



May 2026

Iyar-Sivan 5786

First Friday Kabbalat Shabbat

May's First Friday is May 1, Parashat Emor. Wendy Drezek will provide a learning session. Services begin at 6:30 p.m.

June's Kabbalat Shabbat service will be at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, June 6. The portion of the week will be Beha-alotecha.

Rabbi Langer – Twice in May!

Rabbi Armin Langer, who now has a pulpit in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, will be visiting us by Zoom to provide learning sessions on the following dates:

- Saturday, May 16
- Friday, May 22, 2nd day Shavuot & Kabbalat Shabbat
- Saturday, June 20
- Friday, July 17, Kabbalat Shabbat

Participation in Our Services

If you would like to help lead any upcoming 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, contact Marion or Henry Bernstein, hbmbtx@gmail.com.

Contributions

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

Thank You

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

To Gary Kurzban and Terry Ruiz for hosting Kabbalat Shabbat services.

In the Community

Hebrew Free Loan-SA Picnic

HFLA-SA 2026 Community Picnic

Save the Date:
Sunday, May 17th, at 12:00 - 3:00 pm

**HFLA-SA Community Picnic
& Fun Day at the J**

Come Celebrate Summer as One SA Jewish Community

Hebrew Free Loan Association of San Antonio changing lives and building community since 1924, and moving forward with our funding partners:

BAR YADEN FAMILY FOUNDATION | BIG STATE FINANCIAL SERVICES | San Antonio Israel B'Nai B'rith Lodge 2276 | Congregation Rodef Shalom | Jewish War Veterans Post 753 | CONGREGATION AGUDAS ACHIM | Jewish Federation of San Antonio | Temple Beth-El | SAJSS San Antonio Jewish Senior Services

2026 Texas Primary Runoff Election Key Dates

27 APR	Last day to register to vote or update your registration
15 MAY	Last day for Vote by Mail ballot application to be received
18 MAY	First day to vote early in person
22 MAY	Last day to vote early in person
26 MAY	Election Day and last day for Vote by Mail ballot to be received

VOTE 411 **LWV** LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS



attending a nonprofit Jewish overnight camp listed

on the [One Happy Camper website](#).

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Jewish Community Baseball!



The Jewish community will have a special day at the Missions baseball stadium on Sunday, May 31, at 1 p.m., to celebrate the conclusion of Jewish American Heritage Month. The Missions are playing the Corpus Christi Hooks. Scan to buy tickets or call Tyler



King at 210/554-1510.

Hebrew Missions T-shirts are available for purchase if you RSVP by May 1.

“Camperships” Available

Jewish camp is an enduring and irreplaceable rite of passage for Jewish children in the United States. That's why the Jewish Federation of San Antonio partners with the Foundation for Jewish Camp through One Happy Camper -- to make sure that all Jewish children get the opportunity to experience Jewish Camp and amplify their Jewish joy.

Applications are open for One Happy Camper need-blind grants of up to \$1500, powered by the Jewish Federation of San Antonio's Annual



Campaign. Eligible campers must be entering grades 1-12 after camp, and must be

Yahrzeits

- 26 Iyyar (May 13) Gerda Holthuis, grandmother of Jennifer Janes
- 27 Iyyar (May 14) Myron A. Roth, father of Mike Roth
- 27 Iyyar (May 14) Henry Weinstein, husband of Vivian Weinstein
- 27 Iyyar (May 14) Dr. Bernard Garfinkel, cousin of Marianne Kestenbaum
- 27 Iyyar (May 14) Carol Shiver, mother of Mark Shiver
- 3 Sivan (May 19) Peter Cohen, grandfather of Michele Saunders
- 4 Sivan (May 20) Judi Bernstein Cohen, cousin of Rhoda Rappaport
- 6 Sivan (May 22) Stanley F. Drezek, father of Stan Drezek
- 6 Sivan (May 22) Fannie Garfinkel, mother of Rhoda Rappaport
- 6 Sivan (May 22) Annette Hattenbach, aunt of Marion Bernstein
- 8 Sivan (May 24) Meyer B. Weissman, father of Bennett Weissman
- 8 Sivan (May 24) Morton Kurzban, father of Gary Kurzban
- 12 Sivan (May 28) Rhoda Rappaport, congregant
- 12 Sivan (May 28) Sidney Berman, uncle of Marianne Kestenbaum

MAY SHABBAT SERVICES

Services are held on Zoom. If you would like to attend, contact us at hbmbtx@gmail.com.

May 1: *First Friday Kabbalat Shabbat, Emor*, 6:30 p.m. Learning with Wendy Drezek

May 9: *Behar/Bechukotai* Shaliach Tzibbur: Marion Bernstein; Torah: Karen Berkowitz; Haftarah: Marianne Kestenbaum; D'var Torah: Natalie Gernsbacher

May 16: *BaMidbar* Shaliach Tzibbur: Marion Bernstein; Torah: Rabbi Armin Langer; Haftarah: TBA; D'var Torah: Rabbi Armin Langer

May 22: *Shavuot* Kabbalat Shabbat and learning session with Rabbi Armin Langer; Shaliach Tzibbur: Marion Bernstein

May 30: *Naso* Shaliach Tzibbur: Marion Bernstein; Torah: Gary Kurzban; Haftarah: Vivian Weinstein; D'var Torah: Natalie Gernsbacher

June 5: *First Friday Kabbalat Shabbat, Becha'alatecha* 6:30 p.m. Learning with Wendy Drezek

Sat	9	KAREN: pending confirmation	Marianne	NATALIE
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