



March 2025

Adar-Nisan 5785

First Friday Kabbalat Shabbat

Rabbi Armin Langer will be joining us for First Friday on March 7 at 6:30 p.m. He will be presenting a learning session before services begin.

April's First Friday, on April 5, will feature a learning session with Wendy Drezek.

Dates for Rabbi Armin Langer

- Friday, March 7
- Saturday, April 19



Purim Celebration!

Saturday, March 15, 6:30 pm

Congregation Beth Am invites you to its Megillah reading on Saturday evening, March 15, at 6:30 p.m. It will be a live/hybrid event at the UUC and on Zoom, with congregants and friends reading the Book of Esther. Following the reading, there will be a Havdalah and potluck refreshments.

Those attending are encouraged to bring noisemakers and to wear costumes. Let's get loud!

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

BethAmConnect goes ZOOM!

By Wendy Drezek

For many years our family hosted several evening learning sessions. I am returning to this tradition ala ZOOM:

- April 6th Looking forward to a Chametz Party
- May 25th Make your own Torah Study
- September 14th Working on Teshuvah

All brief introductions/discussions will be at 4 p.m. on Sundays. Zoom links and discussion materials will be provided.



Stan & Wendy Drezek made this major "Mishloach Manot" (Purim goodies) donation!

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.

Mazal Tov!

To Mark Shiver on the birth of his grandson, Colin Robert James, born on Feb. 17 in Tyler.

To Natalie Gernsbacher on the marriage of her son, Ryan.

Thank You

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

In the Community

Upcoming Events of the Jewish Community Relations Council

March 6: Thursday at 7 pm -- Global Antisemitism Forum. Join the JCRC for an urgent and critical conversation with the Consuls General of Germany, Greece, Israel, and Ukraine as the Jewish community confronts the alarming rise of antisemitism across Europe today Event will be held at Congregation Agudas Achim.

[Register Here.](#)

Thursday, March 20: plans for the JCRC Iftar dinner in partnership with the Raindrop Foundation.

Sunday, March 30, 2 to 4 p.m.: Join the JCRC at Trinity University Ruth Taylor Recital Hall as they partner with NCJW-SA for a discussion about the Separation of Church and State. Seating is limited so register today at <separation-church-state.eventbrite.com>. ASL interpreters will be available.

The Spice Detective

On Monday, March 24, at 7 p.m., explore the magnificent world of Middle Eastern spices and herbs with Israeli Chef Yaniv Cohen, The Spice Detective. Winner of the Netflix cooking show “The Best Leftovers Ever!” and owner of Miami’s beloved Israeli

restaurant, JAFFA, Chef Cohen will share his culinary journey from Israel to Miami and how he became obsessed with spices and their flavors, aromas, colors and properties.

From the aromatic allure of cumin to the earthiness of turmeric, each recipe is a testament to his expertise and passion for Israeli spices. Together, attendees will learn flavorful twists on traditional Middle Eastern dishes, engage in a sensory exploration of various spices, and create our own perfect schwarma spice mix.

Contact Jodi Marion, Event Coordinator,
at marionj@jfsatx.org

Financial Aid for Students

The Foundation for Jewish Philanthropies of San Antonio is now accepting applications for financial assistance for Jewish overnight camp, college/university scholarships, including one for pre-med undergraduates, Jewish professional studies, and Micro-Program Grants.

In addition, there is a new scholarship for a one-year study in Israel for students enrolled in a Texas university.

Applications must be submitted no later than close of business on Friday, April 11. You can find the guidelines and applications at <https://www.jfsatx.org/apply>

There is still funding available on a first-come, first-served basis for One Happy Camper:

<https://jewishcamp.org/families/grants-scholarships/one-happy-camper/>

Yahrzeits

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

7 Adar (March 7) Mary Lazarus, sister of James Lazarus

8 Adar (March 8) Samuel Cohen, uncle of Michele Saunders

9 Adar (March 9) Richard Lazarus, brother of James Lazarus

11 Adar (March 11) Jeanette Karren, grandmother of Natalie Gernsbacher
 16 Adar (March 16) Pauline Garfinkel, grandmother of Marianne Kestenbaum
 18 Adar (March 18) Gladys Lazarus, mother of James Lazarus
 20 Adar (March 20) Carol Salit, sister of Rona Aduna
 20 Adar (March 20) Genesis Epstein Greenburg, mother of Jayne Greenburg
 21 Adar (March 21) Fannie Haffner, mother of Steve Haffner
 23 Adar (March 23) Corky Maltz, aunt of Natalie Gernsbacher
 27 Adar (March 27) Diane Maltz, sister of Debra Maltz
 28 Adar (March 28) Harold Karren, uncle of Natalie Gernsbacher

MARCH SHABBAT SERVICES

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

March 7: *Tetzaveh/Shabbat Zachor* First Friday Kabbalat Shabbat, 6:30 p.m. Shiur: Rabbi Armin Langer

March 15: PURIM

6:30 p.m. Megillah Reading at UUC/Zoom followed by Havdalah and refreshments

March 22: *VaYakhel/Shabbat Parah* Shaliach Tzibbur: Marion Bernstein; Torah: TBA; Haftarah: TBA; D'var Torah: TBA

March 29: *Pekudei/Shabbat HaChodesh* Shaliach Tzibbur: Marion Bernstein; Torah: TBA; Haftarah: TBA; D'var Torah: TBA

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