



May 2023

Iyyar-Sivan 5783

## First Friday Kabbalat Shabbat

May's First Friday begins at 6:30 p.m. on May 5 on Zoom. Wendy Drezek will be providing a brief lesson.

First Friday in June will be on June 2 at 6:30 p.m. We will be hearing then from Stan Drezek.



## Celebrate the Feast of Weeks – Shavuot

The holiday celebrating the giving of the Torah and the “first fruits” offering begins on Thursday evening, May 25. Congregation Beth Am will be observing the second day of the holiday on Saturday morning, May 27. Services will include Hallel and Yizkor (memorial prayers).

**UPCOMING VISIT FROM  
RABBI ARMIN LANGER**

*Change of Date – Saturday, May 13*

## You Can Do It! Be a Leader!

If you would like to help 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](mailto:oseasohn@att.net).

If you'd like to attend Zoom services, please get in touch with Henry Bernstein, [hbmbtx@gmail.com](mailto: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 services in April: Rona Aduna, Karen Berkowitz, Marion Bernstein, Andy Gravin, Lenny Kestenbaum, Marianne Kestenbaum, Anastasia Khusanov, Gary Kurzban, Rabbi Armin Langer, Nancy Oseasohn, Mark Shiver and Vivian Weinstein.

To Henry Bernstein and his Zoom committee for ongoing technical support: 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](mailto:kesty2@hotmail.com).

**San Antonio Municipal Elections May 6  
Remember to Vote!**

## Torat Yovel: The Torah of Jubilee

Wednesday, May 3 @ 1:30 p.m. EDT  
hosted by the Reconstructionist  
Rabbinical Association

The year 2023 marks 50 years of a  
Reconstructionist rabbinate. We are

thrilled to celebrate and honor **Rabbi Michael Luckens**. Join us for the Torat Yovel: The Torah of Jubilee celebration.

Rabbi Luckens will reflect on 50 years in the rabbinate in a public virtual presentation on May 3, at 1:30 p.m. EDT. At the end of his talk, Rabbi Luckens will be presented with a signed and numbered art print commissioned for this occasion by renowned artist **Rabbi Me'irah Iliinsky**.

The entire RRA membership, Reconstructing Judaism's Board of Governors, RRC Faculty, RRC student body, and larger Reconstructionist community are invited to join us for this free public program and celebration.

[More Information & Register Here](#)

## Yahrzeits

11 Iyyar (May 2) Sherry Kestenbaum Grossman, sister of Lenny Kestenbaum  
26 Iyyar (May 17) Gerda Holthuis, grandmother of Jennifer Janes  
27 Iyyar (May 18) Henry Weinstein, husband of Vivian Weinstein  
27 Iyyar (May 18) Myron A. Roth, father of Mike Roth  
27 Iyyar (May 18) Dr. Bernard Garfinkel, cousin of Marianne Kestenbaum  
27 Iyyar (May 18) Carol Shiver, mother of Mark Shiver  
3 Sivan (May 23) Peter Cohen, grandfather of Michele Saunders  
4 Sivan (May 24) Judi Bernstein Cohen, cousin of Rhoda Rappaport

6 Sivan (May 26) Stanley F. Drezek, father of Stan Drezek

6 Sivan (May 26) Fannie Garfinkel, mother of Rhoda Rappaport

6 Sivan (May 26) Annette Hattenbach, aunt of Marion Bernstein

8 Sivan (May 28) Meyer B. Weissman, father of Bennett Weissman

8 Sivan (May 28) Morton Kurzban, father of Gary Kurzban

## 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 5: First Friday Kabbalat Shabbat, 6:30 p.m. Presentation: Wendy Drezek

May 13: Behar-Bechukotai Shaliach Tzibbur: Marion Bernstein; Torah: Marion Bernstein; Haftarah: Karen Berkowitz; D'var Torah: Rabbi Armin Langer

May 20: Bamidbar Shaliach Tzibbur: Marion Bernstein; Torah: Karen Berkowitz; Haftarah & D'var Torah: Vivian Weinstein

May 27: Shavuot Shaliach Tzibbur & Hallel: Marion Bernstein; Torah: Gary Kurzban; Haftarah: Lenny Kestenbaum; D'var Torah: Marianne Kestenbaum

June 2: First Friday Kabbalat Shabbat, 6:30 p.m. Presentation: Stan Drezek

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