



April 2026

Nisan-Iyar 5786

First Friday Kabbalat Shabbat

Rabbi Armin Langer will be joining us for a Passover First Friday on April 3 at 6:30 p.m. (This service will be Zoom only.)

May's First Friday is May 1, and Wendy Drezek will provide a learning session.

Welcome Back, Rabbi Langer!

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:

- Friday, April 3 Pesach & Kabbalat Shabbat
- 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, hmbmtx@gmail.com.

Contributions

A generous contribution to Congregation Beth Am has been made by Debra Maltz on the yearzeit of her sister, Diane.

**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 March: Rona Aduna, Marion Bernstein, Wendy Drezek, Andy Gravin, Marianne Kestenbaum, Gary Kurzban, Rabbi Armin Langer, Nancy Oseasohn, and Vivian Weinstein.

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

In the Community

Israel Independence/Memorial Day

The community-wide observance of Israel's Yom HaZikaron (Memorial Day) and Yom HaAtzma'ut (Independence Day) will be held on Wednesday evening, April 22. The memorial ceremony will be from 6 to 7 p.m. and the celebration will run from 7 to 9 p.m.

Tickets are available from the Jewish Community Center. The location will be confirmed with your reservation.

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 if you RSVP by May 1.

Sharaka.   

**Five Years of the Abraham Accords:
Advancing Peace, Countering Hate**

March 30 | 7:00 PM

Join us for a powerful and timely conversation with young leaders from Sharaka, a groundbreaking initiative fostering understanding and partnership between Arabs and Israelis. Hear their stories of change, their experiences visiting Israel, engaging in Holocaust education, and building bridges across a rapidly evolving Middle East.



Fatema Al-Haribi (Bahrain)
Sharaka's Gulf Affairs Director, peace ambassador, author, and Ph.D. candidate, bridging cultures through her advocacy and storytelling.



Youssef Elazhari (Morocco)
Sharaka's Morocco Director, marketing and advertising entrepreneur and founder of Fihria, a non-profit working to prevent girls from dropping out of school.



Ahmed Khuzaie, Ph.D. (Bahrain)
Prominent political consultant, acclaimed author and Managing Partner at Khuzaie Associates, LLC, a Washington, DC-based firm recognized for its contributions to local and political development.



Alyssa Annis (Israel)
Sharaka's Holocaust Education Program Manager, dedicated to Holocaust Education and remembrance, leading historical education projects across the Arab and Muslim world.

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YOM HASHOAH
HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY



April 13, 7pm

Learn more and register at
www.hmsa.org/yom-hashoah

Condolences

To Natalie Gernsbacher and Debra Maltz on the passing of their uncle and cousin, Melvin Maltz.

Yahrzeits

- 14 Nisan (April 1) Israel Garfinkel, grandfather of Marianne Kestenbaum
- 15 Nisan (April 2) Rabbi Jerome Kestenbaum, father of Lenny Kestenbaum
- 15 Nisan (April 2) Felicita Navarro Ruiz, grandmother of Teresa Ruiz
- 18 Nisan (April 5) Rhoda Gershenhorn, mother of Susan Gershenhorn
- 20 Nisan (April 7) Doris Berman, aunt of Marianne Kestenbaum
- 20 Nisan (April 7) Lee Zimmerman, mother of Marianne Kestenbaum
- 28 Nisan (April 15) Bertha Ruiz, mother of Teresa Ruiz
- 30 Nisan (April 17) Joseph Bender, father of Marjorie Gregerman
- 1 Iyyar (April 18) Frank Toback, grandfather of Natalie Gernsbacher
- 2 Iyyar (April 19) Nathan (Ned) Alterman, grandfather of Terri Foose
- 8 Iyyar (April 25) Randy Gernsbacher, husband of Natalie Gernsbacher
- 11 Iyyar (April 28) Sherry Kestenbaum, Grossman, sister of Lenny Kestenbaum

APRIL SHABBAT SERVICES

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

April 3: *Kabbalat Shabbat Chol HaMoed Pesach* with Rabbi Armin Langer, 6:30 p.m.

April 11: *Shemini Shaliach Tzibbur:* Marion Bernstein; Torah: Gary Kurzban; Haftarah: Marianne Kestenbaum; D'var Torah: Nancy Oseasohn

April 18: *Tazria-Metzorah/Rosh Chodesh Shaliach Tzibbur:* Marion Bernstein; Torah: Gary Kurzban; Haftarah: Vivian; D'var Torah: TBA

April 25: *Acharei Mot-Kedoshim Shaliach Tzibbur:* TBA; Torah: Karen Berkowitz; Haftarah: TBA; D'var Torah: Rona Aduna

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

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