

# Congregation Beth Am



July 2018

Tammuz-Av 5778

## First Friday for July

First Friday Kabbalat Shabbat services will be held at 6:30 p.m. on July 6 at the home of Lenny and Marianne Kestenbaum. Please bring dairy or pareve food to share – sides, beverages or dessert – to enjoy at dinner after the service.

In August, First Friday is at 6:30 on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, and it will be hosted by Rhoda Rappaport.



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## Beth Am Elects Officers & Board

At its annual meeting on Sunday, June 24, Congregation Beth Am elected Gary Kurzban as its new president. Other officers elected were: Marianne Kestenbaum, secretary; Marion Bernstein, Ritual Vice-President; Peter Janes, Administration Vice-President; Rona Aduna, Membership Vice-President; Rhoda Rappaport, Finance Vice-President; and Karen Berkowitz, at large.

The congregation is grateful to Terri Foose for her many years of service as president of Beth Am. She will continue to serve on the board as past president.

## Thank You

To those who helped with Shabbat services in June: Karen Berkowitz, Marion Bernstein, Jennifer Janes, Gary Kurzban, Nancy Oseasohn, Rhoda Rappaport, and Diana Samuels.

To those who provided a kiddush in June: Rona Aduna and Nancy Oseasohn

To the Kurzban-Ruiz family, who hosted us for First Friday.

To Rhoda Rappaport, who hosted the congregation's annual meeting.

## Contributions

A generous contribution has been made to the congregation by Meredith Fox.

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

## In the Community

### *Jewish Journal Goes Digital*

The *Jewish Journal of San Antonio* has gone to a digital-only format. The Jewish Federation requested that we share our congregants' email addresses with them. Due to concerns about privacy, the congregation's board endorsed the following policy at our annual meeting:

"We affirm that members' information is confidential and is used only for Congregation Beth Am business. This policy prevents us from honoring a request for members' email addresses by the Jewish Federation of San Antonio to facilitate their transition from a print to a digital-only *Jewish Journal*. We therefore propose the following arrangement that allows members continued access to the digital *Jewish Journal*, while keeping member information private and not generating additional work for Beth Am volunteers.

"Congregation Beth Am will include a link to the current digital *Jewish Journal* in our monthly newsletters, while encouraging members to individually provide their email addresses to the Federation should they prefer to receive the *Jewish Journal* directly from the source."

The link to the *Jewish Journal* is: <https://www.jfsatx.org/>. Beth Am will also provide a link on its web site to the *Jewish Journal*.

### *Tikkun For Troops – July 8*

On Sunday, July 8, from 10 a.m. to noon, the Jewish Federation is hosting an event at the Campus of the Jewish Community to support American troops.

The goal is to collect enough supplies from donation boxes at the campus and local congregations to have at least 1,000 bags filled and ready to be shipped overseas by July 8.

Donate from the wish list, and come to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Tikkun for Troops to package the items and enjoy bagels and coffee. There will also be activities for children. Contact [JFSATX.ORG](http://JFSATX.ORG) for more information and to volunteer.

#### **WISH LIST**

- Gum
- Mints
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Dark color socks
- Playing cards
- Personal hygiene products
- Batteries in packs of 4 or less (AA & AAA)

#### **Yahrzeits**

28 Tammuz (July 11) Leonard Kurzban, uncle of Gary Kurzban

2 Av (July 14) Lester Rappaport, husband of Rhoda Rappaport

5 Av 17(July 17) Ethel E. Weissman, mother of Bennett Weissman

9 Av (July 21) Friedrich Holthuis, grandfather of Jennifer Janes

9 Av (July 21) Carol Leaderman, cousin of Steve Blauer

15 Av (July 27) Mardi Woods, aunt of Jennifer Janes

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### **JULY SHABBAT SERVICES**

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

July 6: First Friday Kabbalat Shabbat at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Marianne & Lenny Kestenbaum

July 21: *Mattot-Mase'i/Shabbat Chazon* Gabbai: Gary Kurzban; Shaliach Tzibbur: Marion Bernstein; Torah: Karen Berkowitz; Haftarah: Terri Foose; D'var Torah: Nancy Oseasohn; Kiddush: Gail Jennings

*Note: July 21 is the 9<sup>th</sup> of Av, which is normally a fast day. Because of Shabbat, the fast is postponed to Sunday, the 10<sup>th</sup> of Av.*

Aug. 3: First Friday Kabbalat Shabbat at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Rhoda Rappaport

### **2018-19 OFFICERS & BOARD**

President:	Gary Kurzban
Vice-President, Ritual:	Marion Bernstein
Vice-President, Membership:	Rona Aduna
Vice-President, Finance:	Rhoda Rappaport
Vice-President, Administration:	Peter Janes
Secretary:	Marianne Kestenbaum
Past President:	Terri Foose
Member at Large:	Karen Berkowitz
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