



March 2018

Adar-Nisan 5778

First Friday in Adar!

March's First Friday (March 2) will include a slightly belated Purim Party at Rhoda Rappaport's home, complete with hamentaschen. Services start at 6:30 p.m.

Celebrating Pesach Together

The first Seder of Passover is on Friday evening, March 30. To honor the holiday, we will be holding Shabbat/holiday morning services on Saturday, March 31. Come join us for a celebration, including Hallel and a kosher-for-Pesach Kiddush afterward.

Passover Ends With Memounah

What do you mean there's NO First Friday in April?! AND no Shabbat morning service April 7?! That's all true, but take a deep breath. There will be a one-time First Saturday, at 6:30 p.m., April 7, so we can all literally break bread together, recognizing the end of Passover, with a Memounah celebration.

Isn't it funny how so many say Passover is their favorite Jewish holiday, but they are ready to celebrate when it's over?

The Kestenbaums will be hosting and providing the entrée, real challah, wine, and grape juice. You can email or phone for address and directions: <mkestenbaum@satx.rr.com> 210-364-6838.

Rabbi Marcy Greene Update

Helene Bachman has been in touch with Rabbi Marcy's friends and has this report:

The breast cancer has returned -- in the breast remaining when they removed the other one that had cancer. When she is stronger, they will remove the remaining breast.

Cancer was found in her skull, not her brain. Bone scan showed no cancer in her bones. They found a mass in her stomach but it is benign. They cannot give her more chemo because it makes her too sick, but they might try radiation.

Rabbi Marcy is at MD Anderson. Cards should be sent to:

Marcy Greene, MD Anderson Cancer Center, Room G2250, P.O. Box 300206, Houston, TX 77230

Thank You

To those who helped with Shabbat services in February: Karen Berkowitz, Marion Bernstein, Terri Foose, Peter Janes, Lenny Kestenbaum, Gary Kurzban, Rhoda Rappaport.

To those who provided a kiddush in February: Terri Foose and the Kurzban-Ruiz family.

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

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



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RECONSTRUCTING JUDAISM CONVENTION

When: November 15th-18th, 2018

Where: [Doubletree Hotel in Center City Philadelphia](#)

Who's Invited: YOU!

Website: [Reconstructionist Convention 2018](#)

What to expect:

- Many options for *davening* with amazing leaders from around the movement
- Music and dancing woven throughout Convention
- Engaging and open-minded Jewish text study
- Field trips and social justice service opportunities in nearby historic Philadelphia
- Opportunities for gatherings of affinity groups including RENA members, rabbis, executive directors, congregational presidents, a pick-up choir, musicians, young leadership and Learning Network participants
- Storytelling
- Learning network participants gathering *off-line*
- Celebrating the rabbinical college's 50th anniversary with stories, music and of course, cake

- A Saturday night concert featuring Nefesh Mountain from Bnai Keshet and many other Reconstructionist musicians
- An in-person meeting of the Plenum
- Participating in workshops and special events with other Reconstructionists
- Sharing food and conversation

In the Community

For Hope for Humanity Dinner

On March 7, the Holocaust Memorial Museum will hold a benefit event at the Witte-Mays Family Center. The event will begin with a welcome reception at 6 p.m. followed by a kosher dinner and program at 7.

Tickets may be purchased at the San Antonio Jewish Federation web site.

Yom HaShoah Apr. 11

The annual commemoration of the Holocaust will be observed at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 11, at Congregation Rodfei Sholom. The focus will be on the Kindertransport, an effort which brought children to safety from Nazi Europe to England.

Community Shindig April 15

The Jewish Federation is celebrating our local Jewish community with its “Shin-dig” on April 15 as part of the San Antonio 300 celebration. The all-day event (noon to 8 p.m.) will be held at Temple Beth-El (corner of Belknap & Ashby). Congregation Beth Am is one of the sponsoring organizations.

Yahrzeits

16 Adar (March 3) Pauline Garfinkel, grandmother of Marianne Kestenbaum

18 Adar (March 5) Gladys Lazarus, mother of James Lazarus

20 Adar (March 7) Carol Salit, sister of Rona Aduna

21 Adar II (March 8) Fannie Haffner, mother of Steve Haffner

24 Adar II (March 11) Samuel Hilton, father of Sylvia Hilton

27 Adar (March 14) Diane Maltz, sister of Debra Maltz

28 Adar (March 15) Max Goldstein, grandfather of Mark Hyman

3 Nisan (March 19) Samuel Shuster, father of Leroy Shuster

8 Nisan (March 24) John Goss Skelton, congregant

11 Nisan (March 27) Col. Bernard Pusin, congregant

14 Nisan (March 30) Israel Garfinkel, grandfather of Marianne Kestenbaum

15 Nisan (March 31) Rabbi Jerome Kestenbaum, father of Lenny Kestenbaum

15 Nisan (March 31) Felicita Navarro Ruiz, grandmother of Teresa Ruiz

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MARCH SHABBAT SERVICES

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

Mar. 2: *First Friday Kabbalat Shabbat* and Purim feast at the home of Rhoda Rappaport at 6:30 p.m.

Mar. 17: *Rosh Chodesh Nisan – Shabbat ha-Chodesh* Gabbai: Terri Foose; Shaliach Tzibbur & Hallel: Marion Bernstein; Torah: Gary Kurzban; Haftarah: Lenny Kestenbaum; D’var Torah: Rona Aduna; Kiddush: Nancy Oseasohn

Mar. 31: *First Day of Passover* Gabbai: Gary Kurzban; Shaliach Tzibbur & Hallel: Marion Bernstein; Torah: Meredith Fox; Haftarah: Nancy Oseasohn; D’var Torah: Diana Samuels; Kiddush: Karen Berkowitz

April 7: Havdalah & Memouna dinner at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Marianne & Lenny Kestenbaum

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