



### First Friday Kabbalat Shabbat

In February, our Kabbalat Shabbat service will be on Groundhog's Day, Friday, Feb. 2, at 6:30 p.m. The portion of the week, *Yitro*, contains the Ten Commandments. Wendy Drezek will offer a d'var Torah.

March's First Friday is March 1.

### Rabbi Armin Langer is Back!

We are happy to report that Rabbi Armin Langer will be visiting Beth Am by Zoom on Saturday morning, Feb. 17, *Parashat Terumah*, and in each of several coming months.

Upcoming visits include:

Saturday, March 23 – 6:00 p.m., Purim  
Saturday, April 27 – Chol Hamoed Pesach

### Thank You

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

To Henry Bernstein and his Zoom committee for ongoing technical support.

### Mazal Tov

To Cheryl Patton on her upcoming marriage to Jeff Duncan this month.

### 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

### Israel-Gaza War

Donate to the Emergency Response Campaign of the Jewish Federation

Torah, contact Gary Kurzban at [kurzban.ruiz@gmail.com](mailto:kurzban.ruiz@gmail.com).

If you'd like to attend services via Zoom, please get in touch with Henry Bernstein, [hbmbtx@gmail.com](mailto:hbmbtx@gmail.com).

### Membership Outreach

Congregation Beth Am's membership committee of Stan & Wendy Drezek and Marianne Kestenbaum invite all Beth Am members to let us know about anyone who might be interested in Beth Am. We are particularly aware that many don't want to affiliate. But we believe persons who connect with Beth Am by even occasionally coming to a service or event may have experiences that over time allow them to feel part of our community and eventually participate more, and even become members. Please contact Stan at [stanwendre@gmail.com](mailto:stanwendre@gmail.com).

### Contributions

A generous contribution was made to Beth Am by Mark Shiver in memory of his uncle, Red Davis.

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

### Yahrzeits

22 Shevat (Feb. 1) Elinor Pusin, wife of Col. Bernard Pusin

22 Shevat (Feb. 1) Larry Golden, husband of Meredith Norwood  
 22 Shevat (Feb. 1) Gilbert Bernstein, father of Henry Bernstein  
 27 Shevat (Feb. 6) Jacob Berkowitz, father of Karen Berkowitz  
 27 Shevat (Feb. 6) Billie Steinmann Duncan, mother of Dana Shuster  
 7 Adar (Feb. 16) Mary Lazarus, sister of James Lazarus  
 8 Adar (Feb. 17) Samuel Cohen, uncle of Michele Saunders  
 9 Adar (Feb. 18) Richard Lazarus, brother of James Lazarus  
 11 Adar (Feb. 20) Jeanette Karren, grandmother of Natalie Gernsbacher  
 16 Adar (Feb. 25) Pauline Garfinkel, grandmother of Marianne Kestenbaum  
 18 Adar (Feb. 27) Gladys Lazarus, mother of James Lazarus  
 20 Adar (Feb. 29) Carol Salit, sister of Rona Aduna  
 20 Adar (Feb. 29) Genesis Epstein Greenburg, mother of Jayne Greenburg

Vivian Weinstein; D'var Torah: Nancy Oseasohn. *Board Meeting following services*  
Feb. 17: Terumah Shaliach Tzibbur: Marion Bernstein; Torah: Karen Berkowitz; Haftarah: Vivian Weinstein; D'var Torah: Rabbi Armin Langer  
Feb. 24: Tetzaveh Shaliach Tzibbur: Marion Bernstein; Torah: Karen Berkowitz; Haftarah: Rabbi Jeffrey Gale; D'var Torah: Rona Aduna  
March 1: First Friday Kabbalat Shabbat 6:30 p.m. *Tzav* with Nancy Oseasohn

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## In the Community

2024 Primary Election - Key Dates

- FEB 5** Last day to register to vote or change your address
- FEB 20** First day to vote early in person
- FEB 23** Last day to apply for a vote-by-mail ballot
- MAR 1** Last day to vote early in person
- MAR 5** Election Day and vote-by-mail ballot receipt deadline

**VOTE 411**

## FEBRUARY SHABBAT SERVICES

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

Feb. 2: *First Friday Kabbalat Shabbat* 6:30 p.m. *Yitro* with Wendy Drezek.

Feb. 10: *Mishpatim/Rosh Chodesh Adar 1* Shaliach Tzibbur & Hallel: Marion Bernstein; Torah: Gary Kurzban; Haftarah: