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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Preserving a Piece of Our History

Dear Fellow Congregants,
Sometimes, the history of a congregation is found not only within the walls of its sanctuary, but in the places where earlier generations chose to leave their mark.

Recently, three of us from Beth Shalom Temple Center, Mike Finkelstein, Dan Galitz and myself, made a trip to Tombstone, Arizona. What began as a visit to see the condition of an old Jewish cemetery became something much more meaningful, a connection to the history of our own congregation and to the Jewish pioneers who helped settle the West.

Our story with this cemetery goes back more than 40 years.

Not long after the Jewish Friendship Club of Green Valley was established, the organization that would eventually become Beth Shalom Temple Center, its members learned of an abandoned Jewish cemetery in Tombstone. Rather than simply acknowledge its existence, they decided to do something about it.

In 1984, plans were presented to the Tombstone City Council to restore the site. The Council gave its wholehearted support. Members of the Jewish Friendship Club formed a nonprofit organization called the Tombstone Historical Jewish Graveyard, Inc. to raise funds and oversee the work. They cleared the property and erected a memorial honoring the Jewish pioneers who helped settle the American West.

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RABBI'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

Throughout my years as a Rabbi - indeed, throughout all my years of strong Jewish identity - I have found the High Holy Days to be especially meaningful; frequently challenging, often filled with the unplanned-for but inspiring moments or coincidences, and, whenever possible, bringing deep personal renewal of faith and relationships. You may have heard me refer to the period between Rosh HaShanah and Simchat Torah as the Intensive Jewish Season (IJS) because of the amount of "work" that all of us invest in those 3 weeks, preparing for our worship experiences and ceremonies. But it's also because of the seriousness and attention we focus on in ourselves (known as Cheshbon HaNefesh, literally "accounting of the soul"), as well as praying for the New Year 5787 to be better than this past one has been.

This will be the 7th time that I have been privileged to share the Days of Awe with Beth Shalom Temple Center in Green Valley, and the 3rd at which our daughter, Caryn, will join me on the Bimah to lead the musical portions of our Services. But thankfully, this is only one of the many personal customs and opportunities to which I look forward as the Holy Days approach. I plan to, once again, chant the Hebrew prayer "U-v'chein Tein Pach-d'cha" in the manner used by my late Uncle - a Cantor in Cleveland - killed at Normandy in 1944, after whom I was named. I will recall that the same Torah portions we read on Yom Kippur, were the first sections that I read in the presence of my home Congregation at

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PAYMENTS MADE TO BSTC

- ◆ Checks are always welcome! Please memo for the program/event for which you are paying.
- ◆ BSTC accepts ZELLE to bstcgv@gmail.com
- ◆ Credit cards/PayPal link is on the BSTC website and a 3% processing fee is requested.

MAIL TO THE TEMPLE

Any mail sent to the temple should be addressed to:
P.O. Box 884, Green Valley, AZ 85622.

To expedite delivery you may include the name of the person you wish to contact on the front of the envelope.

- ◆ For information on the *Memorial Board* and *Yahrzeits* contact Joyce Finkelstein.
- ◆ For *Tributes* items, contact Amy Storer.
- ◆ For information on *Commemorative Items*, contact the office.

TEMPLE USAGE SCHEDULING

Please turn in the Facilities Reservation Form (on the website or from the rack in the temple lobby) to reserve space. Contact the BSTC office at (520) 648-6690 with any questions.



This is the September issue of the Green Valley Shofar. The Shofar newsletter is published monthly, electronically only. Go to: bstc.us for viewing and printing of current and archived volumes. Subscriptions can be ordered from the office with a free will donation towards printing and postage.

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Community and/or member events that conflict with Temple events will not be publicized in the Shofar.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT (continued)

That memorial still stands today.



Walking down toward the Jewish memorial, we could immediately see why there had been concern. Weeds and overgrowth surrounded the area, and numerous stones had accumulated around the memorial, partially obscuring it from view. Yet beneath all of that, history was still there.

It was moving to realize that members of our own congregation's predecessor had stood in that same place more than four decades earlier and cared enough to preserve it for future generations.

During our visit, we also met Toni Jo Gonzalez, the Tombstone visiting Center Manager, whose family has lived in Tombstone for generations. She was extremely helpful and encouraged us to contact the City of Tombstone formally about maintaining and preserving the Jewish cemetery.

We are now doing exactly that.

The Men's Club of Beth Shalom Temple Center, is reaching out to the City of Tombstone to request

assistance with routine maintenance of the cemetery and memorial area, including removing weeds and overgrowth, clearing excess stones and debris around the monument, and helping ensure that this historic site remains visible, accessible, and properly cared for.

Our hope is not simply to clean up a piece of land. It is to continue what members of the Jewish Friendship Club began in 1984, to honor those who came before us and to make certain their history is not forgotten. There is something very special about discovering that the people who helped build the foundation of BSTC were also committed to preserving Jewish history beyond Green Valley.

I look forward to keeping you informed as this effort develops.

Thank you, Mike Finkelstein, Dan Galitz and the Men's Club for your contributions to this effort. And, thank you to Gail Sommers for bringing this to our attention.

Josh Migdal
President
Beth Shalom Temple Center



RABBI'S MESSAGE (continued)

the invitation of my Rabbinic Mentor, Philip Horowitz z"l, more than a year and a half before becoming a Bar Mitzvah. I will share a new story of someone who "made a difference in the world by answering 'Here I Am'" in my annual Rabbi Roman's Hineini Sermon. And I will smile (and most likely shed a tear or two) when quoting some of the same poems, anecdotes, and blessings that have been part of my High Holy Days routine for some 55 years.

For example, I wish to share with you this prayer for the New Year, composed by Rabbi Sidney Greenberg z"l in 1973, entitled "The Prayers of our Lips":

May our prayers be pleasing to You - because they are spoken with sincerity and with truth.

May our prayers be pleasing - because they are uttered in humility, as we acknowledge our frailty and our need for Your sustaining strength.

May our prayers be pleasing - because they are offered in gratitude for Your manifold blessings, too

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BSTC ACTIVITY CALENDAR

All services are in-person at BSTC. Some will be streamed. Please refer to the list under Ritual.

Schedule of Services, Meetings, Classes & Events			
Day	Date	Time	Event
WED	9/2/26	10am	BSTC Book Club
FRI	9/4/26	7pm	Friday Night Shabbat Service
SAT	9/5/26	10am	Torah Study on Zoom ONLY
SUN	9/6/26	10am	Bagel Breakfast sponsors: Shelley & John Rothstein
SUN	9/6/26	11:30a	Yiddish Club @BSTC
TUE	9/8/26	10am	Sisterhood Meeting
WED	9/9/26	9am	Men's Club Meeting
FRI	9/11/26	7pm	Erev Rosh Hashanah Service
SAT	9/12/26	10am	Rosh Hashanah Service
SUN	9/13/26	10am	Informal Rosh Hashanah 2nd Day Service
WED	9/16/26	10am	JPSA Community Affairs Program with bagels
FRI	9/18/26	10am	Kever Avot @ GV Cemetery
SAT	9/19/26	10am	Torah Study on Zoom ONLY
SUN	9/20/26	7pm	Kol Nidre Service
MON	9/21/26	10am	Yom Kippur Morning Service
MON	9/21/26	12:30p*	Yizkor Service
MON	9/21/26	2pm*	YK Symposium
MON	9/21/26	4:30p*	Afternoon Service
MON	9/21/26	6pm*	Shofar/Break the Fast
WED	9/23/26	2pm	Uniting the Community thru Music Meeting
FRI	9/25/26	4:30p	Sukkot Service
SAT	9/26/26	10am	Torah Study on Zoom ONLY
MON	9/28/26	10am	BSTC Board Meeting
FRI	10/2/26	4:30p	Simchat Torah/Shemini Atzeret

*Times are approximate.

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

RABBI'S MESSAGE (continued)

numerous to be counted, too constant to be deserved.

May our prayers be pleasing - because we firmly resolve to take these noble words with us and to permit them to guide our actions in the year ahead.

May our prayers be pleasing - because the lips which speak them also speak words of hope to the discouraged, cheer to the distressed, solace to the bereaved, and kindness to all.

May our prayers be pleasing - because they reflect not only our own needs but also the needs of others, and the needs of our People.

May our prayers be pleasing - because they remind us of what You expect of us, and because they challenge us to become all that we are capable of being.

Lynne and our entire family wish all of you a Shanah Tovah u-M'tukah, a good and sweet New Year, as we all pray for Shalom upon Israel and throughout the world.

Rabbi Norm Roman



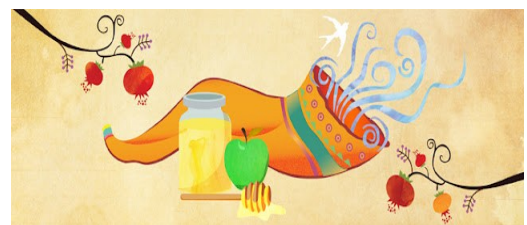
MEMBER DIRECTORY UPDATES

The **2026 Membership Directory** has been posted to the website.

Please let the office know as soon as possible if you move, and/or change your contact information.

Printed copies of the directory spreadsheet are available for members upon request. Please email bstcgv@gmail.com (or, call the office) for a copy.

♦ **New member: Jim Mandel**
Green Valley, AZ



BOARD NOTES

The monthly Board meeting is normally held on the fourth Monday of each month. **The next Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 28th at 10am.** All members are welcome, and encouraged to attend.

RESTRICTED (DESIGNATED) ACCOUNTS

While no specification is required, when making a general donation or tribute to BSTC, you may opt to specify that to the general fund, or to some other fund that represents your desires regarding where the money is used.

Following here is a list of the Restricted Accounts we have on our books. Some have been there for a while, and some are new. The money can only be used for the stated purpose if an account is restricted (designated).

- ♦ **Rabbi Discretionary Fund:** This will be a standard Discretionary fund to allow the Rabbi to donate as he sees appropriate.
- ♦ **Gratitude Fund:** This fund was set up to allow us to subsidize some or all the cost of participation in rituals for our less fortunate members.
- ♦ **Garden Fund:** BSTC does have a budget for *property maintenance*. However, we may want to do something extra (special) for the garden, and this fund is for this.
- ♦ **Bikur Cholim (Caring Meals) Fund:** This fund is partially subsidized by a JPSA grant and provides meals and visitation to members who are recovering from illness/surgery.
- ♦ **Art Gallery Fund:** While the Art Gallery Committee has a budget for expected costs (hanging devices, receptions, honorariums for speakers), the committee chairs can use this fund to enhance the gallery at their discretion.
- ♦ **Membership Fund:** This account is set up to support the recruitment of new members to our Temple, through various means of communication outside the temple.

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- ♦ **Belenker Social Action Committee Fund:** This fund was set up in memory of member, Jerry Belenker, to support any Social Action projects including: donations to the food bank, school supplies and backpacks for all school-age students, pajamas for fostered youths, Youth On Their Own, etc.

TEMPLE TIDINGS

Wander Women is a social group open to all Temple women. If you're interested in joining other Jewish women for outings to the myriad venues the area has to offer, please email Gail Abend.

COMMITTEE NEWS

ART GALLERY

The photography exhibit on display through the summer of 2026 features the works of local artist, Mark Cohen. Please take some time to view the work, and please sign the guest book.

The Art Gallery Committee

BIKUR CHOLIM—CARING MEALS PROGRAM



At Beth Shalom, we believe in feeding body and spirit. Through our Caring Meals program—rooted in the Jewish tradition of Bikur Cholim (visiting and supporting those who are ill or in need)—BSTC members

lovingly prepare and deliver meals, along with a visit or friendly check-in, to anyone who could use a little extra care.

If you're recovering, grieving, feeling alone, or simply in need of support, we're here for you. But we're not mind-readers—so please let us know.

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Contact the Temple Office to request support for yourself or someone you care about and/or to let us know you have food to contribute. Either bring it without portioning and we can divide and freeze, or please freeze in individual portions. **If you add or take anything to/from the freezer for the Caring Meals, please let Stacy, Ricki, or Dawna know. We keep an inventory of what's there so we know what we are able to offer.**

We are here to nourish, connect, and remind each other: you are not alone.

BOOK CLUB

The BSTC Book Club will be meeting on **Wednesday, September 2nd at 10am.**

Members will be sharing their favorite books with the group.

The Reading selection for the October 7th meeting is ***Silent Spring Revolution*** by Douglas Brinkley. This is a chronicle of the environmental movement from 1960-1973. This examines the leaders of this movement and the politicians who either helped or hindered. I'm sure it will give us insight into the present status of our current environmental status and policies. Please join us for this conversation which should be both informative and compelling.

MarthaFine



BSTC Book Club 2026 Reading List:

- ♦ Oct 7th—***Silent Spring Revolution***
by Douglas Brinkley
- ♦ Nov 4th—***The Haj*** by Leon Uris
- ♦ Dec 2nd—***A Tale of Love & Darkness***
by Amos Oz

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Every year, BSTC distributes the Book of Remembrance at Yom Kippur. Once again we will have an **electronic Book of Remembrance. We will mail a printed copy to anyone requesting a copy who has made a monetary donation and requested it. The deadline for entries is September 4th.**

If you have any questions, you may email me or the Temple at bstcgv@gmail.com.

Thank you.

Suenette Maron, BOR Chair

CARING COMMITTEE

Cris Hager is the new Chair for Caring and Tributes.

Do you need to let the congregation know about an important life event? Are you interested in making calls to other members? Can you cook meals for the Bikur Cholim freezer and/or deliver food to those in need?

If you have prayer requests, know of members who are sick and/or in/just out of the hospital, would like to make phone calls and/or visits, or can help with this committee otherwise, please contact Cris or the office.

GARDEN & LANDSCAPING

Volunteers Needed for Garden Cleanup help.

The more volunteers we have, the less often you have to work, and volunteering for these tasks is saving BSTC significant money by not paying someone to do what we can do ourselves.

Please respond to John Holleran.



GRANTS

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

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

The BSTC Grief Support group meets regularly, creating a caring space for those navigating loss. If you are finding it difficult to move forward due to a loss, whether recent or from long ago, please know that you are not alone. Our meetings offer a safe and supportive environment to share experiences, listen, and support one another in confidence. All are welcome, regardless of where you are in your journey. For more information, please contact me for the next meeting date and location.

Looking forward to seeing you.

Bunny Tarquinio
Grief Recovery Specialist

HOSPITALITY

Bagel Breakfasts are usually on the first Sunday of each month at 10am. The next event is Sunday, **September 6th**, and is sponsored by Shelly and John Rothstein.

To ensure there is enough food and that plenty of tables and chairs are set up, the Committee policy is that all food events are prepaid. **WE MUST HAVE YOUR RSVP by the Monday prior to the event and your PAYMENT PRIOR TO THE EVENT CONFIRMS YOUR RESERVATION.**

The cost remains \$12 for Members and for \$15 for Non-members. **Your reservations are appreciated!**



JIM CLICK RAFFLE

Tickets will be available at the September bagel breakfast.

Mr. Click is once again raffling off three great prizes: the Grand Prize is a 2026 Nissan Frontier Pro-4X Roush Edition! The second prize is two round-trip first-class airline tickets to anywhere in the world (some restrictions apply), and the third prize is \$5,000 in cash. **Tickets are \$25 each or 5 for \$100, and BSTC keeps 100% of the proceeds.**

Can't make the bagel breakfast? Don't have time to buy tickets from Office Manager, Stacy? **If you live in the Green Valley area, contact Ed Gold for a meet up delivery.**

LIBRARY

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

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

Welcome new member, Jim Mandel!



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JIM MANDEL'S BIOGRAPHY:

"I grew up in Shaker Heights, Ohio and then went to college at Purdue. My majors were computer science and mathematics. After college I worked for the government for 10 years and then went into the aerospace industry. I've moved from Laurel MD to LA to Denver to Green Valley. I've enjoyed all of them.

I've been married, divorced, and widowed (twice). Sue died at the end of May this year. I'm very much grieving her loss.

I have two children: Suzan (working in an entertainment startup in LA) and Kate (attorney for a school district in Denver). Both are wonderful women. Sue had one son, Mitch – also a fine man (currently teaching English in China).

I enjoy exercising (classes at Quail Creek and walking). I also enjoy reading and watching TV. Football (especially the Denver Broncos) is a passion.

Grandkids would be very nice, but the kids aren't cooperating yet."

The 2026 Member Directory is available on the password protected page of the website. Please contact the office if you need that password, or if you would like a printed copy.

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.

MEN'S CLUB

The Men's Club have been keeping active, continuing quarterly cardboard collection for the Sahuarita Food Bank, coordinating making latkes for Chanukah, and planning for a Shabbat service in early 2027. The Men are also working out details for a clean-up visit to the Tombstone Jewish Cemetery.

The next Men's Club meeting will be on Wednesday, September 9th at 9:00 am.

OPERATIONS PLANNING

Operations Planning Committee 2026

The Long Range Planning committee has been active on and off over the years, but has not met for 2 years. Now, the name is not appropriate, as many issues are short-term or immediate. Therefore, we are renaming the committee to Operations Planning Committee. The committee, as a whole, will not address any specific issue. It will be broken into sub-committees, each addressing only one issue. Each sub-committee will be charged to bring their issue to a conclusion. This plan will focus our attention on what is important and get things done to completion. Nothing will fall through the cracks.

The first sub-committees will be:

- ◆ Congregation identity and plan to find a new Rabbi sometime in the future.
- ◆ Succession of important positions.

Each sub-committee will have a Board member and congregants interested in the purpose of that sub-committee. Is that you?

Contact Ricki at ricki@letowt.com.

PROGRAMS

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- ◆ Mostly Kosher, the LA based Klezmer group, will perform at CPAC the evening of November 21st. BSTC has arranged for a block of seats for members and friends to attend. About 25 tickets have been reserved by BSTC members.
- ◆ Les Bakke is arranging for two interesting topics. The Titanic Meal on Sunday, November 8th at 2pm; and Colonial Food sometime in January. The free programs will be presented on Zoom.
- ◆ New member, Carla Odell has offered to lead volunteers to recreate a summer camp to be held on a Saturday evening in the early spring. We may combine this program with a sing along by Rabbi Roman.
- ◆ Tombstone Jewish Cemetery clean up: three Men's Club members visited the site on Sunday, August 16th. We will contact Tombstone City

Council, to document our continued interest in the cemetery and our support for preserving this important historical site. Maintenance would include weed removal, cleaning overgrowth, removing excess stones and/or debris from around the monument, and otherwise keeping the site clean, accessible, and presentable. The project was also discussed with Rabbi Shemtov in Sierra Vista, who serves the needs of Jewish folks throughout Cochise County.

FUNDRAISING

- ♦ **Uniting the Community Through Music is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, February 21st, 2027. This is our major fundraiser of the year.**

The committee has selected Jovert Steel Drum Band; a Youth & Adult swing band; Halau Hula O Ualani, Hawaiian music; and Mariachi for the event.

We are striving to get as many BSTC members as possible to attend.

Even if you cannot attend on February 21st, we would appreciate your financial support. There will be sponsorship opportunities as well. So far, we can report that: the JPSA (formerly Jewish Federation) has agreed to provide transportation for Tucson residents to attend our event; Los Milics Winery has donated a wine tasting and casita stay; Casino del Sol has donated golf for four plus a one night hotel stay; and a number of temple members have already pledged money in support of the event.

- ♦ **Since many people are away for the summer, food fundraisers have been postponed until after the High Holy Days.**



REWARD PROGRAMS

RAISE RIGHT is a program offering name brand gift cards for purchase and *raises funds for BSTC!* **See the new flyer on the lobby table for details.** Please contact Joyce Finkelstein or Ricki Letowt with any questions or for help getting started.

FRY'S COMMUNITY REWARD PROGRAM

1. Visit www.frysfood.com
2. Register your Fry's VIP Card online
3. Search for Beth Shalom Temple Center, or by organization #MH533
4. Select "Enroll"

If you are not a Fry's VIP Card holder, just stop by your nearest Fry's and ask for a free application. Please contact Joyce Finkelstein with any questions about this program.

RIDE SHARE PROGRAM

Dear Fellow Congregant,
One of the results of our recent survey was that many people no longer drive at night or possibly don't drive at all making it difficult to attend BSTC functions.

In order to alleviate this problem and make ride sharing more feasible your Board has divided zip codes 85614 and 85622 into 10 regions. 85629 was not included as there are only seven members living in that zip code. Other zip codes had even fewer members and also were not included.

If you need a ride to a BSTC function whether it be a religious service, bagel breakfast or a meeting simply contact the BSTC office prior to the event, and either Stacy or a Board member will attempt to find someone in your region that is attending the same function and will be willing to give you a ride.

Unfortunately we can not guarantee a ride as we will be limited to who else in your region is attending the event but I can promise that we will give it our best effort.

Ruthann

RITUAL

Dear Fellow Congregant,

It's hard to believe but the High Holidays (or as Rabbi Norman says the Intensive Jewish Season) is right around the corner. Beth Shalom Temple Center will once again hold services for Rosh Hashanah, Erev Yom Kippur/Kol Nidre, Yom Kippur day with Yizkor, a Sukkot and a Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah/Yizkor. The Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services will be led by Rabbi Roman and his daughter Caryn with the help of BSTC members. Most services will be streamed.

For Rosh Hashanah we will have a formal service on the first day. Being that the first day is on Shabbat some prayers will not be said and there will be no Shofar Service. For those wanting a Shofar Service one will be available on Youtube. The second day will be an informal service including those prayers not said on Shabbat and a live Shofar Service.

Yom Kippur being a Sunday evening then Monday will experience no changes from what we are accustomed to. During the Yizkor service we will once again acknowledge those who have joined the Jewish family either by birth or conversion. A break fast meal will be served following the sounding of the Shofar (details will be sent out separately).

The Sukkot and Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah/Yizkor services will initiate our new 4:30 starting time for Friday services. This time change is in response to the many people who expressed wanting an earlier start time in our recent member service.

There are two services traditionally held at this time that are not held at the Temple: Kever Avot and Tashlich. Kever Avot will again be held at the Green Valley Cemetery. Tashlich has not been well attended in the past and since it does not require a minyan we will not hold a formal Tashlich ceremony. BSTC will supply the proper prayers so any individual wishing to perform Tashlich will be able to.

For those not able to attend in person or who wish the Tashlich prayers, Machzors (HHD prayer book) and Tashlich prayers will be available in the library starting Sunday, September 6 (Bagel Breakfast). There will be a sign out sheet on the table. Please complete the sheet and then return the borrowed items once finished with them.

A schedule of services with YouTube links is below. It was also sent as an attachment to your email in case you want to print it out.

Wishing everyone a happy and healthy New Year.

Ruthann

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

High Holy Days services

- ♦ Erev Rosh Hashana
Friday, Sept 11, 7:00pm
https://youtube.com/live/KXm3U_HHF8Q
- ♦ Shofar Service
(YOUTUBE ONLY—WHENEVER YOU WANT)
<https://youtu.be/INcpQloGxBg>
- ♦ Rosh Hashana
Saturday, Sept 12, 10:00am
https://youtube.com/live/m_c_Zkq34NY
- ♦ Rosh Hashana 2nd Day
Sunday, September 13—10:00am



- ♦ Tashlich
on your own at Sahuarita Lake
- ♦ Kever Avot
Friday, Sept 18, 10:00am
Green Valley Cemetery
- ♦ Erev Yom Kippur/Kol Nidre
Sunday, Sept 20, 7:00pm
<https://youtube.com/live/pg30g7qo5lk>

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- ♦ Yom Kippur Morning
Monday, Sept 21, 10:00am
https://youtube.com/live/_gmIY0BKWqI
- ♦ Yizkor Memorial Service
Monday, Sept 21, 12:30pm*
<https://youtube.com/live/4MslhSjeQVY>
- ♦ Yom Kippur Symposium
Monday, Sept 21, 2pm*
- ♦ Afternoon/Neilah/Concluding Service
Monday, Sept 21, 5:00pm*
https://youtube.com/live/_sgfTKaudU4
- ♦ Shofar/Havdalah/Break-the-Fast
Monday, Sept 21, 6:00pm*



- ♦ Shabbat/Erev Sukkot
Friday, Sept 25, 4:30pm
- ♦ Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah/Yizkor
Friday, October 2, 4:30pm
https://youtube.com/live/_Jbonw9Z8Kmc

All services will be in person at BSTC, those with a link will also be streamed via YouTubeLive.

** Times are approximate.*

Everyone is invited to participate in Breaking the Fast following Yom Kippur services and activities. Please RSVP to the office by Monday, Sept. 14th to be counted.

Re: the Mi Shebeirach at Worship Services

Rabbi Roman, the Ritual Committee and the Board of Trustees are continuously re-evaluating how BSTC can best support our members who request public acknowledgement of their (or their loved ones') desire for healing prayers at our Services. There are several complicating issues, not the least of which are HIPAA privacy laws, and managing the length of any list that might be read out-loud.

A suggestion has been made, and we will experiment for the next several months: the Rabbi or Worship Leader will ask for those present to share

the name of someone in need of prayers WITH FIRST NAME ONLY, OR FOR THE INDIVIDUAL'S HEBREW NAME TO BE SPOKEN (e.g. Nachman ben Hindel).

SECURITY

"If you see something, say something!"

Just a reminder to all that the outer metal security gate will remain closed and locked 30 minutes before each event, and will be locked during the event. The Shomer will be present to open the door for you.

Dan Galitz
Security Chair

SISTERHOOD

We will be having our **next meeting at BSTC on Tuesday, September 8th at 10am** and all Sisterhood members are invited to attend.

Bobbie Vishner, Sisterhood President

SOCIAL ACTION

The rumors are true. Mitzvah Day is coming soon to BSTC. Mitzvah Day lives on at BSTC in partnership with the **Santa Cruz Valley Methodist Church**. This will be a closed event.

SAVE THE DATE: Friday, November 6, 2026.

Lunch will be provided by Posada Java and snacks will be provided by our friends at the church. Contact Connie Greenwald with any questions or to volunteer for this event.

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

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TORAH STUDY

Torah Portions are included in the table below. BSTC Torah Study meets ONLY via Zoom, every Saturday morning at 10am. Everyone is welcome. The link has been emailed and does not change. Please contact the office if you need it.

WEBSITE—bstc.us

Please email bstcgv@gmail.com or call the office at 520-648-6690 with any questions or comments.



YIDDISH CLUB

Sholem Aleichem! The Yiddish Club invites you to join its exploration into what was perhaps your parents' secret language. The intention is to continue this as a regular fun temple activity at 11:30 AM after every monthly bagel breakfast, open to all members. The meeting location will be in the library or the main sanctuary. We will also probably be continuing to show videos of Yiddish songs, comedy and cinema as well as doing a lot of schmoozing in Yiddish and English. At our last meeting we saw videos of Leonard Nimoy ("Mr. Spock") quoting Hamlet in Yiddish and telling his personal story, as well as a clip about the Yiddish Book Center in Amherst, Mass., and some Yiddish song and conversation. Knowledge of Yiddish is not necessary (but it doesn't hurt !). Please contact Steve Maron if you have an interest in participating to be added to the mailing list, if you haven't already contacted Steve.

MONTHLY TORAH PORTIONS			
Portion (Parashat)	Date	Torah	Haftarah
NITZAVIM-VAYEILECH	Sept 4-5, 2026	Deuteronomy 29:9-31:30	Joel 2:15-27
ROSH HASHANAH	Sept 11-12, 2026	(Trad.) Genesis 21:1-21 (Alt.) Genesis 22:1-19	I Samuel 1:1-2:10
HA-AZINUM (Shabbat Shuvah)	Sept 18-19, 2026	Deuteronomy 32:1-52	Hosea 14:2-10 Micha 7:18-20
SUKKOT	Sept 25-26, 2026	Leviticus 23:33-44	Zechariah 14:7-9:16-21 Isaiah 35:1-10



Martha Fine	2-Sep
Bonnie Cole	6-Sep
Heidi Winer	11-Sep
George Tarquinio	12-Sep
Shelly Rothstein	14-Sep
Steve Feldman	19-Sep



Myra & Robert Lipson	7-Sep
Debbie & Harry Segal	20-Sep

COMMEMORATIVE ITEMS

The following commemorative items are available for purchase to honor or memorialize:

Memorial Board Plaque \$300

Leaf for the Tree of Life \$100

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.

THANK YOU in General to:

BSTC acknowledges with gratitude all specific and general donations made since the last publication.

- Jim & Bonnie Cole • Donna & David Wyte
- Larry Feldman

TRIBUTES

The volunteer chairing this committee will mail a personalized card to whomever you choose. For an acknowledgement card to be sent **Tributes MUST include the following information:**

- 1. Name and address of EACH recipient** (for temple members living in Green Valley address need not be submitted; however, if recipient has more than one address, please specify which address).
- 2. Type of Tribute:** Happy Birthday, In Honor Of, With Sympathy, etc.
- 3. Names of ALL who are sending the Tribute.**
- 4. Send your Tribute request and free-will offerings to:** BSTC, P.O. Box 884, Green Valley, AZ 85622 (mark "Tributes" on the envelope and check memo line!)

Tributes received since the last publication include:

- ♦ **From Esther & Ed Brill: *healing thoughts*** to Ricki Letowt, Shelly Rothstein, Lynne Roman, and Joyce Finkelstein.
- ♦ **From Esther & Ed Brill: *thank you*** to Cris Hager for taking the Caring & Tributes Chair.
- ♦ **From Esther & Ed Brill: *I'shana tova*** to the entire congregation and their loved ones.

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. Please email Joyce Finkelstein (or send a note to the Temple for her attention) including your name, the name and relationship of deceased, and the date of death.

Yahrzeit Donations:

Remembered by	Yahrzeit
Nili Mirande	Her parents, Pinkas & Sara Olech
Fran Gordon	Her friend, Billy Conn
Larry Feldman	His wife, Helene Feldman
Esther Brill	Her mother, Sophie Greenblatt Levine

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