



January 2025

Tevet-Shevat 5785

First Friday Kabbalat Shabbat

The First Friday of the New Year 2025 will be at 6:30 p.m. on Jan. 3, Parashat *Va-Yigash*. Wendy Drezek will be providing a brief *shiur* (lesson).

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

Dates for Rabbi Armin Langer

- Saturday, January 25, 2025
- Friday, February 7
- Friday, March 7
- Saturday, April 19

Contributions

A generous contribution to Congregation Beth Am has been made by Debbie Maltz in memory of Jules and Sabina Maltz, her parents, as well as to honor Stan Drezek.

**Contributions to Beth Am should be sent to: PO Box 780893
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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.

Thank You

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

To Henry Bernstein and the Technical Committee for the audio-visual set-up for our hybrid live services.

To Gary Kurzban and Terry Ruiz for hosting the congregational Hanukkah party in December.

Sock It To Me?



A special gift to the Seniors of the Jewish community from Beth Am – courtesy of Stan and Wendy Drezek!

In the Community

MLK Weekend

January 19-20

Join the Jewish Community at the [Citywide MLK Interfaith Service on January 19](#) at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 315 E. Pecan Street at 4:30 pm.

[March together](#) with the entire Jewish Community of San Antonio at the MLK March on January 20. You can meet us at 10 a.m. or reserve your spot to ride to the March together.

[March With Us!](#)

Yahrzeits

7 Tevet (Jan. 7) Norman Zimmerman, father of Marianne Kestenbaum

10 Tevet (Jan. 10) Rabbi Harry Shapiro, father of Diana Samuels

14 Tevet (Jan. 14) Joseph Engel, uncle of Vivian Weinstein

14 Tevet 14(Jan. 14) Frieda Engel, aunt of Vivian Weinstein

15 Tevet (Jan. 15) Bernice O'Brien, mother of Terri Foose

19 Tevet (Jan. 19) Nathan Friedman, father of Rona Aduna

20 Tevet (Jan. 20) Fay Saunders, grandmother of Michele Saunders

26 Tevet (Jan. 26) A. Ferdinand Engel, father of Robert Engel

28 Tevet (Jan. 28) Max Katz, father of Vivian Weinstein

28 Tevet (Jan. 28) Gerald Holloway, brother-in-law of Gail Jennings

29 Tevet (Jan. 29) Edward Hattenbach, cousin of Marion Bernstein

1 Shevat (Jan. 30) Roslyn Kestenbaum, mother of Lenny Kestenbaum

JANUARY SHABBAT SERVICES

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

Jan. 3, 2025: *Va-Yigash* First Friday Kabbalat Shabbat, 6:30 p.m. Shiur: Wendy Drezek

Jan. 11: *Va-Yechi* Shaliach Tzibbur: Marion Bernstein; Torah: Karen Berkowitz; Haftarah: Andy Gravin; D'var Torah: Nancy Oseasohn

Jan. 18: *Shemot* Shaliach Tzibbur: Marion Bernstein; Torah: Gary Kurzban; Haftarah: Vivian Weinstein; D'var Torah: Rona Aduna

Jan. 25: *Va-Era* Shaliach Tzibbur: Marion Bernstein; Torah: Rabbi Armin Langer; Haftarah: TBA; D'var Torah: Rabbi Langer

Feb. 1: *Bo* Shaliach Tzibbur: Marion Bernstein; Torah: Gary Kurzban; Haftarah: Vivian Weinstein; D'var Torah: Nancy Oseasohn

Feb. 7: *Beshallah/Shabbat Shira* First Friday Kabbalat Shabbat, 6:30 p.m. Shiur: Rabbi Armin Langer

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Happy New Year 2025!