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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Lag BaOmer: Light in a Time of Uncertainty
May 2026

Every year, nestled between the solemn introspection of Passover and the spiritual preparation for Shavuot, comes Lag BaOmer — a day of bonfires, weddings, music, and joy. At first glance, it can seem almost out of place during the otherwise reflective counting of the Omer. Yet perhaps this holiday is more relevant today than ever before.

Lag BaOmer commemorates resilience.

Tradition teaches that during the time of Rabbi Akiva, a devastating plague struck his students because they failed to treat one another with sufficient respect. On Lag BaOmer, the plague ceased. The day also honors Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai, the mystic sage associated with the Zohar, whose teachings emphasized hidden light, spiritual depth, and the enduring power of hope.

Today's world often feels painfully familiar to that ancient story. We live in a time marked by division, public outrage, wars, loneliness, anxiety, and a constant flood of noise that can erode compassion. Communities fracture over politics, religion, identity, and ideology. Social media rewards outrage more than understanding.

Lag BaOmer reminds us that survival alone is not enough. The lesson is not merely that the plague stopped — it is why it began. A society can possess brilliance, scholarship, success, and power, yet still weaken from within when dignity and kindness disappear.

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RABBI'S MESSAGE

"Rabbi, help! I'm so conflicted; I don't know who to believe or how to find the correct answers to my questions."

Or, "Rabbi, please help! I don't understand all the criticisms and accusations about Israel. How can I patiently and clearly explain what my grandchildren and neighbors don't realize about Israelis and Palestinians?"

Or, "Rabbi, please help! I want to contribute some funds to those organizations in Israel that will truly serve the victims, displaced families, and those who need humanitarian assistance in the worst way."

Dear Friends,

These are extremely difficult times for those of us in the Jewish (and non-Jewish) community who love the State of Israel and all that it represents. All around us we hear phrases with an emotional fervor we never expected to encounter in the modern age: genocide, anti-Semitism, Jew-hatred, boycotts, etc.

History tells us that when societies and cultures feel threatened by economic or political turmoil, the Jews are irrationally blamed. Perhaps this is another of those eras — "Those who do not remember the past are destined to repeat it". But that does not mean that any or all of us can be silent; given the opportunity, we must educate ourselves and teach others.

We must provide the proper context and background for comprehending what is being falsely described. We must remain true to our own moral values, pointing out the errors when they occur and doing our best to "right the wrongs".

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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 June 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.

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Not all scheduled events are included in the Shofar. To have your program included in the calendars, please notify the Shofar editor. Deadline to submit Shofar copy is the 25th of the month prior to the publication date.

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The editors reserve the right to edit contributions for grammar, length and content. Community and member news will be published as space permits.
Community and/or member events that conflict with Temple events will not be publicized in the Shofar.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT (continued)

The recent New York times article by Nicholas Kristof vilifying the IDF is one example.

The bonfires lit on Lag BaOmer symbolize more than celebration. As a kid growing up in Israel, I looked forward to roasting potatoes in these fires. But they really represent the light we are responsible for bringing into dark times. A single flame may seem small against the night sky, yet many flames together illuminate an entire hillside.

This message resonates deeply today, especially for Jewish communities worldwide facing rising anti-semitism, uncertainty, and fear. Yet the holiday's meaning extends beyond any one community. Lag BaOmer calls all people to reject despair. It teaches

that even during periods of mourning and tension, joy itself can become an act of spiritual resistance.

Perhaps that is why children traditionally play outdoors on Lag BaOmer, why music returns, why weddings resume, and why families gather around fire-light. The holiday insists that hope must not be postponed until the world becomes perfect. We celebrate because life itself is sacred, fragile, and worth protecting.

In Jewish tradition, fire can destroy — but it can also guide. The same flame that consumes can warm, illuminate, and inspire. The question facing our world today is what kind of fire we choose to ignite: the fire of anger and division, or the fire of wisdom, compassion.

Josh Migdal
BSTC President



RABBI'S MESSAGE (continued)

What can we, at Beth Shalom Temple Center, do?

Several of us are beginning to plan a "Town Hall" kind of program that will provide learning as well as discussion about the present situation in Israel and the Middle East (changing rapidly, of course – but certain truths and insights will be beneficial in recognizing an accurate perspective). We don't have a

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RABBI'S MESSAGE (continued)

date yet – and given summer travel schedules, it probably won't be until mid-July – but there will be enough advance notice given for all to participate, to send in questions ahead of time, and the session will be recorded.

Secondly, please seek out up-to-date media coverage with an approach that resonates with you on the one hand, and with which you can remain objective/critical on the other. Also, there are opinion columns, podcasts and substacks worth investigating. I personally recommend the reporting and commentaries of: David Horovitz (Times of Israel), Haviv Rettig Gur, Yehudah Kertzer, Yossi Klein-HaLevi and Rabbi Donniel Hartmann (Shalom Hartmann Institute), Rabbis Josh Weinberg (Association of Reform Zionists of America) and Eric Yoffie, Member of Knesset Rabbi Gilad Kariv, and the Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism.

Finally, the following (in no particular order) are some suggestions for legitimate places to contribute financially during the Israel crisis, if you are in a position to do so:

- ◆ Afjrv.org (American Friends of the Jordan River Village). The JRV in the Galilee provides health care for children with serious illness from all over the Middle East, respite for families, for soldiers on leave, and support with free lodging for terror victims and those displaced by the wars.
- ◆ Afmda.org (American Friends of Magen David Adom) MDA is Israel's Red Cross organization. They provide emergency supplies, medical assistance and ambulances in Israel and in response to world-wide natural disasters.
- ◆ Impact-Israel.org The Yemin Orde Youth Village near Zichron Yaakov provides lodging and schooling for troubled and disenfranchised youth as its "normal" mission, but since October 7, 2023 also supports families affected by terrorist attacks, and those displaced from their homes and routines, etc.
- ◆ Israelhealthfoundation.org (Look specifically for Soroka Hospital Emergency Fund) Soroka is the main medical facility for the areas closest to Gaza, and therefore treats the most civilian and military casualties. Their buildings were shelled and need to be rebuilt and re-equipped.

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BSTC ACTIVITY CALENDAR

BSTC continues to Live Stream Services on YouTube. Links are emailed to members.

Schedule of Services, Meetings, Classes & Events			
Day	Date	Time	Event
TUE	6/2/26	All day	Men's Club Field Trip to UofA Pharmacy Museum
WED	6/3/26	10am	BSTC Book Club @BSTC
FRI	6/5/26	7pm	Friday Night Shabbat Service
SAT	6/6/26	10am	Torah Study on Zoom ONLY
SUN	6/7/26	10am	Bagel Breakfast <i>sponsors: Josh & Venilda Migdal</i>
SUN	6/7/26	11:30a	Yiddish Club @BSTC
WED	6/10/26	9am	Men's Club Meeting @El Patio
SAT	6/13/26	10am	Torah Study on Zoom ONLY
TUE	6/16/26	9am	Sisterhood Gathering at Desert Meadows Park
SAT	6/20/26	10am	Torah Study on Zoom ONLY
SUN	6/21/26	All day	PANDA EXPRESS FOOD FUNDRAISER
MON	6/22/26	10am	BSTC Board Meeting
SAT	6/27/26	10am	Torah Study on Zoom ONLY
WED	7/1/26	10am	BSTC Book Club @ BSTC
SAT	7/4/26	10am	Torah Study on Zoom ONLY
SUN	7/5/26	10am	Bagel Breakfast <i>sponsors: Mariann & Bill Katz</i>
SUN	7/5/26	11:30a	Yiddish Club @BSTC
WED	7/8/26	9am	Men's Club Meeting @El Patio
FRI	7/10/26	7pm	Friday Night Shabbat Service

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

RABBI'S MESSAGE (continued)

- ♦ Israelrescue.org (United Hatzalah) This group of first responders are seen promptly whenever/ wherever needed – in battles, terror attacks, traffic accidents, etc.

I hope that this helps . . .

Praying for Shalom,

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 email:** Agi Klieger
- ♦ **New address:** Lynne Block
Sahuarita AZ 85629
- ♦
- ♦ **Updated address:** Susan Flemming
Apartment number

BOARD NOTES

The monthly Board meeting is normally held on the fourth Monday of each month. **The next Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 22nd 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.

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. A reception was held Sunday, April 26th, and was enjoyed by over three dozen people. 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.

Contact the Temple Office or Amy Storer 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

BSTC Book Club meets the first Wednesday of the month at 10 a.m. The next meeting is **Wednesday, June 3rd**. We hope you will come join us for this meeting. You don't have to read the book to enjoy our fun talks. June's selection is "The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek" by Kim Richardson. All avid readers will relate.



BSTC Book Club 2026 Reading List:

- ♦ Jun 3rd—***The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek*** by Kim Richardson
- ♦ Jul 1st—***People of The Book*** by Geraldine Brooks
- ♦ Aug 5th—***The Greatest Generation*** by Tom Brokaw
- ♦ Sept 2nd—***Beloved*** by Tony Morrison
- ♦ 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

CARING COMMITTEE

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?

We have beautiful Tribute cards available to commemorate a life event, and they also act as a fundraiser. At the moment, our financial records indicate that the cost of these cards is greater than the donations that they are bringing in. When making your

donation, please remember that the cost to temple for each card is just under \$5, which includes the card stock, printing, envelopes, and stamps. Tribute cards are available for viewing on our BSTC website.

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, or otherwise volunteer to help with this committee, please contact Amy Storer.

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, **June 7th**, and the event is sponsored by Josh and Venilda Migdal.

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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 bagel breakfasts, as well as in the BSTC office. This year Mr. Click is 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 as in past years, 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.

LIBRARY

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

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

The survey of all temple responses continues to be received and analyzed, so we act on the results. The Board has decided to extend the deadline by two weeks, to ensure that every member has a chance to share their thoughts and opinions.

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.

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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 mfinkel2@cox.net.

MEN'S CLUB

The Men's Club is pleased to announce an excursion to one of the lesser known gems of Tucson, The Coit Museum of Pharmacy at the U of A Campus. There is no charge for the museum, and there will be a 90 minute guided tour. Interested participants will meet at the temple at 8:45am on Tuesday, June 2nd for carpooling to the museum. Please respond to Steve Maron at smaron5202@gmail.com if you have an interest in coming along.

The next Men's Club meeting will be on Wednesday, June 10th, at El Patio Restaurant, 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 three sub-committees will be:

- ◆ Congregation identity and plan to find a new Rabbi sometime in the future.
- ◆ Security plans and training for the entire congregation.

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- ◆ 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

- ◆ Steve Maron has restarted the Yiddish classes. They are held after Bagel Breakfasts, and Steve reports there are 11 enrollees so far.
Report from Steve:
The first meeting of the renewed Yiddish Club of Beth Shalom took place after bagel breakfast on May 3rd, went very well and was well attended. The intention was to continue this as a regular fun temple activity, open to all members, though we will be changing the time we meet to 11:30am on the first Sunday of every month, after bagel breakfast. 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. Knowledge of Yiddish is not necessary (but it doesn't hurt!). If you have not already done so, please contact Steve Maron at smaron5202@gmail.com if you have an interest in participating to be added to the mailing list.
- ◆ Les Bakke, who runs Green Valley's Forum Club, submitted a list of previous Forum Club speakers for us to consider for future temple programs.
- ◆ Mort Naiman is working with Mostly Kosher, the LA based Klezmer group that will return to Green Valley in November. We are considering some sort of shared programming with them while they are here.

FUNDRAISING

- ◆ Ricki led another successful food fundraiser at MOD Pizza on Sunday, April 19th, raising \$247.05.
- ◆ The food fundraiser at Denny's on Sunday, May 17th, raised \$88.

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- ◆ June's food fundraiser is scheduled for **Sunday, June 21st at Panda Express**. See the flyer on the next page for details and the fundraising code.
- ◆ **Uniting the Community Through Music 2026 committee** are planning the event for **Sunday afternoon, February 21st, 2027**. The Committee has drafted a press release to send out to SAVE THE DATE announcements to past attendees, churches, and the media. This information now appears on the UTCTM landing page on the BSTC website. Committee members are contacting potential entertainers, and Mort Naiman is reaching out to potential high dollar donors. Please contact Mike Finkelstein if you would like to participate in the committee's work this year!

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.

RITUAL

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

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Fundraiser for

Beth Shalom Temple Center

20% of event sales will be donated

We're a synagogue in Green Valley, AZ,
with a Caring Meals program.



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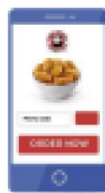
Sunday, June 21, 2026

Time: 10:00 AM to 9:00 PM

Where

**Panda Express located at:
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Sahuarita AZ 85629
(520) 648 - 3889**

How to Order



Online

**PandaExpress.com or the App.
Enter 3860656 in the fundraiser code box**

or



In-Person

**Bring paper flyer or show it on
your smartphone**

Order ahead or on the event day Sunday, June 21, 2026

Participating fundraiser guests are required to present a valid fundraiser flyer (paper copy or digital image) with each order to receive credit towards the fundraiser. Flyers may not be distributed inside or within the vicinity of the restaurant including, without limitation to, the restaurant parking lot before or during the fundraiser. Panda Restaurant Group, Inc. ("PRG") reserves the right to cancel any and all fundraiser events, if the Neighborhood Fundraiser Terms and Conditions are not followed. If the organization is not in good standing with the IRS, Franchise Tax Board, or the State of California (for California organizations only), then donations may not be made to the organization. You must present your unique code or a copy of this flyer (digital copies are accepted) at the designated date, time, and your Panda Express location at check-out. PRG will donate 20% of all pre-tax purchases made, provided that the organization raises a minimum of \$100 in total event sales pre-tax. PRG does not charge the organization fees related to the event. Purchase(s) of gift cards do not count towards the fundraiser, but purchases made with gift cards will count. No portion of purchase is tax deductible. The donation from PRG to the organization is tax deductible. The organization receiving the donation must be a tax exempt organization. PRG will issue the donation check and provide an accounting statement to the organization within 45 days of the completion of the event. Participants in the fundraiser may request the total dollar amount donated to the organization by emailing communityprograms@pandarg.com or by submitting the question at <https://community.pandaexpress.com/faq>



Find a local hiring event or apply online at **PandaCareers.com**

Summer Service Schedule:

- ◆ **Friday, June 5th—7pm**
Friday Night Shabbat Service
- ◆ **Friday, July 10th—7pm**
Friday Night Shabbat Service
- ◆ **Friday, August 7th—7pm**
Friday Night Shabbat Service

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

Sisterhood recently hosted the movie ***The Book Thief*** at BSTC. It was well attended and we hope to be able to do this again in the future.

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Sisterhood will not be having a regular meeting in June, but we will be having a gathering for all Sisterhood members on **Tuesday, June 16th at 9am** at the ramada in **Desert Meadows Park**. Bring your own beverage and food of choice. Since they do not have a lot of seating in that particular area, you may want to bring a chair with you, too.

Coming up on **Tuesday, July 21st** will be our semi-annual (summer) **Mahjong Tournament**. If you are interested in playing please contact Ruthann Shapiro. Tables of four are available for \$120. Four per table at \$30 each. A light lunch will be provided.

The **next meeting at BSTC** is scheduled on **Tuesday, July 14th at 10am** and all Sisterhood members are invited to attend.

SOCIAL ACTION

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

TORAH STUDY

Torah Portions are included in the table on the following page. 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 comments or questions.



YIDDISH CLUB

Steve Maron is pleased to reintroduce an “old” Beth Shalom Temple Center tradition, Yiddish Club, after bagel breakfasts. The group will get together in the sanctuary at 11:30am. Please contact Steve Maron if you have an interest. All congregation members are welcome. The intent is to “schmooze” in Yiddish and English, and watch videos in Yiddish of comedy, songs, conversational Yiddish, etc.

Shofar Subscriptions Available upon request!

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Stay Cool!

MONTHLY TORAH PORTIONS

Portion (Parashat)	Date	Torah	Haftarah
B'HA'ALOT'CHA	June 5-6, 2026	Numbers 8:1-12:16	Zechariah 2:14-4:7
SH'LACH L'CHA	June 12-13, 2026	Numbers 13:1-15:41	Joshua 2:1-24
KORACH	June 19-20, 2026	Numbers 16:1-18:32	I Samuel 11:14-12:22
CHUKAT-BALAK	June 26-27, 2026	Numbers 19:1-25:9	Micah 5:6-6:8



Charne Shoob	2-Jun
Jeanette Nathan	4-Jun
Gail Norton	6-Jun
Gail Sommers	6-Jun
Carolyn Fox	10-Jun
Fran Orrok	10-Jun
Harry Segal	14-Jun
Steven Abrahams	18-Jun
Kate Wolf	21-Jun
Steve Maron	23-Jun
Chuck Berman	28-Jun
Laura Unger	30-Jun



Marianne & William Katz	5-Jun
Jack & Bobbie Vishner	15-Jun
Cliff & Jean Shekter	25-Jun
Beverly Lake & Les Bakke	27-Jun
Lynn & David Liebling	28-Jun

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

The volunteer chairing this committee will mail a personalized card to whomever you choose.

SEE SOME SAMPLE CARDS ON THE BSTC WEBSITE.

For an acknowledgement card to be sent **All Tributes MUST include the following information:**

1. **Name** of EACH recipient
2. **Address** of EACH recipient (*for temple members living in Green Valley address need not be submitted with your request; however, if recipient has more than one address, please specify which address*)
3. **Type of Tribute:** Happy Birthday, In Honor Of, With Sympathy, etc.
4. **Names of ALL who are sending** the Tribute including name of spouse, if appropriate.
5. 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 our last publication:

- ♦ From John & Laura Unger: **get well to:** Lynne Roman

YAHARZEITS

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
Suenette Maron	Harold Abrahamson
Suenette Maron	Denise Rosenberg
Amy Storer	Don Storer
Mark Travitsky	Louis Travitsky
Judy Kramer	Don Kramer
Ingeborg McDonald	Louis Gantz
Mark Travitsky	Ruth Travitsky
Judy Gehman	Arne Westerman
Holli Madsen	Cyrel Bandy
Serene Rein	Frances Leavitt
Ingeborg McDonald	Donald Weisbaum

COMMITTEE	CHAIR/CO-CHAIR
Aesthetics	Tobey Gitelle
Art Gallery	Marcia Wiener Bev Lake
Bagel Breakfast	Mariann Katz
Book of Remembrance	Suenette Maron
Calendar & Reservations	BSTC office
Caring & Bikur Cholim	Amy Storer
Facilities & IT	Les Bakke
Facebook	Jane Gold
Finance	Ricki Letowt
Grants	Esther Levine Brill
Grounds/Landscaping	Ingeborg McDonald John Holleran
Historian	Gail Sommers
Hospitality	Dawna Wheeler
Jim Click Raffle	Ed Gold
Library	Jane Gold
Memorial Board /Yahrzeits	Joyce Finkelstein
Membership	Mike Finkelstein
Men's Club	Steve Maron
Oneg	Cris Hager
Operations Planning	Ricki Letowt
President	Josh Migdal
Programs	Mike Finkelstein
Rabbi	Norman Roman
Rewards Programs	Joyce Finkelstein
Ritual	Ruthann Shapiro
Security	Dan Galitz
Shofar	Stacy Laetsch/BSTC Office
Shopper	Judy Gehman
Sisterhood	Bobbie Vishner
Social Action	OPEN
Tributes	Amy Storer
Website	Stacy Laetsch/BSTC Office