



April 2024

Adar 2/Nisan 5784

First Friday Kabbalat Shabbat

Our next Kabbalat Shabbat service will be at 6:30 p.m. on April 5, *Shemini/Shabbat ha-Chodesh*. Wendy Drezek will provide a mini-d'var.

May's First Friday is on Friday the 3rd.

Passover with Rabbi Langer

Rabbi Langer's next Zoom visit is scheduled for Saturday, April 27, at 10 a.m., in the middle of Passover (*Chol ha-Moed*). The service is a special one, including Hallel. Don't miss it! The rabbi will provide a d'var Torah at services as well as a learning session afterwards.

RABBI LANGER IN PERSON!

Mark your calendars for May 7 at 7 p.m. Congregation Beth Am, the Jewish Community Relations Council, and the University of Incarnate Word's Ettlting Center for Civic Leadership & Sustainability will have a special panel to discuss immigration, with Rabbi Langer as the keynote speaker. The event will be held at the Jewish Community Center. The rabbi will also be joining us for services on the following Shabbat.

Israel-Gaza War

Donate to the **Emergency Response Campaign** of the Jewish Federation.

Thank You

To those who helped with Shabbat and Purim services in March: Rona Aduna, Karen Berkowitz, Marion Bernstein, Andy Gravin, Marianne Kestenbaum, Rabbi Armin Langer, Nancy Oseasohn, and Vivian Weinstein.

To Terry Ruiz and Gary Kurzban for hosting Kabbalat Shabbat and the Megillah reading for Purim at their home.

To Stan and Wendy Drezek for sponsoring *mishloach manot* (Purim goodies) in the name of Congregation Beth Am through SAJSS to Jewish seniors in San Antonio.

To Henry Bernstein and his Zoom committee for ongoing technical support, especially for hybrid events on First Friday and Purim.

Participation in Our Services

If you would like to help lead any upcoming Shabbat services, read the Torah or Haftarah portion in Hebrew or English, or give a d'var Torah, contact Gary Kurzban at kurzban.ruiz@gmail.com.

If you'd like to attend services via Zoom, please get in touch with Henry Bernstein, hbmbtx@gmail.com.

Membership Outreach

Congregation Beth Am's membership committee of Stan & Wendy Drezek and Marianne Kestenbaum invite all Beth Am members to let us know about anyone who might be interested in Beth Am. We are aware that some may not want to affiliate. But we believe persons who connect with

Beth Am, by even occasionally coming to a service or event, may have experiences that over time allow them to feel part of our community and eventually participate more, and even become members. Please contact Stan at stanwendre@gmail.com.

Contributions

A generous contribution to Beth Am was made by Debbie Maltz in memory of Diane Maltz.

**Contributions to Beth Am should be sent to: PO Box 780893
San Antonio, TX 78278-0893**

In the Community

100th Anniversary of Hebrew Free Loan

The Hebrew Free Loan Association of San Antonio will be holding a community-wide picnic celebration of its 100th anniversary on Sunday, May 5.

Yahrzeits

8 Nisan (April 16) John Goss Skelton, congregant

11 Nisan (April 19) Col. Bernard Pusin, congregant

14 Nisan (April 22) Israel Garfinkel, grandfather of Marianne Kestenbaum

15 Nisan (April 23) Rabbi Jerome Kestenbaum, father of Lenny Kestenbaum

15 Nisan (April 23) Felicita Navarro Ruiz, grandmother of Teresa Ruiz

18 Nisan (April 26) Rhoda Gershenhorn, mother of Susan Gershenhorn

20 Nisan (April 28) Lee Zimmerman, mother of Marianne Kestenbaum

Yom Hashoah ✪ **יום השואה**

A Community Observance Remembering the More than Six Million Jews Who Perished During the Holocaust

Monday, May 6 | 7 pm | Temple Beth-El

presentation from
Joshua Greene, author & Ivan Wilzig, Siggi Wilzig's son



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Learn more: hmmsa.org/yom-hashoah



APRIL SHABBAT SERVICES

Services are held on Zoom. If you would like an invitation, please notify Marion Bernstein at hbmbtx@gmail.com.

April 5: First Friday Kabbalat Shabbat 6:30 p.m. *Shemini/Shabbat HaChodesh* with Wendy Drezek

April 13: *Tazria* Shaliach Tzibbur: Marion Bernstein; Torah: Gary Kurzban; Haftarah: Andy Gravin; D'var Torah: Nancy Oseasohn

April 20: *Metzora/Shabbat HaGadol* Shaliach Tzibbur: Marion Bernstein; Torah: Karen Berkowitz; Haftarah: Vivian Weinstein; D'var Torah: Rona Aduna

April 27: *Chol HaMoed Pesach* Shaliach Tzibbur & Hallel: Marion Bernstein; Torah: Nancy Oseasohn; Haftarah: Vivian Weinstein; D'var Torah: Rabbi Armin Langer

May 3: First Friday Kabbalat Shabbat 6:30 p.m. *Acharei Mot*, mini-d'var by Wendy Drezek

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