

Congregation Beth Am



March 2019

Adar 1/Adar 2 5779

Purim!

Rabbi Marcy's Visit in March

The Rabbi Marcy Greene uses contemporary songs that tie into the theme of the weekly parasha to explore religious ideas. On March 23 she will be looking at *Tzav*, and the congregation will celebrate a belated but enthusiastic Purim with excerpts from the Megillah, and hamentaschen at kiddush.

Rabbi Marcy Greene will be visiting once a month on Saturday mornings through June 2019. The dates that have been set in future months are April 27, May 25 and June 29.

First Friday Kabbalat Shabbat

March's First Friday will be at the home of Rhoda Rappaport at 6:30 p.m. on March 1. Please bring beverages, side dish or dessert to share for a potluck dinner following Kabbalat Shabbat services.

April's First Friday is Apr. 6 – a good chance to get rid of your extra chametz (leavened goods). Once again, Rhoda will host.

Pesach!

If Purim's here, Pesach (Passover) is certainly not far behind!

Passover begins with the first Seder on Friday night, April 19.

Mark your calendars for a special 8th day service with Rabbi Marcy Greene on April 27, followed by a Passover kiddush.

Condolences

To Jayne Greenburg on the loss of her mother, Genesia Epstein Greenburg. Shiva minyans will be held on the evenings of Sunday, March 3, and Monday, March 4. Details forthcoming.

Thank You

To those who helped with Shabbat services in February: Marion Bernstein, Meredith Fox, Lenny Kestenbaum, Nancy Oseasohn, Gary Kurzban, and Diana Samuels.

To those who provided kiddush in February: Meredith Fox and Nancy Oseasohn.

To the Kestenbaums for hosting First Friday in February.

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



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In the Community

Trauma & Resiliency

The Jewish Federation will be hosting its annual Myron B. Zinn, M.D., Lecture at the University of the Incarnate Word's Concert Hall at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 26. The featured speaker is Dr. Rachel Yehuda, an Israeli expert on PTSD. The event is free and open to the public. For information, call 210/302-6960.

Symphony Concert at the JCC

The San Antonio Symphony presents "Concert (210)" at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 13 at the Holzman Auditorium. Tickets are free but must be reserved in advance by calling the JCC or using their web site. The concert features works by French composers Milhaud and Poulenc.

Modern Loss: A Conversation about Grief

The Jewish Community Center and Jewish Family Service present *Modern Loss: Candid Conversation About Grief, Beginners Welcome*, at 5 p.m. on March 24 at the Jewish campus. The book, by Gabrielle Birkner and Rebecca Soffer, can help us face one of the most uncomfortable topics in life: death. Inspired by the website that the *New York Times* hailed as "redefining mourning," this book offers a roadmap for navigating grief and resilience in the modern age.

This event features a discussion about the book with the authors, followed by a meet-and-greet opportunity.

Tickets are \$9.50 online, \$10 by phone and at the JCC. Tickets that include a copy of the book are \$30 plus tax.

Pre-purchased books are available to pick up when you check-in at the event. Books may be personalized at the meet-and-greet. Additional copies of the book can be purchased at the event pending availability.

Interfaith Expert to Speak

Rabbi Jack Bemporad, a noted expert on interfaith relations, will speak on two topics in one evening on Sunday, March 10 at 7 p.m. at the Holzman Auditorium on the Jewish community campus. The first half of his presentation will be "Toward a Living Judaism: Why Be Jewish?" The second half is titled "Being the Blessing: Uniting Religions to Address the World's Greatest Challenges."

For information or to make a reservation, call Ellen Ollervidez at 210/302-6962.

Eva Schloss, Stepsister to Anne Frank

Chabad and Trinity University are bringing Eva Schloss to San Antonio on Tuesday evening, March 19. She will speak at Laurie Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

"Bagels Over Berlin"

Bagels Over Berlin, a documentary film about the experiences of Jewish Air Army Corps veterans in WWII will be shown at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 4, at the Jewish Campus' Barshop Auditorium. The event includes the film's director, Alan Feinberg, and is sponsored by The Holocaust Memorial Museum of San Antonio, The Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation, B'nai B'rith-Alamo Brandeis Chapter, and community members who have served or are serving in the military. The Winston Churchill Honor Guard will open the program, and an exhibit of WWII artifacts will be on view.

Yahrzeits

27 Adar (March 4) Diane Maltz, sister of Debra Maltz

6 Adar II (March 13) Jan Jennings, sister of Gail Jennings

21 Adar II (March 28) Fannie Haffner, mother of Steve Haffner

24 Adar II (March 31) Samuel Hilton, father of Sylvia Hilton

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MARCH SHABBAT SERVICES

☆ *Saturday services are at 10 a.m. in the Thoreau Building, UUC, 7150 IH-10 West.* ☆

Mar. 1: First Friday Kabbalat Shabbat, 6:30 p.m. at the home of Rhoda Rappaport

March 9: *Pikudei* Gabbai: Gary Kurzban; Shaliach Tzibbur: Marion Bernstein; Torah: Peter Janes; Haftarah: Rona Aduna; D'var Torah: Rhoda Rappaport; Kiddush: Lenny & Marianne Kestenbaum

March 23: *Tzav* Gabbai: Gary Kurzban; Shaliach Tzibbur: Marion Bernstein; Torah: Rabbi Marcy Greene; Haftarah (Megillah excerpts) Karen Berkowitz; D'var Torah: Rabbi Marcy; Kiddush: the Kurzban-Ruiz family

Apr. 5: First Friday Kabbalat Shabbat, 6:30 p.m. at the home of Rhoda Rappaport

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