



January Shabbat and Worship Calendar

Friday, January 1 | 6 pm

Kabbalat Shabbat Service
Join us for a champagne toast.

Friday, January 8 | 6 pm

Kol Nashim Women's Shabbat
Service with Kolot Kol Ami Choir
and Torah reading. Guest speaker:
Dean Tracy Lind (see page 2)

Friday, January 15 | 6 pm

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Friday, January 22 | 6 pm

Shabbat *Shirah*
Kabbalat Shabbat Service
Come Grow With Me! Shabbat
(for children ages 0-9)

Friday, January 29 | 6 pm

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Saturday, January 30 | 10:30 am

Bar Mitzvah of Charlie Jaeb

Mazal Tov!



Charlie Jaeb, will become a Bar Mitzvah.

The congregation is invited to celebrate together during Shabbat services on Saturday, January 30, at 10:30 am. **Charlie Jaeb**, son of Alison and Anthony Jaeb, will become a Bar Mitzvah.

Are You on Our Email List?

Do you want to receive the Temple Times, Religious School news, invitations for special Temple events, snow day information, and bereavement notices? Then we'll need your correct email address! Send updates to admin@suburbantemple.org.

The News



Artist in Residence, Gary Rosenthal

We are excited to welcome glass and metal artist, Gary Rosenthal, to our congregation **February 26–28, 2016!** Gary has been sculpting in welded metals since the early 1970s. Together with a team of talented craftspeople he creates one of the most popular and unique lines of Judaic art in the country. His inspiration comes from the rich history of the Jewish people which tells us it's a blessing – a *mitzvah* – to make beautiful, functional art. Gary is a true mensch who has used his art to make the world a better place. Come hear how and make some art of your own! **Mark your calendars for the following events:**

Friday, February 26

6 pm: Shabbat Services – Gary Rosenthal will speak on the topic, "How Art Repairs the World." Fourth and fifth grade Religious School students will participate in services.

Saturday, February 27

9:15 am: Gary will join our Torah Study group.

Sunday, February 28

9:30 am–noon: Gary will create special art projects with our Religious School students and their families.

1–3 pm: All members of ST-KA as well as members of the community are invited to make beautiful, artistic Jewish ritual objects that will also help make the world a better place. (all ages)



From Rabbi Vann:

Share Shabbat: Come Light the Candles



Did you know that kindling the Shabbat candles wasn't always part of a service in the synagogue?

The Reform movement may have begun lighting the candles in

the synagogue as a revival of an ancient custom of lighting Shabbat candles following the afternoon service in the synagogue. It came as an addition to the late Friday evening service, which had its origin with Isaac Mayer Wise, founder of the Reform Movement in the United States. However, it wasn't until the revised edition of the Union Prayer Book of 1940 that Shabbat candle lighting in the synagogue became an accepted part of liturgy.

Lighting the candles is a shared congregational experience. It is not done by the rabbi or the service leader. A member of the congregation completes the ritual of the candles.

This has become an important part of Reform movement practice and spiritual space. We begin and mark Shabbat with our beautiful candle sticks, knowing that with the flickering flames, our sacred time together has officially begun.

It is with great pride and joy that you may come onto the bimah to bless and light the candles. Whether to mark a birthday, an anniversary, or even to remember a loved one, you are invited forward from the congregation.

I love watching the candles flicker to life. As the week ends, and Shabbat begins, it's as if the candles are whispering, "Shabbat Shalom... Now it's time to breathe deep and release the week."

I invite everyone who wishes to be a part of this beauty by signing up to bless and



light the candles on Shabbat. To do so, simply email admin@suburbantemple.org, indicating your interest and possible dates that might work for you.

I look forward to sharing the bimah with you.

Rabbi Allison Vann
avann@suburbantemple.org

Kol Nashim Shabbat Features The Very Reverend Dean Tracey Lind as Speaker

Every year, *Kol Nashim* Shabbat is a wonderful experience. With liturgy and Torah reading led by members of *Kol Nashim*, the service is a reminder of the talent and treasure of this group of women that bring so much to our congregation, along with the added musical uplift by Kolot Kol Ami. This year, we are thrilled to announce that the Very Reverend Dean Tracey Lind will address the congregation during Shabbat service about the Torah portion *Va-eira*.

Dean Lind came to Trinity in 2000, leading the development of Trinity Commons, an award-winning, environmentally sustainable campus that is home to Trinity Cathedral and the Diocese of Ohio. During her tenure, Trinity has experienced tremendous growth and development as a diocesan cathedral, a vibrant and inclusive community of faith, and a leading institution in the heart of the city.

As Dean of Trinity, Lind frequently speaks, teaches and preaches around the country. She is board member and advisor to many nonprofit organizations including: The Episcopal Church Pension Fund, Judson Retirement Communities, The Campus

District, Ten Thousand Villages of Cleveland, Green City Blue Lake Advisory Committee, Community Shares, and the ACLU. Lind also serves as a member of the Sustainable Cleveland 2019 Steering Committee and is one of the co-chairs of Greater Cleveland Congregations, an inter-faith community organizing effort of which is Suburban Temple-Kol Ami is a member.

A native of Columbus, Ohio, Lind is an alumna of the Columbus School for Girls. She holds a bachelor's degree in urban studies from the Honors College at the University of Toledo, a master of community planning from the University of Cincinnati, and a master of divinity from Union Theological Seminary in New York. She has also held the seminary's prestigious Maxwell Fellowship, received the Diocese of



Newark's Canterbury Scholar Award, participated in Leadership Cleveland, and was awarded a Clergy Renewal Grant from the Eli Lilly Endowment. In 2007, she was named Woman of Achievement by the YWCA Greater Cleveland, in 2009 she received the Human Rights Campaign Equality Award and in 2011, she was honored through the National Council of Church's Circle of

Names program.

In 2004, Lind's first book of photographs and essays, *Interrupted by God*, was published by The Pilgrim Press.

Tracey Lind lives with her spouse, Emily Ingalls, on the shore of Lake Erie in Euclid, Ohio.

We look forward to welcoming Dean Lind to our congregation as we all celebrate Shabbat together on January 8!

From our President: New Year's Resolutions



Shortly before Thanksgiving, I decided to participate in a corporate step challenge. While team oriented, each employee set a personal goal: how many steps could I walk per day? Though the challenge had been organized before, I had never bothered to enter. Why? I had a number of reasons (i.e., excuses), but ultimately I hesitated to move out of my comfort zone and do something new. While I hit the gym a couple times a week (or at least try too!), this was going to be different. This was fresh. I was going to be accountable to myself in a new way. Somehow I found myself at an organizational meeting, got a new Fitbit, and I was off.

So how am I doing? Great! I am ahead of my goal and I've learned a few things along the way. I've learned that I didn't walk nearly as much as I thought I did, and the more walking I do, the better I feel. I've learned that getting out of one's comfort zone takes only that first step. Most importantly, I've gotten to know some of my co-workers better and have formed some new office relationships (both business and personal).

So what does this all have to do with

Temple? Most of us access Temple through a familiar activity. (Believe me, I get it!) I ask though, as we begin 2016, to add this to your New Year's resolutions: *step out of your Temple comfort zone*. Enter through a different door. There are myriad ways. Attend a Friday night service (we read Torah once a month); read with the ST-KA book club sponsored by *Kol Nashim*; join the Men's Club for a sports outing; attend Vintage's film festival; study Torah with Rabbi Vann for an hour every Saturday morning. Always wanted to join the choir? Why not give it a try? There are no auditions; just the desire to sing. You get the picture. As we might say in January in Cleveland, these are just the tip of the iceberg.

Discovering a new touch point with ST-KA has other benefits as well. You'll be astonished at the amazing people you will meet and the relationships that are created – a *kehillah kedoshah* (sacred community) if you will, inside and outside of the building. So put on your Temple Fitbit, take that first step, and join us some place new, some place outside of your comfort zone. You'll be glad you did!

All the best for 2016.

Kim Rosner, President
president@suburbantemple.org

Getting to Know, and Wishing *Mazal Tov* to, Ori Akrish

When you talk to Ori Akrish, you will quickly learn that he is an educator through and through, he *loves* kids, and he is enthusiastic about Suburban Temple-Kol Ami. He first came to ST-KA as a 7th grade teacher but soon he and his family were considering membership. The Akrish family cemented their relationship to ST-KA by joining the congregation in 2009. Ori recalls, "As I spent time with wonderful faculty, staff, clergy and families, I found I was here more and more, and bringing my family to events. We became much more active after building a great relationship with Rabbi Vann and Rabbi Nyer."

Ori is an advisor of SUBTY, our high school youth group, and he has helped develop programs for 7th and 8th graders to "build a bridge" into it. "The goal is to provide fun programming for teens of all ages and chances to bond outside of the Temple," he notes. Some might find it challenging to work with

teens, but Ori relates, "Teenagers are a fun bunch to be around. They are discovering their passions and they ask tough and thought-provoking questions."

Based on Ori's exceptional talent, skills, and passion, Ori has been awarded the Esther Goldberg and Albert B. Ratner Israel Fellowship award from the Jewish Education Center of Cleveland. The award recognizes outstanding religious school and day school teachers and provides up to \$3,000 for advanced study in Israel. Ori will be recognized at the JECC annual meeting on Sunday, January 10. Ori is excited to use his Israel fellowship for a program that will allow him to continue to bring Israel into educational programming. He hopes to use what he learns to implement programs that can be shared with all of our Temple members.

On the "adult" side of his role as an educator, Ori, together with Linda Stiller, co-chairs the Lifelong Learning Committee. This diverse team of Temple members is reviewing educational programming for all ages. He is excited

From Brett's Desk



Information. Data. News. Ideas. Opinions. Events. Ten times a year, you receive the *Temple Bulletin*. It's chock full of information about

Temple. However, I find myself wondering if it gives YOU, our members, what YOU need?

Do you prefer to get your information weekly – through *Temple Times*? Is electronic communication better? Is it perfect just the way it is? Let me know by calling the office 216.991.0700 or emailing me at bshankman@suburbantemple.org. Thank you for all feedback that you provide.

Mazal tov and thank you to the donors who made our new High Holy Day and weekly Torah covers possible. They are magnificent! Best wishes to everyone for a Happy and Healthy 2016!

Brett Shankman, Executive Director
bshankman@suburbantemple.org

Wish list

Did you make your annual campaign gift? If not, PLEASE do so. We are counting on you!

about what's in store. "We have been given openness to plan an educational experience that is unique and meaningful based on our core educational standards and the needs of our members. I think we are going to come up with something special."



A Clevelander by birth, Ori returned home after college. He and his wife, Karen, have two sons, Joshua (7) and Liam (2). He is the Executive Director of Coach Sam's Inner Circle Foundation, which strives to integrate literacy, personal development, and health and fitness in at-risk communities to develop the whole child. In addition, Ori was elected to the South Euclid-Lyndhurst school board in 2013.

Ori believes that Suburban Temple-Kol Ami's greatest asset is its people. With dedicated educators and involved families like Ori's, we can't agree more!

ST-KA Book Club



Winter is a great time to get lost in a good book! Pick up a copy of *The World to Come*, by Dara Horn, winner of the 2006 National Jewish Book Award for fiction. The story centers on the theft of a

Marc Chagall painting and encompasses betrayal, mystery, romance, folklore, theology, and history. The New York Times lauded *The World to Come* as a “rich, complex, and haunting novel.”

Join the ST-KA Book Club, sponsored by *Kol Nashim*, for a stimulating discussion led by Rabbi Vann on **Thursday, January 14, at 7 pm** at the home of Ellen and Ed Weber. Please RSVP to the Temple office (216.991.0700 or admin@suburbantemple.org).

Amy Bloomberg,
Kol Nashim President
STKAKolNashim@gmail.com

Lifelong Learning

Menchkins

Do you love helping in the kitchen? Stirring and rolling, dropping and sprinkling are ways to help make cookies, which is just what we will do on **Sunday, January 31, from 10–11:15 am**. All 0-4 year-olds and their parents should meet at Lucy’s Sweet Surrender (20314 Chagrin Blvd. in Shaker Heights), where we will learn about doing *mitzvot* while making sweet treats. We will taste the cookies and save some to serve at the Oneg Shabbat on Friday, February 5. This program is free thanks to a generous grant from the Jewish Federation of Cleveland. RSVP to the Temple at 216.991.0700 or admin@suburbantemple.org.

NFTY-NEL Winter Kallah

What could be better than 150+ Jewish teens getting together for the weekend in Cleveland?! Make sure you (or your teens) are registered for NFTY-NEL Winter Kallah, an event that will be full of new friends, meaningful discussions, yummy food, and more! All 9th–12th graders: please join Jewish teens from Rochester, Buffalo, Erie, and the Greater Toronto Area from **January 29–31** by going to www.nfty.org/nel/events/winterkallah. If you are interested in hosting out-of-towners in your home, or if you have questions, please email Rabbi Nyer at snyer@suburbantemple.org. Can’t wait to see you there!

Come Grow with Me! Shabbat

On **Friday, January 22, at 6 pm**, join us for a brief, interactive, and fun Shabbat service, followed by Shabbat dinner for families with very young children (ages 0-9). Our own Laura Lindauer will provide music and song. This program is free, but please RSVP to the Temple at 216.991.0700 or admin@suburbantemple.org.

Parents’ Night Out

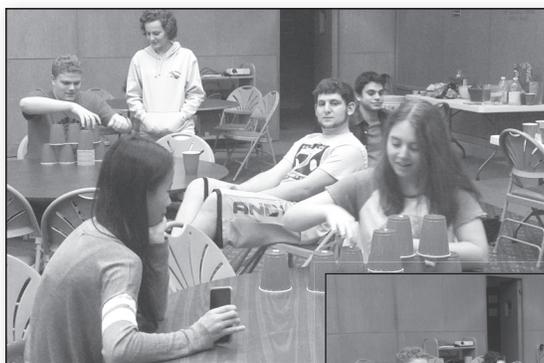
Would you like a date night or a night out with friends? Let our professionally trained teachers, Kathy Klein and Heidi Mell, watch your children while you enjoy yourselves! All children one year and older are welcome to join us **Saturday, January 9, from 6–9 pm** for a pizza dinner, activities, havdalah, and a movie in pajamas. The cost is \$10 per child with a maximum of \$25 per family for the whole evening. RSVP to the Temple at 216.991.0700 or admin@suburbantemple.org.

ADULT ED:

Judaism’s 10 Best Recipes

What makes food Jewish? How do you make those holiday favorites? Should matzah balls sink or float? Come find the answers to these questions and many more as some of our congregation’s best chefs and Rabbi Nyer share with you a history of Jewish foods and our favorite recipes. Classes will meet from **7–8:30 pm** on the following **Tuesdays: February 9 & 16, March 1 & 15, and April 12.**

Menchkins jump for joy at Sky Zone.



The big kids had a blast at the SUBTY Shul-In.



January Programs, Events and Meetings

Torah study meets every Saturday morning from 9:15–10:15 am. Join Rabbi Vann in the Gries Library for bagels and open discussion about the Torah.

- Fri., Jan. 1** **Temple Office Closed**
(open for Kabbalat Shabbat services)
- Sun., Jan. 3** **Religious School Closed**
- Tuesday, Jan. 5** **8 am** | Coffee, Tea, and We (Panera)
- Sat., Jan. 9** **6 pm** | Parents' Night Out
- Sun., Jan. 10** Religious School classes resume
- Mon., Jan. 11** **7 pm** | Board of Trustees Meeting
- Tuesday, Jan. 12** **4 pm** | Coffee, Tea, and We (Panera)
- Thurs., Jan. 14** **7 pm** | *Kol Nashim* - ST-KA Book Club
(at Ellen and Ed Weber's home)
- Sun., Jan. 17** **Religious School Closed**
- Mon., Jan. 18** **Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day**
Temple Office Closed
- Weds., Jan. 20** **7 pm** | Lifelong Learning Committee Meeting
- Thurs., Jan. 28** **7 pm** | Executive Committee Meeting
- Fri., Jan. 29 – Sun., Jan. 31** NFTY Winter Kallah
- Sun., Jan. 31** **10 am** | Menchkins

Keep in Touch With Us!

Keep Us Informed!

Please let us know when you, or someone you know, is hospitalized, ill, or bereaved, or would just enjoy a call from a rabbi or a member of the Caring Community. We also love hearing good news, such as a birth or other *simcha*! In order to better serve the congregation, please share this information with Rabbi Vann by calling the office at 216.991.0700, or by emailing Rabbi Vann directly at avann@suburbantemple.org.

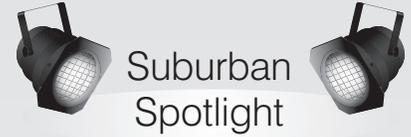
Caring Community

The Caring Community's goal is to reach

out, connect and support the Suburban Temple- Kol Ami family during as many life-cycle moments in the lives of our members as possible, through letter writing, meals, visits and creating access to synagogue. This is holy work. With Linda Schneider at the helm, the Caring Community has created four teams with captains: letter writing – Flossy Mitchell; friendly visiting – Barbara Feldman; meals – Susan Merdler; driving to Temple – Jan Lieblich. The teams are always open to growth. If you are interested in getting involved, please get in touch with Linda (216.593.0003) or Rabbi Vann (216.991.0700) or avann@suburbantemple.org.



Join Rabbi Vann, Rabbi Nyer and Brett Shankman for coffee and a schmooze on **Tuesday, January 5, at 8 am** and **Tuesday, January 12, at 4 pm**. We'll save a seat for you at Panera at the corner of Harvard and Richmond. Coffee's on us!



Attorney **Terry H. Gilbert**, in tandem with the Ohio Innocence Project, received the Rescuer of Humanity Award at the 21st annual Rescuer of Humanity Awards dinner presented by Project Love-Purple America/Values-in-Action Foundation. The award recognizes those who use leadership beyond professional or institutional requirements to positively change the course of humanity. Terry's practice focuses on criminal defense and civil rights litigation. He has been involved in the National Innocence Project since the 1990s and more recently with the Ohio Innocence Project. Using DNA and other evidence, he works to free prisoners who have been falsely accused. *Mazel tov*, Terry!

Mazel tov to **Carter Strang**, for creating lessons that provide guidelines for students when encountering police in vehicles and other situations. The lessons, in use in all Cleveland and East Cleveland public high schools, also discuss remedies for improper police behavior. Carter created the program in response to concerns over nationally publicized deaths arising from police encounters. The lessons are taught by over 400 Cleveland attorneys through the award-winning Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association 3Rs (Rights, Responsibilities, Realities) program.

ST-KA members: The spotlight's on you! We'd love to highlight your accomplishments, honors, and accolades in the monthly *Bulletin* and in the Temple Times. Send submissions to admin@suburbantemple.org.

Shabbat Acknowledgments

We are grateful to the following people who helped make our November worship services a beautiful experience.

Blessings: Darcy and Ben Anderson, Alice and Stanley Dub, Sue and Rudi Hoffman, Sandy Lusher-Waterhouse and Bruce Waterhouse, Jr.

Torah Blessings: Laura Lindauer

Vintage Shabbat Service

Participants: David Greenberg, Susan Hirsch, Rene Klein, Jan Lieblich, Flossy Mitchell, Rita Orpett, Elise Rosenberg, Adrienne Sharp

Announcements: Kim Rosner, Bruce Waterhouse, Jr.

Ushers: Diane Greene, Al Jaffe, Rene Klein, Jan Lieblich, Flossy and Dennis Mitchell

Bimah Flowers

On November 13 were gifts from **Darcy Anderson** in celebration of Ben's Bar Mitzvah and from **Jane and Dan Laibstain, Marcia and Andrew Margolius, and Barbara and Richard Margolius** in loving memory of Phyllis W. Margolius and David L. Margolius.

On November 20 was a gift from **Diane and Harvey Scholnick** in loving memory of Dorothy Mirsky and Evelyn Scholnick.

Book of Life

The following name was inscribed in the Book of Life:

Kenneth Light

Father of Debra Light (Bruce Sherman)

In Memoriam

Dear member

Dolores Weisberg

Dear relative

George W. Lang

Brother of Joanne (Charles) Frankel

We Gratefully Acknowledge the Following Contributions

Please consider making a contribution to Suburban Temple-Kol Ami to celebrate a special occasion, express gratitude or sympathy, or honor important accomplishments. A current list of Temple funds is available from the Temple office. Donations may be made online at www.suburbantemple.org. Donations listed below were received between November 1–30, 2015. Please let us know of any errors or omissions.

Art Fund

In honor of

Jack Bialosky, Sr.

Gail Kamen and Neil Blum

Carolyn Javitch

Bimah Flowers

In loving memory of

Dorothy Mirsky and Evelyn Scholnick

Diane and Harvey Scholnick

Book of Life

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Rabbi Vann welcoming Jordan Verbofsky and Amy Steinbuch into our congregation

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Milestone Birthdays and Anniversaries

Mazal tov to our members who are celebrating milestone **birthdays** in January:

Mary Louise Falkner
Marylana Neides
Jody Passov
Ben Woomer

Mazal tov to our members who are celebrating milestone **anniversaries** in January:

Vicki and David Aron – 45 years

Milestone birthday listings begin at age fifty and every five years afterwards. All birthdays 100 and over are listed. Milestone anniversaries begin at ten years and continue every five years thereafter.

Join Us In Song!

Kolot Kol Ami (voices of Kol Ami): The Congregational Choir of Suburban Temple-Kol Ami will rehearse on **Wednesday, January 6, at 7:30 pm** and lead the music for the *Kol Nashim* Women's Shabbat service on **Friday, January 8**. Whether or not you've sung with us before, you are welcome to join us for music-making and fellowship. This is an opportunity for newcomers to learn our congregational melodies and for choir members to refresh their memories. We regularly add new melodies to familiar prayers, which we all learn together.

Kolot Kol Ami sings monthly from fall through spring. Please contact me for further information at bshewitz@suburbantemple.org.

Bruce Shewitz, Music Director
Laura Lindauer, Soloist



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Our Temple Family



At Shabbat Chaukah on December 11, we dedicated new Shabbat and High Holy Day Torah covers created by artist Jeanette Kuvin Oren. Thank you to all who helped bring these magnificent covers from dream to reality.

