



February 2025

Shevat-Adar 5785

First Friday Kabbalat Shabbat

Rabbi Armin Langer will be joining us for February's First Friday, on Feb. 7 at 6:30 p.m. He will be presenting a learning session before services begin.

He will also be visiting us for First Friday Kabbalat Shabbat on March 7, at the same time.

Dates for Rabbi Armin Langer

- Friday, February 7
- Friday, March 7
- Saturday, April 19

*Contributions to Beth Am should be sent to: PO Box 780893
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BethAmConnect goes ZOOM!

By Wendy Drezek

For many years our family hosted several evening learning sessions. I am returning to this tradition ala ZOOM:

- February 2nd Let's talk Tree Seder
- April 6th Looking forward to a Chametz Party
- May 25th Make you own Torah Study
- September 14th Working on Teshuvah

All brief introductions/discussions (Tu Bshevat, Pesach, Shavuot, Rosh HaShanah) will be at 4 p.m. on Sundays. Zoom links and discussion materials will be provided.

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.

If you'd like to attend services via Zoom, please get in touch with Marion or Henry Bernstein, hmbtx@gmail.com.

Thank You

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

To Henry Bernstein and the Technical Committee for the audio-visual set-up for our hybrid live services.

From Reconstructing Judaism Reparations in Action: How to Move from Resolving to Repairing

Sunday, February 2, 2025

1 - 3 p.m. EST on Zoom

Join the Tikkun Olam Commission for a live Zoom event presenting with four different approaches to reparations: individual giving, organizational giving,

political advocacy and symbolic reparations.

We want to lift up the presenters' projects as replicable initiatives other Reconstructionist congregations and communities of faith might take on in their own local contexts. Come learn with us!

[Register for Sunday's Event](#)

Condolences

To Michele Saunders on the passing of her sister, Flora Bette Shebest.

To Beth Lettman on the passing of her mother, Thelma Lettman.

Yahrzeits

6 Shevat (Feb. 4) Donald Teller, uncle of Marion Bernstein

8 Shevat (Feb. 6) Red Davis, uncle of Mark Shiver

8 Shevat (Feb. 6) Leslie Saunders, uncle of Michele Saunders

9 Shevat (Feb. 7) Murray Toback, father of Natalie Gernsbacher

9 Shevat (Feb. 7) Leon Cahan, husband of Marga Speicher

10 Shevat (Feb. 8) Allan Gale, uncle of Marianne Kestenbaum

10 Shevat (Feb. 8) Florence E. Bender, mother of Marjorie Gregerman

11 Shevat (Feb. 9) Sophie Friedman, mother of Rona Aduna

12 Shevat (Feb. 10) Avram Elia ben Edward, father of Monica Perlmutter

17 Shevat (Feb. 15) Udo Fuith, step-father of Jennifer Janes

22 Shevat (Feb. 20) Elinor Pusin, wife of Col. Bernard Pusin

22 Shevat (Feb. 20) Larry Golden, husband of Meredith Norwood

22 Shevat (Feb. 20) Gilbert Bernstein, father of Henry Bernstein

27 Shevat (Feb. 25) Jacob Berkowitz, father of Karen Berkowitz

27 Shevat (Feb. 25) Billie Steinmann Duncan, mother of Dana Shuster

FEBRUARY SHABBAT SERVICES

Services are held on Zoom. If you would like to attend contact us at hbmbtx@gmail.com.

Feb. 1: *Bo* Shaliach Tzibbur: Marion Bernstein; Torah: Gary Kurzban; Haftarah: Vivian Weinstein; D'var Torah: Marion Bernstein

Feb. 7: *Beshallah/Shabbat Shira* First Friday Kabbalat Shabbat, 6:30 p.m. Shiur: Rabbi Armin Langer

Feb. 15: *Yitro* Shaliach Tzibbur: Marion Bernstein; Torah: Gary Kurzban; Haftarah: Marianne Kestenbaum; D'var Torah: Rona Aduna

Feb. 22: *Mishpatim* Shaliach Tzibbur: Marion Bernstein; Torah: Karen Berkowitz; Haftarah: Vivian Weinstein; D'var Torah: Marianne Kestenbaum

March 1: *Terumah/Rosh Chodesh Adar/Shabbat Shekalim* Shaliach Tzibbur: Marion Bernstein; Torah: Gary Kurzban; Haftarah: TBA; D'var Torah: Andy Gravin

March 8: *Tetzaveh/Shabbat Zachor* First Friday Kabbalat Shabbat, 6:30 p.m. Shiur: Rabbi Armin Langer

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