



May 2024

Nisan/Iyyar 5784

First Friday Kabbalat Shabbat

May's First Friday is at 6:30 p.m. on Friday the 3rd. Wendy Drezek will be talking about the parasha, *Acharei Mot*, and its haftarah.

June is a bit confusing, as Beth Am's first June Shabbat service is on Saturday, June 1. First Friday will be on June 7.

Israel-Gaza War

Donate to the [Emergency Response Campaign](#) of the Jewish Federation.

Thank You

To those who helped with Shabbat services in April: Rona Aduna, Karen Berkowitz, Marion Bernstein, Andy Gravin, Gary Kurzban, Rabbi Armin Langer, Nancy Oseasohn, and Vivian Weinstein.

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

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.

Welcome Rabbi Langer!

Rabbi Armin Langer will be in San Antonio for the weekend of May 11-12. He will join us for hybrid services on Shabbat morning, May 11, 10 a.m. at the UUC and on Zoom. We will also have a Havdalah/social event at the home of Gary Kurzban and Terri Ruiz that evening.

Jewish Perspective on U.S. Immigration

Join us with featured guest speaker Rabbi Armin Langer as we ground ourselves in Jewish values and then hear from a panel of experts about the current challenges with immigration to the U.S. and proposed solutions.

Tuesday, May 7 at 7:00 pm

Rabbi Langer is an Assistant Professor at the University of Florida's Center for European Studies and an affiliate faculty at the Center for Arts, Migration, and Entrepreneurship at the Bud Shorstein Center for Jewish Studies. He holds a Ph.D. in sociology from Humboldt University of Berlin and was ordained as a rabbi by the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College.



Register at jfsatx.org/us-immigration

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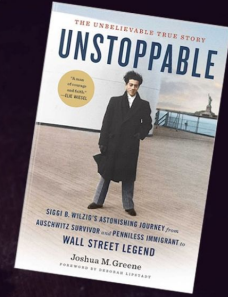
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Yom Hashoah יום השואה

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



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.

Condolences

Our condolences to Natalie Gernsbacher on the passing of her uncle, Harold Karren.

Our condolences to Debra Maltz on the passing of her mother-in-law, Carol Athens.

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, on the grounds of the Jewish Community Center. It's free, but they would like reservations in advance.

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

Yahrzeits

28 Nisan (May 6) Bertha Ruiz, mother of Teresa Ruiz

30 Nisan (May 8) Joseph Bender, father of Marjorie Gregerman

1 Iyyar (May 9) Frank Toback, grandfather of Natalie Gernsbacher

2 Iyyar (May 10) Nathan (Ned) Alterman, grandfather of Terri Foose

8 Iyyar (May 16) Randy Gernsbacher, husband of Natalie Gernsbacher

11 Iyyar (May 19) Sherry Kestenbaum
Grossman, sister of Lenny Kestenbaum



Join the Jewish Federation of San Antonio for the 2024 Annual Meeting as we celebrate our homeland and 75 years of investing in Israel. We will also look back on accomplishments and milestones of the past year, install our new officers and directors, and present the 2024 awards.

Brunch starts at noon

Meeting starts at 12:30 PM

MAY SHABBAT SERVICES

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

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

May 11: *Kedoshim* Shaliach Tzibbur: Marion Bernstein; Torah: Rabbi Armin Langer; Haftarah: Vivian Weinstein; D’var Torah: Rabbi Langer

May 18: *Emor* Shaliach Tzibbur: Marion Bernstein; Torah: Karen Berkowitz; Haftarah: Andy Gravin; D’var Torah: Nancy Oseasohn

May 25: *Behar* Shaliach Tzibbur: Marion Bernstein; Torah: Gary Kurzban; Haftarah: Andy Gravin; D’var Torah: Rona Aduna

June 1: *Bechukotai* Shaliach Tzibbur: Marion Bernstein; Torah: Karen Berkowitz; Haftarah: Marianne Kestenbaum; D’var Torah: Nancy Oseasohn

June 7: First Friday Kabbalat Shabbat at 6:30 p.m.

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