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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Importance of Volunteering at BSTC

Shalom Y'all,

Welcome to the first month of summer—although judging by the temperatures, it feels like summer arrived quite some time ago. The heat is on!

Beth Shalom Temple Center thrives because of the dedication, generosity, and commitment of its members. Every service, program, committee, fundraiser, and special event depends on volunteers who are willing to share their time, talents, and energy.

Volunteering is about much more than helping. It is an opportunity to strengthen our congregation, build meaningful friendships, and ensure that BSTC remains a warm, welcoming, and vibrant Jewish community. Whether you serve as a greeter, help in the kitchen, assist with gardening (saving BSTC significant money by not paying someone to do what we can do ourselves), participate in the Caring Committee, support security efforts, or lend a hand at special events, your contribution matters. Many hands truly do make light work. When more members volunteer, responsibilities are shared, burnout is reduced, and fresh ideas emerge. Volunteering also provides a wonderful opportunity for newer members to become involved and build lasting connections within our temple family.

Our congregation has always been rooted in the values of community, participation, and mutual support. By giving just a few hours of our time, we help preserve and strengthen BSTC for current and future generations.

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RABBI'S MESSAGE

Two Significant Dates and important Commemorations

At one time or another, most likely, all of us have been in the position of identifying ourselves with BOTH our American and our Jewish selves; or our sets of ideals; or our inherited legacies; or possibly even our priorities and allegiances. Usually, through much of our lifetimes, they have been complimentary, one with the other. Perhaps not always in total agreement, but with recognizable and appreciated sharing of values, as well as being sources of pride, love, and dedication.

Many of us, as Americans and as Jews (or at least, as Supporters of Israel) have been encountering deep emotional conflict recently. The institutions, political parties, spokespersons, and for some, government leaders - those whose voices and actions inspired us for generations - seem not to be reflecting the beliefs and goals that united us.

We need to return to the basics, in my opinion: What does it mean to be a conscientious American? What does it mean to be a devoted Zionist and "Lover of Israel"? As caring, thinking individuals, we will disagree about some of each other's opinions - but we CAN do so agreeably and respectfully. And our respective, grand traditions can help us along the way.

I invite you to join me at two opportunities of special commemoration this month:

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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 July 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.

Subscriptions can be ordered from the office with a free will donation towards printing and postage.

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)

If you have ever considered volunteering, now is the perfect time. No contribution is too small, and every helping hand is appreciated. Together, we can continue to make BSTC a caring, active, and thriving congregation.

The Survey

I would also like to thank everyone who completed the BSTC Congregational Survey.

The purpose of the survey was to better understand the needs, concerns, and aspirations of our members as we continue shaping the future of our temple community.

While not every suggestion can be implemented, the Board and leadership team are carefully reviewing all feedback and are committed to responding whenever possible.

Some of the key themes that emerged from the survey include:

- Encouraging carpools, offering rides, and exploring transportation options for members who are unable to drive at night.
- Making services more engaging through themes, choirs, guest soloists, guest speakers, and greater congregational participation.
- Preserving familiar prayer melodies and traditional music, including strong support for piano accompaniment.
- Exploring occasional lay-led services during the summer months and increasing member involvement in worship.
- Improving communication regarding service leaders, Torah portions, and sermon topics.
- Balancing cherished traditions with thoughtful and meaningful innovation.
- Strengthening communication, inclusivity, volunteerism, and congregational connections.
- Recognizing the many generous, caring members who provide BSTC with a strong foundation for growth.

The survey generated many thoughtful suggestions. While a comprehensive summary will be published soon, the Board is already taking action on several items:

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT (continued)

- Service streaming will be suspended through the summer.
- We are developing a transportation plan to assist members who need rides to services.
- Shabbat services will move to an earlier start time of 4:30 p.m. This will be implemented after the high holidays.
- The Ritual Committee, under the leadership of Ruthann, is working closely with Rabbi Roman to evaluate and implement additional enhancements to our worship experience.

Most importantly, I want you to know that your voice matters.

You spoke. We listened.

Thank you for your continued support, participation, and commitment to BSTC.

Together, we will continue building a congregation that honors our traditions while embracing the future.

Best regards—and stay cool!

Josh Migdal

President, BSTC Board of Directors



RABBI'S MESSAGE (continued)

On Friday evening, **July 10th, at 7:00 pm,** our Shabbat Service will include readings, prayers and songs honoring the 250th Anniversary of American Independence. If you have a favorite (brief) reading, poem, statement (e.g. President George Washington's Address to the Jewish Community, or Martin Luther King's "I Have A Dream . . .") that resonates with you strongly, please bring it to share with the rest of us. The idea is not to be political, but rather to be together in recognizing the great experiment that the United States of America represents.

And on Wednesday evening, **July 22nd, at 5:00 pm,** we will observe Tisha B'Av (the 9th day of the Hebrew month of Av) - the traditional Jewish day of mourning and reflection, marking the destruction of both Temples in Jerusalem, and subsequent tragedies throughout our people's history. Some choose

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BSTC ACTIVITY CALENDAR

BSTC will no longer Live Stream Services on YouTube. All services are in-person at BSTC.

Schedule of Services, Meetings, Classes & Events			
Day	Date	Time	Event
WED	7/1/26	10am	BSTC Book Club @BSTC
THU	7/2/26	2pm	Uniting the Community Through Music meeting
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
THU	7/9/26	9am	Operations Planning meeting on Zoom
FRI	7/10/26	7pm	Friday Night Shabbat Service
SAT	7/11/26	10am	Torah Study on Zoom ONLY
TUE	7/14/26	10am	Sisterhood Meeting
FRI	7/17/26	9:30a	Program Committee meeting on Zoom
SAT	7/18/26	10am	Torah Study on Zoom ONLY
TUE	7/21/26	12-4p	Sisterhood Mahjong Tournament
WED	7/22/26	5pm	Tisha B'Av Educational Program
SAT	7/25/26	10am	Torah Study on Zoom ONLY
SUN	7/26/26	All day	MOD Pizza Fundraiser
MON	7/27/26	10am	BSTC Board Meeting
SAT	8/1/26	10am	Torah Study on Zoom ONLY
SUN	8/2/26	10am	Bagel Breakfast <i>sponsor: OPEN</i>
SUN	8/2/26	11:30a	Yiddish Club @BSTC

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

RABBI'S MESSAGE (continued)

to fast, others find meaning in reading the Biblical Book of Lamentations or more contemporary literature from the Holocaust. I am suggesting that we take the opportunity to remind ourselves of the need and purpose for our modern State of Israel, that we place the Jewish State's present conflicts into historical and political context, and simply, that we realize that a prayer for "Shalom 'Al Yisrael" is not by definition an endorsement of her political or military decisions. There will be others with us, knowledgeable and connected, to share their wisdom and insights.

Yes, I have lofty goals for these two evenings; quite possibly, they will lead to further, follow-up discussions. But let us try, together, to find those common experiences and dreams that will strengthen our identities as American Jews.

Shalom,
Rabbi Norm



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 phone number: Gail Abend
new cell (no more landline)**

BOARD NOTES

The monthly Board meeting is normally held on the fourth Monday of each month. **The next Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 27th 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.
- ♦ **Belenker Social Action Committee Fund:** This fund is set up to support Social Action projects including, but not limited to: donations to the food bank, for school supplies and backpacks for all school-age students, pajamas for fostered youths, Youth On Their Own, etc.

TEMPLE TIDINGS

Wander Women ventured to the award-winning Tumerico, a Latin inspired vegetarian/vegan restau-

rant in Tucson. A James Beard award recipient, Tumerico offers a wide-ranging blackboard menu, friendly service and fresh, deliciously innovative entrees. 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 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

The BSTC Book Club is still going strong this summer! We meet on the first Wednesday of the month, which is coming up right on **July 1st**. Meetings are held at BSTC at 10 am.

The book we will be discussing in *People of the Book* by Geraldine Brooks. It is a fictional account of a young woman, a book conservator who is given an unusual and very valuable Haggadah to work on. This novel traces the history of the book and the people who came in contact with it during its long and eventful life.

Our August selection is *The Greatest Generation* by Tom Brokaw.

We welcome you to join us.

Martha Fine, Book Club Chair



BSTC Book Club 2026 Reading List:

- ♦ 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

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Every year, BSTC distributes the Book of Remembrance at Yom Kippur. Once again we will have an **electronic Book of Remembrance**. We will mail a

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printed copy to anyone requesting a copy who has made a monetary donation. If you wish to have the name(s) of your deceased loved ones included in the book for **5787, September 2026 – September 2027**, please send in your information along with your free-will donation by **September 4, 2026**.

Use the form on the following page and please print clearly to avoid any misspellings.

If you have any questions, you may email me or the Temple. You may also email me your list, or just email or note that it's the same as last year. However, monetary donations must be sent to the Temple.

Please also note if you would like a printed copy.

Thank you.

Suenette Maron, BOR Chair

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, envelope, and stamp. 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 the office. The Chair is currently open.



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Thank you.

Suenette Maron
BOR Chair

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE FORM

Please print the name(s) of your dearly departed

Remembered by: (Please print)

☐ I/We would like a printed copy.

Mail this form and your free-will donation to:

BSTC

P.O. Box 884

Green Valley, AZ 85622

Mark BOR on your check memo and envelope.

Thank you.

GARDEN & LANDSCAPING

Volunteers Needed for Garden Cleanup help.

The more volunteers we have, the less often you have to work, and volunteering for these tasks is saving BSTC significant money by not paying someone to do what we can do ourselves.

Please respond to John Holleran.

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
602-565-3565
bftarquinio@hotmail.com

HOSPITALITY

Bagel Breakfasts are usually on the first Sunday of each month at 10am. The next event is Sunday, **July 5th**, and the event is sponsored by Bagel Breakfast Chair, Mariann and Bill Katz.

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 for a meet up delivery.

LIBRARY

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

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

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.

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.

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MEN'S CLUB

On Tuesday, June 2nd, the Men's Club took a field trip to The Coit Museum of Pharmacy at the U of A Campus. There was no charge for the museum, and they went on a 90 minute guided tour. The Men's Club mailed a donation to the museum the next week.

The next Men's Club meeting will be on Wednesday, July 8th, 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.
- ◆ 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 to participate on this committee.

PROGRAMS

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- ◆ Mostly Kosher, the LA based Klezmer group, will return to Green Valley the evening of November 21st. BSTC is arranging for a block of seats for

members and friends to attend. Watch for an eblast notice with more details.

FUNDRAISING

- ◆ Ricki led another successful food fundraiser at Panda Express on Sunday, June 21st, raising an as yet unknown amount.
- ◆ July's food fundraiser is scheduled for the **FOURTH Sunday of the month, July 26th**, once again at **MOD Pizza**. 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. 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.

RAISE RIGHT REWARDS in 2026 are over \$480 as of the end of June.

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"

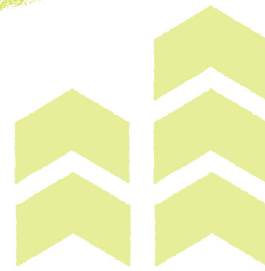
If you are not a Fry's VIP Card holder, just stop by your nearest Fry's and ask for a free application. Please contact Joyce Finkelstein with any questions about this program.

FRY'S REWARDS in 2026, as of the end of June, are \$58.

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FUNDRAISING



RAISE SOME DOUGH

Bring in this flyer, or order online through the MOD app or website, to use the fundraiser code provided and MOD will donate 25% of your bill to support this great work!

JOIN MOD IN SUPPORTING

ORGANIZATION NAME: BETH SHALOM TEMPLE CENTER

FUNDRAISER DATE: JULY 26, 2026

ADDRESS: 18767 S NOGALES HWY, SUITE 105
SAHUARITA, AZ 85614

FUNDRAISER CODE: MODGIVES25

Offer valid only on the date(s) and at the MOD location identified on this flyer. Offer valid for dine-in, takeout, or delivery when ordered through the MOD app or website only. For online or in-app orders, please use the code provided by GroupRaise. For delivery, customer must live within delivery boundary. Only nonprofit organizations and nonprofit schools are eligible to participate in the MOD fundraising program. MOD will donate 25% of food and beverage sales to the organization. Tax, gift cards, and retail sales are excluded from the donation. Offer void if the flyer is distributed in or near the restaurant. For more information about fundraising, visit <https://modpizza.com/fundraisers/>

RITUAL

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

Summer Service Schedule:

- ♦ **Friday, July 10th—7pm**
Friday Night Shabbat Service
- ♦ **Wednesday, July 22nd—5pm**
Tisha B'Av Educational Program
- ♦ **Friday, August 7th—7pm**
Friday Night Shabbat Service
- ♦ **Friday, September 4th—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

Our May 19 movie was a good success with a wonderful turnout. Thank you to Gail Norton for putting this together. Also in June, a few of us met at Desert Meadows Park for breakfast and to enjoy one another's company. We had a nice time there and perhaps we can do something of this nature again in the future. Thank you to Linda Stein, who helped organize this.

What's happening over the summer? We will be having our **next meeting at BSTC on Tuesday, July 14th at 10am** and all Sisterhood members are invited to attend.

On July 20th we will be meeting at BSTC to set up for our Summer Mahjong Tournament. Following the setup we will be planning events for the coming year. If you would like to have some input as to what we may be doing for the 26-27 year, please plan to attend.

On **Tuesday, July 21st** we will be hosting the **Mah-jong Tournament**. If you would like to volunteer with any part of the tournament, please attend our meeting on the 14th or get in touch with me at 716-861-3213 or imama3@aol.com.

Enjoy this summer and let's hope that we get some rain during the Monsoon season!

Bobbie Vishner, Sisterhood President

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 with any questions or comments.

YIDDISH CLUB

Sholem Aleichem! The yiddish club invites you to join its exploration into what was perhaps your parents' secret language. The intention is to continue this as a regular fun temple activity at 11:30 AM after every monthly bagel breakfast, open to all members. 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. At our last meeting we saw videos of Leonard Nimoy ("Mr. Spock") quoting Hamlet in Yiddish and telling his personal story, as well as a clip about the Yiddish Book Center in Amherst, Mass., and some Yiddish song and conversation. Knowledge of Yiddish is not necessary (but it doesn't hurt !). Please contact Steve Maron at smaron5202@gmail.com if you have an interest in participating to be added to the mailing list, if you haven't already contacted Steve.

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Stay Cool!

MONTHLY TORAH PORTIONS

Portion (Parashat)	Date	Torah	Haftarah
PINCHAS	July 3-4, 2026	Numbers 25:10-30:1	I Kings 18:46-19:21
MATTOT-MA'ASEI	July 10-11, 2026	Numbers 30:2-36:13	Jeremiah 2:4-28
DEVARIM	July 17-18, 2026	Deuteronomy 1:1-3:22	Isaiah 1:1-27
VA-ETCHANAN	July 24-25, 2026	Deuteronomy 3:23-7:11	Isaiah 40:1-26
EIKEV	July 31-Aug 1, 2026	Deuteronomy 7:12-11:25	Isaiah 49:14-51-3



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Marcia Wiener	11-Jul
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Eliot Bolan	20-Jul
Marvin Steiner	21-Jul
Diane Stein	23-Jul



Ruthann & Sid Shapiro	1-Jul
Larry & Ina Gravitz	15-Jul
Martin & Susan Cohen	23-Jul
Gene & Diane Stein	23-Jul
Kate & Harry Wolf	29-Jul

COMMEMORATIVE ITEMS

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

Memorial Board Plaque \$300

Leaf for the Tree of Life \$100

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.

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TRIBUTES

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

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

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

- ♦ **From Esther & Ed Brill: *with sympathy*** to Joyce Finkelstein on the death of her sister.
- ♦ **From Esther & Ed Brill: *in honor of*** Sue Cohen on completing her treatments and returning home.

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. 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
Sid Shapiro	His father, Harry Shapiro
Barbara Kowalski	Her husband, Joseph Kowalski
Esther Brill	Her father, Saul Levine
Esther & Ed Brill	Brother-in-law, Bernie Pincus

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