

# Beth Shalom Temple Center



## GREEN VALLEY SHOFAR

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### President's Message

We had a great time at our Purim Celebration, held outside on the BSTC grounds, during a beautiful afternoon at 4pm. The service, led by Rabbi Roman, was a delight with everyone making lots of noise at the mention of you-know-who's name. We were then entertained by the "Not Ready For Purim-time Players" with a Purim Spiel. Don't worry if you missed it, there will be a new one next year and there are pictures on the website. Thank you to all the members of the cast and, of course, to the Director: Rabbi Norm.

Thank you, as well, to Michael G for his wonderful spring musical performance, which drew generous donations for BSTC.

The Aesthetics Committee and the Facilities Committee have been working together for the past few months, interviewing landscapers, three of which gave them plans and estimates for landscaping the grounds. They chose Complete Landscaping, Inc. and, with a generous donation from an anonymous donor, we will be able to complete the project in April. On behalf of the Board and the Congregation let me thank the donor, and committee members Ingeborg McDonald, Tobey Gitelle, Arnie Krohn and Tom Clancy for all your work and your patience.

You can reach me by phone or e-mail.

*Gloria*



### Message from Rabbi Norm Roman

Dear Friends,

I have fallen into a pattern, over the last several years, of re-reading and studying the classic text Pirkei Avot (Ethics of the Fathers) in the Springtime. You might be familiar with some of its teachings or quotations, which have entered the liturgy of our Worship Services and the songs we sing, especially when honoring the Torah. You also might know that it is traditional to turn to this section of the Mishnah for guidance between the Festivals of Pesach and Shavuot.

One of the greatest Jewish teachings discussed in the six Chapters of Pirkei Avot is the concept of "Derech Eretz" – let's translate that phrase as "the proper way". It instructs each of us in how to live, in community with others. It reminds us that loyalty and faith are only some of the truest indicators of a person's "goodness". The proper way of living also includes honesty and integrity and tolerance and respect. Indeed, in the minds of some of the Rabbis, the latter characteristics and behaviors outweigh the former.

Sadly, the pushing-aside of "Derech Eretz" has become more and more prevalent in our civil society, and even in our Jewish communities. In-person, face-to-face, on-line, or in the written-word, things are said (whether true or not isn't even the issue!) and forwarded on or responded to without much thought of what the consequences might be, or who might be effected. I am horrified at some of the insults, accusations and even threats which I read almost daily; quite a few of you have brought to my attention uncomfortable moments and conversations held in the Temple, a place of dignity, acceptance and peace.

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# GREEN VALLEY SHOFAR

The Official Newsletter of  
Beth Shalom Temple Center

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**Editor:** Stacy Laetsch

This is the April 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 Linda Stein: **In memory of** Suenette Maron's sister, Denise Rootenberg.
- ♦ From Sue & Marty Cohen: **In memory of** Suenette Maron's sister, Denise Rootenberg.
- ♦ From Ed & Esther Brill: **Condolences to** Suenette Maron & family on the death of her sister, Denise Rootenberg.
- ♦ From Ed & Esther Brill: **Condolences to** Julie Kelley & family on the death of her mother, Sonny Foigelman.
- ♦ From Ed & Esther Brill: **Refuah Shleimah to** Fred Legat, Marty & Sue Cohen, Ruth Barwick & Merle Sobol.
- ♦ From Ed & Esther Brill: **Mazel Tov to** Ruth & Jim Barwick on their new home.
- ♦ From Ed & Esther Brill: **Welcome back home to** Bill Forstot and continued recovery.
- ♦ From Ed & Esther Brill: **Yasher Koach to** Rabbi Norm for his direction of the Purim Spiel, as well as to all the cast.
- ♦ From Ed & Esther Brill: **Yasher Koach to** Michael "Michael G" Gervan for his enjoyable concert.

## Yahrzeits

Beth Shalom Temple Center will provide reminders of yahrzeits, and the name(s) of your loved ones will automatically be recited for Kaddish at the appropriate Sabbath Services according to the Hebrew calendar. If your yahrzeits are not yet on the current list and you wish them to be, please email Joyce Finkelstein (or send a note to the Temple for her attention) including your name, the name and relationship of deceased, and the date of death.

**Yahrzeit Donations:**

Remembered by	Relationship	Yahrzeit
Ingeborg McDonald	Her Friend	Louis Gantz
Larry Feldman	His Grandfather	Simon M. Kornfeld
Linda Stein	Her Parents	Pearl & Jack Atlas



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Schedule of Services, Meetings & Events			
Day	Date	Time	Event
FRI	4/1/22	7 pm	Shabbat Service
SAT	4/2/22	10 am	Torah Study on Zoom
SUN	4/3/22	10 am	Bagel Breakfast (MUST RSVP)
FRI	4/8/22	9 am	AZ Immigration Alliance Bi-Monthly meeting @BSTC
SAT	4/9/22	10 am	Torah Study on Zoom
TUE	4/12/22	10 am	Sisterhood Meeting
WED	4/13/22	9 am	Brotherhood Meeting @ El Patio Restaurant
SAT	4/16/22	10 am	Pesach Service & Luncheon (MUST RSVP)
TUE	4/19/22	8:30- 11:30 am	National Volunteer Activity & Recognition @BSTC
FRI	4/22/22	7 pm	Friday Night Yizkor Service
SAT	4/23/22	10 am	Torah Study on Zoom
SUN	4/24/22	4 pm	Sing Along with Rabbi Norm Celebrating Freedom @BSTC
MON	4/25/22	10 am	BSTC Board Meeting@BSTC
WED	4/27/22	3 pm	Social Action Meeting@BSTC
THU	4/28/22	2 pm	Meet the Rabbi's Rabbi on Zoom
SAT	4/30/22	10 am	Torah Study on Zoom

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

Not only Pirkei Avot, but all Jewish teachings, affirm the right (even the obligation) to disagree. We argue, we discuss and debate, often with great emotion. But we do so in love, and with respect for the opinions or beliefs of others. "We agree to disagree agreeably" is the oft-repeated Mitzvah of Jewish life, and it is a core value of "Derech Eretz".

With this in mind, permit me to share some other important lessons from this magnificent collection:

Rabbi Yehudah HaNasi was fond of saying: "Which is the proper path [of life] that one should select? The one that brings honor for oneself and brings honor to others . . . Think deeply about three things and you will never be gripped by the desire to commit a transgression [of hurting others]. Know what is above you – an eye that sees, and ear that hears, and all your deeds are inscribed in a book."

Hillel would say: "In a place where there are no human beings (i.e. "mensch"-like people), try to be one!"

Lynne and I wish you a festive and sweet Passover!

Rabbi Norm Roman

*PS—THE GROUP TRIP TO ISRAEL HAS BEEN POSTPONED . IT IS TENTATIVELY RESCHEDULED FOR FALL 2022. PLEASE CONTACT RABBI NORM FOR INFO!*



## 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 address:** Gail Norton  
will be at La Posada as of April 4th:  
Green Valley AZ 85614

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**SAVE THE DATES for:**

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

**An Adult Education Series on Zoom  
Monthly on Thursday afternoons • 2:00-3:15 pm**

**April 28<sup>th</sup> • May 26<sup>th</sup>**

## **TEMPLE TIDINGS & MEMBER NEWS**

### **BOARD NOTES**

The monthly BSTC Board meeting was held at the temple. The Board plans to be meeting in-person only going forward. Zoom will continue to be utilized for committee meetings as desired, classes, services, and some programs, as well as remain available for Board meetings should circumstances warrant social distancing once again. Minutes from the previous month's meetings 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 her.

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

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### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **ART GALLERY**

##### **Wait, There's More!**

The BSTC Art Gallery committee is happy to share that Nancy Charak's exhibit has been extended. A new group is on display featuring bright watercolors on panels and paper pieces mounted on panels. Nancy will be at the April Bagel Breakfast and in the gallery following the meal to answer any questions. We hope you have the opportunity to view this unique exhibit we are so proud to present.

*Marcia and Bev*

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### **BROTHERHOOD**

The BSTC Brotherhood held their meeting on March 9th at 9 a.m. El Patio Restaurant, 100 West Duval Mine Road, Sahuarita, AZ. The next meeting is April 13th at 9 a.m. at El Patio. Fully vaccinated and boosted members are welcome to join. Annual Brotherhood dues is \$15.

### **Upcoming Brotherhood Events:**

- ♦ Shabbat After Dark—Aug 5th
- ♦ Romeo & Juliet dinner—Sept 10th
- ♦ Sunday breakfast w/speaker—Nov 27th

### **Potential Brotherhood Events:**

- ♦ Zoom meeting with Rabbi Charlie from Beth Israel Congregation in Coleville, Texas
- ♦ Steak night
- ♦ Poker Tournament
- ♦ Magic show
- ♦ On-line auction
- ♦ Trivia Night
- ♦ Brotherhood Hour of Jewish Humor

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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 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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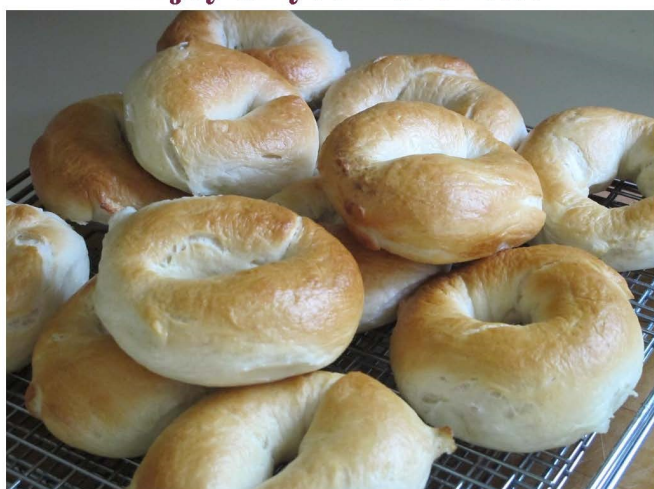
## HOSPITALITY

**Bagel Breakfasts resume the first Sunday of April.**  
***Fully vaccinated members and guests are welcome.***  
Due to the planning and preparations involved, RSVP and pre-payment are now required for ALL food events, no refunds.

*Join Us Once Again Every First Sunday  
at Beth Shalom Temple Center for*

# Bagel Breakfast

*Starting Sunday, April 3, 2022 • 10 am*  
**Enjoy all your favorites!**



**\$10 members • \$12 non-members**

**YOUR CHECK IS YOUR RESERVATION!**

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

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

## ORDER PROOF & BAKE CHALLAHS AND/OR

**BOIL & BAKE BAGELS** by retired pastry chef and BSTC member, Randy Gehman, will be made fresh and flash frozen once every month. Available for sale to BSTC members and their friends. They are one pound braided loaves for \$7 each. Bagels will be formed and ready to proof, boil and bake. Bagels are \$6 per half dozen. **These must be pre-ordered!**  
**Contact Ruthann or the 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 \$100 in this year's raffle!**

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## LIBRARY

### BOOK REVIEW

**Sons and Soldiers** by Bruce Henderson is a fascinating story based on true, formerly unknown, events during WWII.

A group of young Jewish boys had escaped from Nazi occupied Europe and settled comfortably in the United States, but as young men they were determined to return to Germany to fight the Nazis. These Ritchie Boys, as they were known from their training camp in Maryland, knew that they had special abilities. The story relates how their knowledge of the German language and psychology were invaluable in infiltrating the enemy and obtaining information about troop movements, defenses, and other intelligence for the allies. Papers discovered after the war noted that over 60% of valuable intelligence obtained during the war came from these Ritchie Boys. The story also describes how the men pursued their own history to locate any relatives who had survived after the war. It is not a war story, per se, but a gripping journey into the inner workings behind the battles.

This book may be found in the Holocaust biographies section of the BSTC library. It is but one in our collection of personal stories about this time in history. Please browse and **READ**.

*Linda Stein and Charlotte Brody, Librarians*



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## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

We asked our newer members to give us some perspective regarding their membership at BSTC. Here is some of what they said:

- ♦ What we found (here) was a welcoming environment with friendly folks and numerous events and activities to enjoy. I've been so impressed with the creativity of all those on the Program Committee for future events.
- ♦ We are a small Jewish community in Green Valley and there is a positive vibe.
- ♦ The only small suggestion I would make is that, too many times, we are surrounded by anger and hate, and going into the Temple insulates us from these things and gives us solace. There should be no political discussion of any kind inside the Temple walls.
- ♦ I decided to return to BSTC mainly in order to join Sisterhood and enjoy their very active programs now that I am retired and ready to "join the community" ! I am also planning to explore

the spiritual aspect of BSTC, having recently connected via YouTube to Rabbi Roman's services.

- ♦ One of the things that we enjoyed in the past when we lived in California was being members of a couples' Chavurah, which was promoted by our synagogue but not overseen by them. We all had similar interests and got together monthly for a variety of activities.
- ♦ We feel you shouldn't change a thing. This Covid pandemic was a tough situation for everyone, and the Temple Center handled it wonderfully. The mask mandate was so important for the safety of all the members attending services and events.
- ♦ My first comment for building membership: no politics, no name calling. Secondly, I have always found the mentor, or buddy, system to be a good motivation for new members.

**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



**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.

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 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. **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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**PROGRAMS**

**AT BSTC**

- ♦ THANK YOU to Michael G for his spring musical performance, and for the generous donations raised for BSTC during this event!
- ♦ Randy Gehman is making bagels and challah each month, two weeks apart. See the Hospitality section in this newsletter for more details.
- ♦ The Jewish Federation is sponsoring transportation to Tucson on April 5th for a program: **Together in Jewish Learning**. A minimum of 10 riders is needed to utilize the service and BSTC had 12 registered at the time of publication. Please contact Ruthann to be included in this event.

- ♦ Jewish Sing-Along Rabbi Norm is planning a Freedom themed event, tentatively scheduled for Sunday, April 24th at 4 p.m. outside in the BSTC garden.

**WITH RABBI NORM**

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

**An Adult Education Series Monthly on Zoom**

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

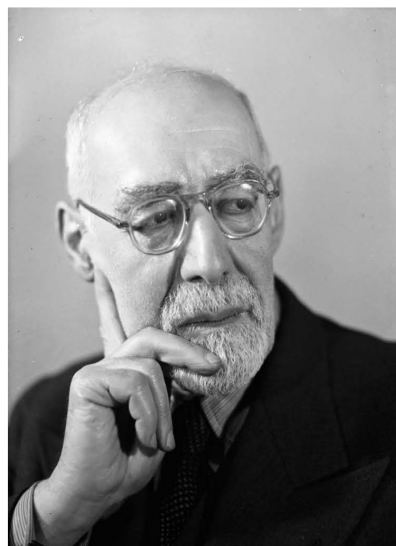
**April 28<sup>th</sup> • May 26th**

Zoom invitation will be sent prior to the event.

**Meet the Rabbi's Rabbis**

**Thursday, April 28, 2022 • 2 pm**

**Rabbi Leo Baeck (1873-1956)**



As we commemorate Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Memorial Day), we will examine the teachings of the man who was known as the "Rabbi of Theresienstadt". Formerly the honorary head of the Berlin Jewish Community, Baeck served his people through the Nazi years, surviving to ultimately teach at the Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati and become the President of the World Union of Progressive Judaism, based in London. His writings about the relationship between Judaism and Christianity may be controversial to some, but it is inspirational to others.

**Upcoming Events:**

- ♦ BSTC member and comet discoverer, David Levy, will put on another star gazing program an evening in early June at BSTC.
- ♦ The Program committee are scheduling a three-part Zoom series on Jewish Art, scheduled for 2pm on Wednesdays: October 19th, October 26th, and November 2nd.



# Join Rabbi Norm Roman & Friends for a Sing Along Celebrating Freedom Sunday, April 24, 2022 • 4 pm

In the BSTC Garden  
Bring your own chairs!

Free will donations to  
HIAS will be accepted.

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## RITUAL

**Starting April 1<sup>st</sup>, BSTC returns to the 7:00pm start time for our Friday night Shabbat service.** The schedule of services for April and May is below.

Friday, April 1, 7pm - Shabbat service

Saturday, April 16, 10am - Shabbat/Passover service  
A light Passover Kiddish Luncheon will follow the service. Please let Stacy know if you plan to be attending: 520-648-6690 or bstcgv@gmail.com

Friday, April 22, 7pm - Shabbat/Passover/Yitzkor service

A Passover Oneg will be prepared by Randy and Judy Gehman.

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

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

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

All fully vaccinated/boostered 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.

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 are now attending 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.

Ruthann

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## SECURITY

- ♦ Security Manager Paul Patterson from the Jewish Federation of Southern Arizona gave an excellent presentation at BSTC on Thursday afternoon, March 3<sup>rd</sup> on safety and security in our community. Thank you to everyone who attended this important presentation in-person or virtually. If you were unable to attend, please let Stacy know that you would like to attend a future video make-up session and we will notify you of the next make-up session available. We hope to do at least one make-up session each month, if possible.
- ♦ Good progress is being made on up-dating our BSTC Guide to Emergency Safety Procedures. Once it is completed and approved copies of the new guide will be accessible to everyone and training on the procedures will be scheduled for congregation members.
- ♦ As our BSTC activities and the number of in-person programs at BSTC increase in 2022, everyone needs to be more conscientious about security and safety. Please make sure that inside events are properly registered with Stacy and calendared, so there are no double-booking surprises.
- ♦ Our updated building alarm system has been working very well. If you are not clear on the arming and disarming procedures please ask a member of your Security Team to go over the procedures with you as soon as possible and read the instructions posted inside the foyer by the main entrance door. This is especially important, if you are new to the security process or a new Board of Directors member. For clarification, only members who have a need to regularly enter or close the building will be issued a key fob.
- ♦ 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

You would have enjoyed the comprehensive presentation of Jack Lassiter on the picnic grounds of the Presidio in Tubac last Saturday. His subject was the stories of extraordinary women on the Arizona Frontier. His plainspoken style and his easy relationship with his audience provided an afternoon of learning laced with humor.

Jack gave us a list of books to read about these remarkable individuals, and I wanted to be sure to send you a copy. I know you will want to acquaint yourselves with at least some of these self sufficient, early settlers and contrast your own life experiences with theirs.

- ♦ VANISHED ARIZONA, by Martha Summerhayes
- ♦ A BEAUTIFUL CRUEL COUNTRY, by Eva Antonia Wilbur-Cruce
- ♦ THESE IS MY WORDS, by Nancy E. Turner
- ♦ THE FORGOTTEN FOUNDERS, by Stewart Udall
- ♦ LEVIS AND LACE, ARIZONA WOMEN WHO MADE HISTORY, by Jan Cleere
- ♦ MILITARY WIVES IN ARIZONA TERRITORY, by Jan Cleere
- ♦ MORE THAN PETTICOATS, Wynne Brown
- ♦ DOING WHAT THE DAY BROUGHT, by Mary Rothchild and Pamela Hronek
- ♦ SONGS MY MOTHER SANG TO ME, by Patricia Preciado Martin
- ♦ ISABELLA GREENWAY, by Kristie Miller
- ♦ LAZY B, by Sandra Day O' Connor and Alan H. Day
- ♦ SHE WORE A YELLOW RIBBON, by Jo-ann Chartier and Chris Ens

We hope that you will make every effort to join us for planned sisterhood events as we explore special places and gain a deeper understanding of the rich and many-layered area we now call our home. I have lived here for sixteen years and visited sites multiple times. The curious thing about returning to favorite haunts is that new information is gleaned, and seasonal changes most definitely influence the overall perception of places. I encourage you to reserve the dates we set aside to be together and share in the opportunities to engage in local history.

Wishing you fresh optimism and healthy energy,  
Sue Cohen





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## SOCIAL ACTION

The March 2022 Social Action Committee meeting will be on **Wednesday, March 30th at 3 p.m.** at BSTC.

### Continuing Projects:

- ◆ Providing motivational quotes for YOTO students is back on our usual schedule of 100 cards for their students at the end of each month. During Mitzvah Day, Larry Gravitz led a project that saw hundreds of cards completed giving us a stockpile for several months. Another 100 were donated to the Tucson YOTO office on March 31st.
- ◆ Collection of non-perishable food items on March 8th brought 20.2 pounds of food and \$36. The second March collection was March 23rd (no totals available) and donations of first aid supplies were also collected for shipment to

Ukraine this month. **Our two drop-off food donation collections in April will be on Tuesday, April 12th and Thursday, April 28th from 8-11 a.m. in the BSTC parking lot. PLEASE come by and make a donation of food and/or money. THANKS!** With increased access to the building again, members attending services, meetings and other events at BSTC are encouraged to drop off food donations directly in the lobby bin as well.

- ◆ This year we are expanding our Mitzvah Good Deeds to include community effort to better support our participation in the February 17th *National Random Acts of Kindness Day*, the April 18th *National Good Deeds Day*, the September 28th *National Good Neighbor Day*, and of course, not to forget, our original *Mitzvah: Good Deeds Done Together Day* on November 4th, 2022!

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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.

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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



There has been interest in having a gift shop again at BSTC so the Board compromised and will allow member artists to have a page of their work on the BSTC website. Be on the lookout next month for a new tab with links to these new pages. Artists who are interested in this, please contact Stacy.

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

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## MONTHLY TORAH PORTIONS

Portion (Parashat)	Date	Hebrew Date	Torah	Haftarah
<b>Tazria</b> (Bearing Seed)	Apr 2, 2022	1 Nissan 5782	Leviticus 12:1-13:59	Ezekiel 45:16-25
<b>M'tzora</b> (A Leper)	Apr 9, 2022	8 Nissan 5782	Leviticus 14:1-15:33	Malachi 3:4-24
<b>Yom Rishon shel Pesach</b> (Passover)	Apr 16, 2022	15 Nissan 5782	Exodus 12:37-42; 13:3-10	Isaiah 43:1-15
<b>Acharei Mot I</b> (After the Death of the Two Sons of Aaron)	Apr 23, 2022	22 Nissan 5782	Leviticus 16:1-17:16	Ezekiel 22:1-14
<b>Acharei Mot II</b> (After the Death of the Two Sons of Aaron)	Apr 30, 2022	29 Nissan 5782	Leviticus 18:1-30	Ezekiel 22:6-19





<b>Happy Birthday to:</b>	
Harry Wolf	1-Apr
Lynn Janklow	3-Apr
Fil Ficks	4-Apr
Toi Melton	5-Apr
Michael Benisch	6-Apr
Irene Miller	8-Apr
Sara Benisch	9-Apr
Bunny Callis	11-Apr
Frank Bertolino	12-Apr
Paul Jaffe	14-Apr
Gigi Haase	15-Apr
Laurie Sherman	16-Apr
Helene Feldman	17-Apr
Ingeborg McDonald	20-Apr
Howard Brody	26-Apr
David Wyte	30-Apr



<b>Happy Anniversary to:</b>	
Harvey & Marilyn Beim	17-Apr
David & Donna Wyte	18-Apr

<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>CHAIR/CO-CHAIR</b>
Aesthetics	Tobey Gitelle
Art Gallery	Marcia Wiener
Book of Remembrance	Suenette Maron
Brotherhood	Merle Sobol
BSTC Shopper	
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
Finance	Tobey Gitelle
Historian	Gail Sommers
Historian (co-chair)	Gloria Clancy
Hospitality: Bagel	Ricki Letowt
Hospitality: Oneg	Maridell Nochumson
Jim Click Raffle	Steve Abrahams
Jim Click Raffle (co-chair)	Ed Gold
Library	Linda Stein
Library (co-chair)	Charlotte Brody
Memorial Board/Yahrzeits	Joyce Finkelstein
Membership	Mike Finkelstein
Mishaberach	Jo Legat
President	Gloria Clancy
Programs	Mike Finkelstein
Public Relations	Mike Finkelstein
Rabbi	Norman Roman
Ritual	Ruthann Shapiro
Ritual (co-chair)	Jo Legat
Ritual (co-chair)	Marlys Fiterman
Security	Gary Melton
Shofar	BSTC Office
Sisterhood	Sue Cohen
Social Action	Gary Melton
Social Action (co-chair)	Larry Gravitz
Tributes	Amy Storer
Website	BSTC Office