



September 2024

Av-Elul 5784

## First Friday Kabbalat Shabbat

This month's First Friday is Sept. 6. 6:30 p.m. The portion is *Shofetim*.

Rabbi Armin Langer will be with us by Zoom for Kabbalat Shabbat and a learning session.

We will not have a First Friday service in October, due to the High Holy Days. Instead, we will have Saturday morning services for Shabbat Shuvah (the Shabbat of Return) on Oct. 5.

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.

## Officers for 5785 Elected

At the annual meeting of Congregation Beth Am on August 25, the following people were elected as board members and officers:

President: Gary Kurzban  
Vice-President, Ritual: Marion Bernstein  
Vice-President, Financial: Mark Shiver  
Vice-President, Admin: Karen Berkowitz  
Vice-President, Membership: Stan Drezek  
Secretary: Rona Aduna  
Past President: Marianne Kestenbaum

## Contributions

Generous contributions to Beth Am have been made by:

- Gary Kurzban & Terry Ruiz on the yearzeits of Gary's uncle, Leonard

Kurzban, and his grandmother, Bess Kurzban.

- Stan Drezek on the yearzeit of his mother, Christine Drezek.

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

## Dates for Rabbi Armin Langer

- 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).

## Thank You

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

Thanks to Henry Bernstein for the audio-visual set-up for our hybrid live services.

***JCRC Issue Update:***  
**Proposed Texas K-5 English  
 Language Arts Materials**

The Texas Education Agency recently released a proposed curriculum for grades K-5 that is infused with Christian-based teaching. After careful review by the Jewish Federations of Texas, we have identified many sections in the curriculum that are disturbing, inappropriate, and even antisemitic.

How You Can Help

ATTEND OUR WEBINAR, Tuesday, Sept. 3 @ 7:30 pm.

SEND AN EMAIL [Visit our website](#) for more information and helpful tips.

TESTIFY IN PERSON [Follow this link](#) for all the details.

**From the RRC in September**

[Gates of Awe: Writing New High Holiday Liturgy](#)

Sept. 3, 10, 17, 24 @ 12 p.m. EDT

[Resilience Boost: Spiritual Accelerant for the Election Season](#)

Sept. 11 @ 12 p.m. EDT

[Reading and Writing Mi Shebeirach Le'Cholim, the Jewish Prayer for Healing](#)

Sept. 16 @ 12 p.m. EDT

**Congregation Beth Am**, San Antonio's congregation for Reconstructing Judaism, will be lay-led for all High Holy Day services. All services for Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur will be held live at Building 6 of the First Unitarian Universalist Church, located at 7150 IH-10 West, unless otherwise indicated. In addition, services will be available on Zoom.

Congregation Beth Am requires no tickets. For details, call (210) 660-6828 or go to our web site, [www.bethamsatx.org](http://www.bethamsatx.org)

***High Holy Day Schedule***

Selichot	Saturday, Sept. 28, as part of Shabbat morning services, 10 a.m. (on Zoom only)
Erev Rosh Hashana	Wednesday, Oct. 2 Service begins at 6:45 p.m.
Rosh Hashana Day	Thursday, Oct. 3 begins at 9:30 a.m.
	Tashlich 3 p.m. at Joske Pavilion in Brackenridge Park (live only)
Shabbat Shuva	Saturday, Oct. 5 begins 10 a.m. (on Zoom only)
Kol Nidre	Friday, Oct. 11 Service begins at 6:45 p.m.
Yom Kippur Day	Saturday, Oct. 12 begins at 9:30 a.m.
	Yizkor noon
	Forum 4 p.m.
	Mincha/Ne'ila 6 p.m.
	Havdalah 7:45 p.m.

## Yahrzeits

29 Av (Sep. 2) Todd Green, cousin of Lenny Kestenbaum  
3 Elul (Sep. 6) Peter Gravin, father of Andy Gravin  
7 Elul (Sep. 10) Suzanne Teller, aunt of Marion Bernstein  
11 Elul (Sep. 14) Hyman Gregerman, father of Robert Gregerman  
11 Elul (Sep. 14) Steve Blauer, congregant  
13 Elul (Sep. 16) Lenny Kestenbaum, husband of Marianne Kestenbaum  
17 Elul (Sep. 20) Ruth Treiser, aunt of Rona Aduna  
19 Elul (Sep. 22) Clara Cohen, grandmother of Michele Saunders  
20 Elul (Sep. 23) David Edelstein, uncle of Marjorie Gregerman  
20 Elul (Sep. 23) Ruth Pleaner, cousin of Marion Bernstein  
21 Elul (Sep. 24) Walter Hattenbach, father of Marion Bernstein  
22 Elul (Sep. 25) Ida Rose Alterman, great-grandmother of Terri Foose  
22 Elul (Sep. 25) Juan Barrientes, grandfather of Teresa Ruiz  
23 Elul (Sep. 26) Morry Barasch, father of Joan Barasch  
23 Elul (Sep. 26) Annie Gregerman, mother of Robert Gregerman  
26 Elul (Sep. 29) Ben Garfinkel, father of Rhoda Rappaport

## SEPTEMBER SHABBAT SERVICES

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

Sept. 6: *Shoftim* First Friday Kabbalat Shabbat, 6:30 p.m., Shiur, Rabbi Armin Langer.

Sept. 14: *Ki Tetze* Shaliach Tzibbur: Marion Bernstein; Torah: Nancy Oseasohn; Haftarah: Marianne; D'var Torah: Nancy Oseasohn

Sept. 21: *Ki Tavo* Shaliach Tzibbur: Marion Bernstein; Torah: Karen Berkowitz;

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

Sept. 28: *Nitzavim/Vayelech – Selichot* Shaliach Tzibbur: Marion Bernstein; Torah: Andy Gravin; Haftarah: TBA; D'var Torah: Andy Gravin

Oct. 2: *Erev Rosh Hashana*

Oct. 3: *Rosh Hashana*

Oct. 5: *Shabbat Shuvah* Shaliach Tzibbur: Marion Bernstein; Torah: Gary Kurzban; Haftarah: TBA; D'var Torah: Nancy Oseasohn

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