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President's Message

This will probably be one of my last reports as Beth Shalom Temple Center President. I will miss being President and will tell you why. Even in difficult circumstances it's a pleasure to work with the members of this synagogue. It's a caring, intelligent, speak your mind, but respectful group.

In a small synagogue run by volunteers, a president learns that something can always go wrong and just about every member will eventually be frustrated. It could be a Shabbat Service, the food, a forgotten email, a Shofar wasn't mailed, the choice of a Program, a decision by the Board, etc. Regardless of the frustration, a synagogue cannot please every member all the time.

Our long-term members demonstrate either a tolerance for frustration or deep love of BSTC's Jewish community – or both.

Regardless of any disagreements, dilemmas or debates, they have remained loyal. I often hear reasons for Jewish people throughout the Green Valley area, not being temple members, such as; "I went to services and was disappointed by "x" or "The temple is too x for me" or "as long as there is no Rabbi, I will not belong." I hear these comments quite often, sometimes from people who have never joined, other times from people who have left us. This makes me wonder; What is the difference between the Jewish people who view Beth Shalom Temple Center as their religious, spiritual, cultural, and social home regardless of a frustration or lack of a Rabbi? And those who don't? Why do some have little tolerance for frustration while others understand that no synagogue can please every member?

If we hold our synagogue responsible for pleasing us at every turn, there will be no more synagogues. If Jews, especially those in communities with only one synagogue, withhold membership or donations until they feel their synagogue is perfect, we could not sustain synagogues. In a small town like Green Valley/Sahuarita where we have an even smaller Jewish population, jeopardizing the future of our one and only synagogue is unwise and unfair. Many Beth Shalom Temple members have continued to support Green Valley/Sahuarita's synagogue simply because they love being Jewish, value the Jewish community and want a synagogue in this town. Moreover, all our long-term members have stayed members regardless of any passing frustration. If we want a synagogue in Green Valley/Sahuarita, we must support BSTC. It is not right to abandon the only synagogue we have.

The only thing that makes BSTC holy is the Torah. Without it, it is just a building. If we want a place to gather as Jewish people who value the Torah and Jewish culture, Beth Shalom Temple Center needs support. From my perspective as a lay leader, I would add, people add holiness to Beth Shalom Temple Center. But in Green Valley/Sahuarita without Jewish support, we will have no Torah. At our synagogue we gather for one another, to be in the company of our fellow Jews. It's about being together and being Jewish together. Come to services, programs and volunteer on committees. The only way to have a Torah, is at 1751 N Rio Mayo, Green Valley, Az. Pay our bills and strengthen our financial future. While finances are an unfortunate reality, nothing makes BSTC congregants and Board members happier than being among a large group of BSTC Family members.

Lets all Pray, Play and take care of each other

Merle Sobol, President

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

SENDING IN CHECKS TO BSTC

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

MAIL TO THE TEMPLE

To expedite delivery, any **mail sent to the temple** should be addressed to: **P.O. Box 884, Green Valley, AZ 85622**. Sending mail to the Rio Mayo address may result in a 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 *Yahr-zeits* contact Joyce Finkelstein by phone or by email.

For information on *Tributes or Commemorative* items, contact Steve Abrahams.

For information on the *Green Valley Cemetery*, please call Ingeborg McDonald.

TEMPLE USAGE SCHEDULING

Before scheduling a program, please contact Steve Abrahams. This will avoid scheduling conflicts. If you wish to have your program included in the Shofar calendars, please notify the Shofar editor.

Not all scheduled events are included in the Shofar. Deadline for Shofar copy is the 8th of the month prior to the publication date.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Thursday, Nov. 1, 1 p.m., **Hebrew Classes** with Sue Penfil

Friday, Nov. 2, 7 p.m., **Friday Night Shabbat Services** led by Rabbi Norman Roman with music by Tamara Kahrmanis

Saturday, Nov. 3, 9:30 a.m., **Torah Study** with Rabbi Norman Roman, followed at 11 a.m. by Labyrinth Opening & Kiddush lunch

Sunday, Nov. 4, 9:30, **Bagel Breakfast** with Rabbi Norman Roman

Tuesday, Nov. 6, 6:30 p.m., **Ritual Committee meeting**

Thursday, Nov. 8, 1 p.m., **Hebrew Classes** with Sue Penfil

Saturday, Nov. 10, 9:30 a.m., **Torah Study**

Monday, Nov. 12, **Sisterhood sets up sanctuary**

Tuesday, Nov. 13, **Sisterhood Mah Jongg Tournament**

Wednesday, Nov. 14, **Men's Club Meeting**, El Patio, 9 a.m.

Thursday, Nov. 15, 1 p.m., **Hebrew Classes** with Sue Penfil

Friday, Nov. 16, 7 p.m., **Friday Night Shabbat Services** with Michael & Sara Mussman

Saturday, Nov. 17, 9:30 a.m., **Torah Study** with Miri Fleming

Sunday, Nov. 18, 2 p.m., **Gershwin Sing-a-long**

Monday, Nov. 19, 9 a.m., **BSTC Board Study Session**

Tuesday, Nov. 20, **Genealogy Club Meeting**

Saturday, Nov. 24, 9:30 a.m., **Torah Study**

Monday, Nov. 26, 10 a.m., **BSTC Board Meeting**

Thursday, Nov. 29, 1 p.m., **Hebrew Classes** with Sue Penfil

Thursday, Nov. 29, 4:30 p.m., **Social Action Committee Meeting**

Saturday, Dec. 1, 9:30 a.m., **Torah Study**

Sunday, Dec. 2, 9:30-10 a.m., **Michael G at the Piano**, 10 a.m., **New Member Bagel Breakfast**

Tuesday, Dec. 4, 6:30 p.m., **Ritual Committee Meeting**

Thursday, Dec. 6, 1 p.m., **Hebrew Classes** with Sue Penfil

Friday, Dec. 7, 7 p.m., **Friday Night Shabbat Services** led by Arnie Krohn with music by Tamara Kahrmanis

Saturday, Dec. 8, 9:30 a.m., **Torah Study**

Sunday, Dec. 9, **Hanukkah Party** (no additional details yet)

Tuesday, Dec. 11, 10 a.m., **Sisterhood Board Meeting**

Thursday, Dec. 13, 1 p.m., **Hebrew Classes** with Sue Penfil

Saturday, Dec. 15, 9:30 a.m., **Torah Study** with Michael & Sara Mussman

Monday, Dec. 17, 9 a.m., **Board Study Session**

Tuesday, Dec. 18, 10 a.m., **Sisterhood Artists Workshop**

Thursday, Dec. 20, 1 p.m., **Hebrew Classes** with Sue Penfil

Friday, Dec. 21, **NO Service tonight**

Saturday, Dec. 22, 10 a.m., **Saturday Shabbat Services**

Monday, Dec. 24, 10 a.m., **Board Meeting**

Saturday, Dec. 29, 9:30 a.m., **Torah Study**

COMMEMORATIVE ITEMS:

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

- ◆ Memorial plaques, \$300
- ◆ Leaf for the Tree of Life, \$100
- ◆ Sanctuary Chair, \$125
- ◆ Garden Bench, \$225
- ◆ Garden Brick, \$100

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

TRIBUTES

Do you need to send a greeting card? Do you want to support your Temple? Here's a great way to do both. At present, Steve Abrahams, will mail a personalized card to whomever you choose. Here's how:

Send your Tribute request and free-will offerings to:

- ◆ Steve Abrahams directly, **OR**
- ◆ Beth Shalom Temple Center, P.O. Box 884, Green Valley, AZ 85622 (mark "Tributes" on the envelope and check memo line!) **OR**
- ◆ Mail your request and tribute directly to the temple.

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

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:

Date	Remembered by	For His/Her	Yahrzeit
9-Sept	Suenette & Steve Maron	Father & brother	Irving & Daniel Maron
5-Oct	Helene Feldman	Mother	Sylvia Snyder

MEMBER NEWS & UPDATES

BSTC member **Steve Levine**, who played a key role in the first year of our temple membership drive, has accepted a position in Washington, D.C. with Freddie Mac, a public government-sponsored enterprise, created to expand the secondary market for mortgages in the US. We all wish Steve well, as he takes on this new phase of his life.

A *Yasher Koach* to **Danielle Wernick**. Danielle handles the Facebook page for the temple. She has worked hard the past six years taking care of her family and working, in addition to completing her associates degree, bachelors and masters in marketing. Congratulations, Danielle!

And, last but not least, *THANK YOU* to **Esther Levine Brill**. Esther has been working tirelessly as the editor of our BSTC Shofar, keeping BSTC members and the general public informed about what is happening at our temple, as well as educating us in the highlights of our Jewish faith. She will be relinquishing her role as she and Ed focus on family concerns. Thank you, Esther, for your long time dedication to the Temple, and all the hard work you have done putting together these newsletters over the years. Jane Gold and Genie Gordon are the new co-editors for the Shofar.

Directory Updates

An apology that Maridell Nochumson's address was incorrectly updated after the 2018 directory was printed.

Please Welcome BSTCs Newest Members:

Rhonda Anderson
Barbie Anastos
Janet Brown
Kent Blumenthal & Becky Charboneau
Nina Campfield
Arnie & Carolyn Krohn
Mark Meyer

Note: Soon after membership renewals are finished, BSTC publishes a directory. If you never got one contact Mike Finkelstein, or the BSTC office. Just remember that for the most up to date addresses,

phone numbers and emails, check our website and notices of changes in the Shofar.

NEW MEMBER BIOGRAPHIES

Janet Brown

I am thrilled to begin my membership in the Beth Shalom Temple. I have lived in Quail Creek for almost four years now. It is hard for me to believe that time goes by so quickly. I lived my adult life in Easton, Massachusetts, which is 25 miles south of Boston. I have three sons, and six grandchildren. Lenny and Dusty Friedman are my Macha Tunum, and upon visiting them at Quail Creek, I decided to retire here. It is great to live a few miles from my family. We share three grandchildren, and it is so much fun.

I grew up in University Heights, Ohio (Cleveland) and moved to Boston after graduating from Ohio State University. I worked as a school social worker and retired four years ago.

I enjoy attending Torah Talk as learning is an ongoing passion of mine. Other things I enjoy are reading, dancing, yoga, hiking and pickleball. Travel is also high on my list.

I look forward to meeting our temple members and sharing Jewish life with all of you.

Kent Blumenthal

Kent spent his early childhood in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania before moving with his family to Maryland, just outside of Washington, D.C. Kent has worked in association management and nonprofit organizations for most of his career, spending 19 years as a senior administrator with the National Recreation and Park Association (Washington, D.C. area) and 14+ years as Executive Director of the National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association (Corvallis, OR), before coming to Green Valley Recreation, Inc. as its CEO in 2014. He earned his PhD from the University of Maryland in Recreation Administration in 1990. Kent participated in the cherva kadisha of Beit Am, the Jewish Community of Corvallis. He enjoys Jewish meditation, reading about American history, jogging, fly fishing (not much in AZ), and living vicariously through his daughter, Shana's, awesome adventures.

Becky Charboneau

Becky grew up in San Diego, CA and has lived in the San Francisco Bay area, Washington, D.C., Colorado Springs, CO, and Corvallis, OR before coming to

Green Valley. She is a writer and co-author of a college textbook on therapeutic recreation, published by Prentice-Hall. A Jew-by-choice, Becky studied Judaism under Rabbi Shelly Lewis of Palo Alto, CA who was a seminary student of Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel. While in Corvallis, Becky served on the Board and committees of Beit Am, the Willamette Valley Jewish Community, and taught Jewish Studies for several years in Beit Am's Sunday school. She enjoys a good book, swimming, Jewish meditation, and spending time with daughter, Shana, a 2014 Boston University graduate who works in aerospace engineering in the Washington, D.C. area.

Vanich "Toi" Melton

I met and married Gary after he finished West Point, and had just arrived in Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri after finishing his Officer Basic Course and Ranger School. We met at the post Officers Club and dated for about 9-10 months before getting married. About nine years after we married, and when our two sons were both in elementary school, I got a GS government position in the Commissary system and worked in that capacity until I retired after 20+ years. Our family lived in Missouri, Georgia, North Carolina, New York, Illinois, California, Arizona, and Washington (twice) during Gary's Army years. Since Gary retired and went into teaching, we have lived in Washington, Kentucky, Kuala Lumpur Malaysia, and now Arizona. We have belonged to several military Jewish communities, and also civilian Jewish communities in Peoria, Los Angeles, Tacoma (17 years), and now Arizona. I am Buddhist by birth, but I have always loved being a part of the Conservative and Reform communities we have belonged to over the years.

Gary and I both love the wonderful Beth Shalom Temple Center community here in Green Valley. Gary and I have been married 41 years and have two sons, two daughter-in-laws, and four grandchildren (two girls and two boys).

Linda Stein

My husband, Frank, and I moved to Green Valley in July 2001 from the lower Hudson Valley in New York. Unfortunately, Frank passed away in 2010 from complications due to Parkinson's disease.

As a youngster I lived in the Bronx, New York, Long Island as a teen, and then moved to Rockland County, NY as Frank and I grew our family. College was also in upstate New York at Cornell University, where I earned a BS in biochemistry. I worked as a research scientist at Columbia University, and then Einstein College of Medicine in the anatomy and immunology fields, and ended my career at Helen Hayes Rehabilitation Hospital in Haverstraw, NY doing research on osteoporosis.

We chose the Green Valley area at first for its proximity to symphony, theater and Tucson hospitals, but its neighborhood feeling and, of course, Beth Shalom Temple Center were the two elements that clinched the move. I immediately joined the BSTC Boutique group and since then have been involved on the ONEG and Hospitality Committees, the Library, and most recently the Ritual Committee. Also, for any years, I have been secretary of the BSTC Sisterhood, a wonderful group of women. BSTC soon became a new and comfortable second home. Non-BSTC activities include volunteering at the Joyn-er Green Valley Library, CPAC, Green Valley Arts and Crafts group, international folk dancing, and pickleball. World travel has become a favorite, and I have been lucky enough to have recently visited Japan, The Netherlands, Africa, and Ireland. More to be added to the bucket list.

My three children are scattered around the country. The oldest, Arthur, lives in Albany, NY and works for the state government. Older daughter, Marla, is presently teaching English in South Korea. Youngest, Elena, lives with her husband, Jack, in Sahuarita. She is a social worker, and husband Jack a talented photographer.

Moving to Green Valley has certainly been the right decision.

Stuart Tobin

I graduated with a pharmacy degree from Columbia University. For 20 years, I owned and operated a retail pharmacy in Westhampton Beach, a resort area in Eastern Long Island. I then worked as a pharmacist and manager in East Hampton, and later as a staff pharmacist at Central Suffolk Hospital. Moved to Scottsdale in 2001, and then to Sahuarita in 2013. I enjoy golfing, boating, woodworking, country western dancing, and travel.

TEMPLE TIDINGS

Beginning Hebrew Class Launches

Results of several membership surveys have shown that members would like a beginners Hebrew class. The first class was Thursday, October 11, from 1 to 2 p.m. and saw six students attend. More participants are anticipated for the following classes.

Sue Penfil, the instructor is skilled in teaching Hebrew reading with quick and fluid results. She has been teaching in both Reformed and Conservative congregations for the past 10 years specializing in teaching *B'nai Mitzvah* students preparing them to read and chant *Torah* and Hebrew prayers. Costs include an upfront fee of \$100 for the twelve classes (***\$125 for those who are not BSTC members***), as well as a \$15 student fee for a study book, which we have asked the teacher to order in bulk.

If a student must miss a class, the teacher has offered to provide individual tutoring.

If interested, please send a check to BSTC, noting "Hebrew class" on the memo line.

BSTC unveils new Meditative Walking Labyrinth

Under the guidance of Len Friedman, a team of BSTC members built a labyrinth on BSTC's grounds on September 12th. A labyrinth is a walking maze with no dead ends, just a path leading from the entrance to the center. The pea gravel was donated by Green Valley Rock.

Pitching in were Michael Benisch, Steve Maron, Dan Galitz, Steve Maron, Shawn (Len's friend visiting from Israel), and Mike Finkelstein.

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 pris-

ons. A Labyrinth is not a maze as there are no decisions to be made other than to enter or not. The 28' diameter 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.

Upon deciding to enter the labyrinth, walk along the rock-lined path until reaching the center. Return to where you started by following the path in reverse. Enjoy your walk. Feel free to add significant objects or rocks along the path. Please replace objects which may have been accidentally moved. Walk at your risk wearing proper shoes.

Future additions include an entry sign, solar lighting, benches, and a center piece.

An official opening ceremony, including a prayer by Rabbi Norman Roman, will occur after the Torah Study on Saturday, November 3rd, and will be followed by a light Kiddush lunch.

New Member Bagel Breakfast

Do you know we have added 57 new members to our growing congregation in the last 2 years? Would you like to meet the newest members of our family? Be sure to mark your calendars for an extra special Bagel Breakfast on Sunday, December 2. We are inviting all BSTC members who joined since December 2017 to be our guests and introduce themselves. You will find people with fascinating backgrounds and talents and may even meet up with someone from your home town.

Gershwin Sing-along Program

Our last two sing-a-longs of Jewish songwriters filled the BSTC house! Join Joey Lessa, Regina Ford, Mary Lou Catania, and Mike Finkelstein in a fun filled afternoon at 2 pm on Sunday, November 18, as we learn about the lives, and sing the songs, of George and Ira Gershwin.

ONEGS

Any great Temple knows how to combine the reli-

gious and social aspects of Temple life. BSTC is one of the great Temples. At the conclusion of the Friday night service we have an Oneg Shabbat. The Saturday morning service concludes with a light Kiddush luncheon. Each gives our members the opportunity to "schmooze" while enjoying some good food. Sponsorship is only \$50. Multiple people can share the sponsorship. Both Onegs and Kiddush luncheons can be customized per the sponsors request. To sponsor an Oneg or Kiddush luncheon please contact Ruthann Shapiro.

*Please note: Ruthann and Sid will be out of town on November 16th, so unable to organize that Oneg. Volunteers have been sought for a training taking place on October 18th to cover this specific event. Anyone interested in taking over the Onegs on a permanent basis is welcomed to get in touch with Ruthann.

Who to Call?

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

We Want to Hear From You

Have you noticed the Suggestion Box in the temple foyer. We are happy to hear any suggestions you may have. It could be about new adult education classes, new clubs, services, the way present clubs, committees or classes work, or anything else you want to suggest. You need not sign your name to your suggestion.

Steve Abrahams has been appointed chair of this, and the BSTC Board reviews any suggestions submitted at the monthly study sessions. All suggestions will be discussed, brought to the membership as needed, and then distributed via Shofar or Updates. Of course, if there is something urgent please let Steve know as soon as



possible and we won't wait for the monthly study session. Steve will then let you know of anything implemented. As we have shown (e.g. Saturday services, Hebrew classes, etc.) we will certainly listen to you.

Memorial Tablet Space

Perhaps you have noticed that our three Memorial Tablets are getting full. Many members are choosing to remember their loved ones with the purchase of nameplates that are mounted on the Tablets. As you may notice, the bottom of each Tablet bears an inscription of the donor.

The Temple Board is investigating the purchase of an additional Memorial Tablet, the cost of which is approximately \$8000. Would you like to memorialize a loved one in this special way? By donating the cost of the Tablet, you may choose an appropriate inscription to be placed at the bottom of the Tablet to remember your loved one.

If you would like to discuss making this generous donation, please contact Joyce Finkelstein.

Join the Choir

BSTC is looking to reinstate our choir which will be led by Tamara Kahrmanis. Those of you may be familiar with Tamara's great musicality if you have attended a Friday night service. Take my word for it, she really adds something to our services. If interested, or have questions, please contact Ingeborg McDonald.

Torah Study

We are fortunate again this year to have Rabbi Miri Fleming and Michael Mussman leading Torah Studies on an alternating monthly basis. If you look at the calendar of events, you will note who is leading and when.

Each of these individuals adds their own perspective about the Torah to that of the participants, thus creating conversation. If you have never been to a lively Torah Study, or it's been a long time, please join us. Unless there is a Saturday service, Torah Study begins at 9:30 a.m. *Ruthann Shapiro*

Picture Yourself In Brand New 2018 Jeep Grand Cherokee Summit



Once again, the Jim Click Millions for Tucson is having a raffle with all the proceeds going to the organization selling the raffle. Just think, you can not only win big but so can BSTC.

Only 100,000 tickets will be sold with the drawing taking place on December 13. Won't that be a nice Chanukah present!

The new flyer showing all the details has been posted on the bulletin board in the Temple lobby. Tickets are \$25 each or 5 for \$100 and will only be available until December 5.

And, if you are not lucky enough to win the grand prize, then you have a chance at a second and third prize. Second prize is two first-class, round-trip airline tickets anywhere in the world and third prize is \$5,000.

Board member Steve Abrahams is in charge of ticket sales and you can see him at our monthly Bagel Breakfast.

Here's hoping a BSTC member (or friends) wins one of the prizes. And remember, 100% of the raffle proceeds stays at BSTC.

New Members, Please Come in and Give us a Shot—Have Your Picture Taken

We'd really love you to make an appointment with our office assistant, Stacy, to have your photo taken. Those who have visited BSTC lately will notice some of the pictures taken by Stacy to introduce our new members to the congregation as well as each other. This is one way we can say that BSTC is a family. Please **call Stacy at (520) 648-6690** to make your appointment. Thank you!

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ART GALLERY

We had a very successful reception for our new exhibit: **Members Art Show Part I**, on October 7th. Helaine Prince spoke about her Zentangle drawings, Esther Levine Brill explained the many techniques of making her jewelry, Marcia Wiener talked about her watercolor paintings, and artists statements by Larry Gravitz, Bill Liebson and Tim Orrok were read (as they were unable to attend). The show will remain on exhibit until November 18, 2018.

The next exhibition **Members Art Show Part 2** will include glass works, photos, sculptures and paintings. **If you want to share YOUR ARTS, PLEASE CONTACT MARCIA WIENER ASAP to be a part of the BSTC Members Show.** Thanks! *Marcia Wiener*

GENEALOGY CLUB

The BSTC Genealogy Club resumed meeting on October 16th from 10 a.m. to noon. Many temple members have voiced an interest in joining this group, but some are unable to due to personal schedule conflicts. If you would like to be part of the Genealogy Club, but are unable to attend, you may do so "in spirit" by sending Karen Rautenberg your family history stories, news of recent research findings, or as the group questions. Your emails will be read at club meetings. I thank all for participating. Come join us and help us grow! *Karen Rautenberg*

LIBRARY

Find the Hidden Treasures at the BSTC Library

Do you want to browse the world; check a holiday custom; read about an interesting person; or keep up with current novels? It is all here in YOUR BSTC LIBRARY.

In this backroom you can find treasures in a variety of categories. There is strong section of REFERENCE books that includes bibles, prayer books (a great source for anyone leading services); books on Jewish thought and customs for daily living as well as holidays.

Many of the films that have been shown at Meal and Reels, such as Trumbo and Spotlight are now in the AUDIO-VISUAL section for you to borrow.

We have well stocked sections on GENERAL HISTORY OF THE JEWS, a special section on AMERICAN JEWS and a large collection of books about the HOLOCAUST, several of which include vivid personal recollections.

There are several shelves containing MENS' and WOMENS' BIOGRAPHIES; highlighting everyone from Abba Eban and Ruth Bader Ginzberg to actors such as Kirk Douglas.

Short on time? Try reading from the SHORT STORY section. And, don't forget COOKBOOKS.

Keep up with current authors such as Daniel Silva and Jodi Picoult in the FICTION bookcase. Softcover versions are now in the new bookcase under the window. And remember those NEW ARRIVALS located on the book cart right as you enter the library.

BOOKS ARE A TREASURE AND BSTC HAS A WEALTH FOR YOU TO ENJOY. *Linda Stein & Charlotte Brody*

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

BSTC Member Survey

Earlier this year we conducted a phone survey of what temple members like and what they would like

to see added or changed at BSTC. We received input from **36 members**. After review with the board, we have responded to those making suggestions and have started to implement some of them.

We have completed another phone survey with **31 additional temple members**. Much thanks to **Amy Storer, Genie Morrison, Jerry and Harriet Belenker, Helene Feldman, and Ed Brill** for making those calls. Mike Finkelstein is now tabulating the feedback received for review and consideration by the board, and review with the rest of the congregation.
Mike Finkelstein

Send Us Your Photographs

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

MEN'S CLUB

The BSTC Men's Club resumed meeting again this month.

Reservations have been made for another **Gaslight Theater event** on March 13th. This Men's Club sponsored event is for the show "The Belle of Tombstone" and starts at 7 p.m. For those who have never attended, it is a two-hour program filled with lots of comedy, excellent singing and music. We have once again reserved the two front rows with a special ticket price of \$19 per person. We will once again car-pool from the Temple and have dinner at the 50's style diner, Little Anthony's, before the show. Food and drink may also be purchased at our tables during the show in the theater. Last year this event sold out, so we have increased our ticket allotment. So, SAVE THE DATE and let Dan Galitz, the event coordinator, know if you would like to attend.

Discussion about the **Chanukah party** included how to make latkes without Michel, and what type of entertainment should be provided.

Men's Club will lead Shabbat services on January 4, 2019.

SISTERHOOD

The Sisterhood Board meets the second Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m. at BSTC and all Sisterhood members are invited.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

9th Annual BSTC Sisterhood Mah Jongg Fun-Raiser

This year's exciting Mah Jongg Tournament is being held on Tuesday, November 13, from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

There will be lots of opportunities to win a prize including, as usual, first, second and third cash prizes there will also be a prize for the high scorer at each table, door prize, and a Chinese Auction.



Artists Workshop featuring Lynn Rae Lowe on December 18th at 10 a.m. Her presentation will be about understanding the importance of the Shekinah in our religion and engaging is that spirit. Lunch to follow at a local eatery. \$20 per person for your personal handbook crafted by Lynn Rae. RSVPs required by December 1st.

SOCIAL ACTION

Our BSTC Social Action Committee had their second committee meeting on Thursday, September 27th.

The committee reviewed 10 project suggestions, some of which are already ongoing and were only reviewed to decide if they should be continued. It was determined that the ongoing programs: BSTC annual participation in the "Hunger Walk" and our nonperishable foods collection at BSTC for the Green Valley Food Bank are successful and should be continued and promoted more to further enhance both programs. We may add a diaper drive to our existing food drive if the Green Valley Food Bank supports it (under investigation). We will also look at a high holiday specific food drive in conjunction with our existing year-round food drive. New programs that will be supported and were deemed not resource nor time intensive are:

- Assisting the ADL in getting their "No Place for Hate" program into local secondary schools

- Working independently to provide school supplies for local children attending a Title 1 school. This is being coordinated with the Continental School District for their Middle School for school year 2019-2020. Fundraising will occur during our January-March Bagel Breakfasts. Supplies will be presented to the school prior to the start of the next school year
- Supporting local members of the Tucson "Youth on Their Own" Program is also being further investigated to determine the extent of local participation and needs.
- Reviving a local multi-denominational support group in Green Valley was high on the committee's list and this was recognized as a long term goal. A more near term initiative that would move us in that direction was proposed by Marty and Sue Cohen. It entails planning and hosting a "Day of Thanksgiving" inter-denominational event involving food, music, and poetry. This is envisioned as an event that would take about two years to plan and properly implement. The Cohen's are willing to guide the process but it would be a project requiring the active participation of many of our community members.

Our BSTC food drive supporting the Green Valley Food Bank is doing fine but can be doing better with your support. 25 pounds of non-perishable food items were turned in by your Social Action Committee during the high holidays. Please try to bring some non-perishable food items every time you visit BSTC. Thank you for your generosity!

SAVE THE DATE!

On Sunday, January 6th, 2019 immediately following the Fish Sponsored Bagel Breakfast, Carlos Galindo-Evira, the Southwest Regional Director of the Anti-Defamation League, located in Phoenix, will speak about the ADL's numerous programs and current day challenges in advancing the ADL's mission of protecting the Jewish people and securing justice and fair treatment for all. Please enjoy the Bagel Breakfast, and stay a little longer to hear this great presentation.



	Happy Anniversary to:
Nov. 20	Dan & Marjorie Galitz
Nov. 26	Merle & Kay Sobol
Dec. 3	Steve & Madelyn Weig
Dec. 8	Gary & Vanich Melton
Dec. 18	Arnie & Carolyn Krohn

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

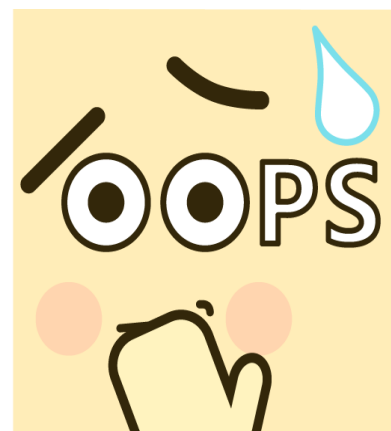


	Happy Birthday to:
2-Nov	Jerry Belenker
15-Nov	Sonya Foigelman
16-Nov	Arlene Hammond
16-Nov	Fran Licciardiello
26-Nov	Danielle Wernick
30-Nov	Serene Rein
1-Dec	Richard Wernick
3-Dec	Dusty Friedman
4-Dec	Kay Grask
7-Dec	Sherry Hoffman-Blum
8-Dec	Roberta Rabin
10-Dec	Harriet Belenker
12-Dec	Denis Nathan
14-Dec	Barbie Anastos
15-Dec	Martin Cohen
16-Dec	Sondra Kuroski
20-Dec	Michael Tannenbaum
23-Dec	Ed Gold
26-Dec	Tom Clancy
31-Dec	Lisa Israel

As a result of some fact checking it has been determined that several names have been missed under birthdays and anniversaries. If anyone has been overlooked, and you have not received an acknowledgement of it, please contact the BSTC office.

Missing BIRTHDAY for:

Ceylon Kelly
 Ruthann Shapiro
 Sid Shapiro
 Eric Rautenberg
 Frank Bertolino
 Ann Cohn
 Joan Domash
 Janis Ferraro
 Fil Ficks
 Marlys Fiterman
 Genie Gordon
 Bud Heller
 Carol Heller
 Barbara Kowalski
 Judith Kramer
 Joey Lessa
 Cliff Shekter
 Jean Shekter
 David Steinberg



Missing ANNIVERSARY for:

Stuart (Bud) & Carol Heller
 Clarence & Faigee Niebow
 Tim & Fran Orrok
 Sid & Ruthann Shapiro

COMMITTEE	CHAIR/CO-CHAIR
Aesthetics	Tobey Gitelle
Art Gallery	Marcia Wiener
"	Bev Lake
Bagel Breakfast	Ingeborg McDonald
Book of Remembrance	Suenette Maron
BSTC Shoppers	Michael Benisch
"	Michel Kouhana
Building Reservations	Steve Abrahams
Caring-Mishpochah	Jo Legat
Cemetery	Ingeborg McDonald
e-Scrip	Joyce Finkelstein
Event-Updates	Jane Gold
Facilities	Michael Benisch
Facebook	Danielle Wernick
Finance	Jo Legat
Genealogy Club	Karen & Eric Rautenberg
Grants	Eric Rautenberg
Historian	Gloria Clancy
Hospitality	Michel Kouhana
"	Ingeborg McDonald
Library	Linda Stein
"	Charlotte Brody
Jim Click Raffle	Steve Abrahams
Memorial Board /Yahrzeits	Joyce Finkelstein
Membership	Mike Finkelstein
Men's Club	Ed Brill
Mishaberach	Jo Legat
Oneg	Ruthann & Sid Shapiro
President	Merle Sobol
Programs	Ruth Barwick
"	Kay Sobol
Public Relations	Mike Finkelstein
Ritual	Ruthann Shapiro
"	Jo Legat
Security	Dan Galitz
Shofar	Jane Gold
"	Genie Gordon
Sisterhood	Sue Cohen
Social Action	Gary Melton
Tributes	Steve Abrahams
Website	Mike Finkelstein

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