



March 2023

Adar-Nisan 5783

First Friday Kabbalat Shabbat

March's First Friday is March 3, at 6:30 p.m. The Torah portion is *Tetzaveh*, but it's also *Shabbat Zachor*, the Sabbath before Purim. Henry Bernstein will provide a summary.



Purim is Here!

Congregation Beth Am will host a Zoom Megillah reading on erev Purim, March 6, at 6:30 p.m. Want to be part of the fun? Volunteer to take on a chapter of the Book of Esther by contacting Marion at marionintx@gmail.com, ASAP.

Be sure to wear a costume and bring a *gragger* (noisemaker).

Let's Get Loud!

UPCOMING VISITS FROM RABBI ARMIN LANGER

- Saturday morning, March 25
 - Friday evening, April 7, Passover
 - Saturday morning, May 27, Shavuot
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You Can Do It! Be a Leader!

If you would like to lead any upcoming services, read Torah or Haftarah in Hebrew or English, or give a d'var Torah, contact Nancy Oseasohn at oseasohn@att.net.

If you'd like to attend Zoom services, please get in touch with Henry Bernstein, hbmbtx@gmail.com.

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

Thank You

To those who helped with Zoom Shabbat and services in February, as well as a special shiva minyan on Tu B'Shevat: Rona Aduna, Karen Berkowitz, Marion Bernstein, Wendy Drezek, Andy Gravin, Lenny Kestenbaum, Marianne Kestenbaum, Gary Kurzban, Rabbi Armin Langer, Nancy Oseasohn, Rhoda Rappaport, and Vivian Weinstein.

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

Membership Special – Join Now!

Congregation Beth Am is offering new members a great deal: those who sign up now will not be billed for dues for the first year of their membership.

For details, please contact Lenny Kestenbaum, kesty2@hotmail.com.

In the Community

Hadassah Shabbat at Cong. Shalom

The San Antonio Chapter of Hadassah will be celebrating the organization's 111th birthday at Shabbat services on Friday, March 10, at 6:45 pm. at Congregation Shalom.

Services are led by Rabbi Lisa Goldstein and held at House of Prayer Lutheran Church, 10226 Ironside Drive. Services may

also be attended virtually by visiting Congregation Shalom's home page <https://shalomsa.org>, which offers links to YouTube or Zoom.

Hadassah is sponsoring an Oneg following services.

Hadassah was founded on Purim and named in honor of Queen Esther. The organization, known for its hospitals and Youth Aliyah villages in Israel, continues to provide hope, healing, and service to the Jewish people.

Hadassah has become a world leader in medical research and cutting-edge medical treatments. Hadassah also rescues at-risk children; most recently, Ukrainian high school refugees were welcomed and settled in Youth Aliyah villages.

For more information about Hadassah Shabbat, please contact Kathy O'Neill at <kathyoNeill@outlook.com>.



Tell Us How Violence Impacts Your Community
Help Us Plan Ways to Prevent Violence
Community Conversations
Sponsored by Faith Leaders Collaborative to Prevent Violence

Thursday, March 2 6:00-7:30 PM Second Baptist Church Community Center 3310 E. Commerce	Sunday, March 5 6:00-7:30 PM St. Paul Catholic Church Community Center 1201 Donaldson Ave.
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Be a Deputy Voter Registrar

NCJW-SA, partnering with the Bexar County Elections Office, is offering in person training and certification for volunteer registrars at Temple Beth-El. The event is scheduled at 1 p.m. on Thursday, March 16. They need 30 attendees for the in-person training - encourage family & friends who want to make a difference!

Get out the vote! Help others get out to vote! Be part of the change!



Yahrzeits

- 8 Adar (March 1) Samuel Cohen, uncle of Michele Saunders
- 9 Adar (March 2) Richard Lazarus, brother of James Lazarus
- 11 Adar (March 4) Jeanette Karren, grandmother of Natalie Gernsbacher
- 16 Adar (March 9) Pauline Garfinkel, grandmother of Marianne Kestenbaum
- 18 Adar (March 11) Gladys Lazarus, mother of James Lazarus
- 20 Adar (March 13) Carol Salit, sister of Rona Aduna
- 20 Adar (March 13) Genesis Epstein Greenburg, mother of Jayne Greenburg
- 21 Adar II (March 14) Fannie Haffner, mother of Steve Haffner
- 23 Adar (March 16) Corky Maltz, aunt of Natalie Gernsbacher
- 27 Adar (March 20) Diane Maltz, sister of Debra Maltz
- 8 Nisan (March 30) John Goss Skelton, congregant

MARCH SHABBAT SERVICES

Services are held on Zoom. If you would like an invitation, please notify Marion Bernstein at hbmbtx@gmail.com.

March 3: *First Friday Kabbalat Shabbat, Tetzaveh/Shabbat Zachor, 6:30 p.m.*
Education: Henry Bernstein

March 11: *Ki Tissa/Shabbat Parah* Shaliach Tzibbur: Marion Bernstein; Torah: Karen Berkowitz; Haftarah: Andy Gravin; D'var Torah: Nancy Oseasohn

March 18: *VaYakhel-Pekudei/Shabbat ha-Chodesh* Shaliach Tzibbur: Marion Bernstein; Torah: Marion Bernstein;

Haftarah: Vivian Weinstein; D'var Torah:
Rona Aduna

March 25: *VaYikra* Shaliach Tzibbur: Marion
Bernstein; Torah: Gary Kurzban; Haftarah:
Lenny Kestenbaum; D'var Torah: Rabbi
Armin Langer

April 1: *Shabbat ha-Gadol* Shaliach Tzibbur:
Marion Bernstein; Torah: TBA; Haftarah:
TBA; D'var Torah: TBA

April 7: *First Friday Kabbalat Shabbat &
Chol Ha-Moed Passover*, 6:30 p.m. with
Rabbi Armin Langer

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