



March 2026

Adar-Nisan 5786

First Friday Kabbalat Shabbat

Beth Am's First Friday in March will be on the 6th at 6:30 p.m. The parasha is *Ki Tissa*, and Wendy Drezek will provide a brief lesson about the Torah and Haftarah portions.

A special non-first Friday Kabbalat Shabbat is scheduled on March 20 with Rabbi Armin Langer at 6:30 p.m.

And the rabbi will also be joining us for a Passover First Friday on April 3 at 6:30 p.m. (This service will be Zoom only.)

Passover is Coming 1st Seder on April 1

Welcome Back, Rabbi Langer!

Rabbi Armin Langer, who now has a pulpit in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, will be visiting us by Zoom to provide learning sessions on the following dates:

- Friday, March 20 Kabbalat Shabbat
- Friday, April 3 Pesach & Kabbalat Shabbat
- Saturday, May 16
- Friday, May 22, 2nd day Shavuot & Kabbalat Shabbat
- Saturday, June 20
- Friday, July 17, Kabbalat Shabbat

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, contact Marion or Henry Bernstein, hbmbtx@gmail.com.

Contributions

A generous contribution was made to Beth Am by Mark Shiver on the yearzeit of his uncle, Red Davis.

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

Thank You

To those who helped with Shabbat services in February: Rona Aduna, Karen Berkowitz, Marion Bernstein, Wendy Drezek, Gary Kurzban, Nancy Oseasohn, Vivian Weinstein.

To all those who participated in megillah reading for Purim: Rona Aduna, Marion Bernstein, Ana Blancarte, Ernesto Cortinas, Stan & Wendy Drezek, Natalie Gernsbacher, Andy Gravin, Debbie Linck, Debra Maltz, and Vivian Weinstein

To Gary Kurzban and Terry Ruiz for hosting First Friday Kabbalat Shabbat.

To Marianne Kestenbaum for hosting the congregation's Purim celebration.

In the Community

Scholarships & Grants Available

The Foundation for Jewish Philanthropies of San Antonio and the Jewish Federation of San Antonio have opened applications for this year's grants, scholarships and

camperships. Applications must be submitted online no later than April 6, 2026.

- For an undergraduate or graduate student enrolling in a program in Israel as part of their degree program.
- For students enrolled in undergraduate pre-med college or university studies for the upcoming fall semester.
- For students accepted to a Jewish overnight high school.
- For ages 8-17 years old and accepted to Jewish overnight camps located in the U.S. and Canada.
- For students starting freshman year or currently enrolled in a higher education institution.
- For students enrolled in post-graduate rabbinical, cantorial, or Jewish communal professional education.
- For programs and services that are designed to ensure and/or promote the vitality of the San Antonio Jewish community.
- For teens participating in a Israel travel program or a Jewish leadership overnight program.

Got a question? E-mail Jill Jacobs at the Jewish Federation of San Antonio, <jacobsj@jfsatx.org>!

Comedy Night with Ariel Elias

The Jewish Federation of San Antonio will be presenting an evening of “live standup, connection and good vibes” on Tuesday, March 17, at 7 p.m. The event will feature a bar and nosh as well as a performance by comedian Ariel Elias, who has appeared on Jimmy Kimmel, Steven Colbert and Good Morning America.

The charge for the evening is \$36 per person, or \$360 per table. Reservations must be made no later than March 12.

Yahrzeits

16 Adar (March 5) Pauline Garfinkel, grandmother of Marianne Kestenbaum

18 Adar (March 7) Gladys Lazarus, mother of James Lazarus

20 Adar (March 9) Carol Salit, sister of Rona Aduna.

20 Adar (March 9) Genesia Epstein Greenburg, mother of Jayne Greenburg

21 Adar II (March 10) Fannie Haffner, mother of Steve Haffner

23 Adar (March 12) Corky Maltz, aunt of Natalie Gernsbacher

27 Adar (March 16) Diane Maltz, sister of Debra Maltz

28 Adar II (March 17) Harold Karren, uncle of Natalie Gernsbacher

8 Nisan (March 26) John Goss Skelton, congregant

11 Nisan (March 29) Col. Bernard Pusin, congregant

MARCH SHABBAT SERVICES

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

March 6: *Ki Tissa/Shabbat Parah* First Friday Kabbalat Shabbat, 6:30 p.m. Shiur: Wendy Drezek

March 14: *VaYakhel-Pekudei/Shabbat Ha-Chodesh* Shaliach Tzibbur: Marion Bernstein; Torah: Marianne Kestenbaum; Haftarah: Vivian Weinstein; D’var Torah: Nancy Oseasohn

March 20: *VaYikra* Kabbalat Shabbat with Rabbi Armin Langer, 6:30 p.m.

March 28: *Tzav/Shabbat HaGadol* Shaliach Tzibbur: TBA; Torah: Gary Kurzban; Haftarah: Andy Gravin; D’var Torah: Rona Aduna

April 3: *Kabbalat Shabbat Chol HaMoed Pesach* with Rabbi Armin Langer, 6:30 p.m.

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PRIMARY ELECTION TUESDAY, MARCH 3

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