

# Beth Shalom Temple Center

## GREEN VALLEY SHOFAR



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### President's Message

Have you received your Covid vaccination yet? I know many of our members have. Sid and I both have had shot #1 (I had to go to Phoenix) and have appointments for shot #2.

As more and more of our members receive their vaccinations, we will be able to plan for the reopening of the Temple. Please remember that yes, we have a lot of members who are 75+ but we also have many members younger than 75 who have not yet been able to get vaccinated. We are hoping by July everyone will be vaccinated.

In the meantime, we will continue virtually. The Program Committee has a variety of exciting programs planned, while the Ritual Committee with Rabbi Roman will continue meeting our religious needs.

BSTC is strong and I'm confident that when this is over we will be even stronger.

Ruthann

### Message from Rabbi Norm Roman

Dear BSTC Friends,

Lynne and I are so very grateful for the Refuah Shelimah donations.

Your thoughtfulness, prayers and friendship have truly helped us through this difficult time.

Shalom to all.

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.



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The Official Newsletter of  
Beth Shalom Temple Center

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**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 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 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 last month include:**

- ♦ From Harriet & Jerry Belenker: **get well to** Rabbi Norm and Lynne Roman.
- ♦ From Ingeborg McDonald: **get well to** Rabbi Norm and Lynne Roman.
- ♦ From the whole BSTC Congregation: **get well to** Rabbi Norm and Lynne Roman.

## 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	For His/Her	Yahrzeit
Suenette Maron	Her Father	Harold Abrahamson
Bunny Callis	Her Father	Irvin Rosenstein
Zandra Lindblad	Her Mother	Roslyn Sirota
Lenny Friedman	His Father	Joseph Friedman
Mark Travitsky	His Father	Louis Travitsky
Rabbi Norm & Lynne Roman	His Mother	Helen Roman
Rabbi Norm & Lynne Roman	His Father	Dr Bernard Roman
Helene Feldman	Her Father	Robert Snyder
Larry Feldman	His Grandfather	Simon M Kornfeld

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Currently BSTC is Live Streaming  
Services on YouTube ONLY!**

Schedule of Services, Meetings & Events			
Day	Date	Time	Event
Friday	3/5/21	4:30 pm	Shabbat Service
Saturday	3/6/21	10 am	Torah Study
Monday	3/8/21	10 am	Parashat HaShavua
Tuesday	3/9/21	10 am	Sisterhood Meeting
Wednesday	3/10/21	9 am	Brotherhood Meeting
Saturday	3/13/21	10 am	Shabbat Service
Monday	3/15/21	9 am	Board Study Session
Wednesday	3/17/21	1 pm	Movie on Zoom
Friday	3/19/21	9:30 am	Program Meeting
Friday	3/19/21	4:30 pm	Shabbat Service
Saturday	3/20/21	10 am	Torah Study
Monday	3/22/21	10 am	BSTC Board Meeting
Wednesday	3/24/21	3 pm	Social Action Meeting
Friday	3/26/21	10 am	Membership Meeting
Saturday	3/27/21	10 am	Torah Study Erev Pesach

*Look for meeting and class details under the respective committee's article heading.*

*Invitations with passwords will be sent via email for those who wish to attend.*



## **ADULT EDUCATION CLASS BY RABBI ROMAN:**

### **Parashat HaShavua**

***Rabbi will focus on Vayakhel-Pikudei,  
while others will summarize:  
Terumah, Tetsaveh, & Ki Tissa***

**Monday, March 8 at 10 am on Zoom**

## **MEMBER NEWS & 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](mailto:bstcgv@gmail.com) (or, call the office) for a copy.***

### **Directory Updates:**

♦ **New members:**  
David & Lynn Liebling  
Local residence:  
Green Valley AZ  
Mailing May-December:  
Deerfield, IL

♦ **New members:**  
Robert & Myra Lipson  
Tucson AZ 85745

♦ **Email change for David Levy:**

♦ **Contact Info for Joey Lessa:**  
Green Valley AZ 85614

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## **TEMPLE TIDINGS**

### **Member Passing**



Longtime BSTC member and friend to many, Dorrie Roman, passed away on February 17th. May her memory be a blessing.

There are no funeral services planned at this time. Her husband, Mel, is living under hospice care. A service will be planned for a later time.

Many have inquired about ways to contact the family, and/or to make contributions

in Dorrie's memory. We have the following information to share:

- ♦ Mel Roman can receive mail:  
c/o Hacienda at La Posada  
Green Valley AZ 85614
- ♦ Daughters:  
Dana Roman and Audrey Bergman can receive  
mail at: Manhattan IL 60442
- ♦ Sisters:  
Barbie Adler and Polly Dicker can receive mail at:  
Tucson AZ 85704

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## Notes From the Board

BSTC's Board met for the February meetings via Zoom, continuing with this virtual platform until it has been determined 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 welcomes Gary Melton, and has elected him as the new Vice President of BSTC.

Thank you to ALL members for renewing your BSTC commitment and for returning your ballots!

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

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## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### ART GALLERY

The exhibit of Israeli art from the personal collection of BSTC member and Art Gallery Co-chair, Bev Lake, is still on display for whenever the temple may be

open to members and the public again. Please take a moment to enjoy it when you are able. Thank you!

Marcia

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## E-SCRIP

### Shop with Scrip (SwS)

***Are you finding yourself shopping for more things on-line during these trying times?***

**SHOPwithSCRIP** is a program at BSTC that allows you to purchase or re-load brand name gift cards for use in stores as well as ON-LINE ***raising funds for BSTC without it 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? Would you like to help the Temple with your purchases? Then you should be shopping with Amazon Smile!

#### **What is AmazonSmile?**

AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon that lets you enjoy the same wide selection of products, low prices, and convenient shopping features as on Amazon.com. The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile ([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 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.

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## LIBRARY

The pandemic making us all stay home has seen members finding the time for clearing out houses. The BSTC library has recently received numerous donations of books. Linda has sorted through the dropped off items and, while the generosity is greatly appreciated, due to the nature of some items she has requested that all future donations be approved by her before being brought to the temple. Please give her a call, or send her an email, if you want to donate books to the BSTC library.



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](http://yiddishbookcenter.org/signup).

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## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

### New members

We welcome two new couples to BSTC: David and Lynn Liebling, and David and Myra Lipson!

The BSTC page on the Green Valley Sahuarita Chamber of Commerce website has been updated.

BSTC has a Facebook page, as a number of folks prefer social media to email. We update it every Monday afternoon. If you are interested in posting something, please contact Jo Legat.

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 write something for the BSTC Schmooze! Our friends like hearing from all of us and, after all, we may be home for quite a bit longer. ***Please send your story and photos to Ricki at [ricki@letowt.com](mailto:ricki@letowt.com) for upcoming editions of The BSTC Schmooze.*** Then, watch for the BSTC Schmooze to come in your email!

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## BROTHERHOOD (FORMERLY MEN'S CLUB)

The Men's Club met February 13th via Zoom and have voted to change the name to the Brotherhood. The change will become official after the March meeting, to have allowed for any input from members who were not present at the meeting.

Men's Club members, under new club President Lenny's leadership, held another community Bagel Sale fundraiser, this time donating \$400 to the Sopori School Supply drive. This is the third very successful bagel sale the Men's Club has conducted for our community, and the plan is for these to continue monthly on the third Sunday, until bagel breakfasts can be held at BSTC once more.

(see photos on the next page)

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## PROGRAMS—ZOOM IN

### Wednesday Afternoons at BSTC

The committee recently met to plan movies, presentations and other programs for the coming months, scheduling most of them on Wednesdays at 1 p.m.

Topics of future programs include speakers on the upcoming Israeli election; on Jewish Themes in Folk Music of the 60s and 70s; on Jewish history; on Islam; and on archeology. Movies being considered



include: *Paper Clips*, *Not in Our Town*, *A Long Journey*, the *Hidden Jews of the Southwest*, and *Outback Rabbi*.

We are also thinking of starting a book club. If you are interested in this, contact Martha Wolpert at [mtwolpert@aol.com](mailto:mtwolpert@aol.com) for details.

### MOVIES ON ZOOM

**"Paper Clips"** will be screened on Wednesday, March 17th at 1 pm, courtesy of BSTC member Larry Gravitz. A review of this gem of a documentary from 2004 states "it began as a lesson about prejudice...what happened was a miracle".

This video shows how a principal, a teacher, and a small town can transform themselves and send an impactful message far beyond its borders. Whitwell, Tennessee is a former coal mining town of 1600 people who are almost all white and Protestant. The

principal of the middle school felt that her student's insular isolation would disadvantage them when they engaged with the wider world.

She set up an after school project to teach about intolerance and the Holocaust. A major challenge for the teacher was how to enable her students to grasp the concept of six million. The class decided to collect six million paper clips.

Paper clips were cheap, widely available, and symbolic. During the war, paper clips were worn by non-Jewish Norwegians as a sign of protest.

This well crafted documentary will give you renewed hope in today's youth and reinforce our belief in why the Holocaust must not be forgotten.

***Invitations to these events will be emailed shortly prior to the screening dates.***

## MUSIC WITH MICHAEL G

BSTC member and world renowned musical artist, Michael G, has extended an open invitation to BSTC members to come to his home on Sundays for a live music performance. He will continue doing this if there is additional interest on the part of BSTC members. **Any interested members please RSVP directly to Michael G at 520-437-1287.**

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

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## PUBLIC RELATIONS

Mike submitted an article about BSTC to KGVY, the local radio station, that will appear in its April quarterly newspaper, which is automatically distributed for free to all local mailboxes and will reach 30,000 local households.

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## RITUAL

It is with great regret that we needed to limit in

person attendance at services to members of the Streaming and Ritual Committees. Hopefully as people receive their second Covid vaccinations we will be able to once again allow limited in person attendance.

In the meantime, I hope everyone is taking advantage of all the virtual opportunities available. Coming in March will be a guide to Passover. We are also planning a Zoom get together in lieu of our BSTC second Seder (watch your e-blasts for more information). We are also planning on including a Yizkor service during the April 2nd Friday Night Shabbat Service.

*Ruthann*

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## SISTERHOOD

The Sisterhood's new membership chair, Bobbie Vishner, reported at the Board meeting that the group is planning an outdoor gathering at Sahuarita Lake on March 16th at 11 a.m. to celebrate her 10th anniversary of remission. They are hoping to begin gathering again monthly, outdoors as weather permits.

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## SOCIAL ACTION

This month's meeting was Wednesday, February 24th at 3 p.m.

### Continuing Projects:

- ◆ Provide 100 more motivational quotes to the YOTO program students in February.
- ◆ Collection of non-perishable food items and money donations will continue until all our congregation members feel safe to attend regular activities and services. February 11th food collected equaled **43.6 pounds** plus \$118 in monetary donations. February 25th collected more, and donations were split between the Green Valley and Sahuarita food banks.



- ◆ Planning will soon begin for donation collections for the student school supplies for Soporri Elementary School in Amado for their 2021-22 school year. The BSTC Brotherhood donated \$400 from the last bagel fundraiser to this good cause, seeing us already 40% closer to our annual \$1000 goal. THANK YOU!

#### Other Social Action Activities:

- ◆ Larry Gravitz continues to work with the A4a Immigration Action Team and keeping our community informed on immigration issues and finding ways we can all become more involved in working on resolving immigrant problems.
- ◆ Monthly food donation drop-off days at BSTC will continue until all congregation members are safe to attend regular Friday evening and Saturday morning Shabbat services, and normal activities are held again.
- ◆ The Social Action committee is sponsoring three social action documentaries for the upcoming “Wednesday Afternoons at BSTC”.
- ◆ The committee also recently made a connection with the GVR Woodworkers Club to identify needy school children in our area for their donation of 30 school desks for use at home. We are coordinating with the Continental and Sahuarita school districts to identify appropriate recipients.

The Social Action Committee wishes all BSTC members to stay positive, get their vaccinations as soon as possible, and stay healthy!

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#### **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.

Also, remember a monthly Parashat HaShavua—Weekly Torah Portion Class led by Rabbi Roman.

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#### **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. Take a look at [www.bstc.us](http://www.bstc.us).

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<b>MONTHLY TORAH PORTIONS</b>				
<b>Portion (Parashat)</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Hebrew Date</b>	<b>Torah</b>	<b>Haftarah</b>
<b>Ki Tissa</b>	Mar 6, 2021	22 Adar 5781	Exodus 34:10-35	Joshua 23:1-14
<b>Va-yakhel</b>	Mar 13, 2021	29 Adar 5781	Exodus 38:1-23 Exodus 40:1-38	Ezra 6:19-7:10
<b>Va-yikra</b>	Mar 20, 2021	7 Nisan 5781	Leviticus 4:27-5:26	Isaiah 43:21-44:23
<b>Tzav</b>	Mar 27, 2021	14 Nisan 5781	Leviticus 8:1-36	Malachi 3:4-24



Happy Birthday to:	
Dick Cavell	1-Mar
Janet Kenigsberg	1-Mar
Kay Sobol	5-Mar
Dina Rosengarten	5-Mar
Rosalind Cooper	6-Mar
Gloria Clancy	10-Mar
Gary Melton	12-Mar
Debbie Segal	13-Mar
Roberta Kelly	15-Mar
James Kelly	15-Mar
Ann-Marie Schaffer	23-Mar
Jack Vishner	29-Mar
Sandy Drucker	30-Mar
Jo Legat	30-Mar
Arnie Krohn	31-Mar



***May you continue to celebrate your anniversary with joy & good health!***

Happy Anniversary to:	
David & Wendee Levy	23-Mar

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
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President	Ruthann Shapiro
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Ritual	Ruthann Shapiro
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