

# Beth Shalom Temple Center



## GREEN VALLEY SHOFAR

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### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

#### Tisha B'Av:

##### Remembering the Past, Building the Future

As we passed Tisha B'Av on July 22nd, the Ninth of Av, we observed one of the most solemn days on the Jewish calendar. We remembered the destruction of both the First and Second Temples in Jerusalem, along with many other tragedies that have befallen the Jewish people throughout history. It was a day of mourning, reflection, and introspection. A reminder that our history has been marked not only by extraordinary resilience, but also by the consequences of division and complacency.

Our sages teach that the Second Temple was destroyed because of *sinat chinam* baseless hatred among Jews (Babylonian Talmud Yoma 9b). Whether understood literally or symbolically, the message remains profoundly relevant. Communities are strongest when they are united by mutual respect, compassion, and a shared sense of purpose. Tisha B'Av challenges us not only to remember what was lost, but to ask ourselves what we are building today.

This lesson feels especially meaningful in 2026. Jewish communities throughout the United States continue to navigate a world of increasing antisemitism, political polarization, and growing concerns about security. At the same time, Jews hold diverse views on many important issues, reminding us that disagreement need not become division. The strength of our people has always rested in our ability to remain one community despite our differences.

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### RABBI'S MESSAGE

Some of us were together on July 22nd, the evening of Tisha B'Av, to mark the traditional day of Jewish mourning, but also to share in a learning session about the crisis situation in Israel. Todd Rockoff, the CEO of the Tucson JCC, joined us as we searched for perspective and background, the better through which we can all affirm our ties to the Jewish State, and have a clearer understanding of the issues her people are facing. We also acknowledged the threats of rising antisemitism in the US and around the world, and our urgent need to be more educated about the challenges to the Jewish community in 2026, and as we approach 5787.

Our BSTC members Steve Maron, Josh Migdal and Manny Shaham, each with years of having lived in Israel, shared insights and advice. And I gave a concise overview of how Israel's political system is configured, so that we can watch critically and knowledgeably as they prepare for their next election, at the end of October.

A recording of the 90-minute program is available here:

[https://youtube.com/live/hNMS\\_Zc6drE](https://youtube.com/live/hNMS_Zc6drE).

Some of you will remember our daughter, Caryn Roman, who is presently the Director of Religious Education and Enrichment at Temple Sinai of Bergen County in Tenafly, NJ. I am thrilled to announce that she will be returning next month to serve, once again, as our High Holy Day Vocal Soloist. In addition to being an inspiring worship leader and teacher, Caryn is an astute and articulate writer; when she heard about the program that we were having on

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# The GREEN VALLEY SHOFAR

is the Official Newsletter of  
Beth Shalom Temple Center

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## **PAYMENTS MADE TO BSTC**

- ♦ Checks are always welcome! Please memo for the program/event for which you are paying.
- ♦ BSTC accepts ZELLE to bstcgv@gmail.com
- ♦ Credit cards/PayPal link is on the BSTC website and a 3% processing fee is requested.

## **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.



This is the August issue of the Green Valley Shofar. The Shofar newsletter is published monthly, electronically only. Go to: bstc.us for viewing and printing of current and archived volumes. Subscriptions can be ordered from the office with a free will donation towards printing and postage.

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

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

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT (continued)

Here at Beth Shalom Temple Center, we are fortunate to have something precious: a caring, welcoming congregation that continues to grow through friendship, volunteerism, worship, and lifelong learning thanks to Rabbi Norm. We may be a small congregation, but we have a big heart. Every Caring Card sent, (thank you Amy Storer for all your efforts on this), every Shabbat service attended, every committee meeting, every oneg, every educational program, and every act of kindness strengthens the foundation upon which our Temple stands.

As your President, I believe Tisha B'Av offers us an opportunity to recommit ourselves to one another. Let us reach out to someone we have not seen in a while. Let us welcome a new member. Let us volunteer where help is needed. Let us listen before we judge and support one another with patience and understanding. In doing so, we honor not only those who came before us, but also those who will inherit our congregation in the years ahead.

Jewish history teaches us that while buildings can be destroyed, communities built on faith, compassion, and shared responsibility endure. Every generation is entrusted with rebuilding not only physically, but spiritually and communally. That sacred work belongs to each of us.

May this Tisha B'Av inspire us to transform remembrance into renewal, mourning into meaningful action, and reflection into hope. Together, we can continue building a Beth Shalom Temple Center that reflects the very best of our Jewish values; a place where every person feels welcome, every voice is valued, and every act of kindness helps strengthen our community.

Josh Migdal, President  
Beth Shalom Temple Center



## RABBI'S MESSAGE (continued)

Tisha B'Av, she offered to share her thoughts about being in (and actually then leaving) Israel, at the same time as our discussion about the theme: "What do we in the Diaspora need to know about the situation in Israel today?"

## RABBI'S MESSAGE (continued)

Caryn's piece:

I have an unfortunate habit of leaving Israel on somewhat (in)auspicious days. For example: At the end of my college year abroad, I left on Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israel's Independence Day. Boarding a flight to New York while the rest of the country celebrated felt akin to thumbing my nose at ancestors who traveled for weeks by foot, wagon, and boat to reach the shores of Eretz Yisrael, long before an independent Jewish state was even a remote possibility.

Tonight, more than 20 years later, I'm flying back to the USA on Tisha B'Av. This holiday commemorates the destruction of the Second Temple and the beginning of the Jewish People's permanent exile from their homeland in 70 CE. Later, the rabbis of the Mishna designated Tisha B'Av as a day for mourning the destruction of the First Temple in 586 BCE as well. Throughout history, Jewish communities followed this example and have included within the day's lamentations a litany of collective traumas from the Spanish Inquisition to Russian pogroms to the Holocaust. In its way, Tisha B'Av provides a manageable container for immense historical losses and a way to acknowledge public grief without a constant revisiting of tragic anniversaries sprinkled throughout the year. Additionally, it is a day of communal reflection ahead of the coming season of personal spiritual accounting that will begin in the month of Elul and continue through the High Holy Days. In revisiting terrible periods in Jewish history, Tisha B'Av asks us to consider our collective accountability: where have we as a people missed the mark and what are we committing to changing in the year to come?

I made this trip to Israel to participate in a week-long seminar at the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem. Hartman is a unique, avowedly pluralistic research and education center, founded in 1976 by visionary Modern Orthodox Rabbi David Hartman, zichrono livracha. Joined by educator colleagues from across the Jewish educational and denominational spectrum of North America and other diaspora communities, I attended lectures and study sessions examining deep and existential questions: What is Zionism? How do we understand and respond to antizionism? What does a flourishing Jewish Diaspora look like, and what role does Israel play

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# BSTC ACTIVITY CALENDAR

**BSTC will no longer Live Stream Services on YouTube. All services are in-person at BSTC.**

| Schedule of Services, Meetings, Classes & Events |               |            |                                                                      |
|--------------------------------------------------|---------------|------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Day                                              | Date          | Time       | Event                                                                |
| SAT                                              | 8/1/26        | 10am       | Torah Study on Zoom ONLY                                             |
| SUN                                              | 8/2/26        | 10am       | Bagel Breakfast<br><i>sponsor: Jane &amp; Ed Gold</i>                |
| SUN                                              | 8/2/26        | 11:30a     | Yiddish Club @BSTC                                                   |
| WED                                              | 8/5/26        | 10am       | BSTC Book Club @BSTC                                                 |
| <b>FRI</b>                                       | <b>8/7/26</b> | <b>7pm</b> | <b>Friday Night Shabbat Service</b>                                  |
| SAT                                              | 8/8/26        | 10am       | Torah Study on Zoom ONLY                                             |
| TUE                                              | 8/11/26       | 10am       | Sisterhood Meeting                                                   |
| WED                                              | 8/12/26       | 9am        | Men's Club Meeting @El Patio                                         |
| THU                                              | 8/13/26       | 2pm        | Uniting the Community<br>Through Music meeting                       |
| SAT                                              | 8/15/26       | 10am       | Torah Study on Zoom ONLY                                             |
| FRI                                              | 8/21/26       | 9:30a      | Program Committee<br>meeting on Zoom                                 |
| SAT                                              | 8/22/26       | 10am       | Torah Study on Zoom ONLY                                             |
| MON                                              | 8/24/26       | 10am       | BSTC Board Meeting                                                   |
| SAT                                              | 8/29/26       | 10am       | Torah Study on Zoom ONLY                                             |
| WED                                              | 9/2/26        | 10am       | BSTC Book Club                                                       |
| <b>FRI</b>                                       | <b>9/4/26</b> | <b>7pm</b> | <b>Friday Night Shabbat Service</b>                                  |
| SAT                                              | 9/5/26        | 10am       | Torah Study on Zoom ONLY                                             |
| SUN                                              | 9/6/26        | 10am       | Bagel Breakfast<br><i>sponsors:<br/>Shelley &amp; John Rothstein</i> |
| SUN                                              | 9/6/26        | 11:30a     | Yiddish Club @BSTC                                                   |

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

in that flourishing? What obligations do Jews have to one another, within Diaspora and Israeli societies, and between the geographic centers of Jewish life? Far from presenting easy answers, Hartman faculty – whose backgrounds and disciplines encompass a wide range of Jewish, political, and academic viewpoints – delved deep into traditional and contemporary sources to challenge our assumptions and complicate simple interpretations.

I've barely begun to formulate my own responses to these and other challenging questions. But, in the spirit of Tisha B'Av, I'm renewing my commitment to maintain deep connections with Israelis themselves, not just with the news and commentary about Israel that fill my screens on a daily basis. In the midst of the intellectual stimulation of the last week, I realized that while Israel's public policies, military actions, and international standing have been ever-present in my consciousness, some of my relationships with people who live here have taken a backseat. And while Israel, as a country, needs continued personal and communal investment and engagement, being here reminded me that Israel's people need us even more. They need us to see that they're still hurting from the unfathomable events of October 7, and from experiencing nearly three years of constant war during which their fathers, husbands, sons and brothers have spent hundreds of days in reserve duty. They need us to amplify their efforts to elect leaders who will lead the country forward with vision and accountability. They need us to love them as family – imperfect, human, and eternally connected.

Shalom,  
Rabbi Norm



## MEMBER DIRECTORY UPDATES

The **2026 Membership Directory** has been posted to the website.

***Please let the office know as soon as possible if you move, and/or change 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.*

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## BOARD NOTES

The monthly Board meeting is normally held on the fourth Monday of each month. **The next Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 24th at 10am.** All members are welcome, and encouraged to attend.

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## 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 to allow us to subsidize some or all the cost of participation in 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:** This fund is partially subsidized by a JPSA grant and provides meals and visitation to members who are recovering from illness/surgery.
- ♦ **Art Gallery Fund:** While the Art 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.

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## TEMPLE TIDINGS

***Wander Women*** is a social group open to all Temple women. If you're interested in joining other Jewish women for outings to the myriad venues the area has to offer, please contact Gail Abend.

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## COMMITTEE NEWS

### ART GALLERY

The photography exhibit on display through the summer of 2026 features the works of local artist, Mark Cohen. Please take some time to view the work, and please sign the guest book.

*The Art Gallery Committee*

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### BIKUR CHOLIM—CARING MEALS PROGRAM



At Beth Shalom, we believe in feeding body and spirit. Through our Caring Meals program—rooted in the Jewish tradition of Bikur Cholim (visiting and supporting those who are ill or in need)

—BSTC members lovingly prepare and deliver meals, along with a visit or friendly check-in, to anyone who could use a little extra care.

If you're recovering, grieving, feeling alone, or simply in need of support, we're here for you. But we're not mind-readers—so please let us know.

Contact the Temple Office to request support for yourself or someone you care about and/or to let us know you have food to contribute. Either bring it without portioning and we can divide and freeze, or please freeze in individual portions. **If you add or take anything to/from the freezer for the Caring Meals, please let Stacy, Ricki, or Dawna know. We keep an inventory of what's there so we know what we are able to offer.**

We are here to nourish, connect, and remind each other: you are not alone.

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## BOOK CLUB

The BSTC Book Club will be meeting on **Wednesday, August 5th at 10am.**

Ricki Letowt will lead us in a discussion of *The Greatest Generation* by Tom Brokaw.

The next selection for our September meeting is *Beloved* by Toni Morrison. This, however, is subject to change by popular vote. Contact me at mar-thafine52@gmail.com for updates.

We would love to see new members join us for our always lively discussions.

Martha Fine, Book Club Chair



### BSTC Book Club 2026 Reading List:

- ♦ Aug 5th—***The Greatest Generation*** by Tom Brokaw
- ♦ Sept 2nd—***Beloved*** by Tony Morrison
- ♦ Oct 7th—***Silent Spring Revolution*** by Douglas Brinkley
- ♦ Nov 4th—***The Haj*** by Leon Uris
- ♦ Dec 2nd—***A Tale of Love & Darkness*** by Amos Oz

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## BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Every year, BSTC distributes the Book of Remembrance at Yom Kippur. Once again we will have an **electronic Book of Remembrance. We will mail a printed copy to anyone requesting a copy who has made a monetary donation.** If you wish to have the name(s) of your deceased loved ones included in the book for **5787, September 2026 – September 2027**, please send in your information along with your free-will donation by **September 4, 2026.**

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Use the form on the following page and please print clearly to avoid any misspellings.

If you have any questions, you may email me or the Temple at [bstcgv@gmail.com](mailto: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

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## 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 prayer requests, know of 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 the office. ***The Chair is currently open.***

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## GARDEN & LANDSCAPING

### **Volunteers Needed for Garden Cleanup help.**

The more volunteers we have, the less often you have to work, and volunteering for these tasks is saving BSTC significant money by not paying someone to do what we can do ourselves.

Please respond to John Holleran.

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If you have any questions, you may email me at [suenet7756@aol.com](mailto:suenet7756@aol.com) or the Temple at [bstcgv@gmail.com](mailto: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

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Remembered by: (Please print)

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☐ 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.

## GRANTS

If you're interested in joining this committee, or would like more information, contact the temple office or Esther Levine Brill.

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## GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

The BSTC Grief Support group meets regularly, creating a caring space for those navigating loss. If you are finding it difficult to move forward due to a loss, whether recent or from long ago, please know that you are not alone. Our meetings offer a safe and supportive environment to share experiences, listen, and support one another in confidence. All are welcome, regardless of where you are in your journey. For more information, please contact me for the next meeting date and location.

Looking forward to seeing you.

*Bunny Tarquinio, Grief Recovery Specialist*

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## HOSPITALITY

Bagel Breakfasts are usually on the first Sunday of each month at 10am. The next event is this Sunday, **August 2nd**, and the event is sponsored by Jane & Ed Gold.

To ensure there is enough food and that plenty of tables and chairs are set up, the Committee policy is that all food events are prepaid. **WE MUST HAVE YOUR RSVP by the Monday prior to the event and your PAYMENT PRIOR TO THE EVENT CONFIRMS YOUR RESERVATION.**

The cost remains \$12 for Members and for \$15 for Non-members. **Your reservations are appreciated!**



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## JIM CLICK RAFFLE

**Tickets will be available at the August 2nd bagel breakfast.**

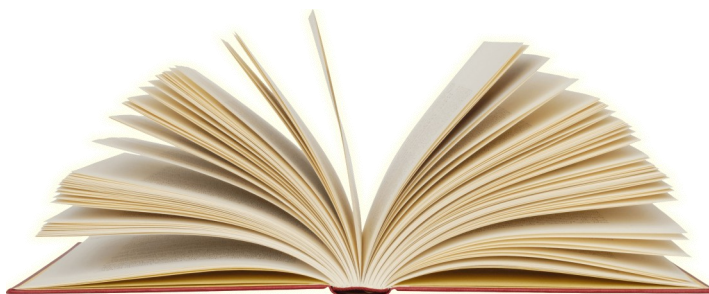
**Mr. Click is once again raffling off three great prizes: the Grand Prize is a 2026 Nissan Frontier Pro-4X Roush Edition!** The second prize is two round-trip first-class airline tickets to anywhere in the world (some restrictions apply), and the third prize is \$5,000 in cash. **Tickets are \$25 each or 5 for \$100, and BSTC keeps 100% of the proceeds.**

Can't make the bagel breakfast? Don't have time to buy tickets from Office Manager, Stacy? **If you live in the Green Valley area, contact Ed Gold for a meet up delivery.**

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## LIBRARY

Please contact BSTC Librarian, Jane Gold, with any questions or donations.



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## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

Welcome back to returning member, Howard Cohne!

The 2026 Member Directory is available on the password protected page of the website. Please contact the office if you need that password, or if you would like a printed copy.

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.

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## MEN'S CLUB

The next Men's Club meeting will be on Wednesday, August 12th, at El Patio Restaurant, at 9:00 am.

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## OPERATIONS PLANNING

### Operations Planning Committee 2026

The Long Range Planning committee has been active on and off over the years, but has not met for 2 years. Now, the name is not appropriate, as many issues are short-term or immediate. Therefore, we are renaming the committee to Operations Planning Committee. The committee, as a whole, will not address any specific issue. It will be broken into sub-committees, each addressing only one issue. Each sub-committee will be charged to bring their issue to a conclusion. This plan will focus our attention on what is important and get things done to completion. Nothing will fall through the cracks.

The first three sub-committees will be:

- ◆ Congregation identity and plan to find a new Rabbi sometime in the future.
- ◆ Succession of important positions.

Each sub-committee will have a Board member and congregants interested in the purpose of that sub-committee. Is that you?

Contact Ricki.

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## PROGRAMS

### PROGRAMS WITH RABBI NORM

- ◆ Rabbi Norm led an informative session entitled "I WANT TO UNDERSTAND ISRAEL BETTER" on July 22nd. Three BSTC members who have lived in Israel also shared their perceptions.

### UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- ◆ Mostly Kosher, the LA based Klezmer group, will return to Green Valley the evening of November 21st. BSTC has arranged for a block of seats for

members and friends to attend. Those tickets have been purchased and will be distributed to the people with reservations.

- ◆ Les Bakke is arranging for two interesting topics in November and January: The Titanic Meal and Colonial Food. The free programs will be presented on Zoom.
- ◆ Many adults who loved **Jewish Summer Camp** aren't just nostalgic for the activities—they miss the close friendships, singing together, playing, and a sense of belonging. New member, Carla Odell's program idea to recreate a summer camp has been approved for a Saturday evening in the early spring. To be successful (and fun!) this needs to be a team project. **Please reach out to Carla by August 15th** if you can help.
- ◆ Mitzvah Day is the morning of Friday, November 6th. Connie reports it will be held entirely at BSTC, with help from La Posada and the local Methodist Church.

## FUNDRAISING

- ◆ **Uniting the Community Through Music is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, February 21st, 2027. This is our major fundraiser of the year.** JPSA (formerly the Jewish Federation) has agreed to be a sponsor and provide transportation for Tucson residents to attend our event. The committee has selected Jovert Steel Drum Band; a Youth & Adult swing band; Halau Hula O Ualani, Hawaiian music; and Mariachi for the event. **We are striving to get as many BSTC members as possible to attend.** Even if you cannot attend on February 21st, we would appreciate your financial support. There will be sponsorship opportunities as well.
- ◆ July's food fundraiser was on July 26th, at MOD Pizza. A small crowd attended, raising \$84.99 this time, but MOD Pizza has been the most popular option so will be scheduled every three months. **Due to many people being away for the summer, future food fundraisers have been postponed until after the High Holy Days.**

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## REWARD PROGRAMS

**RAISE RIGHT** is a program offering name brand gift cards for purchase and *raises funds for BSTC!* See the new flyer on the lobby table for details. Please contact Joyce Finkelstein or Ricki Letowt with any questions or for help getting started.

**RAISE RIGHT REWARDS so far in 2026 are \$486.**

### 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"

If you are not a Fry's VIP Card holder, just stop by your nearest Fry's and ask for a free application. Please contact Joyce Finkelstein with any questions about this program.

**FRY'S REWARDS as of the second quarter 2026 are \$58.**

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## RITUAL

Ruthann Shapiro is the Ritual Committee Chair. Please contact her with any questions or if you are interested in participating on this committee.

### Summer & High Holy Day Service Schedule:

- ♦ **Friday, August 7th—7pm**  
Friday Night Shabbat Service
- ♦ **Friday, September 4th—7pm**  
Friday Night Shabbat Service
- ♦ **Friday, September 11th—7pm**  
Erev Rosh Hashanah
- ♦ **Saturday, September 12th—10am**  
Rosh Hashanah
- ♦ **Sunday, September 13th—10am**  
Informal Rosh Hashanah
- ♦ **Friday, September 18th—10am**  
Kever Avot at Green Valley Cemetery

- ♦ **Sunday, September 20th—7pm**  
Kol Nidre
- ♦ **Monday, September 21st—10am**  
Yom Kippur
- ♦ **Monday, September 21st—12:30pm**  
Yizkor
- ♦ **Monday, September 21st—4:30pm**  
Yom Kippur afternoon
- ♦ **Monday, September 21st—6pm**  
Shofar and Break the Fast
- ♦ **Friday, October 2nd—4:30pm**  
Sukkot, Shemini Atzeret, Simchat Torah, Yizkor

### 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. 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 Hinde).

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## SECURITY

***"If you see something, say something!"***

Just a reminder to all that the outer metal security gate will remain closed and locked 30 minutes before each event, and will be locked during the event. The Shomer will be present to open the door for you.

Dan Galitz  
Security Chair

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## SISTERHOOD

We will be having our **next meeting at BSTC** on **Tuesday, August 11th at 10am** and all Sisterhood members are invited to attend.

The **Summer Mahjong Tournament** was a tremendous success—as always. Thank you to all the players and volunteers. The Fall Mahjong Tournament is scheduled for Tuesday, November 17th. Contact Ruthann to make your reservations now!

Bobbie Vishner, Sisterhood President

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## SOCIAL ACTION

The Chair for this committee is open. Please contact the President if you are interested in discussing this.

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## TORAH STUDY

Torah Portions are included in the table below. BSTC Torah Study meets ONLY via Zoom, every Saturday morning at 10am. Everyone is welcome. The link has been emailed and does not change. Please contact the office if you need it.

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## WEBSITE—bstc.us

Please email [bstcgv@gmail.com](mailto:bstcgv@gmail.com) or call the office at 520-648-6690 with any questions or comments.

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## YIDDISH CLUB

Sholem Aleichem! The yiddish club invites you to join its exploration into what was perhaps your parents' secret language. The intention is to continue this as a regular fun temple activity at 11:30 AM after every monthly bagel breakfast, open to all members. The meeting location will be in the library or the main sanctuary. We will also probably be continuing to show videos of Yiddish songs, comedy and cinema as well as doing a lot of schmoozing in Yiddish and English. At our last meeting we saw videos of Leonard Nimoy ("Mr. Spock") quoting Hamlet in Yiddish and telling his personal story, as well as a clip about the Yiddish Book Center in Amherst, Mass., and some Yiddish song and conversation. Knowledge of Yiddish is not necessary (but it doesn't hurt !). Please contact Steve Maron at [smaron5202@gmail.com](mailto:smaron5202@gmail.com) if you have an interest in participating to be added to the mailing list, if you haven't already contacted Steve.

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| MONTHLY TORAH PORTIONS |                 |                         |                    |
|------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Portion (Parashat)     | Date            | Torah                   | Haftarah           |
| DEVARIM                | Aug 1-2, 2026   | Deuteronomy 1:1-3:22    | Isaiah 1:1-27      |
| VA-ETCHANAN            | Aug 8-9, 2026   | Deuteronomy 3:23-7:11   | Isaiah 40:1-26     |
| ‘EIKEV                 | Aug 15-16, 2026 | Deuteronomy 7:12-11:25  | Isaiah 49:14-51:3  |
| RE-EH                  | Aug 22-23, 2026 | Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17 | Isaiah 54:11-55:5  |
| SHOFTIM                | Aug 29-30, 2026 | Deuteronomy 16:18-21:9  | Isaiah 51:12-52-12 |



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| Donna Wyte         | 2-Aug  |
| Gail Abend         | 3-Aug  |
| Robert Lipson      | 6-Aug  |
| Jane Gold          | 8-Aug  |
| Beverly Lake       | 9-Aug  |
| Emanuel Shahan     | 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 |
| Bobbie Vishner     | 25-Aug |
| Caroline Weintraub | 29-Aug |
| Don Janklow        | 31-Aug |



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

### COMMEMORATIVE ITEMS

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

**Memorial Board Plaque \$300**

**Leaf for the Tree of Life \$100**

**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.

BSTC acknowledges with gratitude all specific and general donations made since the last publication.

### THANK YOU in General to:

- Edlyn Soderman
- Fran Goodman
- Susan Flemming
- Cliff & Jean Shekter
- Gail Sommers
- Jim & Bonnie Cole

### TRIBUTES

The volunteer chairing this committee will mail a personalized card to whomever you choose.

For an acknowledgement card to be sent **Tributes MUST include the following information:**

1. **Name and address of EACH recipient** (*for temple members living in Green Valley address need not be submitted; however, if recipient has more than one address, please specify which address*).
2. **Type of Tribute:** Happy Birthday, In Honor Of, With Sympathy, etc.
3. **Names of ALL who are sending** the Tribute.
4. 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 the last publication include:

- ♦ **From Esther & Ed Brill: *with sympathy*** to Joyce Finkelstein on the death of her sister.
- ♦ **From Esther & Ed Brill: *in honor of*** Sue Cohen on completing her treatments and returning home.

### 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. 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     | Yahrzeit                      |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| Sid Shapiro       | His father, Harry Shapiro     |
| Barbara Kowalski  | Her husband, Joseph Kowalski  |
| Esther Brill      | Her father, Saul Levine       |
| Esther & Ed Brill | Brother-in-law, Bernie Pincus |

| <b>COMMITTEE</b>          | <b>CHAIR/CO-CHAIR</b>              |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Aesthetics                | Tobey Gitelle                      |
| Art Gallery               | Marcia Wiener<br>Bev Lake          |
| Bagel Breakfast           | Mariann Katz                       |
| Book of Remembrance       | Suenette Maron                     |
| Calendar & Reservations   | BSTC office                        |
| Caring & Bikur Cholim     | OPEN (contact the office)          |
| Facilities & IT           | Les Bakke                          |
| Facebook                  | Jane Gold                          |
| Finance                   | Ricki Letowt                       |
| Grants                    | Esther Levine Brill                |
| Grounds/Landscaping       | Ingeborg McDonald<br>John Holleran |
| Historian                 | Gail Sommers                       |
| Hospitality               | Dawna Wheeler                      |
| Jim Click Raffle          | Ed Gold                            |
| Library                   | Jane Gold                          |
| Memorial Board /Yahrzeits | Joyce Finkelstein                  |
| Membership                | Mike Finkelstein                   |
| Men's Club                | Steve Maron                        |
| Oneg                      | Cris Hager                         |
| Operations Planning       | Ricki Letowt                       |
| President                 | Josh Migdal                        |
| Programs                  | Mike Finkelstein                   |
| Rabbi                     | Norman Roman                       |
| Rewards Programs          | Joyce Finkelstein                  |
| Ritual                    | Ruthann Shapiro                    |
| Security                  | Dan Galitz                         |
| Shofar                    | Stacy Laetsch/BSTC Office          |
| Shopper                   | OPEN                               |
| Sisterhood                | Bobbie Vishner                     |
| Social Action             | OPEN                               |
| Tributes                  | OPEN (contact the office)          |
| Website                   | Stacy Laetsch/BSTC Office          |
| Yiddish Club              | Steve Maron                        |