St.), Tucson. When the necessary restrictions of the pandemic are eased Nancy invites you for studio visits. You

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can find her at 312/451-4268 and direct message at [rounderstudio@gmail.com](mailto:rounderstudio@gmail.com).

**WHY Nancy Makes Art:** I am in love with the tactility of art, I love the way it feels to hold a pencil, to pull it across a deliciously smooth sheet of paper. I love seeing the ways the inks, oils, watercolors move, shine, stain and mark paper and canvas. I love the way they smell. I love that I have at least 1,000 pencils, and still I want more.

Above all, I treasure and desire that when you look at my art, that we're sharing at the very least a small part of that experience. That when you look, and I hope you spend a lot of time looking, that you see that the fascinations that I have are not merely with the tactile materials, but with the places that the edges, lines, shapes, colors, gestures, marks take you to.

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## BROTHERHOOD

The BSTC Brotherhood held their first meeting of 2022 on February 9th at 9 a.m. El Patio Restaurant, 100 West Duval Mine Road, Sahuarita, AZ. The next meeting is March 9th at 9 a.m. at El Patio. Fully vaccinated and boosted members are welcome to join. Annual dues is \$15.

### 2022 Officers:

Merle Sobol, President

Arnie Krohn, VP

Harry Segal, Secretary

Mike Finkelstein, Treasurer

At the meeting, Mike Finkelstein mentioned several musical events which generated some interest from attendees, and they are included below:

- ♦ March 5th—Rotary International's **Jazz in the Desert**, where very talented high school bands play and earn money for their school music programs. There will be two performances, on Saturday afternoon and evening, at Quail Creek ballroom. For more information please contact Gary Friedman.
- ♦ March 6th—Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m. see the **Green Valley Concert Band** at Sahuarita School Auditorium. Get tickets at the CPAC office at 1250 W Continental Road, Green Valley, AZ.
- ♦ March 14th—Monday afternoon at 3 p.m. BSTC's

own Mike Finkelstein will be the featured artist at **Green Valley's Got Talent** at CPAC. Go to <http://www.gvgtalent.org> for more information and tickets.

### Upcoming Brotherhood Events:

- ♦ Shabbat After Dark—Aug 5th
- ♦ Romeo & Juliet dinner—Sept 10th
- ♦ Sunday breakfast w/speaker—Nov 27th

### Potential Brotherhood Events:

- ♦ Zoom meeting with Rabbi Charlie from Beth Israel Congregation in Coleyville, Texas
- ♦ Steak night
- ♦ Poker Tournament
- ♦ Magic show
- ♦ On-line auction
- ♦ Trivia Night
- ♦ Brotherhood Hour of Jewish Humor

*The following information comes to you from BSTC Brotherhood member, Lenny Friedman:*

The BSTC Labyrinth, located on the northeast of the Temple, was built by the BSTC Brotherhood in October, 2018. The labyrinth was dedicated by newly hired Rabbi Norman Roman with the following blessing which can be found at the entrance to the labyrinth.

### BLESSING FOR THE LABYRINTH

November 3, 2018 25 Heshvan, 5779

*May it be Your will, Adonai our God and God of our ancestors, that You guide all of us safely on our journeys – be they through this Labyrinth in this Holy Place or anywhere in Your world – that You lead us on our paths in peace, and that You allow us to reach our desired destinations with a renewed appreciation for life, purpose and joy.*

*Protect us from all obstacles along our way, and bestow blessings on the work of our hands.*

*Grant hope, graciousness, lovingkindness and compassion to us, as well as to all whom we encounter along our way.*

*Blessed are You, Adonai,  
You watch over us on our journeys.*

Some of the earliest forms of labyrinths are found in Greece, dating back to 2500-2000



B.C.E. Labyrinths are found throughout North America, Europe, North Africa, the Indian sub-continent and Indonesia. People from all corners of the globe have used labyrinths as a means of searching for guidance and promoting healing. Labyrinths can be found in hospitals, churches, temples, parks, and prisons. A Labyrinth is not a maze as there are no decisions to be made other than to enter or not.

The 28' diameter BSTC labyrinth is a six-circuit design, with seven rock-lined paths, based on the Jewish tradition of the seven walls around the city of Jericho. Congregation Kol Ami (CKA) in Flower Mound, Texas, uses a labyrinth as part of their Shabbat service and was built by a young congregant for his Eagle Scout project.

[\(click here to discover more\).](#)

For more information about labyrinths and Judaism:

[A Guide for Walking a Labyrinth for the Jewish New Year](#)

[Jewish Mindfulness](#)



Brotherhood members who helped build the labyrinth: Michael Benisch, Steve Maron, Tom Clancy, Lenny Friedman, Shaun Deakin, Dan Galitz, and Mike Finkelstein



Dusty Friedman

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## E-SCRIP

***Fundraise for BSTC without doing anything extra!***

**Shop with Scrip (SWS)** Purchase gift cards directly from an app on your phone, and they are mailed directly to you! Please contact Joyce Finkelstein with questions or for help.

## AMAZON SMILE

**Shop Happy and make a Difference!**

Do you shop on Amazon? Do you like to help BSTC? Then you should be shopping with Amazon Smile: ([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

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.

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## HOSPITALITY

**Bagel Breakfasts will resume the first Sunday of April. Fully vaccinated members are welcome.** Masking will be optional.

**ORDER PROOF & BAKE CHALLAHS AND/OR BOIL & BAKE BAGELS** by retired pastry chef and BSTC member, Randy Gehman, will be made fresh and flash frozen once every month. Available for sale to BSTC members and their friends. They are one pound braided loaves for \$7 each. Bagels will be formed and ready to proof, boil and bake. Bagels are \$6 per half dozen. **These must be pre-ordered!** **Contact Ruthann or the contact the office.**

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# YOU, too, can look beautiful in blue!

Join our BSTC Fundraiser by purchasing **Beth Shalom Temple Center Embroidered Apparel**

**BLUE** Polo shirts and/or sweatshirts embroidered in white reading:

"Beth Shalom Temple Center Green Valley, AZ"

Click on this link: <https://bethshalom.itemorder.com/sale>

Note: The polo shirts run large, so you might wish to purchase a size smaller from what you usually wear.

**The estimated cost for the polo shirts is \$28.99 with larger sizes a dollar or two higher.**

BSTC will make a 20% profit on each item ordered.

You will be notified when your purchases are ready, and you may pick them up from temple.

## JIM CLICK RAFFLE

The 2022 Jim Click Raffle has begun—check the BSTC website for a link to the flyer of prizes, including a brand new hybrid pickup truck!

***BSTC raised \$3300 from last year's raffle! Great job Steve, Ed and Jane and THANK YOU to all who participated!***

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## LIBRARY

### RETURN TO THE BSTC LIBRARY

Although COVID has restricted much activity in the library we have been encouraged by all those members who have still been able to utilize our wonderful resource. Thanks also for several donations that have been added to the New Arrivals cart. Besides the rather good selection of popular novels, check out our other categories such as American Jewish or World history, Jewish customs, or even cook-books. We also have a great selection of men's and

women's biographies where you can find all you wanted to know about your favorite celebrity or maybe not so famous but historically significant person. The library is here for your use and enjoyment so join us as we explore each category in future Shofar articles.

*Linda Stein and Charlotte Brody*

Still active is the Yiddish Book Center. Online, weekly virtual public programs. Follow on social media, and sign up to receive our new "Weekly Reader" at [yiddishbookcenter.org/signup](http://yiddishbookcenter.org/signup).

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## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

Welcome new members, Mariann and William Katz! Mariann is BSTC Member Agi Klieger's sister.

**Show your Pride in a BSTC shirt!** BSTC members and friends have begun to order their BSTC logo embroi-



dered polo shirts, supporting the Temple at the same time! **Big Frog Custom T-shirts & More** has set up a special on-line store just for BSTC members and their friends at:

[bethshalom.itemorder.com/sale](http://bethshalom.itemorder.com/sale) or by phoning the store directly at 520-326-3764.

### **Every shirt you order, the temple earns \$7.00!**

Finished items will be available for pickup (or shipping directly to the purchaser) about a week and a half after the order was received. To avoid incurring a shipping charge, and if you cannot pickup your shirts, we are arranging to have one of our members pick up shirts that members have ordered every 2-3 weeks, and drop them off at the temple. If you prefer to have your order picked up and brought to the temple, please contact the office at 520-648-6690 or [bstcgv@gmail.com](mailto:bstcgv@gmail.com). **BSTC has received \$101 from these sales so far.**

### **Member Photos**

BSTC welcomes other photos from our members to be shared in the Shofar, Schmooze and/or on our social media platforms. Send pictures to Mike with details.

### **Members are invited to SCHMOOZE!**

Please send your comments, story and/or photos to Ricki for upcoming editions of The BSTC Schmooze. Then, watch for the BSTC Schmooze to come in your email!

Anyone interested in joining this committee please contact Mike Finkelstein.

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### **PROGRAMS**

**Pleasurebent Tours** was at BSTC on Wednesday, February 16th. Members enjoyed an informative and engaging presentation. Locally owned and operated, Pleasurebent is enjoying its 44<sup>th</sup> year in business and was purchased by Eric and Bonnie Rosenberg (*photo*) four years ago.

Eric highlighted how Pleasurebent's 5-star rated group tours across the region, country and world focus on well-researched and planned destinations chosen for




their unforgettable cultural, historical and geological features. All destination tours are fully guided, provide door-to-door pick-up and delivery service and all baggage handling, and feature one price – no hidden add-on costs.

Pleasurebent enjoys high customer ratings and most of its business comes from repeat customers, including some Beth Shalom Temple Center members. The company offers a \$100 referral incentive when an existing client refers a friend who complete her or his first destination tour with Pleasurebent.

The winner of a complimentary Pleasurebent Tours day trip raffled at the presentation was Ruthann Shapiro. Ruthann can choose from a variety of excursions to theater performances, wildlife centers, museums, dinner cruises, wineries and other regional attractions. All day tours include roundtrip motorcoach transportation, services of a tour director, luncheon or dinner, show ticket or park admission, coach refreshments and all taxes and gratuities.

Pleasurebent Tours works with synagogues and churches also to create custom tours for women's



Karen Baker Fitness  
Integration of mind, body & spirit for your health & wellness

## Gentle Yoga

*"Yoga should be a dance, not a wrestling match with your body".*

Come try this **beginning** level class to safely develop and improve your yoga practice. This class is designed to be safe for all body types. Certified Yoga instructor Karen Baker will provide modifications and adjustments for each pose to help you successfully enjoy your yoga practice. Chairs will be used. All levels welcome and no experience necessary.

**Please bring a mat and 2 yoga blocks to class.**

**When:** The last Sunday of each month, 9:00-9:45am  
(Starting Jan 30, 2022)  
**Where:** Temple Center Beth Shalom  
**Class Fee:** \$5/ class for members  
**For more info contact:** Karen Baker  
520-269-7341 (Home)      [kkbaker1714@gmail.com](mailto:kkbaker1714@gmail.com)

and men's clubs, youth programs and any group's specific interests.

For more information, visit [www.pleasurebenttours.com](http://www.pleasurebenttours.com) or speak to a friendly and knowledgeable staff member at 520-325-8839.

### AT BSTC

- ♦ One of BSTC's newest members, Karen Baker, is offering **Gentle Yoga Classes** using chairs. Classes will be held at BSTC **the last Sunday morning of the month** for BSTC members. See flyer on previous page for other details. If you have any questions, or would like to join, please contact Karen.
- ♦ Randy Gehman is making bagels and challah each month, two weeks apart. See the Hospitality section in this newsletter for more details.

### WITH RABBI NORM

## **Meet the Rabbi's Rabbis** **Thursday, March 24, 2022 • 2 pm** **Rabbi Solomon Freehof (1892-1990)**



Rabbi Solomon Freehof was the Senior Rabbi for generations at the Rodef Shalom Congregation in Pittsburgh. His legendary role as the most knowledgeable, prolific and respected writer of "Responsa" within the Reform/Liberal community was unquestioned, even by Rabbis of the other major streams of Jewish life. In many ways, Freehof's answers to practical questions shaped the Religious practice we in the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> century know and observe.

### **COME MEET THE RABBI'S RABBIS!**

#### **An Adult Education Series Monthly on Zoom**

**Thursday afternoons • 2:00-3:15 pm**

**March 24<sup>th</sup> • April 28<sup>th</sup> • May 26<sup>th</sup>**

I look forward to studying these Rabbis, and their importance to our Jewish identities, with you! Zoom invitation will be sent a few days prior to the event.

### **Upcoming Events:**

- ♦ BSTC Member, Michael "Michael G" Gervan will be performing a fundraising concert for March 20th at 2 p.m. at the temple. See the flyer on the next page for more information.
- ♦ The Jewish Federation is sponsoring transportation to Tucson on April 5th for a program: **Together in Jewish Learning**. A minimum of 10 riders is needed to utilize the service. Please contact Ruthann or the office to be included in this event.
- ♦ Jewish Sing-Along Rabbi Norm is planning a Freedom themed event, tentatively scheduled for Sunday, April 24th at 4 p.m. outside in the BSTC garden.
- ♦ The Program committee is looking into scheduling the Tucson Museum of Art's three-part docent's Zoom series on Jewish Art.
- ♦ The Program committee will schedule a Zoom lecture series on the Jews of India. With our rabbi's help, we may be able to have a live presenter from India. Watch for more details.

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### **RITUAL**

The **schedule of BSTC services** for March and April will be:

Friday, March 4, 5:00pm - Shabbat Shirah featuring Marlys Fiterman along with Rabbi Roman

Saturday, March 12, 10:00am - Shabbat service

Wednesday, March 16, 4:00pm - BSTC will celebrate Purim outside with a Purim spiel and hamantaschen

Friday, March 18, 5:00pm - Shabbat service

Friday, April 1, 7:00pm - Shabbat service

# Beth Shalom Temple Center

Welcomes YOU to Celebrate the First Day of Spring  
with a Musical Performance starring

## Michael G



**Sunday, March 20, 2022 at 2PM**

*Your Free Will donation to the temple will be appreciated.*

As with all BSTC events we will be following the most recent CDC Guidelines.  
At this point that means wearing masks and social distancing of seats.

**So that we can properly arrange the seating,  
we are requiring advance reservations.**

**Simply email [Ruthann.shapiro@cox.net](mailto:Ruthann.shapiro@cox.net)  
or to the BSTC office 520-648-6690.**

**Please RSVP by March 15th**

## SECURITY

The Congregation Beth Israel incident in Texas validated the importance of preparedness and proper training for such crisis situations. We have already scheduled Paul Paterson the security director for the Jewish Federation of Southern Arizona (JFSA) to present all the need to know safety and security information and practices to help us be prepared for the possible situations that we may confront. PLEASE make every effort to attend this upcoming training on Thursday, March 3rd at 12:00 pm at BSTC. Zoom will also be available to increase your opportunity to attend this very important training.

We have also increased the size of our BSTC security team from one to three members: Dan Galitz, Gary Melton, and Cliff Shekter. All three of these team members have considerable experience in safety and security procedures and are highly qualified to support are safety and security needs.

As our BSTC activities and the number of in-person programs at BSTC will likely increase in 2022, everyone needs to be more conscientious about security and safety. Please also make sure that inside events are properly registered with Stacy and calendared, so there are no double-booking surprises.

Saturday, April 16, 10:00am - Shabbat/Passover service

Saturday, April 16 - possible Passover seder - watch for details

Friday, April 22, 7:00pm - Shabbat/Passover/Yitzkor service

All fully vaccinated/boosted members and their guests are welcome to attend in person. Masks will be optional. Wine and challah will be available at the conclusion of services when applicable. Hopefully we will be able to bring back our Shabbat Oneg during this period.

For those who for what ever reason can not attend in person we will continue to stream our services via YouTube *Live*.

If you borrowed a prayer book but are now attending in person will you please return the prayer book.

This is your BSTC and unless we know what your religious needs are we can not provide for them. Please let me know.

Ruthann

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**Beth Shalom Temple Center Members and  
Friends are invited to attend a presentation by**

## Paul Patterson

*Director of Security for the Southern Arizona Jewish Federation*

### **“ACTIVE SHOOTING SITUATION IN A HOUSE OF WORSHIP”**

**Paul is a recognized Security Training Expert in the state of Arizona, who has served as an expert witness for governmental agencies, as well as private attorneys in both civil and criminal litigation.**

**Paul's presentation will cover Active Shooting situations and suspicious activity issues.**

**A question & answer session will follow his presentation.**

**Thursday, March 3, 2022  
12pm  
at BSTC & on Zoom**



Our updated and simplified building alarm system has been working very well. If you are not clear on the arming and disarming procedures please ask me to go over the procedures with you as soon as possible and read the instructions posted inside the foyer by the main entrance door. This is especially important, if you are new to the security process or a new Board of Directors member. For clarification, only members who have a need to regularly enter or close the building will be issued a key fob.

We have lots of new members who have joined BSTC in the past several months. If you have not yet received a member name tag please let our office manager, Stacy Laetsch, or Membership Chairman, Mike Finkelstein, know and they will ensure you get a name tag quickly. Please **wear your name-tag** whenever you are at BSTC for services or events. Thank you!

Entering or departing BSTC should always be done through the **front entry double door in the foyer**. Side entry doors are only for emergency exit or our facility workers use. We have had several recent incidents due to members exiting through the side door near the Bema and not securing the door latch firmly, resulting in the building alarm going off.

Sincerely,  
Your BSTC Security Team

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## SISTERHOOD

The Sisterhood held a one-of-a-kind jewelry event on February 15th featuring BSTC's Esther Brill and guest, Steve Szmutnik. We learned about harvesting pearls and a healing stone called Shungite. Over a dozen people attended this event, enjoying raffles, the opportunity to purchase unique conversation pieces, pastries and beverages. It was a delightful day of fellowship and friendship.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, March 8th at 10 a.m. at BSTC. We will be planning for special events, fundraising, and future endeavors that offer the opportunity to become better acquainted in safety!

YUM! We are filling and **baking haman-tashen** dough on Wednesday, **March 9th** at 10 a.m. Email Ruthann if you want to participate!



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## SOCIAL ACTION

The most recent meeting was Wednesday, February 9th at 3 p.m. because Gary was out of the area for the normal date of the last Wednesday of the month. Four months ago we began conducting our meetings in-person at BSTC. **The March 2022 Social Action Committee meeting will be on Wednesday, March 30th at 3 p.m. in-person at BSTC.**

Social Action committee members and others gathered on Saturday, February 12th from 10-11 a.m. on the corner of the intersection of La Canada and Esperanza in Green Valley, Arizona in support of the Annual Rally to End Violence Against Women and Girls raising awareness for women, girls and transgender females safety. The event was sponsored by the American Association of University Women (AAUW) - Green Valley.

### Continuing Projects:

- ◆ Providing motivational quotes for YOTO students is back on our usual schedule of 100 cards for their students at the end of each month. During Mitzvah Day, Larry Gravitz led a project that saw hundreds of cards completed giving us a stockpile for several months. Another 100 were donated to the Tucson YOTO office on February 17th.
- ◆ Collection of non-perishable food items during February brought 22.4 pounds of food. **Our two drop-off food donation collections in March will be on Tuesday, March 8th and Wednesday, March 23rd from 8-11 a.m. in the BSTC parking lot. PLEASE come by and make a donation of food and/or money. THANKS!** With increased access to the building again, members attending services, meetings and other events at BSTC are encouraged to drop off food donations directly in the lobby bin as well.
- ◆ This year, Larry Gravitz has accepted the position of co-chair for the BSTC Social Action Committee. He is working very hard to increase our committee's knowledge and awareness of hate crimes.
- ◆ Bev Lake continues to keep our committee in touch with the struggles of immigrants in Arizona and nationwide.

- ♦ Martha Fine and Marcia Wiener continue to provide leadership and direction to the Green Valley Council Foundation's Good Deeds Advisory Committee as it prepares for a very busy year expanding the focus of Good Deeds in Green Valley.
- ♦ This year we are expanding our Mitzvah Good Deeds to include community effort to better support our participation in the February 17th *National Random Acts of Kindness Day*, the April 18th *National Good Deeds Day*, the September 28th *National Good Neighbor Day*, and of course, not to forget, our original *Mitzvah: Good Deeds Done Together Day* on November 4th, 2022!

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## TORAH STUDY

Torah Portions are included for members in the table below and on the Active Calendar on the BSTC website. Torah Study is meeting via Zoom virtual platform. All are welcome. Invitations are emailed weekly.

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## TRIBUTES

**Tribute update:** Please send any personal notes,

cards, and/or messages directly to the recipient. Our Tribute cards do not have enough space to include those. (A sampling of our custom Tribute cards is displayed on-line: <https://bstc.us/tribute-cards>.) See page 3 of any Shofar for instructions for how to make a Tribute donation to BSTC. Thank you to all who contribute and participate!

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## WEBSITE

**Please email Stacy at [bstcgv@gmail.com](mailto:bstcgv@gmail.com), or call 520-648-6690, if you have any problems or suggestions.**



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MONTHLY TORAH PORTIONS				
Portion (Parashat)	Date	Hebrew Date	Torah	Haftarah
<b>P'kudei</b> (The Records of the Tabernacle)	Mar 5, 2022	2 Adar II 5782	Exodus 38:21-40:38	I Kings 7:40-50
<b>Vayikra</b> (God called Out)	Mar 12, 2022	9 Adar II 5782	Leviticus 1:1-5:26	Esther 7:1-10; 8:15-17
<b>Tzav</b> (Command Aaron & His Sons)	Mar 19, 2022	16 Adar II 5782	Leviticus 6:1-8:36	Jeremiah 7:21-8:3; 9:22-23
<b>Sh'mini</b> (the Eighth Day)	Mar 26, 2022	23 Adar II 5782	Leviticus 9:1-11:47	Ezekiel 36:22-36



Happy Birthday to:	
Janet Kenigsberg	1-Mar
Dina Rosengarten	5-Mar
Kay Sobol	5-Mar
Rosalind Cooper	6-Mar
Gloria Clancy	10-Mar
Gary Melton	12-Mar
Debbie Segal	13-Mar
Roberta Kelly	15-Mar
James Kelly	15-Mar
Ann-Marie Schaffer	23-Mar
Jack Vishner	29-Mar
Sandy Drucker	30-Mar
Jo Legat	30-Mar
Arnie Krohn	31-Mar



Happy Anniversary to:	
Simie & David Bayless	10-Mar
David & Wendee Levy	23-Mar

COMMITTEE	CHAIR/CO-CHAIR
Aesthetics	Tobey Gitelle
Art Gallery	Marcia Wiener
Book of Remembrance	Suenette Maron
Brotherhood	Merle Sobol
BSTC Shopper	
Calendar & Reservations	BSTC office
Caring-Mishpochah	Jo Legat
e-Scrip	Joyce Finkelstein
e-Blast	Jane Gold
Facilities	Arnold Krohn
Facebook	Jo Legat
Facebook (co-chair)	Jane Gold
Finance	Tobey Gitelle
Historian	Gail Sommers
Historian (co-chair)	Gloria Clancy
Hospitality: Bagel	Ricki Letowt
Hospitality: Oneg	Maridell Nochumson
Jim Click Raffle	Steve Abrahams
Jim Click Raffle (co-chair)	Ed Gold
Library	Linda Stein
Library (co-chair)	Charlotte Brody
Memorial Board/Yahrzeits	Joyce Finkelstein
Membership	Mike Finkelstein
Mishaberach	Jo Legat
President	Gloria Clancy
Programs	Mike Finkelstein
Public Relations	Mike Finkelstein
Rabbi	Norman Roman
Ritual	Ruthann Shapiro
Ritual (co-chair)	Jo Legat
Ritual (co-chair)	Marlys Fiterman
Security	Gary Melton
Shofar	BSTC Office
Sisterhood	Sue Cohen
Social Action	Gary Melton
Social Action (co-chair)	Larry Gravitz
Tributes	Amy Storer
Website	BSTC Office