

# Beth Shalom Temple Center



## GREEN VALLEY SHOFAR

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### President's Message

My Fellow Congregants,

We were gladdened with the recent rescue of two hostages that were held by the terrorist Hamas group. However, we all must stand firm for the needed release of the remaining 100 plus hostages which includes 5 Americans whose status is unknown. Please consider contacting our Stand with Israel Committee (SWIC) to voice your opinions to the general public. Thanks to Kent Blumenthal, Andy Katz, Harry Segal and Ed Brill for their thoughtful opinions that have been sent to and published in various publications locally and on the East Coast.

In February we had a very interesting and informative presentation by Yuval Malka the Tucson based Israeli Shilka (emissary) who presented Israeli positions on many areas of interest.

This month on Friday, March 15th at 7pm the BSTC Sisterhood will be conducting their annual Sisterhood Shabbat Service.

On Sunday, March 24th join us for our annual Purim event "The Whole Magillah" - BSTC Purim Party which will feature Rabbi Norman's reading of the Magillah and leading holiday songs. And to top off the event will be the Not Ready for Prime Time Players of our congregation presenting their annual Purim Spiel.

On Sunday, March 31st we conclude the month's activities with a fundraising event of a performance of the Tucson based Klezmer based group **Klezmerkaba**.

Let us continue this wonderful journey together,  
Dan Galitz

### Message from Rabbi Norm Roman

Friends,

When you read this, Lynne and I will be somewhere in the middle of the Pacific Ocean, enjoying some "down-time" on a cruise ship. Every once in a while, I have the opportunity to serve as Rabbi/Chaplain on board – conducting Sabbath Services (and Festivals if they're on the calendar), as well as presenting lectures about Jewish subjects, participating in respectful dialogue with the Christian Clergy, and being available for pastoral support, should any of the passengers request it of me. There will be plenty of time for relaxing and reading (I'm taking 7 books with me!), as well as touring a part of the world which will be totally new to us. I hope to return to Green Valley with my batteries re-charged!

For this year, and this Winter, have been challenging for many of us. There have been illnesses, hospitalizations and deaths, professional disappointments, increased tensions and worries about Israel, Anti-Semitism and the future of our own country. I always have moments of sadness mixed with loving memories at this season – my parents, of blessed memory, died within 16 days of each other, and we also mark the birthday of our late son, Justin, who succumbed to cancer at age 18. Yet our tradition tells us to "be glad, it's Adar (which brings us Purim)!" and to begin the annual spiritual preparation for our Festival of Freedom, Passover; the gloom and despair will inevitably give way to celebration, hope, and the affirmations of life.

There is, indeed, much to celebrate in our Community: our new Torah Scroll is almost complete, thanks to your generosity and response to this exciting pro-

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# The GREEN VALLEY SHOFAR

The Official Newsletter of  
Beth Shalom Temple Center

**Mail to:** PO Box 884  
Green Valley, AZ 85622

**Location:** 1751 N. Rio Mayo  
Green Valley, AZ 85614  
(520) 648-6690

**www.bstc.us**

## Office Hours:

**Monday & Friday: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

**Wednesday: noon to 4 p.m.**

President	Dan Galitz
VP	Gary Friedman
Treasurer	Ricki Letowt
Secretary	Laurie Sherman
At Large	Esther Brill
At Large	Gloria Clancy
At Large	Mike Finkelstein
At Large	Gary Melton
At Large	John Unger

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**NEWSLETTER SUPPORT STAFF:** Mike Finkelstein, Jane Gold, and Les Bakke

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.

## **PAYMENTS MADE TO BSTC**

- ◆ BSTC accepts ZELLE to [bstcgv@gmail.com](mailto:bstcgv@gmail.com)
- ◆ Credit cards/PayPal link is available on the BSTC website.
- ◆ Checks always welcome! Please memo for the program/event for which you are paying.

## **MAIL TO THE TEMPLE**

To expedite delivery, any mail sent to the temple 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 Gary Melton.
- ◆ 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.

Not all scheduled events are included in the Shofar. To include your program in the Shofar calendars, please notify the Shofar editor. Deadline for Shofar copy is the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to the publication date.

## COMMEMORATIVE ITEMS

The following commemorative items are available for purchase to honor or memorialize:

**Memorial Board Plaques \$300 • Leaf for the Tree of Life \$100 • Sanctuary Chair \$125**

**Garden Bench \$225 • Garden Brick \$100**

Send specific wording for the plaque, brick, etc. together with your check made out to BSTC, Attention "Memorial Board" or "Tree of Life," etc. Order forms can be found in the Temple foyer or contact the office.

## TRIBUTES

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 (*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 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.

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!)

## YAHRZEITS

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

### Yahrzeit Donations:

Remembered by	Relationship	Yahrzeit
Zandra Lindblad	For her mother	Roslyn Sirota
Sig Friedman	For his mother	Elise Friedman
Holli Madsen	For her father	David Bandy
Marilyn Israel	For her father	Victor Mayo
Marilyn Israel	For her husband	Jack Israel
Marilyn Israel	For her brother	Richard Mayo
Amy Storer	For her husband	Donald P Storer, Sr
Mark Travitsky	For his father	Louis Travitsky
Linda Stein	For her mother-in-law	Betty Stein
Linda Stein	For her father	Jack Atlas
AnnMarie Schaffer	For her husband	David Schaffer



# 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
SAT	3/2/24	10am	Torah Study—BSTC & Zoom
SUN	3/3/24	10am	Bagel Breakfast
WED	3/6/24	10am	BSTC Book Club
SAT	3/9/24	10am	Torah Study—BSTC & Zoom
SUN	3/10/24	10:30am	Purim Rehearsal
SUN	3/10/24	2pm	BSTC Film Series
TUE	3/12/24	10am	Sisterhood Meeting
WED	3/13/24	9am	Men's Club Meeting
THU	3/14/24	9am	Long Range Planning Meeting on Zoom
FRI	3/15/24	9:30am	Program Committee Mtg
<b>FRI</b>	<b>3/15/24</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>Sisterhood Shabbat Service</b>
SAT	3/16/24	10am	Torah Study—BSTC & Zoom
SUN	3/17/24	10am	Speaker from Israel
SUN	3/17/24	2:30pm	Art Gallery New Exhibit Opening Reception
MON	3/18/24	10am	Therapy Doll Project
TUE	3/19/24	2pm	Sisterhood Movie for Entire Congregation
THU	3/21/24	9am	Hamantaschen Baking Project
THU	3/21/24	10:30am	Social Action Meeting
FRI	3/22/24	9am	AZIA Meeting—BSTC & Zoom
SAT	3/23/24	10am	Torah Study—BSTC & Zoom
SUN	3/24/24	10:30am	Purim Rehearsal
<b>SUN</b>	<b>3/24/24</b>	<b>4pm</b>	<b>PURIM CELEBRATION</b>
MON	3/25/24	10am	BSTC Board Meeting
<b>FRI</b>	<b>3/29/24</b>	<b>7p</b>	<b>Friday Night Shabbat Service</b>
SAT	3/30/24	10am	Torah Study—BSTC & Zoom
<b>SUN</b>	<b>3/31/24</b>	<b>2pm</b>	<b>KLEZMERKABA Performance</b>

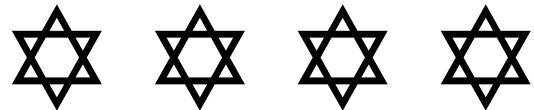
ject. There will be another opportunity to see the Scribe, Rabbi Salazar, when he visits on April 16<sup>th</sup>. If you weren't able to take the feather-quill and assist him by filling in a Hebrew letter (or two) in November, please join us this time! Watch for more information and the specifics of how to "fulfill the 613<sup>th</sup> Commandment"!

And finally, please take advantage of all the varied opportunities available at Beth Shalom Temple Center through which you can add joy and meaning to your Springtime. From the Purim program to a Klezmer Concert to the Congregational 2<sup>nd</sup> Seder to moments of Torah and Adult Education and Social Action Mitzvah projects . . .

I hope to see you often, and I pray that our times together will be awe-filled!

Shalom u-l'hitraot,

Rabbi Norm Roman



## MEMBER DIRECTORY UPDATES

The 2024 Membership Directory is updated and posted on the Members Only page of the website when new information is received.

*Printed copies of the directory are available for members upon request. Please email Stacy at bstcgv@gmail.com (or, call the office) for a copy.*

- ♦ **New Member:** Robin Yonis  
Green Valley AZ 85614
- ♦ **New Member:** Robert "Bob" Epstein  
Green Valley AZ 85614
- ♦ **New email address:** David Levy

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## **TEMPLE TIDINGS**

### **MEMBER PASSING**

BSTC shared the sad news of Harvey Beim's passing on February 4, 2024. Donations may be made to: The Harvey M Beim Memorial Scholarship Fund c/o The Women of Quail Creek

618 N Yucca Butte

Green Valley, AZ 85614

*Checks should be made payable to TWOQC with "Harvey M Beim Scholarship" on the memo line.*

### **FORMER MEMBER PASSING**

Shared by BSTC member, Donna Wyte:

"Judy Neipris (Norman, dec.), a former member of BSTC, died July 7, 2023, at age 92, at Seacrest Village, in Encinitas, CA. She loved living in Green Valley and was an active member of our Temple's choir; a member of our Sisterhood; enjoyed playing mahjong, building puzzles, swimming and visits from her family.

Norman and Judy were married in Massachusetts, moved west, and raised 4 very active, creative, loyal boys in Rancho Palos Verdes, CA...Roger (dec.), Danny, Michael, and Jim...several grandchildren and a boy and a girl, great grands.

If someone in our congregation would like to send a message of sympathy, please do so to:

Jim Neipris, 2424 Poinciana, Florida 34759

May Judy and Norman's lives be for a blessing.

Shalom, Donna Wyte

Any questions, please call me."

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### **BOARD NOTES**

**The Annual Meeting and Board Elections were on Monday, January 22, 2024 at 2pm.**

**The 2024 BSTC Board is as follows:**

- ◆ Dan Galitz—President
- ◆ Gary Friedman—VP
- ◆ Ricki Letowt—Treasurer
- ◆ Laurie Sherman—Secretary
- ◆ Esther Brill—Director at large
- ◆ Gloria Clancy—Director at large
- ◆ Mike Finkelstein—Director at large
- ◆ Gary Melton—Director at large
- ◆ John Unger—Director at large

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The BSTC Board meets at BSTC for the General Board meetings. Minutes and financial reports are posted for review by members on the website and on the hallway bulletin board. All BSTC members are welcome to join General Board meetings, which are normally on the fourth Monday of each month at 10am. Member comments are called for at the end of each meeting. Check the active calendar for any updates.

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### **Who to Call?**

Do you need to let the congregation know about an important life event? Are you interested in making 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 Gary Melton, chair of the BSTC Caring Committee.

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## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **ART GALLERY**

The Art Gallery's next exhibit is "BSTC's IN CROWD: Fabulous Photography and Clay Art" showcasing photography by Marty Cohen and Gary Friedman, plus clay art and sculpture by Carol Heller. The show is scheduled for March 14 to May 9. The Art Gallery Committee will host a reception from 2:30 to 4:30 on Sunday, March 17th at which the artists will talk about their works and motivation, and answer questions. Please RSVP to the office for the reception.

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### **E-SCRIP**

**RAISE RIGHT (formerly SHOPwithSCRIP) raises funds for BSTC without costing you anything extra!**

Please contact Joyce Finkelstein with questions or for help.

### **FRY'S COMMUNITY REWARD PROGRAM**

1. Visit [www.frysfood.com](http://www.frysfood.com)
2. Register your Fry's VIP Card online
3. Search for Beth Shalom Temple Center, or by organization #MH533
4. Select "Enroll"

That is all that you need to do. Fry's will send a percentage of your purchases directly to the Temple.

If you are not a Fry's VIP Card holder, just stop by your nearest Fry's and ask for a free application. It will only take minutes to get your VIP Card.

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## HOSPITALITY

Members are invited to **sponsor an Oneg** in honor of any special event or holiday—or just to do it! To sponsor Onegs are \$25 per service. Please contact the office or one of the BSTC Hospitality Chairs.

***Bagel Breakfasts are the first Sunday of each month at 10am.*** Michael G is at the piano from 9:30 to 10. ***Food events MUST HAVE YOUR RSVP to ensure there is enough food. The cost is now \$12 for Members and for \$15 for Non-members.***

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## JIM CLICK RAFFLE

The 2024 Jim Click Raffle begins this month! Please contact Ed Gold or call the BSTC office for information. ***BSTC raised \$1,375 selling tickets in the 2023 raffle and were granted an additional bonus of \$605 by Mr Click, for a total of \$1,980! THANK YOU to all who participated!***

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## LIBRARY

***This chair is OPEN—VOLUNTEER NEEDED!***

### BSTC Book Club

The BSTC Book Club meets at BSTC every first Wednesday of the month at 10 a.m. All members are welcome. Contact Laura Unger for more information.

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## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

Welcome to our newest members: Robin Yonis and Bob Epstein!

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 Mike.

## Member Photos

BSTC welcomes photos from our members to be shared in the Shofar and/or on our social media platforms. Send pictures to Mike with details.

Anyone interested in joining this committee please contact Mike Finkelstein.

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## MEN'S CLUB

Contact Arnie Krohn with any questions or for more information.

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## PROGRAMS

### MOVIES

The February movie was successful beyond expectations with 25 people attending. A good discussion followed the movie. March and April movies will include a bake sale.

The Sisterhood is sharing a movie, The Chose, on Tuesday, March 19th at 2pm. All are welcome.

Upcoming wine reception with the artists in the Art Gallery on Sunday, March 17th at 2:30pm.

Ms Yuval Malki, the "Shalicha" or emissary to Southern Arizona presented a fascinating information session called **"Ask Me Anything"** on Sunday, February 18th at BSTC and online. Thank you to Les Bakke for his assistance.

Our temple's major fundraiser entitled **A DINE & LAUGH GALA Celebrating 30 Years of BSTC** will be held Saturday night **November 9th, 2024**. Please see the "save the date" notice included in this Shofar for more information. We request all members to participate—we are especially looking for volunteers to identify sponsors and auction items.

The Tucson based **KLEZMERKABA** will perform at BSTC on **Sunday, March 31st at 2pm**. For more information see the flyer included in this Shofar.

Be sure to attend our **PURIM PROGRAM on Sunday, March 24th at 4pm**. Rabbi is reading Megillah and leading songs. The Purimspiel is being led by Laurie Sherman and John Evans with rehearsal scheduled for Sunday, March 10th and dress rehearsal on Sunday, March 24th, at 10:30 at BSTC. ***A couple more singers are needed so contact Laurie and/or John if you are interested in joining the choir!***



Contact Mike Finkelstein with any questions or suggestions, or if you would like to join the Programs committee.

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**PUBLIC RELATIONS—no news to share.**

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## RITUAL

The new Ritual Committee co-chairs are Suenette and Steve Maron.

The schedule of services for the beginning of 2024 is

listed here.

- ◆ Friday, Mar 15, 7pm—Sisterhood Shabbat
- ◆ Sunday, Mar 24, 4pm—Purim Celebration
- ◆ Friday, Mar 29, 7pm—Shabbat Services
- ◆ Friday, Apr 5, 7pm—Shabbat Services
- ◆ Saturday, Apr 13, 10am—Shabbat Services
- ◆ Tuesday, Apr 23, 5pm—Second Seder at Desert Diamond Casino (RSVP REQUIRED)
- ◆ Friday, Apr 26, 7pm—Shabbat & Yizkor Services



**COME BRING YOUR FRIENDS and JOIN US at BSTC**  
for a fundraiser featuring  
**Klezmerkaba—Tucson's Premier Klezmer Ensemble**



**Sunday, March 31 at 2 pm at BSTC**  
**Admission: \$18 members • \$20 non-members**  
\$20 members/\$22 non-members if paying by PayPal/credit card  
**Please RSVP with your payment by March 24th.**  
Mail payments to: BSTC • PO Box 884 • Green Valley AZ 85622  
**Refreshments and dancing**



- ◆ Friday, May 3, 7pm—Shabbat Services
- ◆ Saturday, May 11, 10am—Shabbat Services
- ◆ Friday, May 17, 7pm—Shabbat Services
- ◆ Friday, June 7, 7pm—Shabbat & Pre-Shavuot Yizkor Services

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## SECURITY

***“If you see something, say something!”***

Please contact Gary Friedman with any security questions or concerns.

Gary Friedman  
BSTC Security

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## SISTERHOOD

The Sisterhood continues to meet every second Tuesday of the month at 10am at BSTC.

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## SOCIAL ACTION

The Social Action Committee is currently working on several initiatives, and we are inviting participation from Temple members.

- ◆ **Sister Jose Women’s Center**, a Tucson-based

501(c)(3) non-profit organization aiding and transforming the lives of women who are unhoused. We are collecting donations of open/partially used full-sized shampoo, conditioner, body wash or liquid hand soap. We are also collecting donations of unopened travel-sized toiletries including deodorant, sunscreen, toothpaste and toothbrushes. Finally, we are collecting pet supplies, including kibble and dry cat food, kitty litter, and treats. These will be packaged in small bags and given to the women. All donations should be delivered to the Temple by March 31, 2024.

- ◆ **Green Valley and Sahuarita Food Banks.** We continue to collect food for our local food banks. Items most needed include peanut butter, cereal/oatmeal, macaroni and cheese, ramen, canned fruit, canned vegetables, canned beans, canned protein, rice, and pasta. There is a collection box in the Temple lobby.
- ◆ **Project Angel Heart**, a Tucson-based 501(c)(3) non-profit organization collecting new pajamas for foster children and other children in need. Larger-sized garments are most needed. In addition, new or gently used books are always welcomed. Again, a donation box is available in the Temple lobby.

MONTHLY TORAH PORTIONS			
Portion (Parashat)	Date	Torah	Haftarah
KI TISSA	Mar 1-2, 2024	Exodus 30:11-34:35	I Kings 18:1-39
VA YAK’HEL	Mar 8-9, 2024	Exodus 35:1-38:20	I Kings 7:40-50
PIKUDEI	Mar 15-16, 2024	Exodus 38:21-40:38	I Kings 7:51-8:21
TZAV	Mar 29-30, 2024	Leviticus 6:1-8:36	Jeremiah 7:21-8:3
SHEMINI	Apr 5-6, 2024	Leviticus 9:1-11:47	II Samuel 6:1-7:17
TAZRIA	Apr 11-12, 2024	Leviticus 12:1-13:59	II Kings 4:42-5:19
METZORA	Apr 19-20, 2024	Leviticus 14:1-15:33	II Kings 7:3-20 and/or Malachi 3:4-24
<b>CHOL HAMO-ED</b> <i>Intermediate Sabbath during Passover</i>	Apr 26-27, 2024	Exodus 33:12-34:26	Song of Songs

- ♦ **The Arizona Immigration Alliance** works to inform about issues affecting immigrants and immigration particularly in the Southern Arizona borderlands, with a focus on families and children. The group meets fourth Friday of each month at the Temple. The Social Action Committee is currently looking at ways in which we might support this organization.

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## TORAH STUDY

Torah Portions are included for members in the table on the previous page. Torah Study meets every Saturday and has begun gathering again at the Temple at 10am, still including members via Zoom virtual platform. All are welcome. Contact Marty Cohen for the link.

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## WEBSITE—bstc.us

The Shofars are posted here, and there are links on the password protected page to the Board meeting minutes and financial reports, both current and archived, and the most updated member contact information directories.

The active calendar and on-line payment option details are there, too.

***Please email [bstcgv@gmail.com](mailto:bstcgv@gmail.com) or call the office at 520-648-6690, with any questions or comments.***

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Happy Birthday to:	
Janet Kenigsberg	1-Mar
Paul Cohen	4-Mar
Rosalind Cooper	6-Mar
Gloria Clancy	10-Mar
Gary Melton	12-Mar
Debbie Segal	13-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
Bunny Tarquinio	8-Apr
Sara Benisch	9-Apr
Kathy Cohen	9-Apr
Bunny Callis	11-Apr
Laurie Sherman	16-Apr
Helene Feldman	17-Apr
Venilda Migdal	18-Apr
Carolyn Krohn	20-Apr
Ingeborg McDonald	20-Apr
David Wyte	30-Apr



Happy Anniversary to:	
Peggie & Colleen Soltis-McGraw	13-Apr
David & Donna Wyte	18-Apr

<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>CHAIR/CO-CHAIR</b>
Aesthetics	Tobey Gitelle
Art Gallery	Marcia Wiener
Art Gallery (co-chair)	Bev Lake
Book of Remembrance	Suenette Maron
BSTC Shopper	Mariann Katz
Calendar & Reservations	BSTC office
Caring	Gary Melton
e-Scrip	Joyce Finkelstein
Facilities & IT	Les Bakke
Facebook	Jane Gold
Finance	Ricki Letowt
Historian	Gloria Clancy
Hospitality	Ricki Letowt
Hospitality/Bagel Breakfast	Mariann Katz
Hospitality/Oneg	Cris Hager
Jim Click Raffle	Ed Gold
Jim Click Raffle (co-chair)	Steve Abrahams
Library	OPEN
Long Range Planning	John Unger
Memorial Board /Yahrzeits	Joyce Finkelstein
Membership	Mike Finkelstein
Men's Club	Arnie Krohn
President	Dan Galitz
Programs	Mike Finkelstein
Public Relations	Mike Finkelstein
Rabbi	Norman Roman
Ritual (co-chairs)	Suenette & Steve Maron
Security	Gary Friedman
Shofar	BSTC Office
Sisterhood	Sue Cohen
Social Action	Connie Greenwald
Tributes	Gary Melton
Website	BSTC Office