

Beth Shalom Temple Center



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President's Message

It's hard to believe that at the time I'm writing this Covid is again raising its ugly head. Please rest assured that even as BSTC continues to reach a "new normal" that we will maintain an environment that upholds CDC guidelines and is as safe from Covid as is humanly possible.

In light of this policy, we will continue to ask for CDC vaccination cards at events with a large number of people where social distancing and masks are not possible. We will continue to update the information we have so as to make our lives easier between changes to CDC recommendations.

Now that that little ditty is out of the way I want to start thanking each and every one of you for allowing me to be president of BSTC. I can't believe that in less than four weeks it will be over but I can honestly say that I am confident that the new Board will continue to move BSTC into an outstanding future.

Ruthann

Message from Rabbi Norm Roman

Dear Friends,

Lynne and I send our best wishes for the new, secular year. May we all be blessed with good health, freedom, friendship and peace!

I am excited to invite you to join me for a series of lectures/discussions monthly throughout the Spring. My plan is to introduce you to four Rabbis who, directly or indirectly, have influenced me and the classically-inspired, yet progressive Judaism which I practice and teach. We'll read some of their works, try to understand their roles in the development of our contemporary Jewish experience, and (probably) debate some of their insights and achievements.

COME MEET THE RABBI'S RABBIS!

An Adult Education Series

Monthly on Thursday afternoons • 2:00-3:15 pm

February 24th • March 24th • April 28th • May 26th

(February 24) Rabbi Eliezer Papo, 1785-1828, was a leader and scholar of the *Musar* movement, which taught ethics and moral guidance within the context of traditional religious law. He was also the Chief Sephardic Rabbi of Bulgaria, and quite a few of his descendants or distant relatives – like me! – also became Rabbis. I mentioned Papo and his work on Yom Kippur, last September.

(March 24) Rabbi Solomon Freehof, 1892-1990, was the Senior Rabbi for generations at the Rodef Shalom Congregation in Pittsburgh. His legendary role as the most knowledgeable, prolific and respected writer of "Responsa" within the Reform/Liberal community was unquestioned, even by Rabbis of the

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The Official Newsletter of
Beth Shalom Temple Center

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Go to: bstc.us to view and print archived volumes.

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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 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

BSTC is currently a closed facility. Contact the BSTC office at (520) 648-6690 or bstcgv@gmail.com with any questions.

Not all scheduled events are included in the Shofar. To include your program in the Shofar calendars, please notify the Shofar editor. Deadline for Shofar copy is the 20th of the month prior to the publication date.

COMMEMORATIVE ITEMS

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

Memorial Board Plaques \$300 • Leaf for the Tree of Life \$100 • Sanctuary Chair \$125

Garden Bench \$225 • Garden Brick \$100

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

TRIBUTES

Amy Storer, the volunteer chairing this committee, will mail a personalized card to whomever you choose. **SEE SOME SAMPLE CARDS ON THE BSTC WEBSITE.**

All Tributes MUST include the following information:

1. **Name** of EACH recipient
2. **Address** of EACH recipient (*Addresses for temple members living in Green Valley need not be submitted with your request; however, if your recipient has more than one address, please specify to which address your tribute should be sent: e.g. Arizona or other state*)
3. **Type of Tribute:** Happy Birthday, In Honor Of, With Sympathy, etc.
4. **Names of ALL who are sending** the Tribute including name of spouse, if appropriate.

Send your Tribute request and free-will offerings to:

Beth Shalom Temple Center, P.O. Box 884, Green Valley, AZ 85622

(mark "Tributes" on the envelope and check memo line!)

YAHRZEITS

Beth Shalom Temple Center will provide reminders of yahrzeits, and the name(s) of your loved ones will automatically be recited for Kaddish at the appropriate Sabbath Services according to the Hebrew calendar. If your yahrzeits are not yet on the current list and you wish them to be, please email Joyce Finkelstein or send a note to the Temple for her attention including your name, the name and relationship of deceased, and the date of death.

Yahrzeit Donations:

Remembered by	Relationship	Yahrzeit
Sig Friedman	His Mother	Elsie Friedman
Marilyn Israel	Her Husband	Jack Israel
Marilyn Israel	Her Father	Victor Mayo
Sid Shapiro	His Brother	Irwin Shapiro
Helene Feldman	Her Father	Robert Snyder



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

BSTC also continues to Live Stream Services on YouTube.

Schedule of Services, Meetings & Events			
Day	Date	Time	Event
SAT	1/1/22	10 am	Torah Study
SUN	1/2/22	10 am	BAGEL BREAKFAST (Artist's Reception to follow)
WED	1/5/22	1 pm	Mahjong@BSTC
FRI	1/7/22	5 pm	Shabbat Service
SAT	1/8/22	10 am	Torah Study
TUE	1/11/22	10 am	Sisterhood Meeting
WED	1/12/22	11:30 am	Sisterhood Paid Up Lunch
THU	1/13/22	10 am	Brotherhood Shooting Schmoozing & Fressing
SAT	1/15/22	10 am	Saturday Shabbat Services
SUN	1/16/22	12-3 pm	Gallery Graham in Tubac Brunch for BSTC Members
MON	1/17/22	10 am	Parashat HaShavua on Zoom
WED	1/19/22	1 pm	Mahjong@BSTC
FRI to SUN	1/21- 23/22	Ajo, AZ	Shabbaton w/Rabbi Roman
MON	1/24/22	2 pm	BSTC Annual Meeting & Board of Director Elections
WED	1/26/22	1 pm	Mahjong@BSTC
WED	1/26/22	3 pm	Social Action Meeting
SAT	1/28/22	10 am	Torah Study on Zoom
SUN	1/30/22	10 am	Gentle Yoga Class @ BSTC
WED	2/2/22	1 pm	Tucson Jewish Film Festival MOVIE: Tiger Within

other major streams of Jewish life. In many ways, Freehof's answers to practical questions shaped the Religious practice we in the 20th and 21st century know and observe.

(April 28) Rabbi Leo Baeck, 1873-1956. As we commemorate Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Memorial Day), we will examine the teachings of the man who was known as the "Rabbi of Theresienstadt". Formerly the honorary head of the Berlin Jewish Community, Baeck served his people through the Nazi years, surviving to ultimately teach at the Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati and become the President of the World Union of Progressive Judaism, based in London. His writings about the relationship between Judaism and Christianity may be controversial to some, but it is inspirational to others.

(May 26th) Rabbi Sally Priesand, 1946-present, is the first female Rabbi ordained by a recognized Seminary, and the second formally ordained woman Rabbi in history. Born in Cleveland (very significant to know for BSTC purposes!), she was ordained 50 years ago in Cincinnati. Women's roles in every corner of the Jewish world will never be the same, following her courageous and determined steps toward equality.

I look forward to studying these Rabbis, and their importance to our Jewish identities, with you!

Shalom,

Rabbi Norm Roman

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



SAVE THE DATES for:

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MEMBER NEWS & DIRECTORY UPDATES

Directory Updates:

The Membership Directory is updated and posted on the Members Only page of the website when new information is received. Directories can be printed from the website or requested by members from the office.

- ♦ **New Members:** Paul & Georgia Jaffe
Green Valley AZ

- ♦ **Email address & cell phone:** John Unger

New address: Dan Galitz
Green Valley AZ

TEMPLE TIDINGS

MAZEL TOV!

Congratulations! Rabbi Norm and Lynne Roman became grandparents for the 3rd time on December 15th. Chloe Jules Rochkind was born (about 7 weeks premature) in NYC.

Parents are Adam and Sarah Blaker Rochkind. Mom and baby are doing fine!



BOARD NOTES

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

Remember to cast your vote! The **Annual Meeting** and Board of Director elections is **Monday, January 24th at 2 pm at BSTC**. A Zoom invitation will also be sent.

Who to Call?

Do you need to let the congregation know about an important life event? Are you interested in making caring calls to other members? If you have any prayer requests, know of any of our members who are sick and/or in the hospital, or would like to make phone calls, please contact Jo Legat, chair of the BSTC Caring Committee. Call or email Jo.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ART GALLERY

The Art Gallery Committee is happy to announce a new exhibit: ***Cri de Coeur: A Cry from the Heart***. The Guest Artist is a Tucson watercolorist. Nancy Charak will display her work, available for sale, in the BSTC Gallery through January 19, 2022. **There will be an Artist's Reception following the January Bagel Breakfast** where you can meet Nancy and learn about abstract art. We hope you will join us and take the opportunity to look at a most interesting exhibit and meet a most interesting lady.

Save the date: Sunday, February 20th at 2:30 pm for a special Gallery Reception with a presentation on the environment of ravens in our community by Beth Surdut. Refreshments will be served. There will also be an opportunity to meet Beth the Sunday prior to this event at the February Bagel Breakfast. Her exhibit, *Listening to Ravens*, will be on display in the BSTC gallery January 25th through March 21st.

BROTHERHOOD

The Brotherhood Chanukah Party, co-sponsored by the Sisterhood, was a tremendous success! Photos from this fun evening taken by BSTC member, Gary Friedman, are on the BSTC website. Take a look to see everyone enjoying the time together!

The hockey social outing the evening of December 15th included dinner and a professional hockey game...and news of the surprise arrival of Rabbi Norm and Lynne's third grandchild! Mazel Tov! See a photo on the next page.



(smile.amazon.com), the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to the charitable organizations you select. If you have any questions, contact Joyce Finkelstein.

FRY'S COMMUNITY REWARD PROGRAM

1. Visit www.frysfood.com
2. Register your Fry's VIP Card online
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

Bagel Breakfasts have resumed every first Sunday of the month for RSVP only members and guests. Current CDC Guidelines are being followed and only fully vaccinated people are being allowed to attend. Michael G will be playing piano from 9:30 to 10.

Upcoming Brotherhood Events:

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

E-SCRIP

Fundraise for BSTC without doing anything extra!

Shop with Scrip (SwS) Purchase gift cards directly from an app on your phone, and they are mailed directly to you! Please contact Joyce Finkelstein with questions or for help.

AMAZON SMILE

Shop Happy and make a Difference!

Do you shop on Amazon? Do you like to help BSTC? Then you should be shopping with Amazon Smile:

BSTC Brotherhood Billiards Social

February 9, 2022 • 4-6 PM

Quail Creek Madera Clubhouse Billiards Room

*Dinner to follow
at Quail Creek Grill*

RSVP Required—contact Lenny: mathcoach801@gmail.com

Open to first 16 respondents

All vaccinated BSTC Brotherhood members and significant others are invited.



YOU, too, can look beautiful in blue!

Join our BSTC Fundraiser by purchasing **Beth Shalom Temple Center Embroidered Apparel**

BLUE Polo shirts and/or sweatshirts embroidered in white reading:

"Beth Shalom Temple Center Green Valley, AZ"

Click on this link: <https://bethshalom.itemorder.com/sale>

Note: The polo shirts run large, so you might wish to purchase a size smaller from what you usually wear.

The estimated cost for the polo shirts is \$28.99 with larger sizes a dollar or two higher.

BSTC will make a 20% profit on each item ordered.

You will be notified when your purchases are ready, and you may pick them up from temple.

PROOF & BAKE CHALLAHS by retired pastry chef and BSTC member, Randy Gehman, will be made fresh and flash frozen once every month. Available for sale to BSTC members and their friends. They are one pound braided loaves for \$7 each. These must be pre-ordered by contacting Ruthann or the office.

JIM CLICK RAFFLE

The 2021 Jim Click Raffle drawing is over. Although no one at BSTC was a winner this year, someone in Green Valley did win the 2nd prize of two round trip airline tickets. ***BSTC raised \$2300 from this year's raffle! Great job Steve, Ed and Jane and thank you to all who participated!***

LIBRARY

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

Still active is the Yiddish Book Center. Online, weekly virtual public programs. Follow on social media, and sign up to receive our new "Weekly Reader" at yiddishbookcenter.org/signup.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

Welcome new members, Paul and Georgia Jaffe!

Member Biography

Paul and Georgia Jaffe retired 13 years ago and moved from Orange County, California to Quail Creek as full-time residents. They have been married for 42 years. (See photo next page, details continue.)



Georgia was an educator for 35 years and taught in the Irvine Unified School District. In the early days of personal computing, she was responsible for getting the school faculty up to speed on the latest technology. Georgia has an MA in Education. Among her interests since retiring are playing doubles tennis 3 times a week, creating very novel greeting cards and more recently, basket weaving.

Paul made his career in the sales of industrial purification equipment. Since moving to Arizona, he's enjoyed a hobby of firearms collecting and regular range shooting. In California, he was a general aviation pilot for many years, flying for both business and pleasure. Paul has a BS in Chemistry and Physics.

They also started a Cool Car Club in Quail Creek which had many active participants.

They successively owned several boats, some of which were towed on vacation to Lake Mead, Lake Powell and Lake Havasu for waterskiing and other boating activities. Their largest Sea Ray boat was docked in Newport Beach and they did a lot of coastal cruising.

Over the years, they have taken more than 45 cruises and visited many ports in Europe, North America, Hawaii and the Caribbean.

They are now very pleased to join the congregation of the Beth Shalom Temple Center.

WOW! BSTC gained almost 50 members since the start of Covid! The Welcome New Member Bagel Breakfast was on December 5th with a great turnout of 28 new members and over 60 other temple members. See some photos of the event on the BSTC website. 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.

Show your Pride in a BSTC shirt! BSTC members and friends have begun to order their BSTC logo embroidered polo shirts, supporting the Temple at the same time! **Big Frog Custom T-shirts & More** has set up a special on-line store just for BSTC members and their friends at:

bethshalom.itemorder.com/sale or by phoning the store directly at 520-326-3764.

Every shirt you order, the temple earns \$7.00!

Finished items will be available for pickup (or shipping directly to the purchaser) about a week and a half after the order was received. To avoid incurring a shipping charge, and if you cannot pickup your shirts, we are arranging to have one of our members pick up shirts that members have ordered every 2-3 weeks, and drop them off at the temple. If you prefer to have your order picked up and brought to the temple, please contact the office at 520-648-6690 or bstcgv@gmail.com. **BSTC recently received the first rebate check (for \$101) from these sales.**

Member Photos

BSTC welcomes other photos from our members to be shared in the Shofar, Schmooze and/or on our social media platforms. Send pictures to Mike with details.

Members are invited to SCHMOOZE!

Please send your comments, story and/or photos to Ricki for upcoming editions of The BSTC Schmooze. Then, watch for the BSTC Schmooze to come in your email!

Anyone interested in joining this committee please contact Mike Finkelstein.

PROGRAMS

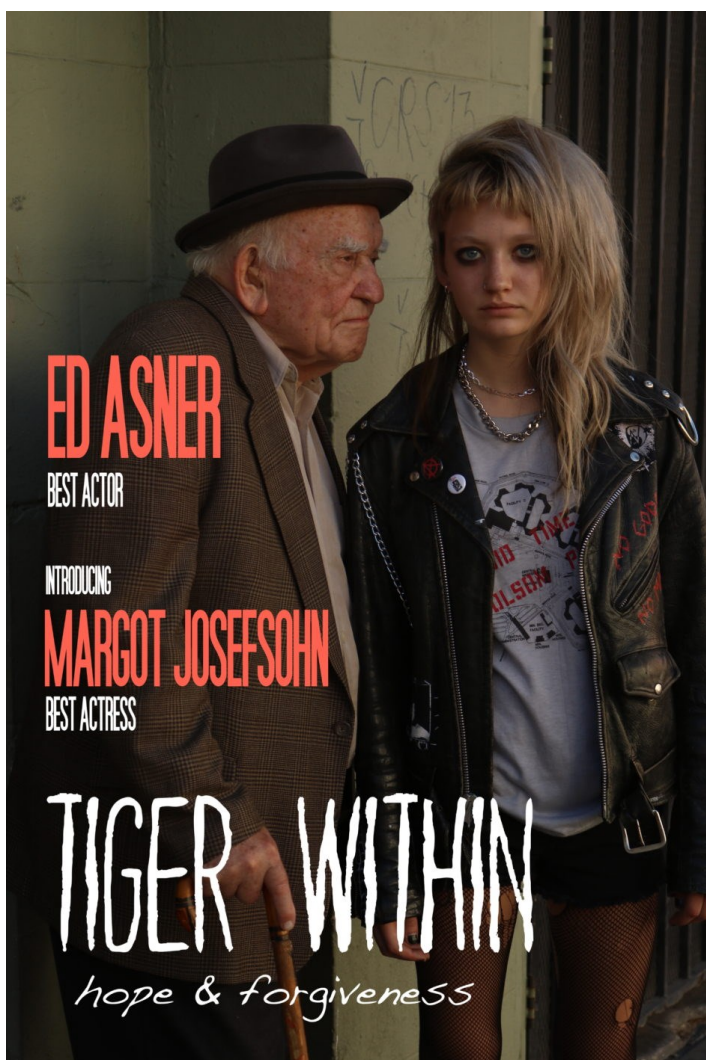
WITH RABBI NORM

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

AT BSTC

Gentle Yoga Classes using chairs will begin the last Sunday of the month for BSTC members only starting January 30th at 10 a.m. See flyer for details.

BSTC will proudly host the movie *Tiger Within* for the TUCSON JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL on Wednesday, February 2, 2022 at 1 pm! Member reservations will take precedence. Ticket price to be determined.



AT BSTC

Pleasurebent Tours Presentation on Wednesday, February 16th. This local travel tour provider will be at BSTC to discuss their many travel offerings, including customized programs. See flyer for details.


Karen Baker Fitness
Integration of mind, body & spirit for your health & wellness

Gentle Yoga

"Yoga should be a dance, not a wrestling match with your body".

Come try this **beginning** level class to safely develop and improve your yoga practice. This class is designed to be safe for all body types. Certified Yoga instructor Karen Baker will provide modifications and adjustments for each pose to help you successfully enjoy your yoga practice. Chairs will be used. All levels welcome and no experience necessary.

Please bring a mat and 2 yoga blocks to class.

When: The last Sunday of each month, 9:00-9:45am
(Starting Jan 30, 2022)

Where: Temple Center Beth Shalom

Class Fee: \$5/ class for members

For more info contact: Karen Baker

520-269-7341 (Home) kkbaker1714@gmail.com


Small Group Journeys for Discerning Travelers

TRAVEL PRESENTATION

Discover U.S. & International Destination Tours and Day Trips

Wednesday, February 16, 2pm-3pm
BSTC Sanctuary

- Plan your next tour to over 80 unique places!
- Explore our NEW Day & Destination Brochures
- Learn about our Customer Referral Program

Register in person to win a FREE DAY TOUR!

Check off your Bucket List and experience our amazing world! Here are a few places we'll take you.

Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta	Tournament of Roses Parade	Amazing Alaska	Branson Musical Holiday
Mexico's Copper Canyon	Santa Barbara Getaway	Washington D.C.	Lake Michigan Circle Tour
Prescott Victorian Christmas	White Sands, Carlsbad Caverns & Big Bend National Parks	Honduras: Caribbean Ocean & Lush Rainforests	San Juan Islands, Victoria B.C. & Olympic Peninsula
New York Holiday	Winter in Yellowstone	San Carlos, Mexico	Durango, Silverton & Ouray
Thanksgiving at the Hotel Del	Death Valley & Grand Canyon	Memphis & Nashville	Magical Kenya: Safari & Coast
Venice, Rome & Amalfi Coast	Grand Tour of Austria & Switzerland	Catalina Island & Whale Watching	Canadian Rockies & Glacier National Park
Canyon de Chelly & Monument Valley	Costa Rica: Tropical Paradise	California Splendor: Yosemite	Secrets of the Southwest
Black Hills & Badlands			

Visit: PleasurebentTours.com **Call:** 520.325.8839

IN THE COMMUNITY

BSTC members, **Valerie and Virgil Graham**, are offering a **private brunch and open house at their gallery in Tubac** for BSTC members on Sunday afternoon, January 16th. Doors open at 11:30, buffet served 12-1:30. Please RSVP to the Grahams by January 7th.

Mostly Kosher, a Klezmer group that performs at Disneyland, will play two shows at CPAC on Tuesday, February 1st. Anyone interested in going can contact Mike Finkelstein or order tickets online at: <https://performingartscenter.thundertix.com/> or by calling 520-399-1750

MOSTLY KOSHER



Mostly Kosher's show is an immersive cultural experience that invites the listener in to share a few l'chaims and then sends them home with a goodie bag of melodies, memories and fun! The set includes reconstructed Klezmer and Yiddish music, the cultural expressions of Jewish people crossed with Rock, Latin, Jazz and Folk. In response to the poetry and folk music of Judaic roots, the show includes original repertoire resounding with themes of social justice, human dignity and mutual understanding.

Tuesday
February 1st
3:00/7:00pm



CPAC
Bringing the Arts to Everyone

Tickets - \$25

1250 W Continental Rd., Green Valley, AZ 85622 www.performingartscenter.org 520-399-1750

RITUAL

It was great seeing everyone on December 3rd as we celebrated Chanukah together and the rededication of our own Temple. It was even better seeing how many people stayed for our Friday night Shabbat service. I now have a question for each of you, why are you not attending Shabbat services on a regular basis? Is it the time the service starts, length of the service, the fact that we are not serving food (we'll bring back the food as soon as we have mouths to

eat it) or some other reason? Rabbi Roman and the Ritual Committee would really like to know.

This is your BSTC and unless we know what your religious needs and wants are we can not provide for them. Please let Ruthann know.

As a reminder we have services the first and third Friday of the month currently at 5:00pm and the second Saturday of the month at 10:00am, except this month. Please check the schedule on page 4.

Ruthann

SECURITY

BSTC in-person activities and programs are likely to increase in 2022, everyone must be more conscious of safety and security. Please make sure that indoor events are registered properly with Stacy to avoid any double-booking surprises.

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

We have lots of new members. **Please wear your nametag** whenever attending services or events at BSTC. If you have not yet received a nametag, please let our office manager, Stacy, or Membership Chair, Mike Finkelstein, know immediately.

Entering or departing BSTC should always be done through the main entry doors in the foyer. Side doors are for emergency exit only or for facility worker use. We have had several incidents recently of the building alarm being triggered when members have exited through the side doors.

Gary Melton

BSTC Security

SISTERHOOD

The Sisterhood planned an outing to Tubac for Wednesday, December 22nd. Sixteen members car-pooled from BSTC to Tubac, toured the Presidio and had lunch at Shelby's Bistro. The weather was lovely and the afternoon was enjoyed by all.



The Sisterhood are planning to bake Hamantaschen for Purim in the temple kitchen. Watch for details to join the fun and order yours! YUM!

SOCIAL ACTION

Our last meeting was November 24th and the committee voted not to have a December meeting. Meetings are being held in person at BSTC again since October, and the next meeting is planned for Wednesday, January 26th at 3 p.m.

Continuing Projects:

- ◆ Providing motivational quotes for YOTO students is back on our usual schedule of 100 cards for their students at the end of each month. During Mitzvah Day, Larry Gravitz led a project that saw over 600 cards completed giving us a stockpile for the next several months. Another 100 were donated to the Tucson YOTO office on December 30th.
- ◆ Collection of non-perishable food items during December had brought 26 pounds of food and \$100 in monetary donations by the time of publication. The final December food collection date was on Wednesday, December 29th. **January 2022 collection dates are Thursday, January 13th and Wednesday, January 26th, from 8-11 a.m. in the BSTC parking lot.** Also remember, with increased access to the building again, members attending services and other events at BSTC are encouraged to drop off food donations directly in the lobby bin as well.

Not to be forgotten:

- ◆ Back on Friday morning, November 5th, our Green Valley and Sahuarita communities joined together to do good deeds, volunteering to help our non-profit activities with tasks they needed done. Volunteers worked from 8 a.m. to noon and then were welcomed to a lunch hosted and catered by La Posada at the St Francis Episcopal Church in the Valley. It was members of our Jewish community that started the Mitzvah Good Deeds Day program in 2014. Thank you to all the BSTC members who showed ownership and leadership by participating in this great day of good deeds! In 2022 we are expanding our Mitzvah Good Deeds to include a community effort to better support our participation in the February 17th *National Random Acts of Kindness Day*, the April 18th *National Good Deeds Day*, the September 28th *National Good Neighbor Day*, and of course, not to forget, our original *Mitzvah: Good Deeds Done Together Day* again, November 4th!

TORAH STUDY

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

WEBSITE

Please email Stacy, or call 520-648-6690, if you have any problems or comments.

MONTHLY TORAH PORTIONS				
Portion (Parashat)	Date	Hebrew Date	Torah	Haftarah
Va-eira I (God) Appeared [to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob]	Jan 1, 2022	28 Tevet 5782	Exodus 6:2-9:35	Ezekiel 28:25-29:21
Bo Go [to Pharaoh]	Jan 8, 2022	6 Shevat 5782	Exodus 10:1-13:16	Jeremiah 46:13-28
B'shalach Now When [Pharaoh] Let [the People] Go	Jan 15, 2022	13 Shevat 5782	Exodus 13:17-17:16	Judges 4:4-5:31
Yitro Jethro	Jan 22, 2022	20 Shevat 5782	Exodus 18:1-20:23	Isaiah 6:1-7:6 & 9:5-6
Mishpatim [These Are the] Rules	Jan 29, 2022	27 Shevat 5782	Exodus 21:1-24:18	Jeremiah 34:8-22 & 33:25-26



Happy Birthday to:	
Merle Sobol	3-Jan
Marilyn Forstot	4-Jan
David Wolpert	4-Jan
Eloise Clendenin	6-Jan
Martha Wolpert	9-Jan
Lenny Friedman	10-Jan
Susan Cohen	11-Jan
Janet Brown	15-Jan
Judith Kramer	16-Jan
Judy Gehman	16-Jan
Randy Gehman	18-Jan
Ceylon Kelly	20-Jan
David Liebling	22-Jan
Barbara Kowalski	23-Jan
Robin Garman	24-Jan
William Forstot	27-Jan
John Holleran	28-Jan
Stacey Bell	31-Jan



Happy Anniversary to:	
Mike & Joyce Finkelstein	3-Jan
Ed & Esther Brill	10-Jan

COMMITTEE	CHAIR/CO-CHAIR
Aesthetics	Tobey Gitelle
Art Gallery	Marcia Wiener
Art Gallery (co-chair)	Bev Lake
Book of Remembrance	Suenette Maron
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Hospitality: Oneg	Maridell Nochumson
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