



January 2022

Tevet-Shevat 5782

### THE First Friday

The First Friday of the New Year 2022 will be on Jan. 7 at 6:30 p.m. As part of the service, Wendy Drezek will explain the upcoming holiday of Tu BiShevat.

However, the first Shabbat service will be on Saturday, New Year's Day, at 10 a.m.

First Friday in February is the 4<sup>th</sup>, and Wendy Drezek will offer a short summary of Parashat Terumah.

### Zoom Along with Beth Am

If you would like to lead any upcoming services, read Torah or Haftarah in Hebrew or English, or give a d'var Torah, contact Gary Kurzban at 210-826-4890, or [Kurzban ruiz@grandecom.net](mailto:Kurzban_ruiz@grandecom.net).

### Membership Special—Join Now!

Congregation Beth Am is offering potential new members an amazing deal: those who sign up now will not be billed for dues for the first year of their membership.

For details, please call Lenny Kestenbaum, 210/493-9654.

### Contributions

A generous donation was made by Karen Berkowitz in memory of Robert Gregerman and in honor of Marion Bernstein.

**Contributions to Beth Am should be sent to Rhoda Rappaport, 16942 Summer Creek Dr., SAT 78248-1409.**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

### Thank You

To those who helped with Zoom Shabbat services in December: Rona Aduna, Karen Berkowitz, Henry Bernstein, Marion Bernstein, Wendy Drezek, Lenny Kestenbaum, Gary Kurzban, Nancy Oseasohn, Rhoda Rappaport, and Vivian Weinstein.

To Sondra Kaplan of Houston, who donated Reconstructionist siddurim (prayer books) to Beth Am and sent them to us via Suzanne Soble.

To Henry Bernstein for his ongoing technical support with Zoom, and his Zoom committee: Andy Gravin, Gary Kurzban and Mark Shiver.

### In the Community

#### *Char Miller Returns!*

Former congregant Char Miller will be speaking about his newest book, "West Side Rising," at the Jewish Community Center on Jan. 10 at 7 p.m.

The book describes the great San Antonio flood of 1921 and its effect, both environmental and political, on the city's Hispanic community.

#### *MLK Weekend events*

- Sunday, Jan. 16, interfaith service at Temple Beth-El from 4:30-5:30 p.m.
- Monday, Jan. 17, MLK March, 10 a.m. to noon. Bus will be available from the Jewish Community Center. Call JCRC for details.

## Yahrzeits

28 Tevet (Jan. 1) Gerald Holloway, brother-in-law of Gail Jennings  
29 Tevet (Jan. 2) Edward Hattenbach, cousin of Marion Bernstein  
1 Shevat (Jan. 3) Roslyn Kestenbaum, mother of Lenny Kestenbaum  
1 Shevat (Jan. 3) Jacob Blauer, father of Steve Blauer  
6 Shevat (Jan. 8) Charles Blauer, uncle of Steve Blauer  
6 Shevat (Jan. 8) Donald Teller, uncle of Marion Bernstein  
8 Shevat (Jan. 10) Red Davis, uncle of Mark Shiver  
8 Shevat (Jan. 10) Leslie Saunders, uncle of Michele Saunders  
9 Shevat (Jan. 11) Leon Cahan, husband of Marga Speicher  
10 Shevat (Jan. 12) Allan Gale, uncle of Marianne Kestenbaum  
10 Shevat (Jan. 12) Florence E. Bender, mother of Marjorie Gregerman  
11 Shevat (Jan. 13) Sophie Friedman, mother of Rona Aduna  
17 Shevat (Jan. 19) Udo Fuith, step-father of Jennifer Janes  
22 Shevat (Jan. 24) Elinor Pusin, wife of Col. Bernard Pusin  
22 Shevat (Jan. 24) Larry Golden, husband of Meredith Norwood  
22 Shevat (Jan. 24) Gilbert Bernstein, father of Henry Bernstein  
27 Shevat (Jan. 29) Jacob Berkowitz, father of Karen Berkowitz  
27 Shevat (Jan. 29) Billie Steinmann Duncan, mother of Dana Shuster



Monday, January 17  
is **TU BISHEVAT**

## JANUARY SHABBAT SERVICES

*Services are held on Zoom. If you would like an invitation, please notify Marion Bernstein at [hlb@texas.net](mailto:hlb@texas.net).*

Jan. 1: *Va-Era* Shaliach Tzibbur: Marion Bernstein; Torah: Gary Kurzban; Haftarah: Andy Gravin; D'var Torah: Rona Aduna.

Jan. 7: *First Friday Kabbalat Shabbat* 6:30 p.m. Wendy Drezek will teach about Tu BiShevat

Jan. 15: *Beshallah/Shabbat Shira* Shaliach Tzibbur: Marion Bernstein; Torah: Karen Berkowitz; Haftarah: Vivian Weinstein; D'var Torah: Nancy Oseasohn

Jan. 22: *Yitro* Shaliach Tzibbur: Marion Bernstein; Torah: Karen Berkowitz; Haftarah: Lenny Kestenbaum; D'var Torah: TBA

Jan. 29: *Mishpatim* Shaliach Tzibbur: Marion Bernstein; Torah: Gary Kurzban; Haftarah: Vivian Weinstein; D'var Torah: TBA

Feb. 4: *First Friday Kabbalat Shabbat, Terumah* 6:30 p.m.

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