

# Beth Shalom Temple Center



## GREEN VALLEY SHOFAR

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### President's Message

Greetings to you all. In the month of April, we re-formed a Long-Range Planning Committee to look to the future and focus on the possible needs, wishes, and hopes for the future of our Beth Shalom Temple Center. The members of the committee will discuss, plan, and advise the board of what we must begin to do to meet these needs. If you would like to join this endeavor please let me, or Stacy, know.

We are also beginning to create a Passover 2023 Committee so that we will be prepared for our Seder when the time comes. Ricki Letowt will chair this group and will be calling some of you in the near future. If you are interest in joining this Committee please don't hesitate, call Ricki or Stacy.

Somewhere in this Shofar you will find a picture of a lovely couple dressed as gypsies.

**Enter the HISTORIAN'S CONTEST and answer:** Who are they? What is the event and year?

The first one to e-mail me with the correct answer will win a secret prize.

You can reach me by phone or by email.

*Gloria*



### Message from Rabbi Norm Roman

#### JOIN US IN ISRAEL THIS NOVEMBER!

When you read this, it will only be a few days before Yom HaAtzmaut, Israel's 74<sup>th</sup> Independence Day. I am truly excited to announce that our rescheduled (after two Covid-related postponements) Group Tour of the Holy Land is now open for registration! While there are still some details of the program to be coordinated and, of course, a final projected cost depending on the total number of participants, I can share with you the following plans:

The tour will begin in Tel Aviv with breakfast on Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. [That means that everyone should arrive in Israel no later than the evening of Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> – we are NOT flying together as an official group, but I'll be glad to help you arrange your flights.] The formal itinerary will conclude with dinner in Jerusalem on Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, with suggested flights back to the US no earlier than 11:15 pm or even Sunday.

We'll be touring both ancient and modern sites; meeting Israeli citizens whose families have lived on the land for generations, as well as new immigrants, young and old; eating, relaxing, exploring, and being inspired by the lessons of Jewish, Christian and Moslem traditions. We will gain new understanding of old realities, and have first-hand experience of why the State of Israel is always in the news.

We're planning 3-4 nights based in Tel Aviv, 3 nights on a Kibbutz in the Upper Galilee, 1 night at a Spa-Hotel next to the Dead Sea, and 3-4 nights in Jerusalem. Most will be in 5-star accommodations, with daily buffet breakfast; 7 dinners and 2 lunches are also included. All fees and admissions to sites, baggage assistance at the hotels, as well as our traveling

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The Official Newsletter of  
Beth Shalom Temple Center

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This is the May issue of the Shofar. The Shofars are now being published electronically only.

Go to: [bstc.us](http://bstc.us) to view and print archived volumes or call the office if you would like a copy.

**NEWSLETTER SUPPORT STAFF:** Mike Finkelstein and Jane Gold

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 open to members who are fully vaccinated.** Please contact the BSTC office at (520) 648-6690 or [bstcgv@gmail.com](mailto:bstcgv@gmail.com) with any questions. The Facility Reservation form is on the BSTC website and in the rack in the lobby.

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 20<sup>th</sup> 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. **NOTE: Any personal notes should be sent directly to the recipient as our cards do not have space to include them.**
5. **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 received this month:**

- ♦ From Amy Storer: **In memory of** Zeus, Stacy's beloved and BSTC's brave guard dog.
- ♦ From Harriet & Jerry Belenker: **Mazel Tov in honor of** Gail Norton's new home.
- ♦ From Harriet & Jerry Belenker: **In memory of** Suenette Maron's sister, Denise Rootenberg.

## YAHREZEITS

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
Mark Travitsky	His Mother	Ruth Travitsky
Fran Gordon	Her Husband	Bernard Gordon
Caren Schienberg	Her Parents	Millie & Joe Schienberg



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Schedule of Services, Meetings & Events			
Day	Date	Time	Event
SUN	5/1/22	10 am	Bagel Breakfast (MUST RSVP)
WED	5/4/22	10 am	Book Club Meeting in the BSTC Library
FRI	5/6/22	7 pm	Shabbat Service
SAT	5/7/22	10 am	Torah Study on Zoom
MON	5/9/22	10 am	Parashat HaShavua on Zoom
TUE	5/10/22	10 am	Sisterhood Meeting
WED	5/11/22	9 am	Brotherhood Meeting @ Manuel's
SAT	5/14/22	10 am	Shabbat Service
FRI	5/20/22	7 pm	Shabbat Service
SAT	5/21/22	10 am	Torah Study on Zoom
MON	5/23/22	10 am	BSTC Board Meeting
WED	5/25/22	3 pm	Social Action Meeting@BSTC
THU	5/26/22	2 pm	Meet the Rabbi's Rabbi on Zoom
SAT	5/28/22	10 am	Torah Study on Zoom

**BSTC also continues to Live Stream Services on YouTube.**

in an air-conditioned, private bus with our own educator guide and driver (with whom I will be working daily to develop a meaningful, appropriate and reasonably-paced trip).

Depending on our numbers as of 90 days before the program begins, the estimated cost will range between \$4585-4955 per person in a double room, and \$6580-6950 in a single. Please note that this does NOT include international airfare, personal expenses, meals not listed in the final itinerary, gratuities, and Covid tests if required by the authorities. (We realize that this projected cost is higher than our previously planned trips – several factors have affected the numbers, e.g. the only hotel confirmations which our agent could arrange at this point in time are in 5-star facilities, whereas we had requested 4-star. Should these locations become available, our prices will drop. Furthermore, this program is an extra day and night longer than last year's, and, unfortunately, the USA Dollar has lost some value in conversion to Israeli Shekels. I am continuing to monitor these factors and will inform everyone if there is the possibility of a price reduction.) Travel insurance is highly recommended, especially applicable in case of Covid closures or terrorist activity causing cancelation.

Some of you know that I have encountered quite a few snafus (running the gamut from Travel Agencies closing to new ones having IT or personnel issues) in planning this 2022 Tour. But I am very confident with the team now working on our behalf – indeed, it was a pleasant surprise to discover a renewed connection to a staff member now at Nitzan Travel Services, with whom I consulted on more than a dozen previous Groups visiting Israel from 1986-2015. So I look forward to having her serve our present group, too!

Please let me know if you are seriously interested in traveling with Lynne and me this November – and I will then share even more information with you, and facilitate the process of registering with your deposits.

Shalom!

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**SAVE THE DATE for:**

**COME MEET THE RABBI'S RABBIS!**

**An Adult Education Series on Zoom**

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

**Final Presentation: May 26<sup>th</sup>**

## **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 email address:** Sandy Drucker

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## **TEMPLE TIDINGS & MEMBER NEWS**

### **LOVED ONES PASSING**

BSTC member, Laurie Sherman, shared the loss of her maternal uncle, Robert Sasner, who passed away on the last Sunday in March.

BSTC member Joyce Palm's husband, Louis, passed away on April 20th.

BSTC member, Tim Orrok, passed away on April 23rd.

BSTC member Maridell Nochumson's partner, Jim Dixon, passed away on April 27th.

And, it is with very heavy hearts that Stacy & MrT share the loss of their beloved friend, Zeus. He bravely guarded BSTC as his own place and loved greeting everyone with a bark. Thank you to all who showed him kindness. A brick will be placed in the garden path to honor him.



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## **BOARD NOTES**

The monthly BSTC Board meeting was held at the temple. The Board plans to be meeting in-person going forward. Zoom will NOT be used for these meetings unless restrictions or other circumstances require it. Zoom will continue to be utilized for as desired for committee meetings, classes, services, and some programs.

Minutes from the previous month's meeting are posted for members on the website and the bulletin board at the back of the sanctuary.

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### **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.

***See the Mi Sheberach List on the website for those who need your prayers. Contact Jo or Rabbi Norm to add any names.***

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## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **ART GALLERY**

The BSTC Art Gallery committee has three artists committed to exhibiting work from the beginning of September through early 2023. Michael Schwartz work will be on display Sept 1-Oct 29; Judith Austin will return with a new exhibit "Water Up Close" Nov 1-Dec 29; and Beth Surdut returns with her "Listening to Raven" series, complete with stories. Remember Nancy Charak's second exhibit **Wait, There's More!** is still on display. Please take a few minutes to look, and sign the book!

*Marcia and Bev*

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## BROTHERHOOD

The BSTC Brotherhood held their meeting on April 13th at 9 a.m. El Patio Restaurant, 100 West Duval Mine Road, Sahuarita, AZ.

Brotherhood are aware that the Temple is looking for volunteers to be trained as Shomers, helping to monitor who may enter the Temple after a service has begun.

A hike in Tubac led by Arnie was planned for April 27th with lunch at Tubac Jack's to follow.

Honorary memberships to the Brotherhood were discussed, and questions were raised about what the Brotherhood Bylaws say about fundraising by the group. Annual Brotherhood dues is \$15.

### Upcoming Brotherhood Events discussed:

- ♦ **Gaslight Theater – Wizzard of Rings**—Sept 17th Gary Friedman is the chair of this event. Cost is \$28 per person.
- ♦ Romeo & Juliet dinner date changed to Valentine's Day 2023.
- ♦ Shabbat After Dark—TBD: Aug 5th, 13th or 19th Social venue in BSTC parking lot following service is in the planning stage, will include food/music.
- ♦ A Back to Shul Bar-b-que with food/music for all BSTC members.
- ♦ Sunday breakfast meeting w/speaker—Nov 13th
- ♦ Brotherhood sponsored New Year's Day 2023 party featuring Michael G on piano.

**The next meeting is Wednesday, May 11th at 9 a.m. at Manuel's Restaurant, 121 W Duval Road, Green Valley, AZ.** Fully vaccinated and boosted members are welcome to join.

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## 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:

([smile.amazon.com](https://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](https://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 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.

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## HISTORIAN

- ♦ Who are they?
- ♦ What is the event and year?

**Contact Gloria with The Answers. The person with the first correct reply wins a secret prize!**



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## HOSPITALITY

**Bagel Breakfasts have resumed, every first Sunday of the month. Fully vaccinated members and guests are welcome.** Due to the planning and preparations involved, and **RSVP and pre-payment are required** for ALL food events, no refunds. (Remember that credit cards payments for any event/donation can be made through the BSTC website, and is processed via PayPal.)

*Join Us at Beth Shalom Temple Center for*

# Bagel Breakfast

**Sunday, May 1, 2022 • 10 am**

*Michael G on piano from 9:30-10*



Please be prepared to show current vaccination status.

**\$10 members • \$12 non-members**

*All food events are pre-paid and NO refunds!*

**YOUR CHECK IS YOUR RESERVATION!**

Mail to: BSTC • PO Box 884 • Green Valley AZ 85622

**ORDER PROOF & BAKE CHALLAHS AND BAGELS** by Randy Gehman, a retired pastry chef. They are one pound braided loaves for \$7 each. You need to let them thaw, rise, then bake and enjoy. **Orders must be received by May 6th and will be ready for pickup on May 13th.** If there is sufficient interest Randy will make bagels two weeks later. The bagels will need to be thawed, boiled, then baked. The will be \$6 per half dozen. Available for sale to BSTC members and their friends. **MUST PRE-ORDER! Contact Ruthann or contact the office.**

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## JIM CLICK RAFFLE

The 2022 Jim Click Raffle has begun. The three great



prizes this year are a new 2022 Ford Maverick Lariat Hybrid pickup truck; two round trip, first class airline tickets anywhere in the world; or \$5,000 in cash. Tickets are \$25 each or 5 for \$100 and 100% of your ticket purchase goes directly to BSTC. Check the BSTC website for a link to the flyer of prizes!

**Contact the office at 520-648-6690 or Steve Abrahams or Ed Gold for more information. If you live in the Green Valley area, Ed is willing to deliver tickets to your door. Tickets will also be on sale at the Bagel Breakfasts starting in April.**

**BSTC has already raised \$300 in this year's raffle!**

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## LIBRARY

A book club has formed and is meeting at 10 a.m. on the first Wednesday of each month in the BSTC library. All members are welcome! Please contact Laura Unger for more information.

*Linda Stein and Charlotte Brody, Librarians*



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## LONG RANGE PLANNING

The Long Range Planning committee had its first meeting on April 13th. Committee members include: Ricki Letowt, Ruthann Shapiro, John Unger, Tobey





**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.

Gitelle, Marty & Sue Cohen, Rabbi Norm, and Mike Finkelstein. The intention of this committee is to be discuss and explore ideas for the future of BSTC. They will not be authorized to directly make decisions or implement any changes, simply bringing to the Board suggestions and information.

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### **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS**

**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](https://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](mailto:bstcgv@gmail.com). **BSTC has received \$101 from these sales so far.**

### **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.

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# **The Beth Shalom Program Committee Invites you to an evening of Star Gazing with Author/Astronomer David Levy**

**Wednesday, June 1, 2022 • 7:30 pm**

**Enjoy an informative presentation followed by a book signing  
& telescope viewing in the Beth Shalom Temple Center parking lot  
(Bringing your own chairs is optional!)  
1751 N. Rio Mayo, Green Valley AZ 85614**

The Speaker: David H. Levy is one of the most successful comet discoverers in history. He has discovered 22 comets, nine of them using his own backyard telescopes. With Eugene and Carolyn Shoemaker, at the Palomar Observatory in California, he discovered Shoemaker-Levy 9, the comet that collided with Jupiter in 1994. Levy is currently involved with the Jarnac Comet Survey, which is based at the Jarnac Observatory in Vail, Arizona, but which has telescopes planned for locations around the world.



**Open to vaccinated temple members & their guests • No charge  
For information or reservations call 520-648-6690**

## PROGRAMS

Thanks in large part to the efforts of Ruthann Shapiro, fourteen BSTC members attended the program: **Together in Jewish Learning** on April 5th for a variety of Jewish themed discussions and dessert in the JCC sculpture garden. The Jewish Federation sponsored transportation to/from Tucson. More BSTC/Federation collaborations are being planned.

The Jewish Film Festival has been postponed until the fall of 2023. BSTC anticipates hosting an event.

## WITH RABBI NORM

- ◆ Rabbi Norm was joined by several BSTC singers and musician to present a **Freedom Sing Along** on Sunday, April 24th at 4 p.m. in the BSTC garden. Donations of personal care and first aid supplies were collected to help Ukraine and will be shipped to a contact of Rabbi Norm's. All money collected will go to help Ukraine through HIAS. THANK YOU to everyone who generously supported these efforts!
- ◆ **Final Class in the Adult Education Series: COME MEET THE RABBI'S RABBIS! Is on Thursday, May 26th from 2:00-3:15 pm.** Zoom invitation will be sent prior to the event.
- ◆ In-person Hebrew classes may begin in the fall. Please let Rabbi Norm know if you're interested in participating.

## Upcoming Events:

- ◆ BSTC member and comet discoverer, David Levy, will share another star gazing program at BSTC on the evening of June 1st. Program begins indoors at 7:30 p.m. with telescope viewing in the parking lot following. Members are encouraged to carpool to save space there, as well as to bring those who may not be able to drive themselves at night. BSTC has chairs, bringing your own is optional. See flyer for more details.
- ◆ Early planning is underway for a delayed BSTC anniversary event and fundraiser. If you are interested in helping with the planning please let Mike Finkelstein know.

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## Meet the Rabbi's Rabbis

**Thursday, May 26, 2022 • 2 pm**

**Rabbi Sally Priesand (1946-present)**



Rabbi Sally Priesand 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.

## RITUAL

I hope everyone had a wonderful Passover. I know I'm glad it is over. Hopefully next year we will no longer have to worry about Covid and can once again get together on the second night of Passover for our BSTC Seder.

The month of May has no Jewish holidays so we will be able to go back to our normal Shabbat service schedule. **BSTC has returned to the 7:00pm start time for our Friday night Shabbat service.** BE ON TIME or you will need to ring the doorbell because doors will be locked when services begin.

The schedule of services for May is below:

Friday, May 6, 7:00pm - Shabbat service

Saturday, May 14, 10:00am - Shabbat service

Friday, May 20, 7:00pm - Shabbat service

All fully vaccinated/boosted members and their guests are welcome to attend in person. Masks are optional. Wine and challah will be available at the



conclusion of services as applicable. Onegs and light Kiddish luncheons will restart with our Passover celebration. Of course these plans will change if Covid restrictions need to be resumed.

June brings us to Shavuot and our reduced summer schedule of services. Services in June will be:

Saturday, June 4, 7:00pm for Shavuot

Saturday, June 11, 10:00am for Shabbat

For those who for what ever reason can not attend in person we will continue to stream our services via YouTube **Live**. *Watch your e-blasts for links and information.*

If you borrowed a prayer book but now attend in person, please return the prayer book.

This is your BSTC and unless we know what your religious needs are we can not provide for them. Please let me know at [ruthann.shapiro@cox.net](mailto:ruthann.shapiro@cox.net).

Ruthann

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## SECURITY

- ◆ If you are at a temple service or event and need to leave the building before it concludes, PLEASE contact the security shomer, so he or she can let you out. The security shomer will be located in the back corner nearest to the sanctuary exit door. If you are coming into the Temple after the beginning of a service or event please knock on the door and the security shomer will unlock the door and let you in.
- ◆ We have completed and submitted a request for a grant from the regional JFSA for up to \$5000 support for security improvement. We should find out the results in a couple weeks. A larger grant application from the federal Homeland Security Office should be available to submit within the next 30 days. Both these grants are very competitive.
- ◆ Our new BSTC Guide for Emergency Safety Procedures is completed but will always be open to revision as we collectively identify the need for revision. We will post this guide in the "members only access" portion of the BSTC website for your ease of access. We will also conduct training on short portions of the guide periodically to help all of us better understand the content.

- ◆ Please **wear your nametag** whenever you are at BSTC for services or events. Thank you.
- ◆ Remember: "If You See Something (suspicious activity), Say Something!"

Your BSTC Security Team,

Les Bakke, Dan Galitz, Gary Melton & Cliff Shekter

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## SISTERHOOD

The Sisterhood met on April 12th. At that meeting the Mah Jong tournament plans were confirmed. The tournament will be on November 15, 2022. It will host twelve tables, instead of the normal 25, and lunch will not be served. Bottled water and individual bags of snacks will be offered. Cost will be \$35 per person and proof of vaccination will be required. Participants will be asked to bring toiletries for Dazee's (which supports Genesis House, a shelter for elder abuse victims, abused women, and children) this year. Exquisite raffle baskets by Linda Stein will be offered, and Marilyn Forstot has made bracelets of miniature mahjong tiles for the winning player at each table. It is our wish to hold a second mahjong tournament in the summer to help offset the lower profits from the November event.



Sisterhood will be leading the Shabbat service on July 8th, at which they will be honoring the Sisterhood's retiring treasurer, Helene Feldman. Steve Maron will provide music on his violin.

Due to Passover, our monthly field trip was postponed until April 26th when we visited Tohono Chul Gardens, enjoying lunch afterwards in their lovely café.

Wishing you fresh optimism and healthy energy,  
Sue Cohen



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## SOCIAL ACTION

There was no Social Action committee meeting in May due to the responsibilities associated with conducting our first Volunteer Day in Green Valley on April 19th from 8:30-11:30 a.m. The event held at BSTC was very successful seeing 24 participants supporting work on three projects: the Angel Heart Pajama Project, the Green Valley Food Bank Plant Seed Project, as well as Youth On Their Own monthly support cards. It is important to note and thank the many BSTC members who supported this event. Our BSTC volunteers were the highest percentage of volunteers in the entire Green Valley Sahuarita Community. BSTC comes through again! Thank you again for your volunteerism spirit! (See photos.)



Bev Lake at  
local rally for  
"Women's Rights"

encouraged to drop off food donations directly in the lobby bin as well.



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## Continuing Projects:

- ♦ Collection of non-perishable food items on April 12th was exceptionally successful bringing **87 pounds of food and \$391. THANKS!** The second April collection date was April 28th with no totals available at time of publication. Donations of first aid supplies were also collected for shipment to Ukraine this month. **Our food donation collection in May will be on Wednesday, May 18th from 8-11 a.m. at BSTC.** With increased access to the building again, members attending services, meetings and other events at BSTC are



## 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.

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## TRIBUTES

**Tribute update:** Please send any personal notes, cards, and/or messages directly to the recipient. Our Tribute cards do not have enough space to include those. (A sampling of our custom Tribute cards is displayed on-line: <https://bstc.us/tribute-cards>.) See page 3 of any Shofar for instructions for how to make a Tribute donation to BSTC. Thank you to all who contribute and participate!

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## WEBSITE

The most recent member survey showed interest in having a gift shop featuring Judaica items at BSTC again so the Board compromised and will allow



member artists to display a page of their work on the BSTC website. **The Gift Shop tab with links to these new pages is active for public access!** BSTC will NOT have these items on site. Interested buyers must contact the artist directly to purchase items. Any BSTC artists who are interested in participating, please contact Stacy.

***Please email Stacy at [bstcgv@gmail.com](mailto:bstcgv@gmail.com), or call 520-648-6690, if you have any issues or suggestions.***

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MONTHLY TORAH PORTIONS				
Portion (Parashat)	Date	Hebrew Date	Torah	Haftarah
<b><u>K'doshim</u></b> [You Shall Be Holy]	May 7, 2022	6 Iyar 5782	Leviticus 19:1-20:27	Amos 9:7-15
<b><u>Emor</u></b> [Speak]	May 14, 2022	13 Iyar 5782	Leviticus 21:1-24:23	Ezekiel 44:15-31
<b><u>B'har</u></b> [On Mount Sibai]	May 21, 2022	20 Iyar 5782	Leviticus 25:1-26:2	Jeremiah 32:6-27
<b><u>B'chukotai</u></b> [My Laws]	May 28, 2022	27 Iyar 5782	Leviticus 26:3-27:34	Jeremiah 16:19-17:14





Happy Birthday to:	
Amy Storer	2-May
Norm Roman	3-May
Sid Shapiro	7-May
Eugene Stein	6-May
Susan Flemming	14-May
Ruth Barwick	16-May
Les Simon	16-May
Anita Cohne	19-May
David Levy	22-May
Madelyn Weig	26-May
Georgia Jaffe	31-May



Happy Anniversary to:	
Kay & Laurence Eason	1-May
Fred & Jo Legat	8-May
Valerie & Virgil Graham	27-May

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Aesthetics	Tobey Gitelle
Art Gallery	Marcia Wiener
Book of Remembrance	Suenette Maron
Brotherhood	Merle Sobol
BSTC Shopper	OPEN
Calendar & Reservations	BSTC office
Caring-Mishpochah	Jo Legat
e-Scrip	Joyce Finkelstein
e-Blast	Jane Gold
Facilities	Arnold Krohn
Facebook	Jo Legat
Facebook (co-chair)	Jane Gold
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Historian (co-chair)	Gloria Clancy
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Hospitality: Oneg	OPEN
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