



May 2022

Tyar-Sivan 5782

## First Friday with Rabbi Langer

Our next First Friday Kabbalat Shabbat, on May 6 at 6:30 p.m., will include a learning opportunity with Student Rabbi Armin Langer. As we will be in the midst of counting the Omer, he will talk about that special stretch of time between Passover and Shavuot.

There will be no First Friday in June. Instead, we will hold a Havdalah service and Ma'ariv for the holiday of Shavuot, which begins on Saturday evening, June 4. Rabbi Langer (who will have received his ordination by then!) will discuss the subject of revelation and how it is viewed by the Reconstructionist movement.



## Zoom with Beth Am

If you would like to lead any upcoming services, read Torah or Haftarah in Hebrew or English, or give a d'var Torah, please contact Gary Kurzban at 210-826-4890, or [Kurzban ruiz@grandecom.net](mailto:Kurzban_ruiz@grandecom.net).

If you'd like the link for Zoom services, please contact Henry Bernstein, [hbmbtx@gmail.com](mailto:hbmbtx@gmail.com).

## Congregation's Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of Congregation Beth Am will be held on Sunday, June 26, on Zoom. The slate of officers for 2022-2023 is as follows:

President: Gary Kurzban  
Vice-President, Ritual: Marion Bernstein  
Vice-President, Financial: Mark Shiver

Vice-President, Admin: Karen Berkowitz  
Membership: Lenny Kestenbaum  
Secretary: Rona Aduna  
Past President: Marianne Kestenbaum

## In the Community

### Israel Independence Day

Congregation Rodfei Sholom will be hosting the community-wide celebration of Israeli Independence Day, *Yom Ha-Atzma'ut*, from 5 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, May 5. The event is sponsored by the Jewish Federation of San Antonio.

## Mayday! Fight Against Hunger!



Feed SA, in conjunction with the San Antonio Food Bank, is a community-wide program that provides thousands of meals in the fight against hunger in San Antonio. As you may have read, more people need help now because of the rising price of food.

### The Big Idea: PROTEIN POWER

NCJW is collecting tuna and peanut butter!

When: Sunday, May 1, 10 a.m. - noon.

Drop off sites: Temple Beth-El and Agudas Achim (drive by/drop off)

Monetary donations will also be accepted on-site, or you may submit via NCJW-SA.

### ***There are Two Elections in May***

The first election includes a Texas Constitutional Amendment Election on May 7, as well as local bond issues and other items. There are two proposed constitutional amendments on the ballot. Information is available on VOTE411.org and at lwvtx.org.

**2022 Local & Constitutional Amendment Election - Key Dates**

- Last day to register to vote or change address  
April 7
- First day to vote early in person  
April 25
- Last day to apply for vote-by-mail ballot  
April 26
- Last day to vote early in person  
May 3
- Election Day and Vote-by-Mail ballot receipt deadline  
May 7

**LWV** **VOTE 411**

The second election, on May 27, is a runoff election for primaries held earlier in 2022.

**LWV** **2022 Primary Runoff Election - Key Dates**

- Last day to register to vote or change address  
April 25
- Last day to apply for vote-by-mail ballot  
May 13
- First day to vote early in person  
May 16
- Last day to vote early in person  
May 20
- Election Day and Vote-by-Mail ballot receipt deadline  
May 24

**VOTE 411**

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

## **Thank You**

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

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

## **Membership Special—Join Now!**

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

For details, please call Lenny Kestenbaum, 210/493-9654.

## **Yahrzeits**

30 Nisan (May 1) Joseph Bender, father of Marjorie Gregerman

2 Iyyar (May 3) Nathan (Ned) Alterman, grandfather of Terri Foose

8 Iyyar (May 9) Randy Gernsbacher, husband of Natalie Gernsbacher

11 Iyyar (May 12) Sherry Kestenbaum Grossman, sister of Lenny Kestenbaum

26 Iyyar (May 27) Gerda Holthuis, grand-mother of Jennifer Janes

27 Iyyar (May 28) Myron A. Roth, father of Mike Roth

27 Iyyar (May 28) Dr. Bernard Garfinkel, cousin of Marianne Kestenbaum

27 Iyyar (May 28) Carol Shiver, mother of Mark Shiver

## **MAY 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).*

May 6: *First Friday/Kedoshim* Adult Education: Student Rabbi Armin Langer

May 14: *Emor* Shaliach Tzibbur: Marion Bernstein; Torah: Karen Berkowitz; Haftarah: Vivian Weinstein; D'var Torah: Rhoda Rappaport

May 21: *Behar* Shaliach Tzibbur: Marion Bernstein; Torah: TBA; Haftarah: Andy Gravin; D'var Torah: Rona Aduna

May 28: *Bekbukotai* Shaliach Tzibbur: Marion Bernstein; Torah: Gary Kurzban; Haftarah: Lenny Kestenbaum; D'var Torah: Nancy Oseasohn  
June 4: *Shavuot* with Rabbi Armin Langer

### **2022 OFFICERS & BOARD**

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