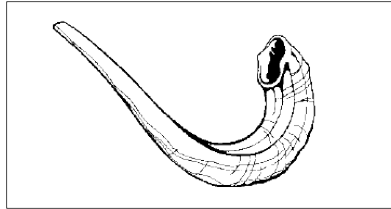


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear BSTC Members:

As I write this, we are approaching the end of the year and eagerly awaiting the celebration of Hanukkah. It feels as if this year has flown by.

New Year's Day will be the beginning of an annual Bagel Breakfast honoring the memory of Lou and Helene Fish. This Bagel Breakfast will be free to all temple members; however, donations to help perpetuate this annual event will be much appreciated. A special tribute to the Fishes will be unveiled at the breakfast; we hope you all will attend.

Many of you are now aware that we have had no heat at temple for several days. We have had three heating and cooling companies out to bid on repair or replacement of our units, and, by the time you receive this, the temple will, hopefully, be warm and inviting again.

Our Annual Meeting is approaching; mark your calendars for 2 p.m. January 23, 2017. Don't forget, if you have not yet paid your temple dues, they must be received prior to our annual meeting. That said, the earlier the dues are paid, the easier it is for the Treasurer to complete her job.

It has been a tremendous honor to serve as your President, and I would like to thank all who have chaired committees and served on the Board of Directors. There are many who have worked steadily behind the scenes, and your participation has not gone unnoticed! Thank you to all.

Wishing you all a healthy and Happy New Year!

Amy Storer, President

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, January 1, **Happy, Healthy (Secular) New Year** Inaugural Annual Commemorative Lou and Helene Fish **Bagel Breakfast**

Friday, January 6, 7 p.m. **Friday Night Services** led by Mike and Joyce Finkelstein

Sunday, January 8, 2 p.m., BSTC Gallery **Finding Your Roots Reception** with guest speaker Dr. David Graizbord

Tuesday, January 17, 11:45 a.m. **Sisterhood Paid Up Luncheon, RSVP** by January 10

Wednesday, January 18, 9:45 a.m. **ROMEO Men's Club Breakfast**, at El Patio

Friday, January 20, 7 p.m., **Friday Night Services** led by the Mussmans

January 23, 2 p.m., **Annual Meeting**

Friday, February 3, 7 p.m., **Friday Night Services**

Sunday, February 5, 9:30 to 10 a.m., **Michael G at the piano** (Before Bagel Breakfast)

Sunday, February 5, 10 a.m. (Doors open at 9:30 a.m.); **Bagel Breakfast**, *Sponsored by Maridell Nochumson followed by Yiddish Club*

Friday, February 10 (sunset) to nightfall
Saturday February 11, **Tu B'Shevat**

Sunday, February 12, 4 p.m. **Tu B'Shevat Seder and Celebration**

Wednesday, February 15, 9:45 a.m. a.m., **ROMEO Men's Club Breakfast**, at El Patio

Friday, February 17, 7 p.m., **Friday Night Service** led by the Mussmans

Monday, February 27, 9 a.m. BSTC **Board Meeting**

TORAH STUDY -- Saturdays, 10 a.m.
January 7 **Torah Portion:** Vayigash (Genesis 44:18–47:27);
Haftarah: Ezekiel 37:15-28

January 14, **Torah Portion:** Vayhi, (Exodus 1:1-6), **Haftarah:** Isaiah, 27:6-28:13

January 21, **Torah Portion:** Shemot, (Genesis 47:28-50:26); **Haftarah:** Isaiah, 29:22-23 alternative [Jeremiah 1:1–2:3]

January 27, **Torah Portion:** Va'era, (Exodus, 6:2 – 9:35), **Maftir:** Numbers 28:9-15, **Haftarah:** Isaiah 66:1-24

February 4, **Torah Portion:** Bo (Exodus 10:1–13:16), **Haftarah:** Jeremiah 46:13-28

February 11, **Torah Portion:** Beshalach (Exodus 13:17–17:16)
Haftarah: Judges 4:4 - 5:31 alternative [Judges 5:1-31]

February 18, **Torah Portion:** Yitro (Exodus 18:1–20:23), **Haftarah:** Isaiah 6:1–7:6; 9:5-6 alternative [Isaiah 6:1-

February 25, Shabbat Shekalim, **Torah Portion:** Mishpatim (Exodus 21:1–24:18), **Maftir:** Exodus 30:11-16, **Haftarah:** 2 Kings 12:1-17

MEMBER NEWS & UPDATES

A hearty BSTC welcome to our new members.

Gloria and Tom Clancy
Rosalind Halmos
Ed and Jane Gold

Rabbi Shuviel and Esther Ma'arivi
Steven Levine
Eric Rautenberg

Birthdays: Happy Birthday to

Jan. 1 Trish Sandstrom
Jan. 3 Merle Sobol
Jan. 3 Bob Nye
Jan. 4 Marilyn Forstot
Jan. 10 Ted Walden
Jan. 10 Alan Winfield
Jan. 11 Susan Cohen
Jan. 16 Judy Kramer
Jan. 25 Barry Weissman
Jan. 27 William Forstot
Jan. 29 Jim Robbins
Feb. 6 Michel Kouhana
Feb. 8 Fran Gordon
Feb. 8 Sig Friedman
Feb. 13 Tobey Gitelle
Feb. 13 Kent Blumenthal
Feb. 14 Michael Finkelstein
Feb. 14 Esther Brill

Feb. 17 Bill Liebson
Feb. 24 Shuviel Ma'arivi
March 1 Dick Cavell

Have a great day and year

Anniversaries: Happy Anniversary to:

Jan. 1 Alan & Barbara Winfield
Jan. 3 Michael & Joyce Finkelstein
Jan. 10 Esther & Ed Brill
Feb. 1 Alan & Judy Loew
Feb. 15 Jeanette & Denis Nathan
Feb. 18 Irene Falkenstein-Case & Jerry Case
Feb. 25 Werner & Billie Lawson

And many more in health and happiness

MEET OUR MEMBERS

Marilyn Forstot

My husband Bill and I moved to Rancho Resort in Sahuarita in 2005 and joined BSTC shortly thereafter. I was born in the Bronx and grew up on Long Island. We raised our two sons in the San Diego area where we lived for almost 30 years before moving here. We are the proud grandparents of four wonderful children.

Through the years, I've worn several career hats. I was a high school and community college instructor. I currently substitute teach in the Sahuarita school district. I was a journalist and a copy editor. I am a writer. My romance, science fiction and mystery short stories have been printed in national publications, and one of my two books, *MORE PRECIOUS THAN RUBIES*, is currently available on Amazon as an e-book or paperback (editor's note: an enjoyable read).

I was a new member of BSTC when I was asked to take over as editor of the *Shofar*, a job I held for 10 years. I was a Board member, serving as secretary. Bill and I co-chaired the Bagel Breakfast. I served on the Ritual Committee, co-chaired Break-the-fast, and helped out at various other events and fund-raisers. I was Sisterhood vice-president and involved in establishing Sisterhood's popular and successful Mah Jongg Fun-raiser Tournament.

BSTC has been a very important part of my life for the last 11 years, and I have made wonderful friendships through it.

Sonny and Jerry Fogelman

We arrived in Green Valley in 1998 for what would be a short winter stay. One Friday evening we decided to drop in at BSTC. Upon our arrival we received a very warm welcome. In a very short time we purchased a home and joined the temple!

Prior to this we were both lifelong residents of Buffalo, N.Y.

We are both graduates of the University of Buffalo, from which Sonny has a degree in Physical Education. She taught grades 3 to 12. Jerry had a hospital-based practice in Physical Therapy. In the early 1980's Sonny obtained a Masters degree in Social Work and Jerry obtained a Doctorate in Physical Therapy. Once finished with his degree Jerry entered the physical therapy practice of our older daughter Dorothy (who we might add, also holds a doctorate).

Dorothy still resides in Buffalo while our younger daughter, Julie, lives in Colorado and is a nurse practitioner working in palliative care. She lives with her husband and our granddaughter Allison. Allison will be graduated from UCCS in education and we are looking forward to being at the ceremony.

At the present time Sonny is co-chairman of the BSTC Library, while Jerry is involved in the Men's Club. We can usually be found in the GVR gym or, weather permitting, in the swimming pool.

It is our pleasure to be involved in BSTC, our Miracle in the Desert.

TRIBUTES

Commemorative Items:

The following memorial plaques, leaves for the Tree of Life, and other commemorative items are available for purchase:

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 Beth Shalom Temple Center) to BSTC, Attention "Memorial Board" or "Tree of Life," etc. Order forms can be found in the Temple foyer.

TRIBUTES

Do you need to send a greeting card? Do you want to support your Temple? Here's a great way to do both. At present, Amy Storer, will mail a lovely, personalized card to whomever you choose. Here's how to do it:

Send your Tribute request and free-will offerings to:

1. Beth Shalom Temple Center, P.O. Box 884, Green Valley, AZ 85622 (mark "Tributes" on the envelope and check memo line!)

2. OR send an e-mail to Amy at amystorer@ymail.com (send your check to BSTC).

If ordering several Tributes at the same time, print the birthday/anniversary page of the Shofar, check off the names of those you'd like to designate for Tribute(s), and mail it in with your check. Tributes may be sent with your own personal greeting for birthdays, anniversaries, get well, condolences, best wishes for the new home, in appreciation, mazel tov, and sympathy upon loss of a pet, etc.

Birthdays

Jerry Belenker from Mel and Roman Roman

Sonya Foigelman from the Romans

Arlene Hammond from the Romans

Fran Licciardiello from the Romans

Judith Lugers from the Romans

Barbara Solin from the Romans

Danielle Wernick from the Romans

Serene Rein from the Romans

Richard Wernick from the Romans

Kay Grask from the Romans

Sherry Hoffman-Blum from the Romans

Roberta Rabin from the Romans

Harriet Belenker from the Romans

Denis Nathan from the Romans

Martin Cohen from the Romans

Mike Tannenbaum from the Romans

David Lugers from the Romans

Lisa Israel from the Romans

Anniversaries

Carmen & Sig Friedman from Mel & Dorrie Roman

Gary & Timber Friedman from the Romans

Merle & Kay Sobol from the Romans

Steve & Myrna Feldman from the Romans

Madelyn & Steve Weig from the Romans

Jerry & Sonya Foigelman from the Romans

Judy & Dave Lugers from the Romans

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 notify Amy Storer (Amy.Storer@ymail.com) or send a note to the Temple for her attention including your name, the name and relationship of deceased, and the date of death. Family members must approve additions to the list.

Donations have been received from:

Ginger Linde for her father, Alex Wiener; her sister-in-law, Faye Wiener; her mother, Anna Wiener; and her friend, Edward Krauss

Louis Simon for his wife, Sybil Simon

Linda Stein for her husband, Frank Stein

Eileen Rottell for her husband, Albert Rottell

Joyce & Mike Finkelstein for Joyce's mother, Lillian Disman
Sondra Bernard for her husband, Arthur Bernard
Samuel Miller for his father, Maurice Miller
Serene Rein for her father, Benjamin David Leavitt
Helene Feldman for her mother, Sylvia Snyder
Cyrel Bandy for her mother, Helen Gross, and for her brother, Sheldon Gross
Gail Norton for her daughter, Kelly Kern

Thank You

A heartfelt Thank You to **Judy Lugers** who is retiring from her post as Tributes Chair. Judy always made my work easier by having in her copy, not only on-time but often early. Enjoy the respite.

The same thank you goes to **Irene Case** who is giving up doing the E-Blasts. In the last issue, I wrote about how she is so helpful. I will miss your help and input.

From **Margaret Baird** who was honored at the November Bagel Breakfast:
To the Members of Beth Shalom Temple Center

I would like to thank you so very much for the wonderful day I had today! It was so gracious of you to include my family!

My ten years with BSTC have gone by so quickly and I feel so honored that you would like to keep me around! I've learned so much from all of you and respect all that you do and represent.

I am so pleased to be an honorary member of BSTC and the Leaf on the Tree of Life has more meaning to me than you can imagine.

Thank you, Margaret

A thank you and an apology from **Cyrel Bandy to Mike and Alice Tannenbaum**: "Mike said to me, we could not have had a bagel breakfast without bagels." So, thanks Mike for helping with my omission for the Bagel Breakfast in December and being our Bagel Runners for it.

TEMPLE TIDBITS

- **The Bagel Breakfast team needs volunteers to make bagel runs up to Bruegger's Bagels in Tucson 2-3 times a year, if needed. Please contact Jo Legat if you are available to help.**

Report from the Nominating Committee

By now you know the results of the hard work done by the nominating committee chaired by Marilyn Forstot. Ruth Barwick, Myrna Feldman and Jo Legat were nominated and their bios and voting instructions were included in your annual members' letter. A Ballot Box has been set up in the Lobby.

As has been our custom, the nominee receiving the fewest votes fills the one-year term as a result of a Board resignation. *Marilyn Forstot*

ANNUAL MEETING

As members have already been notified, on January 23, 2017 at 2 p.m. the Annual Meeting will be held. Participants will be able to hear the State of the Temple address by our outgoing president Amy Storer that will highlight our many accomplishments this year and some of the challenges ahead.

We will also get the results of our elections for the incoming board. Of course, in order to vote and have your ballot count, as well as be included in our online directory, dues must be paid before the meeting. While checks are preferred so we don't incur processing fees, we now have the ease of going online to pay. If doing it online, don't forget to fill out the membership application and dues notice so we have your most up-to-date email and information. If paying by check make it out to BSTC, with the notation of Membership Dues on the check memo line and on the envelope.

Please make every effort to attend. Again, according to our bylaws "A minimum of 20% of members in good standing, present in person or by proxy shall constitute a quorum at membership and special meetings and shall be empowered to transact the business of the Temple Center" (Article 2.4).

PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

Tu B'Shevat Seder and Celebration

A vegetarian or dairy potluck dinner is the plan once again for celebrating *Tu B'Shevat* (the 15th day of the Jewish month, Shevat), The holiday honors the trees growing in Israel and marks the season in which the earliest-blooming trees appear after their dormant period and begin a new fruit-bearing cycle. The festival is similar to Arbor Day.

Tu B'Shevat Seder and Celebration continued...

On **Sunday, February 12 at 4 p.m.** Steve Maron will lead the *Tu B'Shevat Seder* followed by the potluck dinner at 5 p.m.

Customarily, Jews try to eat a new, seasonal fruit or try to eat from the Seven Species (*shivat hamanim*) described in the bible as being abundant in Israel - a land of wheat, barley, grapes (vines), figs, pomegranates; olives and dates (honey) (Deuteronomy 8.8)."

Tu B'Shevat Celebration continued...

Eating carob, or St John's bread, a pod originally native to the Middle East and containing a sweet, edible pulp and inedible seed is a common custom as well. Growing up this was a popular treat for me and we called it buchsar (sp?). Does anyone else remember eating this for Tu B'Shevat or calling it by that name? Let me know.

Another custom is to plant trees or to collect money for trees to be planted in Israel.

For BSTC's celebration, please bring a VEGETARIAN or DAIRY dish (no meat or any marshmallow ingredients), as well as nuts, raisins, or grapes or any newly ripened fruit that one has not yet eaten during 2017. Suggested drinks to bring are wine or grape juice, or fruit juice, soda, water or seltzer. *Linda Stein*

ART GALLERY

Visiting Your Roots

Since December 9, 2016 and running until February 15, 2017, the Art Gallery is presenting "Visiting Your Roots" an exhibition featuring photographs and pamphlets from recent trips to Austria, the Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary and Poland. The photographs highlight "Memorials, Camps, Synagogues and Museums" taken by members, family and friends of BSTC.

Visitors to the exhibit are invited to place various colored pushpins on a large map of the areas to identify the country from which their families originated.

A **reception** for the exhibit will be held on **Sunday, January 8, 2017 at 2 p.m.**, with the noted historian Dr. David Graizbord as guest speaker. Dr. Graizbord is an Associate Professor in Judaic Studies at the University of Arizona and The Arizona Center for Judaic Studies. His special interests are Modern Jewish History, History of Anti-Semitism as well as Jewish Identify. He is also a noted scholar on "New Christians" also known as Converso Jews.

For this exhibit, Dr. Graizbord will be speaking on "Blooming? Where We are Planted" – a look at how Jews continue to enrich the eastern European countries in face of the many newly emerging challenges.

Light refreshments will be served and all are welcome. There is no charge. For additional information call BSTC at 648-6690.

During the same time period (December 9, 2016 to February 15, 2017) the Art Gallery Showcase is displaying beautiful and unique Chanukah Dreidels and Menorahs (Chanukiah) on loan from BSTC members.

March Art Gallery Exhibit

In Celebration of Women's History Month the BSTC Art Gallery will display paintings, sculpture, glass works, ceramics and gourd art created by women artists of our congregation. *Marcia Weiner*

MEN'S CLUB

It's Time to Renew Your Men's Club Membership

Please send in your \$15 annual dues to join or renew your membership to the BSTC Men's Club. You can either give your money to Michael Finkelstein at a Men's Club meeting or send a check made out to the Men's club with BSTC Men's Club Dues *on* the check's memo line and on the envelope.

Note: First year BSTC members, as well as those who have already paid the BSTC Men's Club dues in the last three months do not need to pay.

SISTERHOOD

Sisterhood Paid Up Luncheon

For those members who have paid their 2017 dues, the Sisterhood is having its annual luncheon to be held on Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at BSTC. Participants are asked to arrive no later than 11:45 a.m. Please also **RSVP No Later Than January 10.**

If you haven't paid your dues you can include it with the coupon. Dues are \$20 and in writing your check make it payable to BSTC Sisterhood and include Sisterhood Dues on the memo line and on the envelope if you are not using one from Sisterhood. Any questions about your dues can be directed to Helen Beckelman .

Guest speaker Nancy Karsh, Certified Holistic Health Coach will start talking at noon with questions and answers to follow.

Our own chef, Michel Kouhana will cater lunch and will be serving his wonderful harvest soup along with egg, chicken and tuna salads. Dessert will consist of fruit and cake or mini pastries. Hope to see you there

Come Help Decorate Ben's Bells

The Sisterhood's **February** event will be on the **21st** and will be dedicated to helping decorate ceramic pieces used to create Ben's Bells. Ben's Bell's is a community project whose mission is to "inspire, educate and motivate people to realize the impact of intentional kindness." The ceramic bells, once put together and finished, become wind chimes that are hung around the community in public spaces for people to find and take home as a reminder to practice intentional kindness." Stay tuned for further information.

LINES FROM THE LIBRARY

We were very fortunate to see the Arizona Theater Company production of *Fiddler on the Roof*. Tevye's sayings, his jokes, philosophy and beliefs delighted us. Toward the end of the last act the formidable constable delivers an edict to the villagers. The entire Jewish population of the village must leave the country in three days taking with them only what they can carry.

Watching them bid farewell to one another was heartbreaking! For what reasons were they treated so! Hadn't they lived in peace in "Underfed overworked Anatevka" for many years!

How many times during their long history have the Jewish people been driven from their homes for no other reason than the fact that they were Jewish? Spain! World War II. Many examples abound. We will revisit this topic in the next Shofar.

Both of us wish you a very Happy Hanukah and New Year. *Sonny Foigelman and Linda Stein BSTC, Librarians*

TORAH STUDY

As noted in the Calendar of Events BSTC , Torah Study meets weekly at 10 a.m. on Shabbat mornings. The Torah Portion is studied and discussed, followed by the singing of the *Mishaberach* (Prayer for Healing) and then the reciting of the Mourner's Kaddish. You are welcome to attend whether or not Torah Study is a new experience. Weekly attendance is not required nor is knowledge of Hebrew. Books are provided. Except for once a month, members of the group facilitate Torah Study.

The Book of Genesis (*B'reishit*) is studied the first two weeks of January and then we continue for the rest of the month and in February with Exodus (*Shemot*/Names).

Send an email to BSTCebblast@aol.com to receive a weekly email indicating the group facilitator as well as information about the week's Torah portion and Haftarah,. You can also ask to add names for the *Mishaberach* and/or Mourner's *Kaddish* list.

And while you're at it, do a *mitzvah* and make a donation to the Torah Study Fund.

WISH YOU WERE THERE

Chanukah Party

On December 25, the Men's Club sponsored the **Chanukah Party** at the Temple. Because of the great job of advertising and word of mouth, about 100 people attended bringing their own menorahs. We supplied a box of candles to all attendees. (Wo) manning the registration table to check in the influx of people were Myrna Feldman, Sue Cohen, Michael Benisch, Merle Sobol, and Ed Brill,

Throughout the celebration there was a festive air as the tables and room were beautifully decorated (thanks to Kay Sobol's efforts) with centerpieces, chocolate *gelt*, *Wish You Were There Continued...*

dreidels and Chanukah plates. Most everyone wore their name badges/tags to make talking to each other more personal and friendly adding to the happy atmosphere of the room.

We began by lighting the many beautiful and varied Menorahs, led by Shuviel Ma'aravi reciting the blessings and when we turned out the lights the glow all those candles was a beautiful sight.

The program continued with music from Steve Maron on the violin and from Esther and Shuviel Ma'aravi as well as the audience singing along aided by Sherry Hoffman Blum.

Then it was time for latkes -- over 300 made by our own Michel Kouhana, served with sour cream and applesauce. Steve Feldman (who did yeoman work considering he was just released from the hospital) and Michael Benisch ably assisted in the kitchen and with serving. Mini *suf ganiyot* (jelly rolls) and other sweets along with coffee or tea completed the meal.

Rounding out the evening was a selection of YouTube videos put together by Steve Maron which included the telling of the Chanukah story, a robot built by a group at Israel's Technion lighting a menorah and an a capella group (Six13) singing a Chanukah song a la the play Hamilton (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qWcd-K8_X34) and among other videos.

The evening was a great success as it introduced or reintroduced the Temple to potential new or returning members, as well as demonstrating to our members what a great place is BSTC. The large and enthusiastic turnout gave the impression that a lot was going on at BSTC (editor's note: which it is). *Ed Brill*

First Annual Commemorative Fish Bagel Breakfast

On New Years Day about 90 Temple members' and their friends gathered together and raised a glass of champagne or a mimosa, as the sign over the kitchen door was unveiled naming the kitchen in honor of Lou and Helen Fish. A hearty toast to a happy and healthy New Year was included as well. *Myrna Feldman*

COMMUNITY UPDATE

Members of BSTC are involved in many community activities. Did you know that Green Valley **Hadassah** originally began at BSTC as an outreach to increase Hadassah membership? Now it meets monthly at La Posada in the Game Room at **Las Perla** on the second floor. **On Monday, January 9 at 1 p.m.**, *Theresa Dolgan*, a hidden child during the holocaust is the guest speaker. RSVP to Iris Sapovits at iris1640@yahoo.com

Come help make **therapy dolls** and help make pediatric patients smile. On **Thursday, January 12 at 9:30 a.m.** at BSTC a group of BSTC members and their friends, spearheaded by Marcia Weiner, will gather at BSTC to make these dolls. Once finished, the dolls will be distributed at Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem and Diamond Hospital in Tucson.

Three of our members, Sam Miller, Sig Friedman and Mike Finkelstein are talented musicians performing with the Green Valley Concert Band. At 7 p.m. on Sunday, **January 29** at the Sahuarita District Auditorium they will be playing in the band's next concert "**Champions of American Music: Sousa, Gershwin, and More!**" In fact, Mike will be performing a Sousa cornet solo favorite "*From the Shores of the Mighty Pacific.*" I'll see you there so save me a seat.

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