



October 2024

Elul-Tishre 5784-5785

First Friday Kabbalat Shabbat

We will not have a First Friday service in October, due to the High Holy Days. Instead, we will have Saturday morning services for Shabbat Shuvah (the Shabbat of Return) on Oct. 5, at 10 a.m.

First Friday services will resume on Friday, November 8, at 6:30 p.m., with a learning session featuring Rabbi Armin Langer.

Join Us in the Sukkah!

Congregation Beth Am's annual "open sukkah" will be held on Sunday, Oct. 20, at the home of Gary Kurzban and Terry Ruiz. Those who would like to say the holiday blessings over the lulav and etrog and for eating in the sukkah are welcome to stop by between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. that afternoon.

As on First Fridays, if you'd like to attend, or you need directions, please contact them at kurzban.ruiz@gmail.com -- and let them know what vegetarian goodies you'll bring.

Contributions

Generous contributions to Beth Am have been made by:

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

Dates for Rabbi Armin Langer

- **Saturday, October 19**
- **Friday, November 8**
- **Saturday, December 14**

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 Marion or Henry Bernstein, hbmbtx@gmail.com.

Thank You

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

To Gary Kurzban & Terry Ruiz for hosting Kabbalat Shabbat services at their home.

To Henry Bernstein for the audio-visual set-up for our hybrid live services.

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Congregation Beth Am, San Antonio's congregation for Reconstructing Judaism, will be lay-led for all High Holy Day services. All services for Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur will be held live at Building 6 of the First Unitarian Universalist Church, located at 7150 IH-10 West, unless otherwise indicated. In addition, services will be available on Zoom. Congregation Beth Am requires no tickets. For details, call (210) 660-6828 or go to our web site, www.bethamsatx.org.

October Holy Day Schedule

Erev Rosh Hashana	Wednesday, Oct. 2	Service begins at 6:45 p.m.
Rosh Hashana Day	Thursday, Oct. 3	begins at 9:30 a.m.
	Tashlich	3 p.m. at Joske Pavilion in Brackenridge Park (live only)
Shabbat Shuva	Saturday, Oct. 5	begins 10 a.m. (on Zoom only)
Kol Nidre		Friday, Oct. 11 Service begins at 6:45 p.m.
Yom Kippur Day	Saturday, Oct. 12	begins at 9:30 a.m.
	Yizkor	noon
	Forum	4 p.m.
	Mincha/Ne'ila	6 p.m.
	Havdalah	7:45 p.m.
Sukkot Shabbat	Saturday, Oct. 19	10 a.m. – will include Rabbi Armin Langer
Open Sukkah	Sunday, Oct. 20	2-5 p.m. at home of Gary & Terry
Shabbat Bereshit	Saturday, Oct. 26	10 a.m. -- includes Simchat Torah celebration

In the Community:

One Year On: the Israel-Gaza Conflict

Commemorative events are being held across the globe, both live and on-line. The Jewish Federation of San Antonio will be holding its memorial event on Monday, Oct. 7, at 6:30 p.m. RSVP required. Visit jfsatx.org/10-7.

NCJW on Antisemitism, Oct. 9, 7 p.m., at the Jewish Community Center. Speaker is Jackie Nirenberg, regional director of the Anti-Defamation League in Austin. RSVP to [Eventbrite](#).

Holocaust Memorial Museum of San Antonio October events

Oct. 15, 7 p.m., book review: "But I Live" – a graphic novel telling the story of three child survivors of the Holocaust, presented by Dr. Victoria Aarons of Trinity University.

Oct. 20, 2 p.m., The story of survivor Ruth Fuks Reif, as told by her granddaughter, Eleanor Gossen.

Hadassah Honors Israel Volunteers, Sunday, Oct. 20 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. RSVP to jccsanantonio.org/HadassahwithIsrael

Yahrzeits

3 Tishri (Oct. 5) Reuben Karren, grandfather of Natalie Gernsbacher

4 Tishri (Oct. 6) Shirley Barasch, mother of Joan Barasch

8 Tishri (Oct. 10) Jakov ben Shmuel

Perlmutter, husband of Monica Perlmutter

8 Tishri (Oct. 10) Michael Haffner, father of Steve Haffner

10 Tishri (Oct. 12) David Shapiro, brother of Diana Samuels

11 Tishri (Oct. 13) Gertrude Shuster, mother of Leroy Shuster

19 Tishri (Oct. 21) Suzanne Catlett, cousin of Jennifer Janes
 28 Tishri (Oct. 30) Walter Garfinkel, brother of Rhoda Rappaport

OCTOBER SHABBAT & HOLIDAY SERVICES

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

Oct. 2: Erev Rosh Hashana

Oct. 3: Rosh Hashana

Oct. 5: Shabbat Shuvah Shaliach Tzibbur: Marion Bernstein; Torah: Gary Kurzban; Haftarah: the Bernsteins; D’var Torah: Nancy Oseasohn

Oct. 11: Kol Nidre

Oct. 12: Yom Kippur

Oct. 19: Chol ha-Moed Sukkot Shaliach Tzibbur: Marion Bernstein; Torah: Rabbi Armin Langer; Haftarah: Vivian Weinstein; D’var Torah: Rabbi Langer

Oct. 20: 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Open Sukkah at the Kurzban-Ruiz home

Oct. 26: Bereshit/Simchat Torah Shaliach Tzibbur: Marion Bernstein; Torah: Wendy Drezek; Haftarah: Vivian Weinstein; D’var Torah: Rona Aduna

Nov. 2: Noach/Rosh Chodesh Shaliach Tzibbur: Marion Bernstein; Torah: Karen Berkowitz; Haftarah: Andy Gravin; D’var Torah: Nancy Oseasohn

Nov. 8: First Friday Kabbalat Shabbat, 6:30 p.m. with Rabbi Armin Langer

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2024 General Election - Key Dates

- OCT 7** Last day to register to vote or change your address
- OCT 21** First day to vote early in person
- OCT 25** Vote by Mail ballot application receipt deadline
- NOV 1** Last day to vote early in person
- NOV 5** Election Day and Vote by Mail ballot receipt deadline

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