



July 2024

Sivan/Tammuz 5784

## First Friday Kabbalat Shabbat

July's First Friday will be at 6:30 p.m. on July 5. It's Rosh Chodesh Tammuz and Wendy will be providing the shiur (lesson). The parasha is *Korach*.

As on previous First Fridays, Gary Kurzban and Terry Ruiz will host the live component of our hybrid service. If you'd like to attend, please contact them at [kurzban.ruiz@gmail.com](mailto:kurzban.ruiz@gmail.com) and let them know what vegetarian goodies you'll bring.

August's First Friday is Aug. 2 at 6:30 p.m.

**Save the Date:  
Beth Am Annual Meeting  
Sunday, August 25**

## Contributions

Generous contributions to Beth Am have been made by:

- Marianne Kestenbaum "in memory of all recent deaths and yahrzeits in 2024."
- Mark Shiver on the yahrzeit of his mother, Carol Shiver
- Stan Drezek on the yahrzeit of his father, Stanley F. Drezek.

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

## Thank You

To those who helped with Shabbat services in June: Rona Aduna, Karen Berkowitz,

Marion Bernstein, Wendy Drezek, Marianne Kestenbaum, Gary Kurzban, Nancy Oseasohn and Vivian Weinstein

To Henry Bernstein and his Zoom committee for ongoing technical support.

To Congregation Shalom Rav in Austin, a special thanks for inviting us to their services on July 15. And a Todah Rabah to Rabbi Ari Vernon of Houston.

## Upcoming Dates for Rabbi Armin Langer

- Saturday, August 24
- Friday, September 6
- Saturday, October 19
- Saturday, November 23

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:hbmbtx@gmail.com).

## What Beth Am Means to Me

*By Wendy Drezek*

Marianne suggested each of us sharing, and so as a founding member, here goes.

Why I love Beth Am! I was attracted to Beth Am as a participatory, family-like community sharing traditional worship and enlightened values. Over the years Beth Am wandered down many paths, always true to that vision. For me, it is a safe haven, caring


and sharing, participatory, and always “family,” always appreciating and supporting each other. And yes, we welcome participation and membership, so help us encourage both.

For more information on membership, contact Stan Drezek at [stanwendre@gmail.com](mailto:stanwendre@gmail.com).

### Condolences

To Natalie Gernsbacher on the passing of her niece, Samantha Toback.

### In the Community



**YOU ARE INVITED  
TO A KOSHER DESSERT RECEPTION  
HOSTED BY HFLA-SA  
IN CELEBRATION OF OUR  
100TH ANNIVERSARY**

**JULY 18TH, 2024 | 7PM  
CONGREGATION RODFEI SHOLOM  
3003 SHOLOM DR. SA, TX 78230**

EXPECTING A LARGE TURNOUT. PLEASE RSVP TO RESERVE YOUR SEAT.  
[HTTPS://WWW.HFLA-SA.ORG/EVENT-DETAILS/HFLA-SA-FOUNDERS-DAY-EVENT](https://www.hfla-sa.org/event-details/hfla-sa-founders-day-event)

### Yahrzeits

- 28 Sivan (July 4) Robert Oseasohn, father of Nancy Oseasohn
- 30 Sivan (July 6) Ruth Toback, mother of Natalie Gernsbacher
- 2 Tammuz (July 8) Geri Green, aunt of Lenny Kestenbaum
- 7 Tammuz (July 13) Robert Scheel, father of Holly Scheel
- 15 Tammuz (July 21) Ralph Lazarus, father of James Lazarus

### JULY SHABBAT SERVICES

Services are held on Zoom. If you would like to attend contact us at [hbmbtx@gmail.com](mailto:hbmbtx@gmail.com).

July 5: Rosh Chodesh Tammuz/Korach First Friday Kabbalat Shabbat at 6:30 p.m. Shiur: Wendy Drezek

July 13: Chukkat Shaliach Tzibbur: Gary Kurzban; Torah: Gary Kurzban; Haftarah: Marianne Kestenbaum; D’var Torah: Andy Gravin

July 20: Balak  
*We have been invited, and plan to attend, services by Zoom with Congregation Shalom Rav of Austin. Rabbi Ari Vernon will lead services and will hold a study session afterwards. A link will be sent to Beth Am members.*

July 27: Pinchas Shaliach Tzibbur: Marion Bernstein; Torah: Karen Berkowitz; Haftarah: Gary Kurzban; D’var Torah: Rona Aduna

Aug. 2: Mattot/Mase’i First Friday Kabbalat Shabbat, 6:30 p.m. Shiur: Wendy Drezek

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