

Congregation Beth Am Bulletin



November 2020

Cheshvan-Kislev 5781

Zoom with Us

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. November's First Friday is on the 6th. December's is on the 4th.

If you would like to help lead any future services, contact Gary Kurzban at 210/826-4890 or Kurzban_ruiz@grandecom.net.

Rabbi Marcy

Rabbi Marcy Greene is visiting the congregation once a month to lead services. Her next virtual visit is on Thanksgiving weekend, Shabbat *VaYetze*, Saturday, Nov. 28.

She will also visit on Dec. 26, Shabbat *VaYigash*.

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

Thank You

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

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

Tuesday Nov. 3 is Election Day

In the Community

Fighting Hunger for Thanksgiving: (1) The San Antonio Food Bank

The San Antonio Food Bank invites the community to join its director, Eric Cooper, virtually on Sunday, Nov. 22, from 6 to 7 p.m. for a community celebration providing opportunities for reflections of gratitude through song and prayer.

For more details contact:

<ideal@safodbank.org>

Details will be updated at:

www.safodbank.org/interfaith

Every year, Stan and Wendy Drezek participate in a fundraising effort for Inner City Development's Thanksgiving 365 project.

The official virtual press conference to launch the drive will be on Nov. 10 at 10 am. You can contact the Drezeks ahead of time if you'd like to contribute.

Help Women at Center for Refugee Services

NCJW is partnering with the Center for Refugee Services by hosting a "Pads Project Drive-by Drop-off" to provide feminine hygiene products for women. They have specifically requested sanitary pads only. The event will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 18, 10-11:30 a.m. at

the JCC parking lot by the soccer field (enter at the light at the HEB)

If you are unable to drop off items on Nov. 18, but would like to make a donation to the project, please go to ncjwsa.org/donate and select Immigration and Refugee Support in the drop down menu.

For information, call Dana Bisnov: dubtx@aol.com, or Ruthie Wurzburg: ruthiewurzburg@gmail.com

Sign Up Your Children for PJ Library

Free Jewish books for children, mailed once a month directly to your home, are available through the PJ Library program. For information or to sign up, contact Julie Tzucker at the Jewish Federation, tzuckerj@jfsa.org.

ADL: "Never is Now" Conference

ADL (the Anti-Defamation League) will be holding a summit on antisemitism and hate from November 8-19.

At the world's largest event on antisemitism, hate and bigotry, one can learn about and discuss contemporary drivers of antisemitism and hate and how to replace misinformation with facts. It's online and free, so they expect a big crowd.

This year's gathering will cover critical topics like Antisemitism Across Borders, How Hate Has Moved from On Campus to Online, the Vital Need for Holocaust Education, Diverse Jewish Voices on Current Issues and Violent Attacks on the Jewish Community and the Fight to Overcome Them.

For information, go to www.adl.org.



"Fall Back" on Sunday, Nov. 1



Get your flu shot NOW!



RECONSTRUCTING JUDAISM

Deeply rooted. Boldly relevant.

The Global Day of Jewish Learning on Sunday, Nov. 8, is a project to unite Jewish communities across the world through study of our shared texts. The day unfolds during a 24-hour period of live-streamed events around the world. This year's theme is Judaism's vision of human dignity, the ethics of inclusivity and the imperative to decrease marginalization.

Rabbi Sarra Lev, Ph.D and Rabbi Micah Geurin Weiss will be representing Reconstructing Judaism.

"It shall be desolation":

Shunning and human dignity with Rabbi Sarra Lev, Ph.D.

This talk will read through a Talmudic story that explores the relationships between rumor, power and shunning as a disciplinary device.

HaHovel B'Havero:

The Damages of Whiteness with Rabbi Micah Geurin Weiss

Rabbi Micah Weiss will share personal reflections on his growing edges as a white Jewish teacher in a multiracial Jewish classroom, what this can teach other white Jews about building anti-racist Jewish communities, and a Mishnah he will never read the same way again.

Save the Date

The annual Catholic-Jewish Hanukkah luncheon will be on Dec. 10 from noon to 1:30 p.m.

The program this year will be virtual and will honor Jared Diamond and Dr. Luis Cisneros, who treated him when he contracted COVID-19, as well as all those affected by the coronavirus.

Yahrzeits

17 Heshvan (Nov. 4) Michael Shiver, father of Mark Shiver

21 Heshvan (Nov. 8) Sabina Davis Maltz, mother of Debra Maltz

26 Heshvan (Nov. 13) Ida Lindheim, former congregant

5 Kislev (Nov. 21) Benjamin Schwartzman, grandfather of Gary Kurzban

9 Kislev (Nov. 25) Frederick Kurzban, grandfather of Gary Kurzban

10 Kislev (Nov. 26) Betty Berkowitz, mother of Karen Berkowitz

10 Kislev (Nov. 26) Betty Hilton, sister-in-law of Sylvia Hilton

11 Kislev (Nov. 27) Walburga von Raffler-Engel, mother of Robert Engel

NOVEMBER SHABBAT SERVICES

Services are conducted on Zoom. If you would like to be included, please notify Marion Bernstein at hlb@texas.net.

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

Nov. 14: *Chaye Sara* Shaliach Tzibbur: Marion Bernstein; Torah: Karen Berkowitz; Haftarah: Vivian Weinstein; D'var Torah: Rona Aduna

Nov. 21: *Toldot* Shaliach Tzibbur: Marion Bernstein; Torah: Jennifer Janes; Haftarah: Lenny Kestenbaum; D'var Torah: Rhoda Rappaport

Nov. 28: *VaYetze* Shaliach Tzibbur: Marion Bernstein; Torah: Rabbi Marcy Greene; Haftarah: TBA; D'var Torah: Rabbi Marcy.

Dec. 4: First Friday Kabbalat Shabbat, 6:30 p.m. The Drezeks will offer a special learning for Hanukkah, which begins on Dec. 10.

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