



# Beth Am Bulletin



April 2014

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## PASSOVER

FIRST SEDER, MONDAY EVENING, APRIL 14  
SECOND SEDER, TUESDAY EVENING, APR. 15

### First Friday Kabbalat Shabbat

On April 4, Congregation Beth Am will hold First Friday Kabbalat Shabbat services, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Services are followed by a dairy potluck dinner/oneg with entrée provided by the Drezeks. Those who plan to come should bring side dishes or dessert.

In May, the First Friday Kabbalat Shabbat is at 6:30 p.m. on May 2, with Nancy Oseasohn providing the entrée.

### Rabbi Monty Returns in May

Rabbi Monty will return to Congregation Beth Am on the Shabbat preceding *Lag B'Omer*, Saturday, May 17. He will lead services in the morning and offer an adult education session that evening before Havdalah. Mark your calendars!

### Contributions

Generous contributions have been made to the general fund of Congregation Beth Am by:

- Col. Barney Pusin in honor of "the good people of Beth Am"
- Dr. Steven Haffner in memory of his mother, Fannie Haffner.

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

### BECOME A BOARD MEMBER

It's easy! If you are a member of Congregation Beth Am, you may serve on its board. If you contact our current President, Helene Bachmann, and indicate your interest in serving, you could be nominated to fill one of the seven positions available. Elections are held in June.

### Call for Suggestions

SECOND ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL TZEDAKAH GIFT TO THE SAN ANTONIO JEWISH COMMUNITY

Beth Am's Tzedakah Committee (Stan Drezek, Robert Engel, and Marianne Kestenbaum, chair,) seek suggestions for local non-profit agencies to receive our now annual gift of tzedakah to San Antonio's Jewish community. Please submit ideas by April 20 through email to Marianne at <mzk\_new@hotmail.com>. The committee will perform due diligence and recommend a recipient agency or agencies to the Beth Am board. The final decision will be announced in late May.

### Thank You

To those who helped with Shabbat services in March: Helene Bachmann, Karen Berkowitz, Marion Bernstein, Terri Foose, Meredith Fox, Sylvia Hilton, Peter Janes, Gary Kurzban, Nancy Oseasohn, Rhoda Rappaport and Holli Scheel.

To those who provided a Shabbat Kiddush or Oneg in March: Jennifer & Peter Janes, Terri Foose, Marion & Henry Bernstein, the Kurzban-Ruiz family and Helene Bachmann.

To the Kurzban-Ruiz family for hosting our Havdalah/Purim/Megillah reading.

### IN THE COMMUNITY

#### Yom Ha-Shoah

The annual observance of Yom Hashoah, Holocaust Memorial Day, will be held on Sunday, April 27, at 7 p.m. at Temple Beth-El. Area Holocaust survivors will participate in the opening processional. For more information, please contact Francesca Garrett at [garrettf@jfsatx.org](mailto:garrettf@jfsatx.org).

Marge Gregerman, a docent at San Antonio's Holocaust museum, will provide a special d'var at Congregation Beth Am on Saturday, April 26.

## Yom Ha-Atzma'ut

Israel's Independence Day falls on May 5, and it will be observed in San Antonio on Sunday evening, May 4, at the Jewish Community Center, 12500 NW Military Hwy.

## JFS Mothers' Day Luncheon

The annual Mothers' Day Luncheon held by Jewish Family Services will honor four "Men of Inspiration" (after all, they had mothers, too!) on Wednesday, May 7. The honorees are Jack Efron, Marty Epner, Mike Molak and Dr. Habib Nathan. The event, celebrating the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of JFS, will begin with a silent auction at 11 a.m. followed by a dairy lunch at noon.

For more information, contact JFS at 302-6920.

## Order Recon Haggadah at Bulk Rate!

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## RRC PEARL Sessions

PEARL (Providing Education And Resources for Leadership) is a distance-learning program designed for congregational leaders, members, clergy, educators and staff. Experts partner with RRC

professional staff and lay leaders to help strengthen congregations and havurot, foster leadership, deepen Jewish spiritual life and continue tikkun olam/social justice work.

## April 3: Rabbis & Remuneration: Pragmatic Aspects of a Sacred Relationship

Hosted by Rabbi Jane Rachel Litman, with guest presenter Rabbi Richard Hirsh

## April 11: Avoiding Volunteer Burnout

Hosted by Rabbi Henry Shreibman, with Chris Coughlin and Miriam Brewer.

## May 8: Growing Your School, Growing Your Congregation

Hosted by Jackie Land, featuring Sue Penn and Rabbi Ariann Weitzman.

## Condolences

To Gail Jennings on the death of her sister, Jan Jennings.

## Yahrzeits

3 Nisan (April 3) Samuel Shuster, father of Leroy Shuster

8 Nisan (April 8) John Goss Skelton, former congregant

14 Nisan (April 14) Israel Garfinkel, grandfather of Marianne Kestenbaum

15 Nisan (April 15) Rabbi Jerome Kestenbaum, father of Lenny Kestenbaum

15 Nisan (April 15) Felicita Navarro Ruiz, grandmother of Teresa Ruiz

16 Nisan (April 16) Rosa Haas, mother of Eric Haas

17 Nisan (April 17) June Myers Grant, mother of David Grant

20 Nisan (April 20) Lee Zimmerman, mother of Marianne Kestenbaum

24 Nisan (April 24) Joy Greisen, sister of Gail Markson

30 Nisan (April 30) Joseph Bender, father of Marjorie Gregerman

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## **APRIL SHABBAT SERVICES**

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

April 4: First Friday Kabbalat Shabbat Gabbai: Gary Kurzban; Shaliach Tzibbur: Marion Bernstein; Oneg: Stan & Wendy Drezek

April 12: Acharei Mot/Shabbat HaGadol Gabbai: Terri Foose; Shaliach Tzibbur: Marion Bernstein; Torah: Gary Kurzban; Haftarah: Jana Leland; D'var Torah: TBA; Kiddush: the Shiver family

April 19: Chol Ha-Moed Passover Gabbai: Nancy Oseasohn; Shaliach Tzibbur & Hallel: Marion Bernstein; Torah: Meredith Fox; Haftarah: Stan Drezek; D'var Torah: Helene Bachmann; Kiddush: Sylvia Hilton

April 26: Kedoshim Gabbai: Peter Janes; Shaliach Tzibbur: Marion Bernstein; Torah: Peter Janes; Haftarah: Lenny Kestenbaum;

D'var Torah: Marge Gregerman; Kiddush: Marge Gregerman

May 2: First Friday Kabbalat Shabbat Gabbai: Gary Kurzban; Shaliach Tzibbur: Marion Bernstein; Oneg: Nancy Oseasohn

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