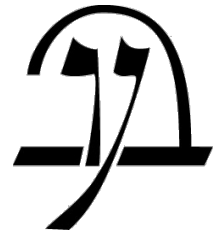


# Congregation Beth Am Bulletin



October 2020

Tishre-Cheshvan 5781

## חג שמחה

### **Moadim L'Simcha – Happy Holidays!**

Due to COVID-19, Congregation Beth Am has been holding Shabbat and holy day services on Zoom.

Every month has a First Friday Kabbalat Shabbat service at 6:30 p.m. October's will be on the first night of Sukkot, Oct. 2. At the service, there will be a special Sukkot learning from Stan and Wendy Drezek. November's First Friday is on the 6<sup>th</sup>.

If you would like to help lead any future services, contact Gary Kurzban at 210/826-4890 or [Kurzban ruiz@grandecom.net](mailto:Kurzban_ruiz@grandecom.net).

### **Rabbi Marcy**

Beth Am is happy to announce that Rabbi Marcy Greene will be visiting the congregation once a month for the next three months to lead services. Her next visit is on Shabbat *Noach*, Saturday, Oct. 24.

Her future visits will be on Nov. 28, *VaYetze*, and Dec. 26, *VaYigash*.

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

### **Welcome New Members!**

Beth Am welcomes the following new and returning members:

- Ana Blancarte-Gravin & Andy Gravin
- Natalie Gernsbacher
- Debbie Linck

### **Thank You**

To those who helped with Zoom Shabbat services in September: Karen Berkowitz, Marion Bernstein, Rabbi Marcy Greene, Gary Kurzban and Nancy Oseasohn.

To those who helped to lead Zoom High Holy Day services: Rona Aduna, Karen Berkowitz, Marion Bernstein, Jennifer Janes, Lenny Kestenbaum, Marianne Kestenbaum, Gary Kurzban, Vivian Weinstein, and Josh Yurcheshen.

To David Markson for his expert shofar blowing and to April and Eric Brahinsky for their moving rendition of Kol Nidre.

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

### **Important dates for voters:**

- Oct. 5: Last day to register to vote
- Oct. 13: First day of early voting
- Oct. 23: Vote by mail applications due
- Oct. 30: Last day of early voting
- Nov. 3: Election Day

### **In the Community**

#### ***Women's Rosh Chodesh Partnership Event***

The Jewish Federation of San Antonio is holding an online worldwide women's Rosh Chodesh event on Sunday, Oct. 18, in partnership with San Antonio's sister communities in Israel, the U.S. and Hungary. For information, please contact Lisa Epstein, 210-244-3546 or [<epsteinl@jfsatx.org>](mailto:epsteinl@jfsatx.org).

### ***Holocaust Memorial Museum Benefit***

The Holocaust Memorial Museum of San Antonio will be holding a multi-part benefit event, "For Hope For Humanity" on Tuesday evening, Oct. 27, starting at 5 p.m.

The master of ceremonies is Robert Rivard, and the guest speaker for the main program is author Eli Saslow. Tickets for the main event are \$250 per person.

The earlier reception and announcement of the Maxine Cohen Award for Holocaust teacher of the year, Ms. Sheriden DeCastro, NEISD Educator, will be presented free for the community through the generosity of event sponsors. Reservations should be made by Oct. 1.

For more information, please contact Jill Jacobs, 210-302-6968 <[jacobsj@jfsatx.org](mailto:jacobsj@jfsatx.org)>

### **Yahrzeits**

19 Tishri (Oct. 7) Suzanne Catlett, cousin of Jennifer Janes

28 Tishri (Oct. 16) Walter Garfinkel, brother of Rhoda Rappaport

2 Heshvan (Oct. 20) Paul Saunders, father of Michele Saunders

7 Heshvan (Oct. 25) Jules Maltz, father of Debra Maltz

8 Heshvan (Oct. 26) Leroy Shuster, husband of Dana Shuster

9 Heshvan (Oct. 27) Hannah Hattenbach, aunt of Marion Bernstein

9 Heshvan (Oct. 27) Abraham David Alterman, grandfather of Terri Foose

12 Heshvan (Oct. 30) Ceil Oseasohn, mother of Nancy Oseasohn

12 Heshvan (Oct. 30) Jerome Teller, uncle of Marion Bernstein



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### **OCTOBER SHABBAT/HOLIDAY SERVICES**

*Services are conducted on Zoom. If you would like to be included, please notify Marion Bernstein at [hlb@texas.net](mailto:hlb@texas.net).*

Oct. 2: *Sukkot* First Friday, 6:30 p.m. Learning with Stan and Wendy Drezek

Oct. 10: *Shmini Atzeret/Simchat Torah* Shaliach Tzibbur, Hallel & Yizkor: Marion Bernstein; Torah: Gary Kurzban, Marion Bernstein, Vivian Weinstein and Wendy Drezek; Haftarah: Vivian Weinstein; D'var Torah: Rhoda Rappaport

Oct. 17: *Bereshit* Shaliach Tzibbur: Marion Bernstein; Torah: Gary Kurzban; Haftarah: Karen Berkowitz; D'var Torah: Nancy Oseasohn

Oct. 24: *Noach* Shaliach Tzibbur: Marion Bernstein; Torah: Rabbi Marcy Greene; Haftarah: Marion Bernstein; D'var Torah: Rabbi Marcy.

Oct. 31: *Lech Lecha* Shaliach Tzibbur: Marion Bernstein; Torah: Karen Berkowitz; Haftarah: Lenny Kestenbaum; D'var Torah: Rona Aduna

Nov. 6: First Friday Kabbalat Shabbat, 6:30 p.m.



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