

Beth Shalom Temple Center



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President's Message

My Fellow Congregants,

We just concluded our congregational Passover Seder at the Desert Diamond Conference Center. Rabbi Roman led the wonderful service that was enjoyed by the enthusiastic members and friends who attended. Be sure to go to our website and look under Galleries to check out the great photos of the event by our photographer extraordinaire, Gary Friedman.

A terrific time was had at the huge celebration in honor of Rabbi Norm's 75th birthday with so many of our fellow congregants and his many friends in attendance.

Starting in May, for a six-month trial period, the Board will no longer have the private monthly Study Sessions prior to General Board meetings. Those of you who attend the General Board meetings will now see how your Board arrives at their decisions in a more transparent way. So please join us on the fourth Monday of each month.

May we continue this wonderful journey together.

Dan Galitz



Message from Rabbi Norm Roman

BIRTHDAY THOUGHTS

I've never been excited about celebrating my own birthdays, preferring to invest my energies in helping others mark the milestones of their lives. But Lynne insisted that this year (the 75th) should be, and would be different. And I am grateful for the way that so many of you, along with our non-BSTC friends, have acknowledged what will be observed officially on May 3rd, while we are granddaughter-sitting in Brooklyn. Thank you for your messages, cards, donations, hugs, smiles, tee-shirts, and words of blessing!

In return, I have chosen to share three of my favorite extended quotations, representing selections from the words of song, poetry, and prayer which bring the most meaning to me. May they inspire you, as well, with hopeful thoughts for the late Spring and Summertime:

Song Lyrics from Rhymes and Reasons **by John Denver**

"For the children and the flowers are my sisters and my brothers.

Their laughter and their loveliness would clear a cloudy day.

Like the music of the mountains and the colors of the rainbow,

They're a promise of the future and a blessing for today."

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This is the May/June 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 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 Esther & Ed Brill: **Happy Birthday to** Mike Finkelstein.
- ♦ From Amy Storer: **In Appreciation of** Marcia Wiener (Art Gallery, Mitzvah Day, Therapy Dolls).
- ♦ From Amy Storer: **Happy 75th Birthday to** Rabbi Norm Roman.
- ♦ From Bobbie & Jack Vishner: **Happy 75th Birthday to** Rabbi Norm Roman.
- ♦ From Jeanette Nathan: **Happy 75th Birthday to** Rabbi Norm Roman.
- ♦ From Esther & Ed Brill: **Happy 75th Birthday to** Rabbi Norm Roman.
- ♦ From Esther & Ed Brill: **In honor of** Lynne Roman for throwing a great party for Rabbi Norm's birthday.
- ♦ From Suenette & Steve Maron: **Happy 75th Birthday to** Rabbi Norm Roman.
- ♦ From Charne Shoob: **Happy 75th Birthday to** Rabbi Norm 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. 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		
Amy Storer	Her Husband	Don Storer
Steve Feldman	His Mother	Hortense Feldman
Holli Madsen	Her Mother	Cyrel Bandy
Ruthann Shapiro	Her Mother	Rosella Herman
Mark Travitsky	His Mother	Ruth Travitsky
Ingeborg McDonald	Her Friend	Louis Gantz



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
MON	5/1/23	10am	Sisterhood Meeting
WED	5/3/23	10:30am	BSTC Book Club
WED	5/3/23	12:30pm	Play Mahjong@BSTC
WED	5/3/23	1pm	Art Gallery OPEN
SAT	5/6/23	10am	Torah Study on Zoom
SUN	5/7/23	10am	Bagel Breakfast (Michael G on piano at 9:30) Sponsor: Bev Lake/Les Bakke
TUE	5/9/23	10am	Sisterhood Meeting
WED	5/10/23	9am	Men's Club Meeting
WED	5/10/23	3pm	Sherman/Evans Event
THU	5/11/23	9am	Long Range Planning Meeting on Zoom
SAT	5/13/23	10am	Saturday Shabbat Service
WED	5/17/23	12:30pm	Play Mahjong@BSTC
WED	5/17/23	1pm	Art Gallery OPEN
THU	5/18/23	10:30am	Social Action @ BSTC
FRI	5/19/23	9:30am	Program Comtee on Zoom
SAT	5/20/23	10am	Torah Study on Zoom
MON	5/22/23	10am	Learn Mahjong@BSTC
WED	5/24/23	12:30pm	Play Mahjong@BSTC
WED	5/24/23	1pm	Art Gallery OPEN
THU	5/25/23	7pm	Shavuot/Yizkor Service
SAT	5/27/23	10am	Torah Study on Zoom
WED	5/31/23	1pm	Art Gallery OPEN
WED	5/31/23	2pm	Program on Zoom
SAT	6/3/23	10am	Torah Study on Zoom
SUN	6/4/23	10am	Bagel Breakfast (Michael G on piano at 9:30) Sponsor: Beth Gansky Program in honor of Marcia Wiener

Poetry from the Hebrew Sachaki Sachaki
by Saul Tchernichowsky

"Laugh, laugh at all my dreams, what I dream shall yet come true!

Laugh at my belief in man, at my belief in you.

Freedom still my soul demands, unbartered for a calf of gold.

For still I do believe in man, and in his spirit, strong and bold.

And in the future I still believe – though it be distant, come it will –

When nations shall each other bless, and peace at last the earth shall fill." (trans. Chaim Stern)

Morning prayer composed by John Raynor

"May the One Whose spirit is with us in every righteous deed, be with all men and women who spend themselves for the good of humanity and bear the burdens of others, who give bread to the hungry, clothe the naked, and take the friendless into their homes. May the work of their hands endure, and may the good seed they are sowing bring forth an abundant harvest.

Eternal One, teach us to use the opportunities for good that each day brings, that at its end we may look back with the joyful knowledge that we have truly sought to serve You."

Shalom,

Rabbi Norm Roman



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 email address:

For former member, Sig Friedman

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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 \$325 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 new members: Jill Fabian, Jim Cole, Camille Desopo, and Mark & Kathy Cohen!

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

The committee is surveying the membership for any interest in forming a **new group for members without partners**. A kickoff meeting is in the planning stages. If you are interested or have questions, please send a note to Gloria Clancy and let us know:

- ⇒ Would you be interested in such a group?
- ⇒ What type of activities would appeal to you?
- ⇒ What day(s) of the week and time would work best for you?

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.

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

Dear Romeo & Juliet attendees and fellow BSTC congregants,

As most of you know, our Romeo & Juliet dinner was struck by an accident. The caterer could not reach Green Valley because of the accident that closed I-10 that afternoon. We had to resort to serving pizzas.

The Men's Club was considering offering a partial refund to those that requested it. Instead, we have decided to apply the difference between receipts and expenses to the Beth Shalom New Torah Fund. The amount donated to BSTC is \$272.89. I hope that most of you are satisfied with this solution.

Looking forward to next year's event, which will be called something more inclusive (haven't figured it out...yet).

Shalom,

Arnie Krohn, Men's Club President

PROGRAMS

- ◆ The **Purim Spiel** was on **Monday, March 6th at 4pm**. Delicious hamantaschen were enjoyed by all who attended. See photos of the *Amazing Baking Team* and the *Not Ready for Purim Time Players* below.



The Hamantaschen Baking Bash: pictured horseshoe from left, Lynne Roman, Gail Norton, Agi Klieger, Shelley Ware, Bunny Tarquinio, Miriam Katz, Judy Gehman, Ruthann Shapiro, Bobbie Vishner at fridge, Charne Shoob, Jo Legat, Sherry Hoffman-Blum. Not pictured, Jean Shekter



The Not Ready For Purim Time Players: front row from left, Tom Clancy, Sherry Hoffman-Blum, Colleen Soltis-McGraw, Sue Cohen, Gloria Clancy. Back row from left: Rabbi Norm Roman, Joyce & Mike Finkelstein, Jean Shekter and Bobbie Vishner.

- ◆ The **Passover Seder** at the Desert Diamond Conference Center on **Thursday, April 6th** was a great success. Take a look at the great photos taken by BSTC's Gary Friedman on the website.

- ◆ The very successful Zoom presentation about Jews of India has inspired a similar program on the Jews of Scandinavia featuring BSTC's Mike Finkelstein's cousin, David Fransisco, who lives in Sweden. This program will be on Zoom on **Wednesday, May 31st at 2 p.m.**
- ◆ **Israel at 75 Festival** was celebrated on **Sunday, April 30, 2023**, at the JCC in Tucson. Rabbi Norm hosted a BSTC booth and project. Two shuttle buses ran to and from BSTC.
- ◆ 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 (Mike Finkelstein, Stacy Laetsch, Esther Brill and Gary Friedman) 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. Years ago, all procedure knowledge was conveyed verbally or in separate messages to members. It is important to document in one place what our committees do, so new committee chairs and members would not have to hunt for information. It is helpful to ensure consistency in our practices. To that end we ask that all committees review and follow these procedures. Please understand, these written procedures are not set in stone. They can change as you change the way things are done over time, as long as the change is then reflected in a revised version of the manual. Also note, no procedure may conflict with BSTC's Bylaws, which always take precedence.
- ◆ The Program committee has scrapped the idea for a Jewish themed trip to LA or NYC and, instead, 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, May 19th 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 May through August is below:

- ♦ **Saturday, May 13, 10am**—Saturday Shabbat
- ♦ **Thursday, May 25, 7pm**—Shavuot & Yizkor
- ♦ **Saturday, June 10, 10am**—Saturday Shabbat
- ♦ **Friday, June 16, 7pm**—Shabbat
- ♦ **Friday, July 7, 7pm**—Shabbat
- ♦ **Saturday, August 12, 10am**—Shabbat
- ♦ **Friday, August 25, 7pm**—Shabbat

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

On April 12th some Sisterhood members visited Agua Caliente Park to view Beth Surdut's artwork.

Due to the great success of the modified Annual Mahjong "Funraiser" Event last November, the Sisterhood is planning the first Summer Mahjong Tournament ever held in Green Valley for Tuesday, July 18th from 1-4pm following those same guidelines. It will not be publicly advertised. Invitations and registration forms will be sent to participants from the previous tournament.

The Sisterhood will meet twice in May. On May 1st for planning the mahjong tournament, and on May 9th to help Laurie Sherman decorate the sanctuary for her vow renewal event the following day.

The Sisterhood has pledged a donation to the Hospitality committee for some new kitchen equipment.

SOCIAL ACTION

The next meeting is Thursday, May 18th at 10:30am in the BSTC library.

Continuing Projects:
(see next page)

- ♦ 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.

- ♦ 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.
- ♦ 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 need the password to access the "members' only" page.

MONTHLY TORAH PORTIONS			
Portion (Parashat)	Date	Torah	Haftarah
<u>Emor</u>	May 5-6, 2023	Leviticus 21:1-24:23	Ezekiel 44:15-31
<u>Behar-Bechukotai</u>	May 12-13, 2023	Leviticus 25:1-27:34	Jeremiah 16:19-17:14; 32:6-27
<u>Bemidbar</u>	May 19-20, 2023	Numbers 1:4:20	Hosea 2:1-2:22
<u>Shavuot</u>	May 26-27, 2023	Exodus 19:1-20:23	Ezekiel 1:1-28, 3:12
<u>Naso</u>	June 2-3, 2023	Numbers 4:21-7:89	Judges 13:2-25
<u>Beha'alotecha</u>	June 9-10, 2023	Numbers 8:1-12:16	Zechariah 2:14-4:7
<u>Shelach-Lecha</u>	June 16-17, 2023	Numbers 13:1-15:41	Joshua 2:1-2:24
<u>Korach</u>	June 23-24, 2023	Numbers 16:1-18:32	Samuel I 11:14-12:22
<u>Chukat-Balak</u>	June 30-July 1, 2023	Numbers 19:1-25:9	Judges 11:1-33; Micah 5:6-6:8



Happy Anniversary to:	
Kay & Laurence Eason	1-May
Fred & Jo Legat	8-May
John & Shelly Rothstein	11-May
Valerie & Virgil Graham	27-May
Joan & Fred Silver	2-Jun
Marianne & William Katz	5-Jun
Jack & Bobbie Vishner	15-Jun
John & Laura Unger	16-Jun
William & Marilyn Forstot	24-Jun
Cliff & Jean Shekter	25-Jun
David & Martha Wolpert	26-Jun
Beverly Lake & Les Bakke	27-Jun
Lynn & David Liebling	28-Jun

Happy Birthday to:	
Barbara Katz	1-May
Amy Storer	2-May
Norm Roman	3-May
Joan Silver	5-May
Eugene Stein	6-May
Sid Shapiro	7-May
Susan Flemming	14-May
Ruth Barwick	16-May
Les Simon	16-May
Anita Cohne	19-May
David Levy	22-May
Madelyn Weig	26-May
Constance Greenwald	29-May
Charne Shoob	2-Jun
Marilyn Beim	3-Jun
Jeanette Nathan	4-Jun
Gail Norton	6-Jun
Gail Sommers	6-Jun
Harvey Beim	9-Jun
Carolyn Fox	10-Jun
Fran Orrok	10-Jun
Harry Segal	14-Jun
Steven Abrahams	18-Jun
Renee Marcus	21-Jun
Kate Wolf	21-Jun
Donald Berk	23-Jun
Steve Maron	23-Jun
Jill Fabian	26-Jun
Harriet Ayer	29-Jun
Laura Unger	30-Jun



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	Jane Gold
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
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President	Dan Galitz
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Public Relations	Mike Finkelstein
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Ritual (co-chair)	Jo Legat
Ritual (co-chair)	Marlys Fiterman
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