



December 2017

Kislev-Tevet 5778

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## Hanukkah Party!

Yes, Hanukkah is coming! Sunday evening, Dec. 17, at 4 p.m. is the date of Beth Am's annual Hanukkah party at the home of Mike and Evelyn Roth. The potluck dinner will include a chance to sing holiday songs and light the hanukkiyah. Bring your own menorah and candles!

If you plan to attend, you have two important things to do: (1) contact Evelyn and tell her what food you're bringing and (2) map your route to the Roths (see below):

*Directions to the Roths' home in the HIDDEN FOREST subdivision, off Bitters between 281 and Blanco.*

If you are coming from 281 or West Ave., take a left on W. Bitters Road.

If you are coming from Blanco, take a right on W. Bitters Road.

Once on W. Bitters Rd., turn north onto Partridge Trail. Turn left onto Custer Pass. 1118 Custer Pass is the 5<sup>th</sup> house on the left.

## December Schedule for Beth Am

Congregation Beth Am is on its new schedule this month, with First Friday as a home service with a potluck dinner on Dec. 1, and three Shabbat morning services at the UUC.

First Friday will be held at the home of Gary Kurzban and Terry Ruiz on Dec 1 at 6:30 p.m.

Shabbat services will be held on Saturday, Dec. 9, Saturday, Dec. 16, and Saturday, Dec. 23, in the Thoreau Building at the UUC, starting at 10 a.m.

Services are not planned for the final weekend in December. Happy New Year!

## Rabbi Marcy Greene in 2018

Here are some special dates to put on your calendar for next year. They're the Saturdays when Rabbi Marcy Greene will be visiting Congregation Beth Am:

January 26	May 25
February 23	June 29
April 27	

## Thank You

To those who helped with Shabbat services in November: Marion Bernstein, Terri Foose, Peter Janes, Lenny Kestenbaum, Gary Kurzban, Nancy Oseasohn, Rhoda Rappaport, and Diana Samuels

To those who provided a kiddush in November: Terri Foose and Nancy Oseasohn.

To Rhoda Rappaport, who hosted the congregation at her home for First Friday.

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

## In the Community

### "Shower the Community" on Dec. 11

The Jewish Federation hosts an evening to "Shower the Community with Love" on Monday, Dec. 11, starting at 7 p.m. The event will include tzedakah, inspiration, gifts to purchase, and kosher food and wine. The charge is \$18.

For more information, contact Eva Laporte at [laportee@jfsatx.org](mailto:laportee@jfsatx.org).

### Catholic-Jewish Hanukkah Luncheon

The annual community Catholic-Jewish Hanukkah luncheon is at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 14, and will feature Rabbi James Rudin, Senior Interreligious Advisor of the American Jewish Committee. The event will be held at San Fernando Cathedral Hall, 231 West Commerce. The Jewish Federation of San Antonio and San Fernando Cathedral are the co-sponsors. Cost of the lunch is \$36. Call the Jewish Federation of San Antonio to RSVP or for more information.

## **Latke Party for JFS**

The annual Jewish Family Service Latke Party will be on Sunday, Dec. 17 from 4 to 7 p.m.

This evening of lights, laughter, libations, and delicious homemade latkes will honor Marion Bernstein, Jeff Goldblatt, and Michael & Susan Rosenberg.

The event will be held at the Shalom Room at St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church, 1602 Thousand Oaks, San Antonio, TX 78232. The cost is \$36 for adults, \$18 for children 12 and under.

RSVP by Tuesday, Dec. 12, online or by calling 210/302-6920.

## **Yahrzeits**

27 Kislev (Dec. 15) Elke (Alice) Shapiro, mother of Diana Samuels

29 Kislev (Dec. 17) Gerard Guderian, uncle of Andy Gravin

7 Tevet (Dec. 25) Norman Zimmerman, father of Marianne Kestenbaum

10 Tevet (Dec. 28) Rabbi Harry Shapiro, father of Diana Samuels

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### DECEMBER SHABBAT SERVICES

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

Dec. 1: *First Friday Kabbalat Shabbat* at the home of Gary Kurzban and Terry Ruiz, 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 9: *VaYeshev* Gabbai: Terri Foose; Shaliach Tzibbur: Marion Bernstein; Torah: Meredith Fox; Haftarah: Lenny Kestenbaum; D'var Torah: Marianne Kestenbaum; Kiddush: the Kurzban-Ruiz family

Dec. 16: *Miketz/Chanukah* Gabbai: Gary Kurzban; Shaliach Tzibbur & Hallel: Marion Bernstein; Torah: Peter Janes; Haftarah: TBA; D'var Torah: Rhoda Rappaport; Kiddush: Marion & Henry Bernstein

Dec. 23: *VaYigash* Gabbai: Terri Foose; Shaliach Tzibbur: Marion Bernstein; Torah: Gary Kurzban; Haftarah: Karen Berkowitz;

D'var Torah: Nancy Oseasohn; Kiddush: Rona Aduna

Jan. 5: *First Friday Kabbalat Shabbat* at the home of Lenny & Marianne Kestenbaum, 6:30 p.m.

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