Beth Shalom Temple Center



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President's Message

My Fellow Congregants,

As I write this message, I am looking forward to my first meeting with the new Board of Directors. They are enthusiastic, as I am, to fulfill our obligations to all of you. All of us are available to you for any concerns and/or suggestions.

At our Annual meeting after a presentation by our Security team, as well as the Security Directors of the Jewish Philanthropy of Southern AZ (formerly the Jewish Federation), and a Q and A discussion with the Congregation, the Secondary Security Enclosure project was approved by the Congregation. This project will enhance security access to our facility.

We have lots of upcoming activities in March. Do not forget the Purim & Megillah on March 6th as well as the many religious, social and educational activities during the month. Check the Shofar for items of interest to you by logging into our BSTC online site where there is an active calendar with the latest as well as future upcoming events. Also the upcoming Passover Seder will be held at the Desert Diamond Conference Center on Pima Mine Road this year on April 6th. RSVP as soon as possible because space is limited and no late reservations will be allowed.

We are still working on every other month of having an eblast for the Shofar. Your comments and suggestions would greatly be appreciated.

I may be reached by phone or email.

Let us continue this wonderful journey together.

Dan Galitz

Message from Rabbi Norm Roman

This is Who We Are as Jews - 2023

Festivals, celebrations, challenges and questions. These will mark the next two months at BSTC, and throughout the Jewish world. Please watch your emails and the website for details . . .

March 6th Our own "Not Ready for Prime Time Players" will return for this year's Purim Spiel, entitled 'Megillah on the Roof'! Join us for not only a traditional reading of the Book of Esther, along with delicious hamantaschen, but for the creative sing-along of 'Fiddler' from Broadway melodies, helping tell the updated story of our most joyous holiday. And please consider bringing a box of non-perishable food (e.g. macaroni & cheese or rice) to use as a grogger/noisemaker and then donate to the Food Bank.

March 26th Beth Shalom will host an important panel discission on 'Anti-Semitism – Historical and Current Perspectives'. We are inviting speakers to educate us with background about Jew-hatred and persecution (certainly related to the themes of both Purim and Passover), a report about conditions on the University of Arizona as well as other college campuses, and what communities like ours are doing around the country in response to increased threats and attacks. Increasing security is only one aspect of what we can be doing in 2023. We will hear about and discuss some other ideas, too.

April 6th You are invited to join the Congregation and friends for our Second Night Passover Seder, to be held at (and catered by) the Desert Diamond Conference Center. Everything will be provided for you, so come, sit (actually, you should traditionally

GREEN VALLEY SHOFAR

The Official Newsletter of Beth Shalom Temple Center

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This is the February 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 fee 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 <u>please include the name of the person you wish to contact on the front of the envelope.</u>

- 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
- 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 Shoshana B Tancer: *In honor of* Tobey Gitelle.

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.

Remembered by		
Sig Friedman	His Mother Elsie Friedman	
Zandra Lindblad	Her Mother	Roslyn Sirota
Gail Norton	Her Mother	Doris Sable
Pam Weston	Her Parents	Aaron and Yeta Weston
Debra Shine	Her Parents	Roslyn and David Sirota
Mark Travitsky	His Father	Louis Travitsky
Ann-Marie Schaffer	Her Husband	David Schaffer



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
WED	3/1/23	10am	BSTC Book Club
WED	3/1/23	12:30	Learn Mahjong@BSTC
WED	3/1/23	1pm	Art Gallery OPEN
THU	3/2/23	1pm	Adult Education-Hebrew
THU	3/2/23	2:30pm	Adult Education-History
FRI	3/3/23	7pm	Friday Shabbat Service
SAT	3/4/23	10am	Torah Study on Zoom
SUN	3/5/23	10am	Bagel Breakfast (Michael G on piano at 9:30)
MON	3/6/23	4pm	Purim & Megillah @ BSTC
WED	3/8/23	9 am	Men's Club Meeting
WED	3/8/23	12:30	Learn Mahjong@BSTC
WED	3/8/23	1pm	Art Gallery OPEN
THU	3/9/23	9:30am	Long Range Planning Meeting @ BSTC
THU	3/9/23	1pm	Adult Education-Hebrew
THU	3/9/23	2:30pm	Adult Education-History
SAT	3/11/23	10am	Saturday Shabbat Service
TUE	3/14/23	10am	Sisterhood Meeting
WED	3/15/23	12:30	Learn Mahjong@BSTC
WED	3/15/23	1pm	Art Gallery OPEN
THU	3/16/23	10:30am	Social Action @ BSTC
THU	3/16/23	1pm	Adult Education-Hebrew
THU	3/16/23	2:30pm	Adult Education-History
FRI	3/17/23	9:30am	Program Comtee on Zoom
FRI	3/17/23	7pm	Friday Night Service
SAT	3/18/23	10am	Torah Study on Zoom
WED	3/22/23	12:30	Learn Mahjong@BSTC
WED	3/22/23	1pm	Art Gallery OPEN
THU	3/23/23	1pm	Adult Education-Hebrew
THU	3/23/23	2:30pm	Adult Education-History
SAT	3/25/23	10am	Torah Study on Zoom
SUN	3/26/23	2pm	Discussion w/Rabbi Norm
MON	3/27/23	10am	BSTC Board Meeting
WED	3/29/23	12:30	Learn Mahjong@BSTC
WED	3/29/23	1pm	Art Gallery OPEN

recline), read along in the Haggadah, sing familiar holiday songs, ask (at least) 4 questions, and celebrate the Season of our Liberation from Egypt. And incidentally, if you need a place to be for the First Night, or if you will have room at your Seder and can host more guests who might be looking, please let us know and we'll try to serve as Pesach Matchmakers!

April 30th The Jewish Community of Tucson will be sponsoring an 'Israel at 75!' Day on the grounds of the JCC, from 12:00-4:00 pm. Fun, projects, education, music performances, food and even Israeli dancing will make for a large, exciting event. We are trying to arrange for shuttle bus transportation to and from the program, for those who choose not to drive from Green Valley. And BSTC will have a booth there, as well – promoting our Temple, sharing the recent experiences in Israel of some of our members, and sending "Mazel Tov, Israel -Happy 75th Birthday!" cards to children and new immigrants. [We will celebrate Yom HaAtzmaut, Israel's Independence Day, as a Congregation with special prayers and songs on Friday night, April 28th.]

I hope that you will join us, in person or in spirit, at any or all of these activities For the themes, memories and challenges of these significant dates in our early Spring calendar heighten our experiences as Jews. And there is a special sense of strength which we feel when we mark these observances together . . .

Shalom,

Rabbi Norm Roman













SAVE THE DATE

A Torah Study Panel Discussion with Rabbi Norm on historical & current aspects of antisemitism at BSTC & on Zoom Sunday, March 26, 2023 • 2:00pm

(for BSTC members & guests only)

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 from the office by members.

- New apartment number: Harriet Ayer
 Still at same La Posada address, now #——
- New members:

Peggie & Colleen Soltis-McGraw Green Valley, AZ

• Returning member:

Renee Villani Green Valley, AZ

Fundraise everyday for BSTC...just by doing your shopping!

RAISERIGHT (formerly SHOPWITHSCRIP) provides an easy way to raise money for the Temple. All you need to do is shop at your favorite stores!

AMAZON SMILE

Do you shop on Amazon.com and like to help BSTC? Then you should be shopping with **AmazonSmile!** Log on at: smile.amazon.com and the AmazonSmile.

FRY'S COMMUNITY REWARD PROGRAM

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

If you have any questions, contact Joyce Finkelstein.

TEMPLE TIDINGS & MEMBER NEWS

MESSAGE FROM MEMBERS WHO'VE MOVED

Dear BSTC Friends,

We will miss you all. Please keep in touch with us! Our new address is:

Harriet & Jerry Belenker Columbus, OH

MEMBER PASSING



BSTC member, Wanda Wolosky, passed away on February 2nd. The funeral and burial took place on February 10th at the Green Valley Mortuary and Cemetery on La Canada Road. Sara and Michael Mussman were assisted by Rabbi Norm Roman in conducting the service. A celebration of life followed at

Wanda's residence, around the corner from BSTC on Rio Trinidad.

Contact information for Wanda's family is: Sharon & Paul Richwine

May her memory be a blessing.

BOARD NOTES

The BSTC Board held the February meeting at BSTC. It was recorded and streamed only to test some new alternative hybrid meeting devices.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ART GALLERY

Beginning at the end of February 2023 through the middle of May, a new exhibit of photographs by a local women's collaborative called *BorderLens SW* will be displayed. Please take some time to view these images and sign the guest book. The Gallery is open every Wednesday afternoon from 1-3pm. Please call the BSTC office with any questions.

Marcia and Bev

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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. Please call or email.

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 for you. Please let Amy know if you have any questions about this. **Thank you to those who participate!**

HOSPITALITY

Bagel Breakfasts have resumed, every first Sunday of the month. RSVP and pre-payment are required for ALL food events. *Your check is your reservation!*

JIM CLICK RAFFLE

The 2023 Jim Click Raffle was launched on February 22nd. Information about this year's prizes will be included on the BSTC website and in future Shofars. Please contact Steve Abrahams or Ed Gold for more information or new tickets in the meantime. **BSTC** raised \$1425 in last year's raffle!

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 new members, Peggie and Colleen Soltis-McGraw, and welcome back to Renee Villani!

The Member Badge drawers have been tidied up! Due to the growth in temple membership and the existing mix of badges, chain, and magnets, we were often faced with trying to separate them. The Membership committee discussed this, converting ALL badges to the magnet style, eliminating most chains. (If a member prefers to have a chain for medical reasons, please let Mike Finkelstein know.) The drawers have slots to place your badges in, and three drawers so badges can be sorted and stored alphabetically. Thank you to BSTC member, Connie Greenwald, who built and installed dividers in each drawer to further separate the badges.

BSTC welcomes photos from our members to be shared in the Shofar and/or on BSTC's social media platforms. Any new members are encouraged to send biographies and/or photos to share. Send any pictures and biographies to Mike with your request and details.

Anyone interested in joining this committee please contact Mike Finkelstein.

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 New Year's Day BBQ party that was postponed to occur instead as the Romeo & Juliet dinner on February 14th was changed at the last minute to a pizza party when the caterer didn't show up. Later it was learned that the Highway Patrol had stopped them and condemned all the food in the caterer's truck, including the special cake to celebrate the vow renewal ceremony, due to having been exposed to a nitric acid spill on the interstate as they were driving to be at the event. The caterer ended

up in the hospital, as well, from the exposure to the fumes. Fortunately, the spill did not affect the Green Valley area directly, and those gathered for the event were safe and still able to celebrate renewal of their love.

PROGRAMS

 The Purim Spiel will be on Monday, March 6th at 4pm. Rabbi Norm has coordinated a group of member to perform an entertaining reading.



- On Sunday, March 26th at 2pm Rabbi Norm will lead a Torah Study panel discussion on historical and current aspects of antisemitism. This meeting will be open to BSTC members and their friends only.
- Passover Seder will be at the Desert Diamond Conference Center on Thursday, April 6th at 5pm. Please respond as soon as possible if you want to attend because space is limited. Paid RSVP is required and no late reservations will be allowed.
- Rabbi Norm's former student, Matt Daniels, who lives much of the year in India, led a Zoom presentation about Jews of India called What's Nu Dehli? His talk focused on Jewish population, foods, culture, and worship in India, as well as Matt's unique experiences on his journey. The program was recorded and is available to view on BSTC's YouTube channel. Matt mentioned a film called Turn Left at the End of the World which takes place in a small Negev development town in 1968 and narrates the struggle of Moroccan and Indian olim (those who make Aliyah), focusing on the relationship between two girls.

- Israel Independence Day will be celebrated on Sunday, April 30, 2023, the 75th anniversary of Israel's founding, at the JCC in Tucson, and BSTC plans to participate. There will be shuttle buses will be available for BSTC. Watch for details.
- The SHABBATON WEEKEND rescheduled for MARCH 24-26, 2023 is CANCELLED. Contact Ricki with any questions.
- Two four-week series of Prayerbook Hebrew and Jewish History classes began in February 2023.
 Please let Rabbi Norm know if you're interested in participating.
- We are considering a possible Jewish tour of New York City or Los Angeles in the spring 2023, led by Rabbi Roman, with the assistance of local travel agency, Pleasurebent Travel. More info to come!

The next **Program Committee meeting** is on **Friday, March 17th at 9:30am**. Please contact Mike if you are interested in participating on this committee.

RITUAL

Shabbat services are 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. All services are followed by wine/challah/plus, giving us the 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 March through May is below:

- ◆ Friday, Mar 3, 7pm—Shabbat Service
- ♦ Monday, Mar 6, 4pm—Purim & Megillah
- Saturday, Mar 11, 10am—Saturday Shabbat
- Friday, Mar 17, 7pm—Shabbat Service
- Thursday, Apr 6, 5pm—Second Seder at Desert Diamond Conference Center (RSVP required)
- ◆ Saturday, Apr 8, 10am—Shabbat Service
- Wednesday, Apr 12, 7pm—Yizkor
- Friday, Apr 21, 7pm—Shabbat Service

- Friday, Apr 28, 7pm—Shabbat Service
- ◆ Saturday, May 13, 10am—Saturday Shabbat
- ◆ Thursday, May 25, 7pm—Shavuot & Yizkor

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.

With the approval of the Board, along with a Congregational vote at the Annual Meeting, the installation of a Secondary Security Enclosure to enter the temple has been contracted. This is partially paid for by the \$5,000 grant awarded to BSTC in July 2022 by the Jewish Philanthropies of Southern Arizona.

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

A group of Sisterhood members are getting together and making dolls again. Check the calendar for their monthly date. Contact Linda Stein or Marcia Wiener if you are interested in joining the group working on this project.

SOCIAL ACTION

Connie Greenwald is now chair of this committee. The next meeting is Thursday, March 16th at 10:30am in the BSTC library.

Continuing Projects:

The committee will continue to make collections for the community food banks. Monetary donations as well as collected food donations will be 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.

TORAH STUDY

Torah Portions are included in the table on the next page. Torah Study is meeting every Saturday 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, with any questions or comments.





Happy Anniversary to:	
Simie & David Bayless	10-Mar
Peggie & Colleen Soltis-McGraw	13-Apr
Harvey & Marilyn Beim	17-Apr
David & Donna Wyte	18-Apr
Happy Birthday to:	
Janet Kenigsberg	1-Mar
Paul Cohen	4-Mar
Dina Rosengarten	5-Mar
Rosalind Cooper	6-Mar
Gloria Clancy	10-Mar
Gary Melton	12-Mar
Debbie Segal	13-Mar

Happy Birthday to: (continued)	
Roberta Kelly	15-Mar
James Kelly	15-Mar
Peggie Soltis-McGraw	16-Mar
Cliff Shekter	21-Mar
Ann-Marie Schaffer	23-Mar
Rick Kunin	26-Mar
Dusty Kunin	27-Mar
Jack Vishner	29-Mar
Sandy Drucker	30-Mar
Jo Legat	30-Mar
Arnie Krohn	31-Mar
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
Venilda Migdal	18-Apr
Ingeborg McDonald	20-Apr
David Wyte	30-Apr



СОММІТТЕЕ	CHAIR/CO-CHAIR
Aesthetics	Tobey Gitelle
Art Gallery	Marcia Wiener
Book of Remembrance	Suenette Maron
BSTC Book Club	Laura Unger
BSTC Shopper	Pat Naselow
Calendar/BldgReservations	BSTC office
Caring-Mishpucha	Amy Storer
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	Bunny Tarquinio
Jim Click Raffle	Steve Abrahams
Jim Click Raffle (co-chair)	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	Merle Sobol
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
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Social Action	Connie Greenwald
Tributes	Amy Storer
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