

Congregation Beth Am



January 2019

Tevet-Shevat 5779

Rabbi Marcy Sets Dates for 2019

Beth Am is happy to announce that Rabbi Marcy Greene will be visiting once a month on Saturday mornings through June 2019, except in April. The dates that have been set are Jan. 26, Feb. 23, March 23, May 25, and June 29.

The rabbi uses contemporary songs that tie into the theme of the weekly parasha to explore religious ideas. On Jan. 26, she will be looking at Yitro, the portion that includes the Ten Commandments.

First Friday Kabbalat Shabbat

Rhoda Rappaport will host the first Friday of the year at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 4. Please bring beverage, side dish or dessert to share for dinner following Kabbalat Shabbat services.

February's First Friday will be at the home of Marianne and Lenny Kestenbaum at 6:30 p.m. on Feb. 1.

Thank You

To those who helped with Shabbat services in December: Karen Berkowitz, Marion Bernstein, Rabbi Marcy Greene, Peter Janes, Lenny Kestenbaum, Gary Kurzban, Nancy Oseasohn, and Rhoda Rappaport.

To those who provided kiddush in December: Karen Berkowitz, David Grant and Nancy Oseasohn.

To Mike and Evelyn Roth, who hosted us at their home for Beth Am's annual Chanukah party.



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

In the Community

Faith-Based Volunteer Action

The Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation is inviting the Jewish community to a Faith-Based Initiative event that will take place on Tuesday, Jan. 29 from 1:30-4:30 pm.

Ben O'Dell, Faith Liaison with the Department of Health & Human Services in D.C., is coming to San Antonio to provide a national perspective on:

- Why faith & society intersection is critical to compassionate service
- How that works best
- Research and valuable models across the U.S.

Ben is a recognized expert on facilitating partnerships between faith-based, philanthropic, and community organizations and government at all levels. Ben's interest in strengthening local faith-based and community leaders and community engagement principles has led him to develop deep relationships, knowledge, and expertise on a broad range of issues from strengthening fathers and families to strategies for bringing groups together in collaborative networks. Throughout his 14-year tenure, Ben has served in many roles including as Designated Federal Officer to the President's Advisory Council of Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships, a 25-member council of faith and community leaders making recommendations to the President and the White House.

Tuesday, Jan. 29, 1:30-4:30 pm

Little Carver at the Carver Community Center

226 N. Hackberry SATX 78202

Free & Open to the Public, Free Parking

Please register for planning purposes at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/compassion-action-sa-labs-2-of-4-part-series-tickets-53294271601>

Mark Your Calendar for MLK Day

The 32nd Annual City-Wide Interfaith Worship Service hosted by the Martin Luther King Commission of San Antonio will be at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 20, 2019, at the Second Baptist Church, 3310 E. Commerce St. The guest speaker will be Dr. Mateen Diop, principal of Sam Houston High School.

The annual MLK march will be on the morning of Monday, Jan. 21. Those who are interested in purchasing a CommUNITY ball cap should go to the Federation website, www.jfsatx.org. More information on the march is at:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/357817161442133/>

Day in Austin Jan. 30

Community Relations Councils from across Texas and the Greater Southwest Region of Hadassah will be participating in a day trip to the State Legislature to lobby on issues important to the Jewish community.

Contact the Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of San Antonio to sign up.

Yahrzeits

26 Tevet (Jan. 3) A. Ferdinand Engel, father of Robert Engel

28 Tevet (Jan. 5) Gerald Holloway, brother-in-law of Gail Jennings

1 Shevat (Jan. 7) Roslyn Kestenbaum, mother of Lenny Kestenbaum

1 Shevat (Jan. 7) Jacob Blauer, father of Steve Blauer

3 Shevat (Jan. 9) Brandon Janes, father of Peter Janes

6 Shevat (Jan. 12) Charles Blauer, uncle of Steve Blauer

6 Shevat (Jan. 12) Donald Teller, uncle of Marion Bernstein

8 Shevat (Jan. 14) Red Davis, uncle of Mark Shiver

8 Shevat (Jan. 14) Leslie Saunders, uncle of Michele Saunders

9 Shevat (Jan. 15) Leon Cahan, husband of Marga Speicher

10 Shevat (Jan. 16) Allan Gale, uncle of Marianne Kestenbaum

10 Shevat (Jan. 16) Florence E. Bender, mother of Marjorie Gregerman

11 Shevat (Jan. 17) Phyllis Janes, mother of Peter Janes

11 Shevat (Jan. 17) Sophie Friedman, mother of Rona Aduna

17 Shevat (Jan. 23) Udo Fuith, step-father of Jennifer Janes

17 Shevat (Jan. 23) Emmett Guderian, grandfather of Andy Gravin

22 Shevat (Jan. 28) Elinor Pusin, wife of Col. Bernard Pusin

22 Shevat (Jan. 28) Larry Golden, husband of Meredith Norwood

22 Shevat (Jan. 28) Gilbert Bernstein, father of Henry Bernstein

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JANUARY SHABBAT SERVICES

☆ *Saturday services are at 10 a.m. in the Thoreau Building, UUC, 7150 IH-10 West.* ☆

Jan. 4, 2019: First Friday Kabbalat Shabbat at the home of Rhoda Rappaport

Jan. 12: *Bo* Gabbai: Gary Kurzban; Shaliach Tzibbur: Marion Bernstein; Torah: Gary Kurzban; Haftarah: Lenny Kestenbaum; D'var Torah: Marianne Kestenbaum; Kiddush: Rona Aduna

Jan. 26: *Yitro* Gabbai: Gary Kurzban; Shaliach Tzibbur: Marion Bernstein; Torah: Rabbi Marcy Greene; Haftarah: Karen Berkowitz; D'var Torah: Rabbi Marcy; Kiddush: Marion & Henry Bernstein

Feb. 1: First Friday Kabbalat Shabbat at the home of Marianne and Lenny Kestenbaum

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