

# Congregation Beth Am Bulletin



October 2025

Tishre-Cheshvan 5786

## First Friday for October

October 3<sup>rd</sup>'s First Friday will focus on one of the final portions of the Torah, *Ha'azinu*, and will feature a learning session with Wendy Drezek.

November's First Friday Kabbalat Shabbat will be on the 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. The portion is *Va-Yera*.

**Contributions to Beth Am should be sent to: PO Box 780893  
San Antonio, TX 78278-0893**

## Sukkot

Gary Kurzban and Terry Ruiz are continuing their annual tradition of an open sukkah at their home at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 12.



Food is potluck dairy/pareve. Lulav and etrog will be available so that you can participate in the mitzvot of Sukkot.

To get directions or RSVP, send an email to: [kurzban.ruiz@gmail.com](mailto:kurzban.ruiz@gmail.com).

**מועדים לשמחה**

## The Rabbi is Back!

Rabbi Armin Langer will be returning to Beth Am via Zoom in October. He will be providing the Torah reading and a d'var Torah at services on Saturday morning, Oct. 25, *Parashat Noach*. He will also offer a learning session after kiddush.

## Participation in Our Services

If you would like to help lead any upcoming Shabbat services, read the Torah or Haftarah portion in Hebrew or English, or give a d'var Torah, contact Gary Kurzban at [kurzban.ruiz@gmail.com](mailto:kurzban.ruiz@gmail.com).

If you'd like to attend services via Zoom, contact Marion or Henry Bernstein, [hmbmtx@gmail.com](mailto:hmbmtx@gmail.com).

If you'd like to participate in our Yom Kippur Service, either reading something in English or singing or chanting in Hebrew, please contact any of the above people.

## Thank You

To those who helped with Shabbat services in September: Rona Aduna, Karen Berkowitz, Marion Bernstein, Wendy Drezek, Natalie Gernsbacher, Andy Gravin, Gary Kurzban, Nancy Oseasohn and Vivian Weinstein.

Gratitude to Wendy Drezek for her series of Zoom education sessions which concluded in September.

Rosh Hashana thank-you's to:

Karen Berkowitz & Marion Bernstein, service leadership

Gary Kurzban and Karen Berkowitz, Torah readings

Rona Aduna and Nancy Oseasohn, d'var Torah

Marianne Kestenbaum, Haftarah on Rosh Hashana

Josh Yurcheshen, "Who By Fire?"

Henry Bernstein, technical support

A special thank-you to Natalie Gernsbacher, who sponsored a kiddush lunch on Rosh Hashana in memory of her grandfather, Reuben Karren.

There will be more thank-yous for Yom Kippur and Sukkot in our November bulletin!

## ***In the Community***

### **Women of Valor Luncheon**

The Jewish Federation of San Antonio's Women of Valor Fall Luncheon is set for Tuesday, October 21, 11:30 a.m. Twelve outstanding women from the community will be honored.

The cost for the event is \$72 and includes a gourmet luncheon and a copy of "Chutzpah Girls." The book's author is the featured speaker.

To RSVP, use the link: [Join us at Women of Valor!](#)

## **Local & State Issues Election Voter Registration Deadlines**

**BY MAIL (POSTMARKED)** Monday, Oct. 6

**IN PERSON** Monday, Oct. 6

**ELECTION DAY** Tuesday, Nov. 4

**Happy New Year!**  
**גמר חתימה טובה**

### ***Fall Holiday Schedule***

Kol Nidre	Wednesday, Oct. 1	Service begins at 6:45 p.m.
Yom Kippur Day	Thursday, Oct. 2	begins at 9:30 a.m.
	Yizkor	noon
	Forum	4 p.m. "The U'Netaneh Tokef: Going Down the
Same Rabbit Hole....	But Finding Myself Somewhere New" with Marianne Kestenbaum	
	Mincha/Ne'ila	6 p.m.
	Havdalah	7:45 p.m.
Sukkot:	Chol ha-Moed	
	Open Sukkah	

## Yahrzeits

10 Tishri (Oct. 2) David Shapiro, brother of  
Diana Samuels  
11 Tishri (Oct. 3) Gertrude Shuster, mother  
of Leroy Shuster  
19 Tishri (Oct. 11) Suzanne Catlett, cousin  
of Jennifer Janes  
28 Tishri (Oct. 20) Walter Garfinkel, brother  
of Rhoda Rappaport  
30 Tishri (Oct. 22) Robert Gregerman, hus-  
band of Marge Gregerman  
2 Heshvan (Oct. 24) Paul Saunders, father of  
Michele Saunders  
7 Heshvan (Oct. 29) Jules Maltz, father of  
Debra Maltz  
8 Heshvan (Oct. 30) Leroy Shuster, husband  
of Dana Shuster  
9 Heshvan (Oct. 31) Hannah Hattenbach,  
aunt of Marion Bernstein  
9 Heshvan (Oct. 31) Abraham David  
Alterman, grandfather of Terri Foose  
9 Heshvan (Oct. 31) Michele Sherman,  
daughter of Terri Foose

## OCTOBER SHABBAT & HOLIDAY SERVICES

*Services are held on Zoom. If you would like  
to attend, contact us at [hbmbtx@gmail.com](mailto:hbmbtx@gmail.com).*

Oct. 1: Kol Nidre

**Live and in person at the UUC & on Zoom**

Oct. 2: Yom Kippur

**Live and in person at the UUC & on Zoom**

Oct. 3: Ha'azinu First Friday Kabbalat  
Shabbat, 6:30 p.m. Shiur: Wendy Drezek

Oct. 11: Chol ha-Moed Sukkot Shaliach  
Tzibbur & Hallel: Marion Bernstein; Torah:  
Gary Kurzban; Haftarah: Vivian Weinstein;  
D'var Torah: Nancy Oseasohn

Oct. 18: Bereshit/Simchat Torah Shaliach  
Tzibbur: Marion Bernstein; Torah: Wendy  
Drezek; Haftarah: Marianne Kestenbaum;  
D'var Torah: Natalie Gernsbacher

Oct. 25: Noach Shaliach Tzibbur: Marion  
Bernstein; Torah: Rabbi Armin Langer;  
Haftarah: Marion Bernstein; D'var Torah:  
Rabbi Langer

Nov. 1: Lech Lecha Shaliach Tzibbur:  
Marion Bernstein; Torah: Karen Berkowitz;  
Haftarah: Vivian Weinstein; D'var Torah:  
Nancy Oseasohn

Nov. 7: VaYera First Friday Kabbalat  
Shabbat, 6:30 p.m.

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