

# Congregation Beth Am



September 2018

Elul 5778-Tishre 5779

## Start the Month with Selichot

There will be no “First Friday” in September. Instead, there will be a potluck dinner, Havdalah and Selichot service on Saturday, Sept. 1, at the home of Gary Kurzban and Terry Ruiz, at 6:30 pm. Please join us for the “kickoff” of the High Holy Day season.

First Friday Kabbalat Shabbat will resume on Oct. 5 at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Rhoda Rappaport.

## Happy Birthday

A special *mazal tov* to those who celebrated their birthday at services in August – Rona Aduna, and Eliana and David Janes.

## Thank You

To those who helped with Shabbat services in August: Karen Berkowitz, Marion Bernstein, Jennifer Janes, Gary Kurzban, and Mark Shiver.

To those who provided a kiddush in August: the Kurzban-Ruiz family.

To Rhoda Rappaport, who hosted us for First Friday in August.

## Contributions

A generous contribution was made by Gary Kurzban and Terry Ruiz in honor of Terri Foose’s achievement reading Torah at Temple Beth-El.

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

## In the Community

### *Silver Solutions Health Fair at Jewish Campus*

The day after Yom Kippur, Jewish Family Services will be hosting a senior health fair at the Campus. *Silver Solutions* will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 20, in the Barshop Auditorium, with free admission.

Among those exhibiting will be the San Antonio Chapter of Hadassah, which will run a booth about heart health.

Other groups will provide information about other health issues, and sessions with experts will be held throughout the day.

## **Federation Emerging Leadership Course**

The Jewish Federation of San Antonio has opened the application and nomination process for the 2018-19 *Emerging Leadership Course* cohort. The ELC is a program of the Young Adult Division (YAD) for young adults, ages 22 – 35, who are ready to take the next step as leaders in our community.

JFSA is investing in the YAD to foster a new generation of emerging leaders. The ELC helps build a sense of attachment to Jewish roots and community in order to develop a personally meaningful Jewish life here in San Antonio. The course will provide participants with the tools and resources to become leaders in their personal, work, and community roles. At the end of each ELC year, the students will understand the impact of, and participate in, Federation’s role in building a vibrant Jewish community in our city, in Israel, and around the world.

The Emerging Leadership Course will meet once in the fall of 2018 and in monthly sessions from January – June 2019. The ELC focuses on growing leadership skills, social and cultural engagement, and impact in the San Antonio Jewish community. Program assessment will be instrumental in matching each student to a committee or organization for future involvement.

We hope you will refer/nominate any young adults you see as potential leaders for our community.

**ELC applications are due Sept. 14.** For more information and to nominate a young leader, please contact Riley, YAD Vice Chair & ELC Chair at [riley.greenberg@icloud.com](mailto:riley.greenberg@icloud.com) or contact Eva Laporte, Director of Community Engagement at [laportee@jfsatx.org](mailto:laportee@jfsatx.org) | 210.302.6965.



# RECONSTRUCTING JUDAISM

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Reconstructing Judaism is officially rolling out **Evolve: Groundbreaking Jewish Conversations**. Find insightful essays, study guides, sermon sparks and text resources about seven urgent issues of our day:

- Jewish Approaches to Justice Work
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- Why Be Jewish?
- Redefining Jewish Identity
- Judaism and Race
- Cultivating Constructive Conversations about Israel/Palestine
- Reimagining Jewish Community

Evolve offers these resources to you, and Evolve will be a site for ongoing conversations about these issues—conversations that exemplify our values of mutual respect and open-hearted communication. We encourage you to write or video responses that we can add to these conversations. We also invite you to share your own study guides, curricula and program materials about these seven subjects, so that they can be shared with others.

The evolution of Jewish civilization to which we are all committed depends on our willingness to

tackle difficult issues together in exciting ways that can be challenging. We hope that Evolve will help promote these important conversations.

Wishing you a *shanah tovah umetukah!*

Rabbi Jacob Staub, Director, *Evolve: Groundbreaking Jewish Conversations*

## Yahrzeits

- 21 Elul (Sep. 1) Walter Hattenbach, father of Marion Bernstein
- 22 Elul (Sep. 2) Ida Rose Alterman, great-grandmother of Terri Foose
- 22 Elul (Sep. 2) Juan Barrientes, grandfather of Teresa Ruiz
- 23 Elul (Sep. 3) Morry Barasch, father of Joan Barasch
- 23 Elul (Sep. 3) Annie Gregerman, mother of Robert Gregerman
- 26 Elul (Sep. 6) Ben Garfinkel, father of Rhoda Rappaport
- 4 Tishri (Sep. 13) Shirley Barasch, mother of Joan Barasch
- 8 Tishri (Sep. 17) Michael Haffner, father of Steve Haffner
- 11 Tishri (Sep. 20) Gertrude Shuster, mother of Leroy Shuster
- 15 Tishri (Sep. 24) Fanny Hilton, mother of Sylvia Hilton
- 19 Tishri (Sep. 28) Suzanne Catlett, cousin of Jennifer Janes

## Beth Am Celebrates New Year 5779

*Congregation Beth Am will be lay-led for all High Holy Day services. All services will be held in the Fellowship Hall.*

*If you'd like to participate in services with an English reading or sing a favorite piyyut (poem), please contact Marion Bernstein at [marionintx@gmail.com](mailto:marionintx@gmail.com).*

*Congregation Beth Am requires no reservations or tickets. For details, call (210) 492-2173, or go to [www.bethamsatx.org](http://www.bethamsatx.org).*

Selichot	Sat. Sept. 1	6:30 p.m. at Kurzban-Ruiz home
Erev Rosh Hashanah	Sun. Sept. 9	7:15 p.m.
Rosh Hashanah Day 1	Mon. Sept. 10	9:30 a.m.
Shabbat Shuvah	Sat. Sept. 15	10 a.m.
Kol Nidre	Tue. Sept. 18	7:15 p.m.
Yom Kippur – Morning	Wed. Sept. 19	9:30 a.m.
Yom Kippur Yizkor	Wed. Sept. 19	noon
Yom Kippur Mincha & Ne'ilah	Wed. Sept. 19	5 p.m.
Havdalah followed by Break-the-Fast	Wed. Sept. 19	8 p.m.
Chol ha-Moed Sukkot	Sat. Sept. 29	10 a.m. in Thoreau Bldg.

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

Sept. 1: 6:30 p.m. Havdalah and Selichot at the home  
of Gary Kurzban and Terry Ruiz  
(see p. 2 for High Holy Day Schedule)

Sept. 8: Gabbai: Gary Kurzban; Shaliach Tzibbur:  
Marion Bernstein; Torah: Jennifer Janes; Haftarah:  
Rona Aduna; D'var Torah: Nancy Oseasohn;  
Kiddush: Nancy Oseasohn

Sept. 9: Erev Rosh Hashana Oneg: Terri Foose

Sept. 10: Rosh Hashana; Kiddush: the Kurzban-Ruiz  
family

Sept. 15: *Shabbat Shuva* Gabbai: Gary Kurzban;  
Shaliach Tzibbur: Marion Bernstein; Torah: Gary  
Kurzban; Haftarah: Terri Foose; D'var Torah: Rhoda  
Rappaport; Kiddush: Mike & Evelyn Roth

Sept. 18: Kol Nidre

Sept. 19: Yom Kippur

Sept. 23: Kabbalat Chag Sukkot at the Kurzban-Ruiz  
home

Sept. 29: *Chol ha-Moed Sukkot* Gabbai: Gary  
Kurzban; Shaliach Tzibbur & Hallel: Marion

Bernstein; Torah: Meredith Fox & Peter Janes;  
Haftarah: Diana Samuels; D'var Torah: Mark Shiver;  
Kiddush: Karen Berkowitz

Sept. 30: Sukkah brunch party at Kurzban-Ruiz home  
Oct. 5: *First Friday Kabbalat Shabbat*, 6:30 p.m. at  
the home of Rhoda Rappaport

**2018-19 OFFICERS & BOARD**

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