

Beth Shalom Temple Center



GREEN VALLEY SHOFAR

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President's Message

It's been a long time coming but I can finally say these words: **BSTC is starting the process to completely reopen.** Once Rabbi Roman and Stacy are fully vaccinated which will be by mid-June BSTC will follow this schedule (assuming there are no setbacks):

- Friday, July 2nd – posted office hours will resume. The BSTC office will be open Monday & Friday 10:00am-2:00pm and Wednesday 12:00pm-4:00pm
- Friday, July 2nd – we will resume Challah & wine at religious services. Full Onegs and Kiddush luncheons will be added in August.
- Monday, July 26th – in person Board meetings will resume.
- Thursday, September 16th – Break The Fast
- Sunday, October 3rd – Bagel Breakfast

In person meetings may resume at any time as long as everyone is fully vaccinated. Hybrid meetings can be arranged.

Currently the sanctuary is set up for social distancing. This will be removed by July so that the tables can once again be put in place.

Again I want to thank everyone for their patience as we made our way through the Covid pandemic. I truly believe that we are a stronger "family" now than we were before.

Ruthann

Message from Rabbi Norm Roman

PLEASE LET RABBI ROMAN KNOW IF YOU (AND/OR YOUR FRIENDS) ARE INTERESTED IN THE PROPOSED GROUP TRIP TO ISRAEL, TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 11-23, 2021



MEMBER NEWS & DIRECTORY UPDATES

Directory Updates:

The 2021 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 Members:** John & Laura Unger
Green Valley AZ
- ♦ **Returning Member:** Charne Shoob
Green Valley AZ
- ♦ **Corrected email address:** Ceylon Kelly
- ♦ **New summer address:** Jean & Cliff Shekter
Commerce Township MI
- ♦ **Email address:** Irene Miller

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GREEN VALLEY SHOFAR

The Official Newsletter of
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Office Hours:

Monday & Friday: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Wednesday: noon to 4 p.m.

President	Ruthann Shapiro
VP	Gary Melton
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At Large	Mike Finkelstein
At Large	Gloria Clancy
At Large	Jane Gold
At Large	Arnold Krohn
At Large	Ricki Letowt
At Large	Merle Sobol

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Editor: Jane Gold

This is the June issue of the Shofar. The Shofar are now being published electronically only.
Go to: bstc.us to view/print archived volumes.

NEWSLETTER SUPPORT STAFF: Mike Finkelstein,
Stacy Laetsch

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

BSTC is currently a closed facility. 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 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!)

Tributes include:

- ♦ From Harriet & Jerry Belenker: ***in memory of:*** Sam Miller
- ♦ From Ingeborg McDonald: ***in memory of:*** Sam Miller
- ♦ From Ruth & Norm Gosman: ***in memory of:*** Sam Miller
- ♦ From Ina & Larry Gravitz: ***in memory of:*** Sam Miller
- ♦ From Amy Storer: ***in memory of:*** Sam Miller
- ♦ From Marcia Wiener: ***in memory of:*** Sam Miller
- ♦ From Debra Wiener Zweben: ***in memory of:*** Sam Miller
- ♦ From Marilyn Israel: ***in memory of:*** Sam Miller

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
Larry & Helene Feldman	Their Grandmother	Hermine Kornfeld
Ingeborg McDonald	Her Friend	Donald Weisbaum
Madelyn Weig	Her Husband	Steven Weig
Marilyn Israel	Her Husband	Jack Israel
Marilyn Israel	Her Sister-in-law	Mary Cohen

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

BSTC is OPEN for Services

BSTC will also continue Live Streaming Services on YouTube.

Schedule of Services, Meetings & Events			
Day	Date	Time	Event
Tuesday	6/1/21	10 am	Program Meeting
Wednesday	6/2/21	1 pm	Summer Lecture #1*
Friday	6/4/21	7 pm	Shabbat Service
Saturday	6/5/21	10 am	Torah Study
Saturday	6/12/21	10 am	Shabbat Service
Wednesday	6/16/21	1 pm	Summer Lecture #2*
Friday	6/18/21	7 pm	Shabbat Service
Saturday	6/19/21	10 am	Torah Study
Monday	6/21/21	9 am	NO Study Session
Saturday	6/26/21	10 am	Torah Study
Monday	6/28/21	10 am	NO Board Meeting
Wednesday	6/30/21	1 pm	Summer Lecture #3*
Friday	7/2/21	7 pm	Shabbat Service
Saturday	7/3/21	10 am	Torah Study

**On-line events will have invitation links sent via email.*

TEMPLE TIDINGS

Member Passing

It is with heavy hearts that we share the passing of BSTC member, Sam Miller. There was a graveside service on Thursday, May 6th in Jewish section of the Green Valley Cemetery.

New Member Biography

Charne Shoob has recently rejoined the BSTC membership. Welcome back, Charne!



Hi everyone !

I am Charne Shoob, a former BSTC member, "returning to the fold" ! My husband Morrie and I have lived in GV for 12 years, having moved here from the Bay Area of California and Wisconsin before that. I am originally from Winnipeg, Canada.

I was an Occupational Therapist specializing in the field of Mental Health, having practiced for almost 55 yrs., most recently 10 yrs. at the Tucson VA and finally retired 3 yrs. ago. I then worked part-time in the Activities department at La Posada for 2 yrs. until the Covid outbreak. I now enjoy being a homebody !!

Morrie and I have two daughters, Stacie living in Tennessee and Brynna in Portland, Or. Our grandson Stephen also lives in Tennessee.

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As a child in Canada I was educated in a Yiddish Cheder but never learned Hebrew, except by osmosis and a few classes. Our family, although not “religious”, observed major Jewish holidays at synagogue, with aunts, uncles and cousins gathering together for holiday meals and festivities - which I miss dearly!! Most of my remaining family still live in Canada.

After leaving BSTC Morrie and I became members of Anshei Israel for a short time, and currently Congregation Bet Shalom in Tucson. We intend to continue our membership with Bet Shalom but I myself would like get involved “closer to home”, particularly with Sisterhood and other cultural and social activities offered at BSTC.

I look forward to connecting with BSTC members and gradually getting involved!!

Notes From the Board

BSTC’s Board met for the May meetings via Zoom, continuing with this virtual platform as we determine that gathering in person is once again safe. Members are included and invited by eblast to join the General Board meetings. All are welcome.

The Board will not be meeting in June unless something urgent arises. Board meetings will resume in person at BSTC for the July 26th General Meeting at 10 a.m.

Thank you to ALL members for your commitment to BSTC!

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ART GALLERY

The Art Gallery Committee is planning a two-part exhibition of artwork created by BSTC members to be shown September through November. More information will be coming next month! Please contact Marcia for info and to submit your entries.

The exhibit of Israeli art from the personal collection of BSTC member and Art Gallery Co-chair, Bev Lake, will remain on display through the summer. Please take a moment to enjoy it. Thank you!

Marcia

BROTHERHOOD

The Brotherhood had a Kvell & Kvetch gathering in the BSTC garden on Sunday, May 2nd, and six members enjoyed the time together.

The Brotherhood announced at the May Board meeting that there are no future plans for making bagels again.

Merle is putting together a Texas Hold ‘Em poker group to meet at Triple Play. Contact Merle if you would like to join the game!

The group has plans to meet on Sunday, May 30th at 8 a.m. for a pickleball lesson from club president, Lenny Friedman, at the Veterans Memorial Park.

E-SCRIP

Shop with Scrip (SwS)

SHOPwithSCRIP now offers purchasing cards directly from an app on your phone, and they are then mailed directly to you! ShopWithScrip is a program that **raises funds for BSTC without costing you anything extra!** 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: (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

The Hospitality Committee is happy to announce that food events will begin again at BSTC. See the President's message on the front page for details!

The Hospitality Committee has provided a new procedure guide for anybody using the BSTC kitchen:

Kitchen guidelines at BSTC

Below is what we expect from anyone using the kitchen (in no particular order):

- ♦ All items used returned to where it was taken from clean and dry.
- ♦ Sinks rinsed and clear of any debris. Garbage disposal run if necessary. Check sinks AFTER the water has drained.
- ♦ Floors mopped (when Temple is not scheduled to be cleaned within 24 hrs); all counters cleaned (move anything on counters for cleaning. Small items such as flour, sugar and seeds tend to disperse and can be found in areas not used) and wiped down with sanitizer (a solution of 1 tablespoon bleach and 1 gallon of water). Let air dry. Bleach is under the counter between the sink and the dishwasher. More in the shed on the floor – straight ahead where the janitorial

items are.

- ♦ Garbage taken out to the dumpster outside the outer door from the sanctuary (take garbage home until BSTC reinstates garbage pickup) and new trash bags placed in cans. There are usually more black bags on the right side under the sink by the door. If none there, there are some in the shed on the floor -- straight ahead where the janitorial items are.
- ♦ Towels and aprons taken home to be washed and returned. Clean towels will be found under the sink by the door, on the left side.
- ♦ If the shed is opened, close and lock it. Key is on a red hook kept on the stand next to the back door.
- ♦ Be sure the back door has closed completely, or the alarm system will indicate that a door is open.
- ♦ If you use the stove/oven, be sure to turn the gas OFF.



JIM CLICK RAFFLE

The 2021 Jim Click Raffle has begun. The three great prizes this year are: a new 2021 Ford Bronco Sport, two first class roundtrip tickets anywhere in the world, or \$5,000 in cash. Tickets are \$25 each or five for \$100. One hundred percent (100%) of your ticket purchase goes directly to BSTC. Please contact Steve Abrahams 914-450-7813 or Ed Gold 973-477-2577 or call the BSTC office for information. If you live in Quail Creek, Ed is willing to deliver tickets to your home! ***BSTC has already raised \$1375 so far from this year's raffle!***

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

John and Laura Unger have joined BSTC, and Charne Shoob has returned to BSTC. Welcome to all!

The committee is looking into making BSTC branded collared shirts for members.

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, 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!

PROGRAMS

Rummage Sale

Several years back BSTC put on a rummage sale. It was a great fundraiser and involved almost every member of the temple in planning and working the event, as well as donating their gently used items. We are now looking for volunteers to help do another **rummage and craft sale**. Let Mike know if you are interested.

Wednesdays at BSTC

Rabbi Norm made a presentation on the Ten Commandments on May 18th. The discussion was recorded and can be found on the BSTC YouTube channel.

BSTC member Don Berk presented a program entitled "Solar Eruptions: Midrashing the Catastrophes in Genesis" on Wednesday, May 19th.

BSTC member David Liebling will begin a **series of six history lectures** this month. Details below.

June 2

Judea in the Time of Herod (1st century BCE)

A time of prosperity, trade and internal factionalism.

June 16

Alexandria in the Time of Cleopatra

The most important Jewish community outside Judea.

June 30

Cordoba & the Golden Age of Muslim Spain

A place where Jews greatly benefited from the fusion of Jewish, Muslim and Christian culture. Birthplace of Maimonides & his home until the age of 13.

July 14

Fez in the 12th Century (Maimonides)

Second home of Maimonides & major Islamic city of the medieval world.

July 28

12th Century Cairo (Maimonides & Cairo Genizah)

Third and final home of Maimonides. Location of the Cairo Genizah, a source of important information about Jewish life in the Islamic world.

August 11

Amsterdam in the Dutch Golden Age (17th Century): Time of Spinoza & Rembrandt

A haven for Iberian Jews after the expulsion in 1492.

***Zoom Invitations will be sent before each lecture.**

Event flyers will be posted to the BSTC website.

DELISH!!

For those who love to cook and those who just enjoy watching cooking shows, we have a program for you! We are considering a series of cooking classes, taught by BSTC members, highlighting sweet and savory Jewish delicacies. The classes would take place at the Temple so we can learn together and socialize. If this cooking series interests you, please email Judy Gehman. If you have a recipe that you would like to teach, please email me as well. It will be wonderful to gather again after so long and have fun!

As a reminder, most of the services, classes, presentations and studies from late April 2020 through now are on-line and can be found by clicking the "Please click [HERE](#) for the videos" link on our website. They are normally posted within 24 hours of the event.

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

PUBLIC RELATIONS

The April issue of the KGVY Community Quarterly magazine features BSTC. If you missed it in your mailbox there is a link on the BSTC website where you can view the article, or see Mike Finkelstein for a copy.

RITUAL

Rabbi Roman and the Ritual Committee welcomed BSTC members on Sunday, May 16th to the Shavuot Service at which time the new Memorial Board was dedicated. See photo below.



Summer is the time for long days and vacations. With the longer day we will resume our 7pm start time for service, beginning on Friday, June 4th.

Rabbi Roman will be taking some much-needed vacation time so our Shabbat schedule is slightly changed, see below for details.

- ◆ Friday, June 4th, 7pm with Rabbi Roman
- ◆ Saturday, June 12th, 10am with Rabbi Roman
- ◆ Friday, June 18th, 7pm with Joyce & Mike Finkelstein
- ◆ Friday, July 2nd, 7pm with Rabbi Roman
- ◆ Saturday, July 10th, 10am with Rabbi Roman
- ◆ Friday, July 16th, 7pm Sisterhood Shabbat
- ◆ Friday, Aug 6th, 7pm with Rabbi Roman
- ◆ Saturday, Aug 14th NO SERVICE
- ◆ Friday, Aug 20th, 7pm Brotherhood Shabbat

All services will be streamed via YouTube **Live**.

Ruthann

SISTERHOOD

The Sisterhood met via Zoom on May 11. There will be no June meeting, but in July will meet for the annual program planning meeting.

On May 19th, the Sisterhood gathered in the BSTC garden for a brunch picnic, featuring pastries and fruit. See photos below and on the website. A lovely time was had by all who attended.



SOCIAL ACTION

This last meeting before taking a summer hiatus was Wednesday, May 26th at 3 p.m. No meetings will be held June-August.

Continuing Projects:

- ◆ Provide motivational quotes for YOTO program students ended in May for summer break. The next delivery of 100 messages will be delivered in late August to support their September needs.
- ◆ Collection of non-perishable food items and money donations were on May 13th and 26th. The first May collection equaled **70 pounds of food and \$50 in monetary donations**. During the months of June, July and August we will run only one food and money collection date per month. **Those dates will be: Wednesday, June 9th, Thursday, July 15th and Tuesday, August 17th.**
- ◆ **Our BSTC community donation collections for student school supplies for Sopori Elementary in Amado is continuing through June and July. PLEASE consider donating some money to this very important annual fundraiser for our local needy school children.** The fundraising is just a couple hundred dollars short of our annual \$1000 goal, so please consider this worthy cause when dropping off food donations in June and July. THANK YOU very much for your support and generosity!

Other Social Action Activities:

- ◆ Larry Gravitz and Bev Lake continue to work with the A4a Immigration Action Team and

keeping our community informed on youth immigration issues.

- ◆ The Green Valley Council (GVC) Planning Committee held an initial meeting regarding Mitzvah and other Good Deeds Day for 2021-2022. A second meeting will be held in June. Thank you to BSTC members who are participating.
- ◆ In September there will be an event planned for the annual **Walk for Hunger**.
- ◆ In October BSTC will join the ADL for the annual **Walk Against Hate**.

Have a great summer and stay healthy!

TORAH STUDY

Torah Portions are included for members in the table below 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

The website is updated regularly with business including the Board meeting minutes and financial reports, as well as with membership directory updates, news and photos.

MONTHLY TORAH PORTIONS			
Portion (Parashat)	Date	Hebrew Date	Torah
Sh'lach' L'cha	June 5, 2021	25 Sivan 5781	Numbers 13:1-15:41
Korach	June 12, 2021	2 Tammuz 5781	Numbers 16:1-18:32
Chukat	June 19, 2021	9 Tammuz 5781	Numbers 19:1-22:1
Balak	June 26, 2021	16 Tammuz 5781	Numbers 22:2-25:9



Happy Birthday to:	
Charne Shoob	2-Jun
Marilyn Beim	3-Jun
Jeanette Nathan	4-Jun
Gail Norton	6-Jun
Gail Sommers	6-Jun
Bonnie Cavell	8-Jun
Harvey Beim	9-Jun
Carolyn Fox	10-Jun
Fran Orrok	10-Jun
Fern Wargotz	10-Jun
Harry Segal	14-Jun
Steven Abrahams	18-Jun
Claire Westerman	19-Jun
Valerie Graham	20-Jun
Renee Marcus	21-Jun
Kate Wolf	21-Jun
Donald Berk	23-Jun
Steve Maron	23-Jun
Harold Pesserilo	23-Jun
Harriet Ayer	29-Jun
Laura Unger	30-Jun



Happy Anniversary to:	
Dick & Bonnie Cavell	8-Jun
Jack & Bobbie Vishner	15-Jun
John & Laura Unger	16-Jun
Jerry & Harriet Belenker	21-Jun
Bill & Marilyn Forstot	24-Jun
Cliff & Jean Shekter	25-Jun
David & Martha Wolpert	26-Jun
Bev Lake & Les Bakke	27-Jun
Lynn & David Liebling	28-Jun

COMMITTEE	CHAIR/CO-CHAIR
Aesthetics	Tobey Gitelle
Art Gallery	Marcia Wiener
Art Gallery (co-chair)	Bev Lake
Book of Remembrance	Suenette Maron
Brotherhood	Lenny Friedman
BSTC Shoppers	Agi Klieger
Calendar & Reservations	BSTC office
Caring-Mishpochah	Jo Legat
e-Scrip	Joyce Finkelstein
Event-Updates	Jane Gold
Facilities	Arnold Krohn
Facebook	Jo Legat
Finance	Dusty Friedman
Historian	Gloria Clancy
Hospitality: Bagel Breakfast	Ricki Letowt
Hospitality: Oneg	Maridell Nochumson
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
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President	Ruthann Shapiro
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Public Relations	Mike Finkelstein
Rabbi	Norman Roman
Ritual	Ruthann Shapiro
Ritual (co-chair)	Jo Legat
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Sisterhood	Sue Cohen
Social Action	Gary Melton
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