

Beth Shalom Temple Center



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President's Message

My Fellow Congregants,

With the tragedy unfolding in Israel on Simchat Torah, we grieve for those savagely slaughtered by the Hamas Terrorists and pray for the safe return of those held hostage.

Though we see the vocal minority espousing their antisemitic views throughout the country, I can report to you that no such problems are occurring in the Tucson/Green Valley area. As a matter of fact there have been vigils by pro-Israeli and Palestinian groups at the University of Arizona which have been respectful of each other and have been described as a model for the rest of the country by local law enforcement.

On a much brighter note, what a wonderful experience it was to have the Sofer (Scribe) here with a parchment of our actual Torah. It was such a memorable experience for those of us to be able to actually write (with the Sofer in complete control) a letter in our Torah. The Sofer was so informative of the process. Rabbi Norman and so many Temple volunteers assisting made this such a memorable and meaningful day that we shall never forget. The Sofer will be returning in the Spring of 2024 and you will be given a final opportunity to write a letter in your Torah which we and future generations will do with at Beth Shalom Temple Center. Please consider taking this opportunity to participate when the Sofer returns. Announcement of the date and sign-ups will be forthcoming once we finalize scheduling.

On a very happy note I can report to you we have passed over half way to our goal and we have raised over \$36,000 through your generous gifts and pledges. Please consider being part of this wonderful experience by contributing to the Torah Campaign. If you have any questions feel free to contact Rabbi Roman, myself or any member of the New Torah committee.

Let us pray for the safety of all in Israel.

Dan Galitz



Message from Rabbi Norm Roman

Rabbi Norm has been doing classes and lectures throughout October, which will be continuing, as well as preparing for the Scribe's first visit, so is not adding anything to this issue of the Shofar.

Shalom



GREEN VALLEY SHOFAR

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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) ***please make sure your check indicates the name of 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 loss or delay. To expedite delivery please include the name of the person you wish to contact on the front of the envelope.

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

TEMPLE USAGE SCHEDULING

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

Not all scheduled events are included in the Shofar. To include your program in the Shofar calendars, please notify the Shofar editor. Deadline 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 which address*)
3. **Type of Tribute:** Happy Birthday, In Honor Of, With Sympathy, etc.
4. **Names of ALL who are sending** the Tribute including name of spouse, if appropriate.

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 include:

- ◆ **From Amy Storer: *yash ha coach to:*** Caryn Roman, for High Holy Day music, donation dedicated to New Torah Fund
- ◆ **From Amy Storer: *condolences to:*** Jo Legat, on the passing of her husband, Fred Legat
- ◆ **From Linda Stein: *condolences to:*** Jo Legat, on the passing of her husband, Fred Legat
- ◆ **From Joyce & Mike Finkelstein: *condolences to:*** Jo Legat, on the passing of her husband, Fred Legat
- ◆ **From Donna & David Wyte: *condolences to:*** Jo Legat, on the passing of her husband, Fred Legat
- ◆ **From Esther & Ed Brill: *condolences to:*** Jo Legat, on the passing of her husband, Fred Legat
- ◆ **From Esther & Ed Brill: *condolences to:*** Gary & Toi Melton, on the passing of his brother
- ◆ **From Esther & Ed Brill: *yash ha coach to:*** Suenette Maron for her work during the High Holy Days
- ◆ **From Esther & Ed Brill: *welcome to new members***
- ◆ **From Esther & Ed Brill: *thank you to:*** Gary Friedman for taking pictures
- ◆ **From Esther & Ed Brill: *thank you to:*** Les Bakke & Bev Lake for the Bagel Breakfast in honor of his birthday
- ◆ **From Esther & Ed Brill: *mazel tov to:*** Gary Friedman on the birth of his grandchild
- ◆ **From Esther & Ed Brill: *mazel tov to:*** Dan Galitz on the birth of his grandchild
- ◆ **From Esther & Ed Brill: *refuah sh'lema to:*** Sara Benisch and Donna Wyte and Beth Surdut and Sid Shapiro

YAHRTZEITS

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 Father	Irving Maron
Steve Maron	His Brother	Daniel Maron
Esther Brill	Her Mother	Sophie Greenblatt Levine
Zandra Lindblad	Her Father	David Sirota
Arlene Brody	Her Sister	Marilyn Tummins
Richard Wernick	His Family	
Linda Stein	Her Husband	Frank Stein
Helene Feldman	Her Mother	Sylvia Snyder
Sid Shapiro	His Mother	Evelyn Shapiro
Serene Rein	Her Father	Benjamin David Leavitt
Steve Maron	His Mother	Lee Maron



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

BSTC also continues Live Streaming Services on YouTube. Links are in the schedule below.

Schedule of Services, Meetings & Events			
Day	Date	Time	Event
WED	11/1/23	10am	BSTC Book Club
THU	11/2/23	2pm	Beginning Hebrew class
THU	11/2/23	3:30pm	I Never Learned THAT in Sunday School class
FRI	11/3/23	7-11am	Mitzvah Day Projects at BSTC
FRI	11/3/23	7pm	Friday Night Service
SAT	11/4/23	10am	Torah Study on Zoom
SUN	11/5/23	10am	Bagel Breakfast with Program to follow
WED	11/8/23	9am	Men's Club Meeting
THU	11/9/23	9am	Long Range Planning Meeting on Zoom
THU	11/9/23	2pm	Beginning Hebrew class
THU	11/9/23	3:30pm	I Never Learned THAT in Sunday School class
SAT	11/11/23	10am	Men's Club Shabbat Service
SUN	11/12/23	2pm	Movie: Hallelujah-Leonard Cohen, A Journey, A Song
TUE	11/14/23	12:30-4	Sisterhood Mahjong Tournament
THU	11/16/23	10:30a	Social Action Meeting
FRI	11/17/23	9:30am	Program Committee Meeting on Zoom
FRI	11/17/23	7pm	Friday Night Service
SAT	11/18/23	10am	Torah Study on Zoom
SAT	11/18/23	2pm	Legat Memorial Service
SUN	11/19/23	2pm	Jews of Southeast Asia
SAT	11/24/23	10am	Torah Study on Zoom
SUN	11/26/23	2:30pm	Art Galley Reception
MON	11/27/23	10am	BSTC Board Meeting
FRI	12/1/23	7pm	Friday Night Service
SAT	12/2/23	10am	Torah Study on Zoom
SUN	12/3/23	10am	Bagel Breakfast for New Member Introductions with Program to follow
WED	12/6/23	10am	BSTC Book Club
FRI	12/8/23	1pm	Dine & Laugh Planning Meeting
SAT	12/9/23	10am	Saturday Shabbat Service

MEMBER NEWS & DIRECTORY UPDATES

Directory Updates:

The 2023 Membership Directory is updated and posted on the Members Only page of the website when new information is received.

Printed copies of the directory are available for members upon request. Please email Stacy at bstcgv@gmail.com (or, call the office) for a copy.

♦ **New Member:** Lynn Greenes
Green Valley AZ

New Email Address: John Evans

New Address: Harvey & Marilyn Beim
Villa Hermosa
Tucson AZ

TEMPLE TIDINGS

MEMBER PASSING

The Beth Shalom Temple Center community was saddened by the death of Fred Legat on September 15, 2023. A memorial service will be on Saturday, November 18, 2023 at 2pm at the temple.

We extend our Jewish tradition's expression of sympathy: "May the Holy One comfort those who are bereaved among all the mourners of Zion, and bring them Peace".

BOARD NOTES

The BSTC Board met at BSTC for the General Board meeting in October. Minutes are posted for viewing by members on the website and bulletin board. All members are welcome to join the General Board meetings on the fourth Monday of each month at 10am.

Who to Call?

Do you need to let the congregation know about an important life event? Are you interested in making 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 Amy Storer, chair of the BSTC Caring Committee.

In lieu of a Mishaberach List, there is a prayer on the website.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ART GALLERY

The Art Gallery will begin exhibiting Contemporary Artists in Green Valley, a new show featuring artists and jewelry on November 9th. A wine and cheese reception will be held on Sunday, November 26th from 2:30-3:30pm. Please join us!

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

The Book of Remembrance raised \$2,708 and was well received with updated artwork by new BSTC member, Beth Surdut, gracing the front cover. Thank you!

E-SCRIP

RAISE RIGHT (formerly SHOPwithSCRIP) raises funds for BSTC without costing you anything extra!

Please contact Joyce Finkelstein with questions or for help.

FRY'S COMMUNITY REWARD PROGRAM

1. Visit www.frysfood.com
2. Register your Fry's VIP Card online
3. Search for Beth Shalom Temple Center, or by organization #MH533
4. Select "Enroll"

That is all that you need to do. Fry's will send a percentage of your purchases directly to the Temple.

If you are not a Fry's VIP Card holder, just stop by your nearest Fry's and ask for a free application. It will only take minutes to get your VIP Card.

Please let Joyce know if you have any questions.

HOSPITALITY

Mariann Katz and Pat Naselow are the new Bagel

Breakfast co-chairs. ***Bagel Breakfasts are every first Sunday of the month at 10am.*** Michael G is on the piano from 9:30 to 10. Programs follow each of the November, December and January events. All food events are pre-paid and **MUST HAVE YOUR RSVP** to ensure there is enough food.

Oneg chair is Bunny Tarquinio. Please contact her or Stacy if you would like to sponsor an Oneg.

JIM CLICK RAFFLE

The 2023 Jim Click Raffle is underway and the drawing is on December 9th. **The FINAL DAY to purchase YOUR CHANCE TO WIN is at the Bagel Breakfast on December 3rd.** Tickets are \$25 each. *One hundred percent (100%) of your purchase goes directly to BSTC.* Please contact Steve Abrahams or Ed Gold or call the BSTC office for information. ***BSTC has raised \$575 in this year's raffle! THANK YOU!***

LIBRARY

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

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

Welcome to our newest member: Lynn Greenes!

We are planning a special December Bagel Breakfast, where we will introduce and honor all the new members who have joined our temple in the last year. A program will follow in which Gloria Clancy will present the first chapter of the story of BSTC's proud history.

An on-line article, featuring new BSTC member, Beth Surdut, can be enjoyed here:

<https://canvasrebel.com/meet-beth-surdut/>

Anyone interested in joining this committee please contact Mike Finkelstein.

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 and/or on our social media platforms. Send pictures to Mike with details.

MEN'S CLUB

The BSTC Men's Club meets at 9am on the second Wednesday of each month at El Patio restaurant. Contact Arnie Krohn for information.

Men's Club Shabbat is Saturday, November 11th.

PROGRAMS

The November Bagel Breakfast program will see the Social Action Committee present a speaker from the JFCS Resettlement Program.

The December Bagel Breakfast program will have BSTC Historian, Gloria Clancy, present the first chapter of the story of BSTC's History—Friendship Club to Tombstone Cemetery.

The Social Action Committee plans to feature a speaker from Youth On Their Own at the January Bagel Breakfast.

Early work has begun on a major fundraiser, similar to what we had planned for March 2020. Tentative planning is for the event to be in November 2024. Please contact co-chairs, Pat Naselow or Mike Finkelstein, if you are interested in helping out.

MOVIES

The Jewish Merchants of Santa Fe was shown on Zoom on Tuesday, October 17th.

Hallelujah: Leonard Cohen, A Journey, A Song will be shown at BSTC on Sunday, November 12th at 2pm. Popcorn will be served.

Jews of the West will be shown on a Sunday afternoon in December or February.

The Long Journey: Hidden Jews of the Southwest will be shown on a Sunday afternoon in December or February.

My Neighbor Adolf is part of the International Jewish Film Festival, screening at BSTC on Sunday, January 14, 2024 at 2pm.

WITH RABBI NORM

The New Torah Campaign is in full swing with over half the goal reached in pledges/donations. The first Scribe visit was on Monday, October 23, 2023 at BSTC, with about 30 members participating throughout the day. Rabbi Salazar was excellent. The next visit is hopefully sometime between Purim and Pesach in the spring of 2024.

Rabbi Norm's classes, **Beginning Hebrew** (continued) and **I Never Learned THAT in Sunday School**, have been held on Thursday afternoons. The final class is November 2.

About 20 people attended the Community Shabbat at the JCC in Tucson on Friday, October 20th. Bus service was available.

AFTERNOONS AT BSTC

Thanks to the interest in Mike Finkelstein's cousin's program on Jews of Sweden and Scandanavia, BSTC welcomes member Gary Melton to present a program about the Jews of Southeast Asia on Sunday, November 19th at 2pm.

The committee will poll temple members about establishing Sunday afternoons (both following bagel breakfasts, as well as other Sundays) as our regular date for future programs.

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

PUBLIC RELATIONS—no news to share.

RITUAL

The schedule of services for the remainder of 2023 is listed on the following page.

- ◆ Friday, Nov 3, 7pm—Shabbat
- ◆ Saturday, Nov 11, 10am—Men's Club Shabbat
- ◆ Friday, Nov 17, 7pm—Shabbat
- ◆ Friday, December 1, 7pm—Shabbat
- ◆ Sunday, December 10, TBD—Chanukah Party
- ◆ Friday, December 15, 7pm—Shabbat

Anyone who borrowed a prayer book for the High Holy Days is reminded to please return it.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at services.

Ruthann

SECURITY

Please contact Gary Friedman with any questions or concerns.

Gary Friedman

BSTC Security

SISTERHOOD

The Sisterhood continues to meet every second Tuesday of the month at 10am at BSTC.

SOCIAL ACTION

Continuing Projects:

- ◆ The collection of non-perishable food items for Project Isaiah during the High Holy Days brought a total of 88 pounds of food to the Food Bank. THANK YOU!

Other Social Action Activities:

- ◆ Mitzvah Day is on Friday, November 3rd, with several projects planned at BSTC.

TORAH STUDY

Torah Portions are included for members in the table below. Torah Study is meeting via Zoom virtual platform. All are welcome. Invitations are emailed weekly. Contact Ruthann for the link.

WEBSITE—bstc.us

Please email Stacy, or call 520-648-6690, with questions, corrections or comments.

MONTHLY TORAH PORTIONS			
Portion (Parashat)	Date	Torah	Haftarah
VAYEIRA	Nov 3-4, 2023	Genesis 18:1-22:24	I Kings 4:1-4:37
CHAYEI SARAH	Nov 10-11, 2023	Genesis 23:1-25:18	I Kings 1:1-31
TOL'DOT	Nov 17-18, 2023	Genesis 25:19-28:9	Malachi 1:1-2:7
VAYEITZEI	Nov 24-25, 2023	Genesis 28:10-32:3	Hosea 12:13-14:10
VAYISHLACH	Dec 1-2, 2023	Genesis 32:4-36:43	Obadiah 1:1-21
VAYEISHEV	Dec 8-9, 2023	Genesis 27:1-40:23	Amos 2:6-3:8
MIKEITZ	Dec 15-16, 2023	Genesis 41:1-44:17	I Kings 3:15-4:1
VAYIGASH	Dec 22-23, 2023	Genesis 44:18-47:27	Ezekiel 37:15-28
VAY'CHI	Dec 29-30, 2023	Genesis 47:28-50:26	I Kings 2:1-2:12



Happy Birthday to:	
Jerry Belenker	2-Nov
Ricki Letowt	3-Nov
Colleen Soltis-McGraw	5-Nov
Nancy Puckett	13-Nov
Arlene Hammond	16-Nov
Rebecca Benisch	18-Nov
Camille Desopo	23-Nov
Lynn Greenes	24-Nov
Anita Grace Farrar	27-Nov
Ruthann Shapiro	28-Nov
Serene Rein	30-Nov
Sherry Hoffman-Blum	7-Dec
Roberta Rabin	8-Dec
Cristela Hager	12-Dec
Martin Cohen	15-Dec
Michael Tannenbaum	20-Dec
Ed Gold	23-Dec
Tom Clancy	26-Dec
Stuart Tobin	26-Dec
Lisa Israel	31-Dec



Happy Anniversary to:	
Merle & Kay Sobol	26-Nov
Norm & Lynne Roman	28-Nov
Gary & Vanich Melton	8-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
BSTC Shopper	Pat Naselow
Calendar & Reservations	BSTC office
Caring	Amy Storer
e-Scrip	Joyce Finkelstein
Facilities	Les Bakke
Facebook	Jane Gold
Historian	Gloria Clancy
Hospitality	Ricki Letowt
Hospitality/Bagel Breakfast	Mariann Katz
Hospitality/Oneg	Bunny Tarquinio
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
Men's Club	Arnie Krohn
President	Dan Galitz
Programs	Mike Finkelstein
Public Relations	Mike Finkelstein
Rabbi	Norman Roman
Ritual	Ruthann Shapiro
Security	Gary Friedman
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Social Action	Connie Greenwald
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