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MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

A Year After October 7: Reflections from a Solidarity Mission to Israel

It has been just over a year since I visited Israel on a solidarity mission following the tragic events of October 7, 2023. That day marked one of the darkest chapters in Israel's modern history, as Hamas launched a brutal and unprovoked attack that shook the country to its core. Yet amid the grief and loss, what stood out most during my visit was the remarkable resilience of the Israeli people—both those on the home front and those fighting on the battlefield.

The moment our group landed at Ben Gurion Airport, we were met with a powerful and heartbreaking visual: a photo display of every hostage taken by Hamas. The walls, covered with hundreds of faces, served as a stark reminder of the cost of terror—and of the lives suspended in uncertainty. It set the tone for what would be an emotional and deeply moving journey.



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MESSAGE FROM RABBI NORM

Dear Friends,

August 1st this year will be only 2 days before the observance of Tisha B'Av (9th of the Hebrew month of Av) - the national day of historical mourning - and less than 2 months before Rosh HaShana. As of the middle of August, then, we will be deep into the planning for our High Holy Day season, ushering in the new year and the "I.J.S.", i.e. the Intensive Jewish Season.

As is our custom at Beth Shalom Temple Center, anyone who wishes to volunteer during our Services to read a part/prayer, or have an 'Aliyah honor, or read Torah, or even just assist with opening or closing the Ark at special moments - please contact me and/or Chair of the Ritual Committee, Marlys Fiterman. Upon the recommendation of the Ritual Committee, we will NOT be hosting our own 2nd Day Rosh HaShana service this year. However, should you wish to attend worship on that day, I will be glad to arrange for complimentary "tickets" to be available at Tucson community Congregations, who will welcome your participation. We will also endeavor to arrange carpools.

Finally, I am personally excited to introduce our Cantorial Soloist for Rosh HaShana and Yom Kippur, Ms. Tiffany Steyer Green. Tiffany served as my Soloist at Temple Kol Ami in Michigan for many years, until suffering an acute neurological attack in November of 2015. She has fought to regain her health, gait, speech, and motor skills - but thankfully, she never lost her magnificent, angelic singing voice. She now is strong enough to travel and has agreed to join me

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The GREEN VALLEY SHOFAR

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PAYMENTS MADE TO BSTC

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

MAIL TO THE TEMPLE

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

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

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

TEMPLE USAGE SCHEDULING

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

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

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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 Joyce & Mike Finkelstein: **in sympathy to:** Norm Gosman on the passing of his wife, Ruth.
- ♦ From Ed & Esther Brill: **happy birthday to:** Marcia Wiener
- ♦ From Ed & Esther Brill: **in sympathy to:** Norm Gosman on the passing of his wife, Ruth.

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
Ruthann Shapiro	For her Mother	Rosella Herman
Ingeborg McDonald	For her Friend	Donald Weisbaum
Carolyn Weintraub	For her Daughter	Joanne Ruth Stickle
Carolyn Weintraub	For her Husband	Vernon Hunter Stickle
Carolyn Weintraub		Helen & Harold Forster
Ruthann Shapiro	For her Father	Norman Herman
Serene Rein	For her Mother	Frances M Leavitt
Esther Levine Brill	For her Father	Saul Levine
Barbara Kowalski	For her Husband	Joseph Kowalski
Sid Shapiro	For his Father	Harry Shapiro
Esther & Ed Brill	For their Brother-in-law	Bernie Pincus



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
FRI	8/1/25	7pm	Friday Night Shabbat Service (led by Steve Maron)
SAT	8/2/25	10am	Torah Study on Zoom ONLY
WED	8/6/25	10am	BSTC Book Club
SAT	8/9/25	10am	Torah Study on Zoom ONLY
SUN	8/10/25	10am	Bagel Breakfast <i>sponsor: Jill Fabian</i>
TUE	8/12/25	10am	Sisterhood Meeting
WED	8/13/25	9am	Men's Club Meeting @El Patio
FRI	8/15/25	9:30am	Program Committee Meeting on Zoom
SAT	8/16/25	10am	Torah Study on Zoom ONLY
SAT	8/23/25	10am	Torah Study on Zoom ONLY
MON	8/25/25	10am	BSTC Board Meeting
WED	8/27/25	2pm	Uniting the Community Through Music planning meeting
FRI	8/29/25	7pm	Friday Night Shabbat Service
SAT	8/30/25	10am	Torah Study on Zoom ONLY
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>

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

Vice President's Message (continued)

Before October 7, Israel was grappling with intense internal division, from political strife to public protests. But in the wake of the attack, the nation united around a shared purpose: to defend itself and to support one another. It was a striking transformation.



Even my 69-year-old classmates answered the call to serve, putting aside personal differences to stand with the people's army in a collective show of strength and resolve.

Our mission, organized by Jewish Philanthropies of Southern Arizona's Weintraub Israel Center, (JPSA), took us across the country. We met with survivors who had lost everything—homes, loved ones, peace of mind. Many were living temporarily in hotels, still grappling with the trauma. They welcomed us with open arms, and in return, we offered listening ears, warm embraces, and our heartfelt support. The stories they shared will never leave us.

One of the most haunting chapters of the tragedy was the massacre at the Nova Music Festival. During our trip, we heard firsthand accounts from survivors who had managed to escape. Despite their visible PTSD, they bravely shared their experiences—each story a testament to the enduring human spirit in the face of unimaginable horror.

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Yet, even amid such sorrow, there were rays of hope, small but powerful reminders of a future worth believing in. One such moment was captured in a mural we saw: a depiction of Srulik, the Israeli cartoon character symbolizing the youthful Sabra spirit, walking hand-in-hand with Handala, the Palestinian child who has long symbolized resistance and longing for justice.



Srulik, created by the Israeli cartoonist Dosh in 1951, represents pride, optimism, and resilience. Handala, the creation of Palestinian cartoonist Naji al-Ali, is drawn with his back to the viewer, a symbol of the world's abandonment of the Palestinian cause. To see them together in a mural—sharing space, even appearing as friends—was deeply moving. It was a piece of wishful thinking, yes, but also a hopeful vision of what peace might one day look like.

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Our mission to Israel reminded us of the fragility of life, the importance of unity, and the power of human connection. While the scars of October 7 remain fresh, the spirit of the Israeli people endures—and inspires.

As I reflect on that trip a year later, I carry with me the faces of the hostages, the strength of the survivors, and the quiet dream found in that mural. In a land too often defined by conflict, we saw something else: a deep yearning for healing, for peace, and for a future where Srulik and Handala might truly walk side by side.

Story and photo credits: Josh Migdal, BSTC Vice President



Rabbi's Message (continued)

on the Bimah once again! I know that you will not only welcome her to Green Valley, but that you will be inspired by her spirit and soul.

Lynne and I send our warm regards from the North Atlantic.

Shalom,

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.

- ◆ **New member:** Martin Gabel
Green Valley AZ 85622
- ◆ **New address:** Linda Stein
La Posada La Vista

BOARD NOTES

The monthly Board meeting is normally held on the fourth Monday of each month. There was no Board Meeting in July. **The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 25th at 10am.**

RESTRICTED (DESIGNATED) ACCOUNTS

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

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

- ◆ **Rabbi Discretionary Fund:** This will be a standard Discretionary fund to allow the Rabbi to donate as he sees appropriate.
- ◆ **Gratitude Fund:** This fund was set up in 2024, before Pesach. The price for the Seder dinner was considerably higher than it had been pre-COVID, when we had the Seder in-house, and a member of BSTC donated his time. All we had to pay for was the food. We were concerned that some of our members could not afford the higher price. Some members said “we are grateful that we can afford to allow any of our members to attend ritual events.” This fund allows us to subsidize some or all the cost of rituals for our less fortunate members.
- ◆ **Garden Fund:** BSTC does have a budget for *property maintenance*. However, we may want to do something extra (special) for the garden, and this fund is for this.
- ◆ **Bikur Cholim (Caring Meals) Fund:** Recently, we have had many people whose spouse/partner has passed away. We want to help them through this grieving time by bringing them meals. We have expanded this to include people

coming home from the hospital, or other such serious events. A group of us have decided that personally making meals available to help them through this trying time is a meaningful mission. We are thinking to have prepared meals available or give them certificates for Door Dash or the like. We will make food and store it in the BSTC freezer, all marked to indicate whether the meal is low-salt, gluten-free, vegetarian, etc. **We will need money to buy the food, containers, and volunteers to help us cook.**

- ◆ **Art Gallery Fund:** This one is obvious. While the Gallery Committee has a budget for expected costs (hanging devices, receptions, honorariums for speakers), the committee chairs can use this fund to enhance the gallery at their discretion.
- ◆ **Membership Fund:** This account is set up to support the recruitment of new members to our Temple, through various means of communication outside the temple. It would include, but not be restricted to, on-line, newspapers, radio, and TV informational posts; and meet-and-greet with the Community off site, as well as at the Temple.

TEMPLE TIDINGS

MEMBER PASSING

BSTC learned that long-time (former) member, Ruth Gosman, passed away on July 7th. There was a celebration of her life at the Jewish section of the Green Valley Cemetery on July 10th at 10:30 a.m. May her memory be a blessing.



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EATING JEWISH—RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Israeli Salad (serves 4)

Ingredients:

- 2 cups diced cucumber
 - 2 cups diced tomatoes
 - 1/4 cup finely chopped red onion
 - 1/4 cup chopped parsley
 - 3 Tbsp extra-virgin olive oil
 - Juice of 1 lemon (about 2 Tbsp)
 - Salt and pepper to taste
- (optional additions: feta, bell pepper, chick peas)

Instructions:

1. Chop all vegetables into a uniform dice.
2. Toss cucumbers, tomatoes, onion and parsley in a medium bowl.
3. Drizzle olive oil and lemon juice over salad.
4. Season with salt and pepper, then toss gently to combine.
5. Serve immediately or let it chill for up to 2 days.

Great with mezze, grilled dishes, or on its own!

COMMITTEE NEWS

ART GALLERY

“The Way I See It” by BSTC member, Dawna Wheeler is our current exhibit in the Gallery. The

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show will remain on display until October 2025.

Please take some time to view her artwork, and please sign the guest book!

Marcia E. Wiener & Bev Lake

BIKUR CHOLIM—CARING MEALS PROGRAM

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

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

While we have begun to build a supply (see photo below) of food prepared (by our members) to bring,



we need people to deliver these meals, help to prepare more, and make sure that those being visited are doing alright.

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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

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

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

Please contact Amy Storer and/or Ricki Letowt with questions or for more info.

BOOK CLUB

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

2025 Reading List:

- ◆ Aug 4th—***The Day The World Came to Town***
by Jim Defede
Following the 9/11 crisis, all airplanes were grounded/diverted to a small town in Canada.
- ◆ Sept 3rd—***Nothing Like It in the World***
by Stephen Ambrose
The story of the building of the First Continental Railroad.
- ◆ Oct 8th—***The Hemminges of Montecello***
by A Gordon Reed
- ◆ Nov 5th—***The History of Bees*** by Maja Lunde
- ◆ Dec 3rd—***The Women*** by Kristin Hannah

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 the following page and send your free-will donation in by **September 19, 2025.** You may also send your list directly to Suenette Maron and just note that it's the same as

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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.

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

GRANTS

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

If you’re interested in chairing or joining the committee, or would like more information, contact the temple office or Esther Levine Brill, Beth Shalom Temple Center’s Board President, at (917 805-6710) or BSTCpres2024@gmail.com.

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.

We will meet next on Monday, July 7th and July 21st at 1:00 PM. For location information, please contact me.

Bunny Tarquinio, Grief Support Specialist

HISTORIAN

Gail Sommers is working on updating the archives.

HOSPITALITY

Bagel Breakfasts are usually on the first Sunday of each month at 10am. August’s event is being held the SECOND Sunday due to the Tisha B’Av holiday, and is being sponsored by Jill Fabian.

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

Welcome new member, Martin Gabel!

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

As of our May meeting our Men's Club leadership changes are noted below:

President – Gary Melton (new)

Vice President – Stuart Lisk (new)

Secretary – Harry Segal (no change)

Treasurer – Mike Finkelstein (no change)

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, August 13th at El Patio Restaurant at 9:00 am.

Gary Melton, Men's Club President

PROGRAMS

FUNDRAISING

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

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 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

Program News:

- ◆ Rehearsals continue for a late 2025 program 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.
- ◆ **SAVE THE DATE for a Jewish Winter Sing-a-long** with Laurie Sherman and John Evans on December 25th will include Christmas and winter songs, all written by Jews, with a brief narration on the songwriters, plus a Chinese food dinner.

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

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.

REWARD PROGRAMS

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

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

FRY'S COMMUNITY REWARD PROGRAM

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SAVE THE DATE!

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
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FEATURING



Amber Norgaard

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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.

Summer & Early HHD Service Schedule:

- ◆ **Friday, August 1st—7pm**
Friday Night Shabbat Service (lay led)
- ◆ **Friday, August 29th—7pm**
Friday Night Shabbat Service
- ◆ **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
- ◆ **Wednesday, September 24th—TBD**
Please share with the Rabbi and/or Ritual Chair if you have any opinion with regards to a second day service being held at BSTC.

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.

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There are several complicating issues, not the least of which are HIPAA privacy laws, and managing the length of any list that might be read out-loud.

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

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

SECURITY

"If you see something, say something!"

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

BSTC Security

SISTERHOOD

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

The semi-annual **Mahjong Tournament** was held **Tuesday, July 15th** to benefit Genesis House via the BSTC Sisterhood. Luncheon was served, games were played, and baskets of goodies were raffled at this once again successful event.

SOCIAL ACTION

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

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

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

And, The Green Valley and Sahuarita Food banks always need help. During the summer months donations decline, however the need is always there. Here is the current list of the most needed items:

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

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

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

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

- ◆ **Wednesday, July 2nd**
- ◆ **Wednesday, July 9th**
- ◆ **Wednesday, August 20th**
- ◆ **Wednesday, August 27th**

And, mark your calendars! Mitzvah Day is Friday, November 7, 2025. The Social Action Committee will be working together with the Santa Cruz Valley United Methodist Church on 2 upcoming projects:

- ◆ A pet food collection for Sister Jose Women's Shelter
- ◆ Folding pajamas for The Angel Heart Pajama Project.

I will send out an e-blast when the details for those projects are complete.

The Social Action Committee meets the 3rd Thursday of every month from 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. at the temple. Consider dropping by and joining us.

Keep calm and summer on.

Connie Greenwald

BSTC Social Action Committee Chair

TORAH STUDY

Torah Portions are included for members in the table below. Torah Study meets only via Zoom every
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MONTHLY TORAH PORTIONS			
Portion (Parashat)	Date	Torah	Haftarah
DEVARIM	Aug 1-2, 2025	Deuteronomy 1:1-3:22	Isaiah 1:1-27
VA-ETCHANAN	Aug 8-9, 2025	Deuteronomy 3:23-7:11	Isaiah 40:1-26
'EIKEV	Aug 15-16, 2025	Deuteronomy 7:12-11:25	Isaiah 49:14-51:3
RE-EH	Aug 22-23, 2025	Deuteronomy 11:26-16-17	Isaiah 54:11-55:5
SHOFTIM	Aug 29-30, 2025	Deuteronomy 16:18-21:9	Isaiah 51:12-52:12

Saturday morning. All are welcome. The link has been emailed and does not change. Contact the office if you need it.

WEBSITE—bstc.us

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

Please email bstcgv@gmail.com or call the office at 520-648-6690 if you have questions or comments.



Jane & Ed Gold	7-Aug
Barbara & Andrew Katz	10-Aug
Becky Charboneau & Kent Blumenthal	13-Aug
Lynn & Don Janklow	16-Aug
Suenette & Steve Maron	20-Aug
Bunny & George Tarquinio	21-Aug
Barbara Brotman & Chuck Berman	28-Aug

Donna Wyte	2-Aug
Gail Abend	3-Aug
Robert Lipson	6-Aug
Jane Gold	8-Aug
Beverly Lake	9-Aug
Emanuel Shaham	12-Aug
Marlys Fiterman	13-Aug
Lynne Roman	13-Aug
Mort Naiman	14-Aug
Ann Cohn	18-Aug
William Katz	19-Aug
Dan Galitz	22-Aug
John Unger	22-Aug
Bobbie Vishner	25-Aug
Caroline Weintraub	29-Aug
Don Janklow	31-Aug

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