Beth Shalom Temple Center



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President's Message

This is the time of year when we remember the Maccabees who rededicated the Temple in ancient times. That dedication ushered in the celebration of the holiday we are now observing Chanukah. As part of our observance this year we are rededicating our Temple, Beth Shalom Temple Center.

I hope in their rededication the Maccabees remembered to thank those people who were the hands of G-d in achieving their goal. I in turn want to thank all those who helped bring us to this point.

Let's also thank G-d for the miracle that is bringing us together now and pray that we never again need rededicate our Temple under similar circumstances.

Ruthann



Message from Rabbi Norm Roman

Looking forward to seeing you all at "Shabbanukah" (Shabbat Services) following the Chanukah party on December 3rd!

Rabbi Norm Roman

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

MEMBER NEWS & DIRECTORY UPDATES

Directory Updates:

The 2021 Membership Directory is updated and posted on the Members Only page of the website whenever new information is received.

♦ Updated email address: David Levy

◆ Updated email address: Don Berk

TEMPLE TIDINGS

BOARD NOTES

The BSTC Board met via Zoom for the November meetings. Minutes are posted for members on the website and the bulletin board at the back of the sanctuary.

Who to Call?

Special newly designed cards have been going to new members, as well as those who have been ill and/or are recovering.

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 or email Jo.

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

GREEN VALLEY SHOFAR

The Official Newsletter of Beth Shalom Temple Center

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At Large	Merle Sobol

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Editor: Jane Gold

This is the December issue of the Shofar. The Shofar are now being published electronically only. Go to: bstc.us to view and print archived volumes.

NEWSLETTER SUPPORT STAFF: Mike Finkelstein, Stacy Laetsch

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 <u>please include the name of the person you wish to contact on the front of the envelope.</u>

- 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 a closed facility. Contact the BSTC office at (520) 648-6690 or bstcgv@gmail.com 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 20th 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. **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 Harriet & Jerry Belenker: *In honor of* Rabbi Norm and Lynne Roman's wedding anniversary
- From the Gansky family: In honor of Marcia Wiener

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
Steve Maron	His Mother	Lee Maron
Serene Rein	Her Father	Benjamin Leavitt
Gail Norton	Her Mother	Doris Sable



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Schedule of Services, Meetings & Events				
Day	Date	Time	Event	
FRI	12/3/21	4 pm	Chanukah Party followed by Shabbat Services	
SAT	12/4/21	10 am	Torah Study	
SUN	12/5/21	9:30 am	NEW MEMBER BAGEL BREAKFAST	
THU	12/9/21	10 am	Brotherhood Shooting, Schmoozing & Fressing	
SAT	12/11/21	10 am	Saturday Shabbat Service	
MON	12/13/21	10 am	Parashat HaShavua on Zoom	
TUE	12/14/21	10 am	Sisterhood Meeting	
WED	12/15/21	6 pm	Brotherhood Hockey Social	
FRI	12/17/21	5 pm	Shabbat Service	
SAT	12/18/21	10 am	Torah Study on Zoom	
WED	12/22/21	9:30 am	Sisterhood Tubac Outing	
SAT	12/26/21	10 am	Torah Study on Zoom	
MON	12/27/21	10 am	BSTC Board Meeting	
WED	12/29/21	3 pm	Social Action Meeting	
SAT	1/1/22	10 am	Torah Study on Zoom	
SUN	1/2/22	10 am	Bagel Breakfast with Artist's Reception to follow	

BSTC also continues to Live Stream Services on YouTube.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ART GALLERY

The Art Gallery Committee is happy to announce a new exhibit: *Cri de Coeur:* A Cry from the Heart. The Guest Artist is a Tucson watercolorist. Nancy Charak will display her work, available for sale, in the BSTC Gallery beginning Wednesday, November 24, 2021 through January 19, 2022. There will be an Artist's Reception following the January Bagel Breakfast.

BROTHERHOOD

The Brotherhood Ancestral Homelands Trip has been postponed until 2022.

The Target Shooting Club is meeting monthly on Thursday mornings. The next event is December 9th. The group meets in the BSTC parking lot and carpools to the shooting range in Tucson, then have lunch together afterwards. Pistol rentals are available at the range but members must supply their own ammunition. All BSTC members are welcome to participate in this club. Contact Merle to RSVP or for more information.

Upcoming Brotherhood Events:

The Brotherhood will make latkes and, in cooperation with the Sisterhood, host the BSTC annual Chanukah Party on Friday, December 3rd beginning at 4 p.m. A Shabbat service will follow dinner.

Harry Segal has planned a hockey social evening on December 15th, to include dinner and a professional hockey game. Harry will be sharing details about the rules of the game with those interested.

A group billiards game is planned for February 9, 2022 from 4-6 p.m. with dinner to follow at the Quail Creek Grill. Open to the first 16 respondents. Contact Lenny to RSVP.

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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), 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
- 2. Register your Fry's VIP Card online
- 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.

HOSPITALITY

Bagel Breakfasts have resumed every first Sunday of the month, beginning December 5th with the special event to welcome new members who have joined BSTC within the past couple of years. The New Member event was RSVP only and is FULL. Michael G will be playing piano from 9:30 to 10.

PROOF & BAKE CHALLAHS 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. These must be pre-ordered by contacting Ruthann or the office.

JIM CLICK RAFFLE

Remember to bring cash or your checkbook to the Bagel Breakfast on Sunday, December 5th! The 2021 Jim Click Raffle drawing is the following week. The three great prizes this year are: a new 2021 Ford Bronco Sport, two first class roundtrip tickets

anywhere in the world, or \$5,000 in cash. Tickets are still for sale at \$25 each or five for \$100. One hundred percent (100%) of your ticket purchase goes directly to BSTC. Please contact Steve Abrahams or Ed Gold or call the BSTC office for information. If you live in Quail Creek, Ed is willing to deliver tickets to your home! BSTC has already raised \$1500 so far from this year's raffle!

LIBRARY

The BSTC Library has recently received numerous donations of books and, while the generosity is greatly appreciated, Linda cannot accept any more at this time.

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.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

We have the following new members, who joined BSTC in the last month: Shelley Ware and Leslie & Dennis Fellner. (See the Directory Updates section of the November 2021 Shofar for contact details.)

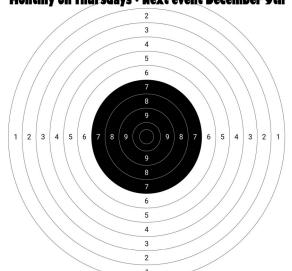
WOW! BSTC gained almost 50 members during Covid! The WELCOME NEW MEMBER BAGEL BREAKFAST is on December 5th. We will celebrate and honor them in a responsible manner. RSVP and vaccinations are required for this event.

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

Join the BSTC Brotherhood Shooting Club Monthly on Thursdays • Next event December 9th



SHOOTING · SCHMOOZING · FRESSING

Meet in the BSTC parking lot at 10 a.m. Thursday, December 9th to carpool to the Marksman Indoor Pistol Range in Tucson. Pistol rentals are available.

After shooting we will go out to lunch.

Please RSVP to Merle 520-300-6770 or merle8729@gmail.com.

Join the BSTC Brotherhood for an AHL, Ice Hockey Social



Tucson Roadrunners vs Handerson Silver Knights at the Tucson Convention Center Arena

December 15, 2021 · 6:30 PM

Tickets \$22

Reservations: contact Harry Segal 301-502-1283 or segal barry@yahoo.com
Please write your check to: BSTC Brotherhood
Mail to: BSTC • PO Box 884 • Green Valley, AZ 85622

BSTC Brotherhood Billiards Social



The BSTC Brotherhood & Sisterhood Invite BSTC Members to Celebrate Chanukah and the reopening of Beth Shalom Temple Center!

Friday, December 3, 2021 at 4 P.M.



Latkes • Tuna Salad • Egg Salad • Fruit Salad • Sufganiyot *Must show proof of vaccination • Masks optional* <u>RSVP required</u> 520-648-6690 by December 1st.



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. BSTC recently received the first rebate check (for \$101) from these sales.

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.

Member Photos

BSTC welcomes 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.

PROGRAMS

BSTC will proudly host the movie *Tiger Within* for the TUCSON JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL in early 2022! Watch for the date and more information to come.

DELISH!!

Judy and Randy Gehman are making challah dough on a monthly basis so that our members may always have fresh challah for their tables. Randy makes the dough, proofs, braids, and egg washes, then flash freezes the loaves. They are sold as a "proof and bake" challah. One pound loaves are \$7 each and must be pre-ordered. Email Ruthann if you are interested.

WITH RABBI NORM

Rabbi Norm held a class on *Ethical Wills in the Jewish Tradition* Wednesday, November 3rd. The program was on Zoom and can be reviewed on the BSTC youtube channel.

Weekend Shabbaton Reservations are almost all taken. A trip to the Sonoran Desert Inn in Ajo, AZ on January 21-23, 2022 is planned. Please contact Ricki or Rabbi Norm for more details.

ON YOU TUBE

As a reminder, most of the services, classes, presentations and studies from late April 2020 through now are on-line on BSTC's YouTube channel. They can be found by clicking the "Please click HERE for the videos" link on the home page of our website. They are normally posted within 24 hours of the event.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

BSTC In the News:

BSTC member, Joyce Palm, was featured in the Green Valley News describing her talent with turning gourds into dolls. Joyce has donated her beautiful dolls as fundraising items for the Sisterhood's mahjong tournaments several times, and has displayed them in the BSTC art gallery as well.

RITUAL

BSTC was founded to meet the social, emotional, and spiritual needs of its members. Now that we are fully open again I invite each of you to join us in person as we celebrate Shabbat and our various holidays. Except as noted on the BSTC calendar Shabbat services are held the first and third Friday of the month and the second Saturday. During the winter we begin our Friday service at 5:00pm. Saturday is always 10:00am. Days and times of holiday services will be e-blasted as they are scheduled.

As food has always been an important part in our celebrations we will bring back our wonderful Onegs as soon as sufficient numbers return to the Temple for services. Currently we are serving wine and challah.

Ruthann

SECURITY

BSTC in-person activities and programs increase in the next several months. Everyone needs to be more conscious of safety and security. Please make sure that indoor events are registered properly with Stacy to avoid any double-booking surprises.

Our updated and simplified building alarm system has been working very well. If you are not clear on arming/disarming procedures please ask Gary Melton and/or read the instructions posted inside the main entrance doors. This is especially important if you are new to the security process.

Everyone, unless you just joined in the last couple of weeks, should have a member nametags. Please wear yours whenever attending services or events at BSTC. If you are a new member, Mike Finkelstein will order your BSTC name tags quickly and get them to you. If you are a current member and have lost your name tag, please let Stacy know immediately so a new one can be ordered for you.

There are forms in the BSTC foyer to report suspicious sightings or incidents, and you can call or email me if you have any concerns, questions, or suggestion regarding our security.

Gary Melton

BSTC Security

SISTERHOOD

Sue Cohen shares deep gratitude on behalf of the BSTC Sisterhood for the generous donations to their goods and supplies collection that was held at BSTC on Tuesday, November 16th for Dazees, helping displaced women and children. These unfortunate victims of abuse are given shelter in the Genesis House and receive counseling for jobs and guidance for moving forward with their lives. In the true spirit of

giving and caring, the BSTC community has made it possible to provide some relief and comfort.

The donations (see photos) include:

- assorted cosmetic creams/skin care products
- ♦ 45 rolls of toilet paper
- ♦ 18 large packages of paper towels
- ♦ 12 large boxes of Kleenex
- 30 bags of sanitary napkins
- ♦ 270 diapers
- ♦ 3 large parcels of napkins
- ♦ 3 dresses
- 3 pairs of pants
- ♦ 3 pairs of shoes
- ♦ 29 woolen and silk shawls and scarves
- 1 travel bag or infant supply carrier
- ♦ 4 music CDs
- 2 children's books
- 18 pieces of costume jewelry
- 2 large bottles of mouthwash
- ♦ 19 packages of hand wipes
- 150 assorted travel size toiletry items
- ♦ 5 bottles of baby bath
- ♦ 5 deodorants
- 9 hand sanitizers
- ♦ 14 large bottles of shampoo
- ◆ 10 bars of bath soap
- ♦ 32 large tubes of toothpaste
- ♦ 12 toothbrushes
- ♦ 10 body lotions
- ♦ \$450 CASH

At this time, when families are gathering to celebrate Thanksgiving in relative safety and abundance, your kindness to these less fortunate souls will reassure them they are not forgotten.

Thank you for responding to this urgent situation with such kindness!!





SOCIAL ACTION

Our last meeting was November 24th at 3 p.m. and the next is Wednesday, December 29th. Meetings are being held in person at BSTC again.

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 over 600 cards completed giving us a stockpile for the next several months.
- ◆ Collection of non-perishable food items during November also brought in some pajamas for the Angel Heart Pajama Project. Totals were not available at the time of publication. December food collection dates will be on Tuesday, December 14th and Wednesday, December 29th from 8-11 a.m. in the BSTC parking lot. Also, with increased access to the building again, members attending services and other events at BSTC are encouraged to drop off food donations directly in the lobby bin as well.

Other Social Action Activities:

The Green Valley Council Mitzvah and other Good Deeds Day was Friday, November 5th with 4 projects hosted at BSTC. See photos. All the volunteers were welcomed to a lunch catered by La Posada at the St Francis Episcopal Church in the Valley, and were given a free raffle ticket for participating in this event. It was members of our Jewish community that started the Mitzvah Good Deeds Day program in 2014. Thank you to all the BSTC members who showed ownership and leadership by participating in this great day of good deeds!

TORAH STUDY

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









MONTHLY TORAH PORTIONS Portion (Parashat) Date **Hebrew Date** Haftarah **Torah** Mikeitz Dec 4, 2021 30 Kislev 5782 Genesis 44:1-44:17 Zechariah 4:1-7 (After [Two Years]) Vayigash Dec 11, 2021 | 7 Tevet 5782 Genesis 44:18-47:27 Ezekiel 37:15-28 (And [Judah] Approached) [Joseph]) Va-y'chi Dec 18, 2021 | 14 Tevet 5782 Genesis 47:28-50:26 Kings 2:1-12 ([Jacob] Lived) Sh'mot Isaiah 27:6-28:13; Dec 25, 2021 21 Tevet 5782 Exodus 1:1-6:1 (Names) 29:22-23



Happy Birthday to:	
Dusty Friedman	3-Dec
Kay Grask	4-Dec
Sherry Hoffman-Blum	7-Dec
Roberta Rabin	8-Dec
Harriet Belenker	10-Dec
Cristela Hager	12-Dec
Barbie Anastos	14-Dec
Martin Cohen	15-Dec
Leslie Fellner	20-Dec
Michael Tannenbaum	20-Dec
Ed Gold	23-Dec
Tom Clancy	26-Dec
Stuart Tobin	26-Dec
Wendee Wallach-Levy	29-Dec
Lisa Israel	31-Dec



Happy Anniversary to:	
Gary & Vanich Melton	8-Dec
Leslie & Dennis Fellner	21-Dec
Judy & Randy Gehman	23-Dec
Howard & Anita Cohne	24-Dec
Laurie Sherman & John Evans	28-Dec

COMMITTEE	CHAIR/CO-CHAIR
Aesthetics	Tobey Gitelle
Art Gallery	Marcia Wiener
Art Gallery (co-chair)	Bev Lake
Book of Remembrance	Suenette Maron
Brotherhood	Lenny Friedman
BSTC Shoppers	Agi Klieger
Calendar & Reservations	BSTC office
Caring-Mishpochah	Jo Legat
e-Scrip	Joyce Finkelstein
Event-Updates	Jane Gold
Facilities	Arnold Krohn
Facebook	Jo Legat
Finance	Tobey Gitelle
Historian	Gloria Clancy
Hospitality: Bagel Breakfast	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	Ruthann Shapiro
Programs	Mike Finkelstein
Programs (co-chair)	Les Bakke
Public Relations	Mike Finkelstein
Rabbi	Norman Roman
Ritual	Ruthann Shapiro
Ritual (co-chair)	Jo Legat
Security	Gary Melton
Shofar	Jane Gold
Sisterhood	Sue Cohen
Social Action	Gary Melton
Tributes	Amy Storer
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