



November 2024

Tishre-Cheshvan 5785

(First?) Friday Kabbalat Shabbat

First Friday services will be held on a second Friday, Nov. 8, at 6:30 p.m., with a learning session featuring Rabbi Armin Langer. The Torah portion is *Lech Lecha*.

December's Kabbalat Shabbat service will actually be on the first Friday, Dec. 6. Wendy Drezek will offer the *shiur* (lesson). The weekly portion is *Va-Yetze*.

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

Dates for Rabbi Armin Langer

- **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.

**Election Day Nov. 5
Remember to Vote!**

Thank You

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

Special High Holy Day thanks to:

Karen Berkowitz & Marion Bernstein for service leadership

Karen Berkowitz, Wendy Drezek, and Gary Kurzban for Torah readings

Josh Yurcheshen for singing "Who by Fire?"
Vivian Weinstein, Marianne Kestenbaum, and Monica Perlmutter for Haftarah readings
Jennifer Janes for chanting "Kol Nidre"

Henry Bernstein for Shofar blowing and d'var Torah

Ana Blancarte for flower arrangement

Mark Shiver for security arrangements

To Gary Kurzban & Terry Ruiz for hosting Open Sukkah at their home

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

WHAT I LOVE ABOUT BETH AM

Over the years Wendy and I have been on and off members of Beth Am, but we always come back to Beth Am. There are two primary reasons we keep coming back to Beth Am as our primary home: first, the people and second, the authenticity of a participatory congregation. That Beth Am is more of a community than a congregation

was really apparent to me with my recent hospitalization.

Wendy and I received so many offers of help, we had more help than we could possibly use, and it was from across the congregation. I wanted to especially thank Natalie Gernsbacher, who arrived at my hospital room the first night of Succot with dinners for Wendy and me and all sorts of healthy treats. I had spoken to Natalie at Tashlich and other events over the years but I never would have expected her going over the top.

Along with Natalie, offers of help poured in from Robert and Hiroko Engel, Steve Samet, Debbie Linck, Marga Speicher, Michelle Saunders, Jayne Greenburg, Debbie Maltz, Jennifer Janes, Mike Roth, the Marksons, Jan Longfellow, Irene Koenig, Rona Aduna, and Henry Bernstein. That brings me to my second point. Beth Am is authentically participatory. I credit Marion and the Ritual Committee with doing two things over the years. First, fitting service length and frequency to the resources we have. Second, involving EVERYBODY in person and zoom in readings, dvars, songs. The services are truly participatory and make each participant part of the service and not the audience. Thanks to everybody who has made Beth Am continue to this day and for all the offers of help and support you sent to Wendy and me. We are in this for the long-haul and "That's what I love about Beth Am".

Stan Drezek

Yahrzeits

- 30 Tishri (Nov. 1) Robert Gregerman, husband of Marge Gregerman
- 2 Heshvan (Nov. 3) Paul Saunders, father of Michele Saunders
- 7 Heshvan (Nov. 8) Jules Maltz, father of Debra Maltz
- 8 Heshvan (Nov. 9) Leroy Shuster, husband of Dana Shuster
- 9 Heshvan (Nov. 10) Hannah Hattenbach, aunt of Marion Bernstein
- 9 Heshvan (Nov. 10) Abraham David Alterman, grandfather of Terri Foose
- 9 Heshvan (Nov. 10) Michele Sherman, daughter of Terri Foose
- 12 Heshvan (Nov. 13) Ceil Oseasohn, mother of Nancy Oseasohn
- 12 Heshvan (Nov. 13) Jerome Teller, uncle of Marion Bernstein
- 17 Heshvan (Nov. 18) Michael Shiver, father of Mark Shiver
- 21 Heshvan (Nov. 22) Sabina Davis Maltz, mother of Debra Maltz
- 24 Heshvan (Nov. 25) Sylvia Hilton, aunt of Rabbi Julie Hilton Danan
- 26 Heshvan (Nov. 27) Ida Lindheim, grandmother of Rabbi Julie Hilton Danan

**Remember to "Fall Back" on
Sunday, November 3!**



In the Community:

Kristallnacht Community Commemoration

The 86th Anniversary of the Night of
Broken Glass

Thursday, November 7, 2024 • 7pm
at the Campus of the San Antonio Jewish Community

RSVP at hmmsa.org/kristallnacht

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NOVEMBER SHABBAT SERVICES

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

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

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

Nov. 16: *Va-Yera* Shaliach Tzibbur: Marion Bernstein; Torah: Karen Berkowitz; Haftarah: Vivian Weinstein; D'var Torah: Andy Gravin

Nov. 23: *Chayei Sara* Shaliach Tzibbur: Marion Bernstein; Torah: Gary Kurzban; Haftarah: Nancy Oseasohn; D'var Torah: Nancy Oseasohn

Nov. 30: *Toledot* Shaliach Tzibbur: Marion Bernstein; Torah: Gary Kurzban; Haftarah: Marianne Kestenbaum; D'var Torah: Rona Aduna

Dec. 6: *Va-Yetze* First Friday Kabbalat Shabbat, 6:30 p.m. Shiur: Wendy Drezek

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