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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Comparing the Events of *Purim* to the Current Conflict with Iran

The Jewish holiday of *Purim* commemorates a dramatic episode from the ancient Persian Empire, described in the *Book of Esther*. In that biblical story, a royal advisor named Haman plotted to annihilate the Jewish people who lived in the empire. Through the courage of Queen Esther and her cousin Mordechai, the decree was overturned, and the Jewish community was saved from destruction. Every year, Jews celebrate *Purim* with readings of the *Megillah* (the Scroll of Esther), costumes, feasts, and acts of charity to remember deliverance from existential threat.

The modern conflict involving Iran — historically part of the ancient Persian realm — has drawn some observers to make symbolic comparisons to the *Purim* narrative, especially as the holiday fell this year amid heightened hostilities. In 2026, Israel and the United States have engaged in military actions against Iran's leadership and infrastructure, and Iran has launched missile strikes that have forced Israeli civilians to take shelter even during *Purim* festivities. Celebrations in cities like Tel Aviv and Ramat Gan shifted into fortified bomb shelters in response to the threat from Iranian missiles.

On a **symbolic level**, both the *Purim* story and the current conflict involve themes of survival in the face of overwhelming threat. In *Purim*, the Jewish community faced a decree of death sanctioned at the highest level of Persian power; today, Israelis and their allies view Iranian hostility as posing a

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RABBI'S MESSAGE

Friends,

As I thought about the potential themes I could explore in this month's Shofar article, there were obvious choices:

Pesach (Passover) — the celebration of our liberation — begins on April 1st. It is both the penultimate culmination and memory of the Israelites' covenant with the God Who creates miracles, and we are commanded to not only remember the Exodus, but to work towards the freedom and human dignity of all who are enslaved.

Even in the presence of an ongoing war - which actually began, we must recall, on October 7, 2023 - 'Am Yisrael (the People of Israel), unite with Medinat Yisrael (the State of Israel) in commemorating Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Memorial Day), Yom HaZikaron (Israel's Memorial Day), and Yom Ha'Atzmaut (Israel's Independence Day). May we devote ourselves this year especially, to strengthening our own connections with the Jewish State and to educating those who are misinformed or ignorant about the true meaning of Zionism and the ideals towards which our brothers and sisters strive, despite the political, terrorist, military, and Anti-Semitic environment surrounding them.

Difficult times are all about us: many are hurting or alone. Costs of living continue to rise, too many of our friends and neighbors are receiving dire diagnoses — their suffering is real. The words of the Haggadah remind us that the Torah commands no less than 36 times: "Remember the heart and need of the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of

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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 April 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.

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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 25th 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)

profound danger to the Jewish state. Leaders and commentators have drawn explicit parallels, invoking the ancient story of deliverance as meaningful for contemporary resilience and defense against what they see as a modern version of Haman's intent.

However, it is important to **distinguish carefully between a religious narrative and real geopolitics**. The *Purim* account emerged from a very different historical setting — the Achaemenid Empire of the fifth century BCE, a context shaped by ancient imperial politics and the survival of a subject community under foreign rule. The current war with Iran involves nation-states, modern military technology, and complex international alliances and grievances that extend far beyond the ancient story's literal details. While symbolic comparisons can offer cultural or motivational resonance, they do not reflect identical causes, actors, or moral frameworks.

In sum, the *Purim* narrative and the present conflict can be compared in terms of broad themes — courage under threat, communal survival, and the reversal of danger — but they remain fundamentally different phenomena: one is a long-cherished religious memory, the other a contemporary geopolitical crisis with profound human consequences.

As we now enter the Passover season, we embrace another powerful story of deliverance. I'm excited to see you all at this year's Passover Seder.

Happy Holiday!

Josh Migdal, BSTC President



RABBI'S MESSAGE (continued)

Egypt.” May we all find the energy and determination to “feed the hungry, house the homeless, protect the innocent and bring healing to the sick”. The lessons of Passover and the Mitzvah of Leviticus “You shall be holy!” call out to us in this Spring Season.

But, I also realized that there is one overriding crisis that we must address, as Jews, as Americans, and as

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Children of God. For us, for our children and grandchildren, indeed for there to be a future for humanity as we know it:

“Climate Change is no longer a distant or abstract concern. It is the defining challenge of our generation. We see it in homes destroyed by extreme weather events across the Americas and in floods that have taken lives in Israel; in heat waves, fires and storms that are growing in frequency and intensity. The world is heating up. The risks are rising. And if we are honest with ourselves, the Jewish world has not yet responded at the scale this moment demands. . .

The Jewish community has significant assets: intellectual capital, entrepreneurial energy, global networks and a deep ethical tradition. We are a small people in number with an outsized capacity to shape ideas and institutions . . . In a strange way, this most recent war with Iran (and Hezbollah) is a further reminder of the nature of contemporary (Jewish) life. As with the COVID-19 pandemic and the October 7th attacks, we don't have the luxury of choosing our battles, and we need to address both chronic and acute challenges as a community. . .

The future our children inherit will reflect the choices we make now. Let us ensure that those choices reflect the very best of who we are.” [Stephen Bronfman, Jewish Climate Trust]

Join me in making a vital, vibrant response to this crisis into a new priority for us and our neighbors. I have invited a long-time Michigan (Go Blue!) friend, Paul Gross, an internationally recognized meteorologist, Emmy Winner, and expert in the field, to educate us about Climate Change in a Zoom presentation at 1pm on Wednesday, April 22nd (Earth Day). There will be an opportunity for questions and answers that afternoon, and my hope is that there will also be strong interest in a follow-up program studying the Jewish perspective on this modern plague.

I look forward to being with you through the next several weeks of Spring – may they be inspirational for all of us!

Shalom,

Rabbi Norm Roman



BSTC ACTIVITY CALENDAR

BSTC continues to Live Stream Services on YouTube. Links are emailed to members.

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.

BOARD NOTES

The monthly Board meeting is normally held on the fourth Monday of each month. **The next Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 27th at 10am.** All members are welcome, and encouraged to attend.

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 allows 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.

Schedule of Services, Meetings, Classes & Events			
Day	Date	Time	Event
WED	4/1/26	10am	BSTC Book Club @BSTC
THU	4/2/26	5pm	Seder at DDCC
FRI	4/3/26	7pm	Friday Night Shabbat Service
SAT	4/4/26	10am	Torah Study on Zoom
TUE	4/7/26	7pm	Yizkor Service
SAT	4/11/26	10am	Saturday Shabbat Service
SUN	4/12/26	10am	Bagel Breakfast <i>Sponsors: Josh & Venilda Migdal Program to follow</i>
MON	4/13/26	10am	Sisterhood Meeting
WED	4/15/26	9am	Men's Club Meeting @El Patio
FRI	4/17/26	9:30am	Program Committee meeting on Zoom
FRI	4/17/26	7pm	Friday Night Shabbat Service
SAT	4/18/26	10am	Torah Study on Zoom
SUN	4/19/26	ALL DAY	MOD Pizza food fundraiser
WED	4/22/26	1pm	Earth Day Zoom Program
SAT	4/25/26	10am	Torah Study on Zoom ONLY
MON	4/27/26	10am	BSTC Board Meeting
TUE	4/28/26	3pm	Uniting the Community Through Music meeting
FRI	5/1/26	7pm	Friday Night Shabbat Service
SAT	5/2/26	10am	Torah Study on Zoom ONLY
SUN	5/3/26	10am	Bagel Breakfast <i>Sponsors: Rabbi & Lynne Roman</i>

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

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- ◆ **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.

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 email Gail Abend

COMMITTEE NEWS

ART GALLERY

The exhibit now on display, "**Nature As I See It**" features the works of BSTC's own Marcia Wiener. Please take some time to view the work, and please sign the guest book.

Marcia Wiener & Bev Lake

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 or Amy Storer 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.

BOOK CLUB

The BSTC Book Club usually meets at BSTC every first Wednesday of the month at 10 a.m. All are welcome.

BSTC Book Club 2026 Reading List:

- ◆ Apr 1st—***A Tree Grows In Brooklyn***
by Betty Smith
- ◆ May 6th—***The Worst Hard Time***
by Timothy Egan
- ◆ Jun 3rd—***Book Woman of Troublesome Creek***
by Kim Richardson
- ◆ Jul 1st—***People of The Book***
by Geraldine Brooks
- ◆ 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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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?

We have beautiful Tribute cards available to commemorate a life event, and they also act as a fundraiser. At the moment, our financial records indicate that the cost of these cards is greater than the donations that they are bringing in. When making your donation, please remember that the cost to temple for each card is just under \$5, which includes the card stock, printing, envelopes, and stamps. Tribute cards are available for viewing on our BSTC website.

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 Amy Storer.

GRANTS

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

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

HOSPITALITY

Bagel Breakfasts are usually on the first Sunday of each month at 10am. Due to Pesach the April event has been moved to the SECOND SUNDAY, **April 12**, and the event is sponsored by Rabbi Norm and Lynne Roman.

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!**

JIM CLICK RAFFLE

The 2026 Jim Click Raffle begins on February 23rd. Tickets will be available at bagel breakfasts, or in the BSTC office, or contact Ed Gold. Tickets are \$25 each or 5 for \$100, and as in past years, BSTC keeps 100% of the ticket sales. Three prizes again this year: 1st Prize—2026 Nissan Frontier Pro-4X Roush Edition (pickup truck). Your participation in this fun way to support BSTC is appreciated!

LIBRARY

Jane recently moved all non-fiction books that were on the bottom of the fiction shelves to the metal book shelves. She plans to put up new labels soon. She also is slowly removing the discarded books that are underneath the meeting table.

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

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

The new BSTC Board has asked for a new survey of all members, to ask them what they enjoy about belonging to BSTC, as well as what changes or new programs they might want to see. The survey will be

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sent out in the near future. This follows other surveys that we have conducted over the years.

The 2026 Member Directory is available on the password protected page of the website. Please contact the office if you need that password.

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.

NEW MEMBER BIOGRAPHY

Judy Lugers has recently rejoined the membership.



Dave and I grew up in Prescott, Arizona and raised our three boys there. After Dave graduated from NAU, we emigrated to Australia where we resided in Melbourne for a year, Sydney for a year, and then we travelled north for 6 months in a small

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trailer with our oldest son who was about a year old. Dave worked in both Melbourne and Sydney before we decided to return to Prescott where we had two more sons.

I worked at the VA Hospital until Dave decided we should go "somewhere" overseas again. "Somewhere" didn't work for me, so I applied for a transfer from Civil Service to Foreign Service. After many months, we were accepted and moved to Paris where we stayed for 3 years before transferring to Chile and Kenya. I was a secretary and Dave worked in various offices such as security, consular, maintenance, etc. We retired in 1990 and continued to do some traveling, eventually finding our way to Green Valley in 1998 where Dave could spend his time "birding," and I could grow as many roses as possible. We've now moved on to playing cards with our friends, and I spend much of my time on the computer building my tree with Ancestry.com.

MEN'S CLUB

The next Men's Club meeting will be on Wednesday, April 15th, at El Patio Restaurant, at 9:00 am.

The Men's Club through Steven Maron is seeking to gauge the level of potential interest in having a Yiddish club at Beth Shalom Temple Center, to be sponsored by the Men's Club but open to the entire congregation. The intent would be to have an informal gathering of folks with varying levels of knowledge. Initially, the intent would be, perhaps, to share wise and amusing proverbs and idioms from "The Complete Idiot's Guide to Learning Yiddish". The group could then go on to other agreed upon activities, such as watching videos or having a conversation. The group would be run informally by Steve.

Please message Steve Maron if you have an interest in this activity.

See a photo of the Men's Club at the recent planning meeting on the next page.



PROGRAMS

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- ◆ The **Jewish Film Festival** is planned on **Sunday, March 29th at 1pm**, for three English language short films. There is **NO CHARGE** for this event!
- ◆ Member Diane Stein will present *Surviving the Holocaust Through Art* after the April bagel breakfast.
- ◆ Local archeologist, Linda Gregoris, a specialist in Hohokam art and iconography, gave her presentation Wednesday, March 18th and attendees asked thoughtful, challenging questions.
- ◆ Les Bakke presented *I Survived the 60s...Did YOU?* on Wednesday, March 25th and Rabbi Norm led a sing-along.

WITH RABBI NORM

- ◆ Rabbi Norm has arranged for Paul Gross to discuss climate change in a Zoom program set for **Wednesday, April 22nd at 1pm**.
- ◆ **SPRING STUDY SESSIONS!**
Many Jewish communities traditionally devote time in the “Omer” period between Pesach and

Shavuot for special study opportunities of non-sacred texts. Topics range from the legacy of ancient ethics and values to understanding valued Jewish customs or rituals, while teaching them through fables, parables, stories and insights. **Rabbi Norm invites you to join him for a 3-part Adult Education series on Zoom: “Lessons from our Ancestors—Wise and Foolish Alike!” on three successive Wednesdays: April 29th, May 6th, and May 13th at 1pm.**

Zoom links will be emailed.

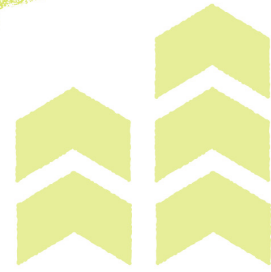
No prior knowledge or familiarity with Pirkei Avot or The Wise Men of Chelm is necessary!

FUNDRAISING

- ◆ Another **FUNdraising DINE OUT** at **MOD Pizza** is planned for **Sunday, April 19th**. Flyers with the code are on the lobby table and the next page.
- ◆ **Uniting the Community Through Music 2026** are planning the event for February 2027, in order to get maximum participation from all temple members as well as the community. The next meeting is **Tuesday, April 28th at 3pm** at BSTC. Please contact Mike Finkelstein if you would like to participate in the committee’s work this year!



FUNDRAISING



RAISE SOME DOUGH

Bring in this flyer, or order online through the MOD app or website, to use the fundraiser code provided and MOD will donate 25% of your bill to support this great work!

JOIN MOD IN SUPPORTING

ORGANIZATION NAME: BETH SHALOM TEMPLE CENTER

FUNDRAISER DATE: APRIL 19, 2026

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REWARD PROGRAMS

RAISE RIGHT is a program offering name brand gift cards for purchase and *raises funds for BSTC!*

Please contact Ricki Letowt or Joyce Finkelstein with questions or for help getting started.

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"

If you are not a Fry's VIP Card holder, just stop by your nearest Fry's and ask for a free application.

RITUAL

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

April Service Schedule:

- ◆ **Thursday, April 2nd—5pm**
Second Seder at DDCC (*must have reservations*)



- ◆ **Friday, April 3rd—7pm**
Friday Night Shabbat Service
- ◆ **Saturday, April 11th—10am**
Saturday Shabbat Service
- ◆ **Friday, April 17th—7pm**
Friday Night Shabbat Service

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 Hindel).

SECURITY

"If you see something, say something!"

Dan Galitz, BSTC Security Chair

SISTERHOOD

The Sisterhood usually meets every second Tuesday of the month at 10am at BSTC and all Sisterhood members are invited to join. The next meeting is at BSTC on **MONDAY, April 13th at 10am.**

The election results for the 2026 Sisterhood Board are as follows:

- Bobbie Vishner—President
- Caroline Weintraub—Vice President
- Linda Stein—Recording Secretary
- Agi Klieger—Corresponding Secretary
- Bunny Tarquinio—Treasurer
- Mariann Katz—Membership Chair

Up and coming trip to the Greek Monastery in Florence, Arizona is on **Wednesday, April 15th.** It has beautiful grounds with a serene atmosphere. Free admission but donations accepted. Women are required to dress very conservatively. Details will be sent. Afterwards we will head to the nearby delicious Mount Athos Greek restaurant. Trip is about 1-1/2 hours easy drive, so plan on a full day.

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SOCIAL ACTION

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

TORAH STUDY

Torah Portions are included in the table below. BSTC Torah Study meets ONLY via Zoom, on Saturday mornings that have no service. All are welcome. The link has been emailed and does not change. Please contact the office if you need it.

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MONTHLY TORAH PORTIONS			
Portion (Parashat)	Date	Torah	Haftarah
CHOL HAMO'ED PESACH	Apr 3-4, 2026	Exodus 33:12-34:26	Ezekiel 37:1-14
SHEMINI	Apr 10/11, 2026	Leviticus 9:1-11:47	II Samuel 6:1-7:17
TAZRIA –METZORA	Apr 17/18, 2026	Leviticus 12:1-13:59	II Kings 7:3-20
ACHAREI MOT—KEDOSHIM	Apr 24-25, 2026	Leviticus 16:1-18:30	Amos 9:7-15



Harry Wolf	1-Apr
Lynn Janklow	3-Apr
Adrienne Lowe	3-Apr
Michael Benisch	6-Apr
Irene Miller	8-Apr
Bunny Tarquinio	8-Apr
Bunny Callis	11-Apr
Susan Korn	17-Apr
Venilda Migdal	18-Apr
Ingeborg McDonald	20-Apr
David Wyte	30-Apr



David & Donna Wyte	18-Apr
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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

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

SEE SOME SAMPLE CARDS ON THE BSTC WEBSITE.

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

1. **Name** of EACH recipient
2. **Address** of EACH recipient (*for temple members living in Green Valley address need not be submitted with your request; however, if 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.
5. 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 our last publication:

- ◆ From Debbie & Harry Segal: **happy anniversary to:** Joyce & Mike Finkelstein
- ◆ From Shelly Carter: **happy anniversary to:** Joyce & Mike Finkelstein
- ◆ From Joyce & Mike Finkelstein: **sympathy to:** the Howard Brody family

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
Serene Rein	Benjamin D Leavitt
Nancy Feldman	Les Feldman
Sig Friedman	Elsie Friedman
Gail Norton	Doris Sable



COMMITTEE	CHAIR/CO-CHAIR
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Hospitality	Dawna Wheeler
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Oneg	Cris Hager
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Sisterhood	Bobbie Vishner
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