

Beth Shalom Temple Center



GREEN VALLEY SHOFAR

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President's Message

My Fellow Congregants,

Congratulations to Marcia Wiener, who was honored after the June Bagel Breakfast for her contributions to the Art Gallery over so many years. We had a wonderful attendance of congregants, as well as Marcia's family who came from all over the country to be with her for this wonderful event.

The new Outer Door to our facility has been completed and is now operational. It provides an additional layer of safety and security to our facility. Thanks to Gary Friedman, Security Chair, as well as Les Bakke, Cliff Shekter, Tom Clancy, and our administrative secretary, Stacy, who all contributed to this project. A special thanks to Gary Melton who began this project and obtained the grant from the Jewish Philanthropies of Southern Arizona, which assisted in the financing of the Outer Door.

Just a reminder that the summer heat is upon us. Please keep hydrated and use sunscreen as appropriate when enjoying the outdoors.

May we continue this wonderful journey together.

Dan Galitz



Message from Rabbi Norm Roman

WE CARE

Here at BSTC we strive to be a caring community, to respond with compassion and support when we are made aware of our members' needs. And, we are respectful of your privacy and confidentiality, so, for now, will not be publicly announcing names of those who are ill, nor sharing information about surgeries, hospitalizations, recuperations or the like. However, this does not mean that we cannot offer assistance, in several ways (see below). Please notify us in a timely manner, so that our prayers, hands and hearts can try to help! By reaching out to at least one of us (we will be communicating with each other) we will then endeavor to be there personally for you, or to provide connection to those agencies that are locally available with the appropriate and necessary resources.

- ◆ Rabbi Norm Roman
- ◆ Amy Storer, Chair of the Caring Committee
- ◆ Stacy Laetsch
Beth Shalom Temple Center Administrator
(520-648-6690)
bstcgv@gmail.com

For transportation assistance around Green Valley or to Tucson:

- ◆ Valley Assistance Services
(520-625-5966)
Requires 3-5 days' notice for local rides and up to 7 days' notice for rides to Tucson.
Also can provide computer and handyman help.

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The Official Newsletter of
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Editor: Stacy Laetsch

This is the July/August issue of the Shofar. Shofars are being published bi-monthly, electronically only. Printed copies can be mailed to any member who desires such in return for a donation of \$18 annually for this courtesy.

Go to: bstc.us to view and print archived volumes or call the office if you would like a copy mailed to you.

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 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.

ALL 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. It is recommended that members are fully vaccinated. Masks are optional. Please contact the BSTC office at (520) 648-6690 or 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 20th 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!)

Recent tributes received:

- ♦ From Suenette and Steve Maron: *In honor of* Laurie Sherman & John Evans renewal of vows.
- ♦ From Suenette and Steve Maron: *In honor of* Marcia Wiener and her work in the Art Gallery.
- ♦ From Ruth and Jim Barwick: *In honor of* Marcia Wiener and her work in the Art Gallery.
- ♦ From Irene Miller: *In appreciation of* Marcia Wiener and her work in the Art Gallery.
- ♦ From Donna and David Wyte: *In appreciation of* Marcia Wiener's artistic leadership.
- ♦ From Donna and David Wyte: *In sympathy for* Ken Marcus over the recent death of his mother, Renee Marcus.

YAHRTZEITS

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.

Remembered by		
Suenette Maron	Her Mother	Celia Abrahamson
Fran Gordon	Her Husband	Bernard Gordon
Steve Feldman	His Mother	Hermine Feldman
Ingeborg McDonald	Her Friend	Donald Weisbaum
Serene Rein	Her Mother	Frances Leavitt
Ruthann Shapiro	Her Father	Norman Herman



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

BSTC is OPEN for Services!

Vaccination recommended/masking is optional.
BSTC continues to Live Stream Services on YouTube.

Schedule of Services, Meetings & Events			
Day	Date	Time	Event
SUN	7/2/23	10am	Bagel Breakfast (<i>Michael G on piano at 9:30</i>)
WED	7/5/23	10:30am	BSTC Book Club
WED	7/5/23	12:30pm	Play Mahjong@BSTC
WED	7/5/23	1-4pm	Art Gallery OPEN
FRI	7/7/23	7pm	Shabbat Service
SAT	7/8/23	10am	Torah Study on Zoom
TUE	7/11/23	10am	Sisterhood Meeting
WED	7/12/23	9am	Men's Club Meeting
WED	7/12/23	12:30pm	Play Mahjong@BSTC
WED	7/12/23	1-4pm	Art Gallery OPEN
THU	7/13/23	9am	LRP meeting on Zoom
SAT	7/15/23	10am	Torah Study
TUE	7/18/23	1-4pm	Sisterhood's Summer Mahjong Tournament
WED	7/19/23	12:30pm	Play Mahjong@BSTC
WED	7/19/23	1-4pm	Art Gallery OPEN
THU	7/20/23	10:30am	Social Action mtg.@ BSTC
FRI	7/21/23	9:30am	Program Comtee on Zoom
SAT	7/22/23	10am	Torah Study on Zoom
MON	7/24/23	10am	BSTC Board Meeting
WED	7/26/23	12:30pm	Play Mahjong@BSTC
WED	7/26/23	1-4pm	Art Gallery OPEN

- ♦ Friends in Deed
(520-625-1150)
requires 5 days' notice for rides.
Also offers free loans of home medical equipment.

For meals to be delivered, whether temporarily or permanently:

- ♦ Food for Life (520-628-7223)
- ♦ Mobile Meals (520-622-1600)
- ♦ Pima Meals on Wheels (866-514-7642)

For general assistance, programming, counseling, or Q&A of community resources:

- ♦ Jewish Family & Children's Services of S. Arizona
(520-795-0300)
www.jfcstucson.org
- ♦ Pima Council on Aging
(520-790-7262)
www.pcoa.org

We at the Temple can offer you our private prayers (Mi Shebeirach) from the Rabbi and Caring Committee members, hospital or home visits, and supportive, get-well (Refuah Sheleimah) cards or notes. And we encourage you, your family and your friends to participate in the Jewish tradition of Tzedakah, making a contribution with healing or caring thoughts, perhaps to BSTC.

ARE YOU INTERESTED?

Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah

Several BSTC members have approached me about the possibility of arranging for a ceremony in which those who never celebrated their Jewish Adulthood, or wish to re-affirm the previous ritual from a younger age, might be able to do so – with the proper preparation, of course. I would be excited about this opportunity, and would propose linking it to the dedication of our new Torah Scroll, about which all be hearing more in the next few months.

If you are interested, please let me know!

A Journey to Israel and ...? A number of folks who were not able to join the November 2022 group which Lynne and I led, have inquired about trying again. Perhaps this time with an add-on in either

Spain or Italy. It takes at least a year and a half to put such a project together, so we would most likely be thinking about a trip between late Fall of 2024

form on the next page for further information.
Thank you in advance for your participation. Your donations are appreciated.

Suenette

CARING COMMITTEE & TRIBUTES

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 Amy Storer, new chair of the BSTC Caring Committee.

The Mi Sheberach List has been removed from the website. A prayer for recitation has been added in place of that for those who need your prayers. Please contact Amy, Ruthann or Rabbi Norm with any questions.

Tributes can be made following the instructions on page 3 and a beautiful card will be mailed to the honored individual acknowledging your donation. Please let Amy know if you have any questions about this. **Thank you to those who participate!**

HOSPITALITY

Be sure to RSVP! Bagel Breakfasts have resumed, every first Sunday of the month. Pre-payment is requested for ALL food events. ***Your check is your reservation!***

JIM CLICK RAFFLE

The 2023 Jim Click Raffle began on February 22nd. This year's grand prize is a 2023 Ford Bronco Raptor. Other prizes and details are included on the BSTC website and the bulletin board in the BSTC lobby. Please contact Steve Abrahams or Ed Gold for more information or tickets. ***BSTC has raised \$500 so far this year!***

LIBRARY

A **Book Club** is meeting at 10 a.m. on the first Wednesday of each month in the BSTC library. ***All members are welcome!*** Please contact Laura Unger for more information.

Linda Stein and Charlotte Brody, Librarians

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

Welcome New Members!

A warm BSTC welcome to renewing member, Judy Berlin Clifford and new member, Beth Surdut!

People continue to flock to BSTC to "check us out" and there were five visitors at the June 16th Friday Night Shabbat service.

New members are encouraged to send biographies and/or photos to share in the Shofar. Send pictures and biographies to Mike Finkelstein.

A **SINGLES GROUP** for BSTC members without partners had a kickoff meeting on Wednesday, June 7th at BSTC. A dozen members are interested in continuing the effort. A lot of ideas were discussed. To accommodate any members who may have work-week commitments, rather than Wednesday afternoons, the next meeting may be planned for a Sunday during the summer. If you would like to be added to the list of single members interested in receiving information for meetings/events and/or have questions, please send a note to Amy Storer.

BSTC AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

As Beth Shalom Temple Center continues to grow its membership, several members have suggested that we continue our ambassador program. This assigns a current member to help each new member meet people and explore what appeals to them at BSTC. Each ambassador would be available to meet the new member at temple events (perhaps bring them to a first event), introduce them around, and answer any questions that may arise.

Anyone interested in joining this committee or being an ambassador, please contact Mike Finkelstein.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Every year, BSTC distributes the Book of Remembrance at Yom Kippur. We will once again have an **electronic Book of Remembrance**. We will print/mail a copy to anyone requesting a copy who has made a monetary donation.

If you wish to have the name(s) of your deceased loved ones included in the book for 5783, September 2022 – September 2023, please send in your information along with your free-will donation by **September 11, 2023**.

Use the form below and please print clearly to avoid any misspellings. You may also email me your list, or just email or note that it's the same as last year. However, monetary donations must be sent to the Temple.

Please also note if you would like a printed copy.

If you have any questions, you may email me at suenet7756@aol.com or the Temple at bstcgv@gmail.com.

Thank you.

Suenette Maron
BOR chair

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE FORM

Please print the name(s) of your dearly departed below:

Remembered by: (Please print)

O I/We would like a printed copy.

Mail this form and your free-will donation to:

BSTC

P.O. Box 884

Green Valley, AZ 85622

Mark BOR on your check memo and envelope. Thank you.

MEMORIAL BOARD

The Memorial Board committee is showing several RESERVED plaques on the new board. Members may opt to reserve places for themselves and/or loved ones. The cost is \$300 each. Contact Joyce Finkelstein for more information.

MEN'S CLUB

The BSTC Men's Club meets somewhere on the first Wednesday of each month at 9 a.m. for breakfast and will occasionally plan other outings. For information contact Arnie Krohn, Men's Club President.

PROGRAMS

The Program Committee welcomes Jill Fabian, Grace Farrar and Connie Greenwald to the committee.

- ♦ **The Jews of Scandinavia** featuring BSTC's Mike Finkelstein's cousin, David Fransisco, who lives in Sweden program scheduled for Wednesday, May 31st was postponed due to illness. It has been rescheduled to **Wednesday, August 23rd at 1 p.m. on Zoom.**
- ♦ A Community Shabbat in Tucson is planned for Friday, October 20th. Bus service from BSTC will be provided.
- ♦ As suggested by one of our newer members, the committee is exploring the idea of a "Cooking for One" program series, focusing on healthy meals, complete with meal suggestions.
- ♦ The two four-week series of Prayerbook Hebrew and Jewish History classes that ran late February through March 2023 were enormously popular. Please let Rabbi Norm know if you're interested in participating in an encore series.
- ♦ A team of BSTC members has updated our temple **Procedure Manual** to document what each committee does to accomplish its mission and tasks. A link to that document is now located on the password protected page of the BSTC website, below the links to the Shofar, financial reports and minutes archives.
- ♦ The Program committee has scrapped the idea for a Jewish themed trip to LA or NYC and will join forces with Gary Friedman and the Men's

Club to plan a May 2024 Road Scholar program on Conversos.

The next **Program Committee meeting** is on **Friday, July 21st at 9:30am on Zoom.** Please contact Mike if you are interested in participating on this committee.

RITUAL

Shabbat services are usually held on the first and third Friday nights of the month at 7 p.m. A Saturday Shabbat service is held on the second Saturday of the month at 10 a.m. Check the schedule below and the active calendar for specific dates. All services are followed by wine/challah/plus, giving us a good opportunity to socialize.

We will continue to stream our services via YouTube **Live.** Links will be sent via e-blast a few days before each service.

Reminder: BE ON TIME or you will need to ring the doorbell. Doors are locked when services begin.

The schedule of services for July/August is below:

- ♦ **Friday, July 7, 7pm—Shabbat**
- ♦ **Saturday, August 12, 10am—Shabbat**
- ♦ **Friday, August 25, 7pm—Shabbat**

The full schedule of for all services during the High Holidays will be mailed to all members as well as published in the September Shofar.

All members and their guests are welcome to attend in person. Vaccinations are recommended and masks are optional. If you borrowed a prayer book but now attend in person, please return the prayer book.

This is your BSTC and unless we know what your religious needs are we can not provide for them. Please let me know.

Ruthann

SECURITY

Your 2023-24 Security Committee is Gary Friedman, Les Bakke, and Cliff Shekter. Remember: "If You See Something (*suspicious activity*), Say Something!" and, please, let one of us know.

The Temple is looking for Shomeer, volunteers to assist as security at Temple events. If interested, please contact Gary Friedman for more information.

If you are at a temple service or event and need to leave the building before it concludes, PLEASE contact the security Shomeer, so he or she can let you out. The security Shomeer will be located in the back corner nearest to the sanctuary exit door. If you are coming into the Temple after the beginning of a service or event please knock on the door or ring the doorbell and the security Shomeer will unlock the door and let you in.

Our new BSTC Guide for Emergency Safety Procedures is completed but will always be open to revision as we collectively identify the need for revision. **This guide is posted in the "members only access" portion of the BSTC website for your ease of access.** We will also conduct training on short portions of the guide periodically to help all of us better understand the content.

Please **wear your nametag** whenever you are at BSTC for services or events. Thank you.

SISTERHOOD

Due to the great success of the modified Annual Mahjong "Funraiser" Event last November, the BSTC Sisterhood is hostessing the first Summer Mahjong Tournament ever held in Green Valley for Tuesday, July 18th from 1-4pm following those guidelines.

The Sisterhood provided a \$200 donation to the Hospitality committee for some new kitchen utensils and tools. THANK YOU!

SOCIAL ACTION

The next meeting is Thursday, July 20th at 10:30am in the BSTC library.

Continuing Projects:

- ♦ The committee continues to take collections for the community food banks. Monetary donations as well as collected food donations are transported to the local food banks once a month. Non-perishable food donations may be dropped in the bin in the lobby when attending services or meetings at the temple for local donation.
- ♦ The committee held a children's pajama and book drive during the month of April to benefit the children helped by the Angel Heart Pajama Project. This project benefits children going into foster care who may not have their own things. The committee will continue this project. Your participation is greatly appreciated.
- ♦ Members of the committee have begun attending the Tikkun Olam workgroup meetings, a sub committee of the Jewish Philanthropies of Southern Arizona.

TORAH STUDY

Torah Portions are included in the table below. Torah Study meets every Saturday that there isn't a Shabbat service via Zoom. All are welcome. Invitations are emailed weekly.

WEBSITE

Please email Stacy at bstcgv@gmail.com, or call 520-648-6690, if you have questions.

MONTHLY TORAH PORTIONS			
Portion (Parashat)	Date	Torah	Haftarah
<u>Pinchas</u>	July 7-8, 2023	Numbers 25:10-30:1	1 Kings 18:46-19:21
<u>Mattot-Mas'ei</u>	July 14-15, 2023	Numbers 30:2-36:13	Jeremiah 1:1-2:28
<u>Devarim</u>	July 21-22, 2023	Deuteronomy 1:1-3:22	Isaiah 1:1-27
<u>Va-etchanan</u>	July 28-29, 2023	Deuteronomy 3:23-7:11	Isaiah 40:1-26
<u>'Ekev</u>	August 4-5, 2023	Deuteronomy 7:12-11:25	Isaiah 49:14-51:3
<u>Re-eh</u>	August 11-12, 2023	Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17	Isaiah 54:11-55:5
<u>Shoftim</u>	August 18-19, 2023	Deuteronomy 16:18-21:9	Isaiah 51:12-52:12
<u>Ki Teitzei</u>	August 25-26, 2023	Deuteronomy 21:10-25:19	Isaiah 54:1-10



Happy Anniversary to:	
Sid & Ruthann Shapiro	1-Jul
Tom & Gloria Clancy	4-Jul
Larry & Helene Feldman	7-Jul
Larry & Ina Gravitz	15-Jul
Martin & Susan Cohen	23-Jul
Gene & Diane Stein	23-Jul
Gary & Lisa Israel	28-Jul
Kate & Harry Wolf	29-Jul
Ed & Jane Gold	7-Aug
Barbara & Andrew Katz	10-Aug
Becky Charboneau & Kent Blumenthal	13-Aug
Lynn & Don Janklow	16-Aug
Steve & Suenette Maron	20-Aug

Happy Birthday to:	
Gary Israel	1-Jul
Ed Brill	3-Jul
Becky Charboneau	4-Jul
Art Drucker	4-Jul
Michael Gervan	5-Jul
Larry Gravitz	8-Jul
Josh Migdal	11-Jul
Marcia Wiener	11-Jul
Ina Gravitz	13-Jul
Shari Rosenbloom	13-Jul
Fred Legat	14-Jul
Gene Nudelman	18-Jul
Lynn Liebling	23-Jul
Diane Stein	23-Jul
Marilyn Israel	1-Aug
Donna Wyte	2-Aug
Robert Lipson	6-Aug
Jane Gold	8-Aug
Beverly Lake	9-Aug
Emanuel Shaham	12-Aug
Marlys Fiterman	13-Aug
Lynne Roman	13-Aug
Ann Cohn	18-Aug
Fred Silver	18-Aug
William Katz	19-Aug
Dan Galitz	22-Aug
John Unger	22-Aug
Bobbie Vishner	25-Aug
Don Janklow	31-Aug



COMMITTEE	CHAIR/CO-CHAIR
Aesthetics	Tobey Gitelle
Art Gallery	Marcia Wiener
Book of Remembrance	Suenette Maron
Book Club	Laura Unger
Calendar/Building Reservations	BSTC office
Caring/Tributes	Amy Storer
e-Scrip	Joyce Finkelstein
e-Blast	BSTC office
Facilities	Les Bakke
Facebook	Jo Legat
Facebook (co-chair)	Jane Gold
Finance	Tobey Gitelle
Historian	Gloria Clancy
Historian (co-chair)	Gail Sommers
Hospitality: Bagel	Ricki Letowt
Hospitality: Oneg	Bunny Tarquinio
Jim Click Raffle (co-chair)	Steve Abrahams
Jim Click Raffle	Ed Gold
Library	Linda Stein
Library (co-chair)	Charlotte Brody
Long Range Planning	John Unger
Memorial Board/Yahrzeits	Joyce Finkelstein
Membership	Mike Finkelstein
Men's Club	Arnold Krohn
President	Dan Galitz
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 Friedman
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Shopper	Pat Naselow
Sisterhood	Sue Cohen
Social Action	Connie Greenwald
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