



July and August Shabbat and Worship Calendar

July

Friday, July 1 | 6 pm

Kabbalat Shabbat Service with
Torah reading

Friday, July 8 | 6 pm

Kabbalat Shabbat Service
led by Lori Rosenberg

Friday, July 15 | 6 pm

Kabbalat Shabbat Service led
by Sara Stashower

Friday, July 22 | 6 pm

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Friday, July 29 | 6 pm

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

August

Friday, August 5 | 6 pm

Kabbalat Shabbat Service with
Torah reading

Friday, August 12 | 6 pm

Kabbalat Shabbat Service
Come Grow With Me! Shabbat

Friday, August 19 | 6 pm

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Friday, August 26 | 6 pm

Shabbat Under the Stars

Happy Birthday!

We completely missed a pretty significant birthday announcement in the last issue: we wish a happy, but belated **102nd birthday** to **Lucille Heflich**. *Mazal Tov!*

Working to Repair Our World



I'll be out of town for most of the Republican National Convention.

I'll be at camp. Specifically, I'll be serving as faculty at Greene Family Camp, one of the camps that is part of the Reform Movement, located in Bruceville, Texas—which is where Charlie and I met! That's a pretty great bubble, and I love being there. I know I'll be pretty happy to miss all the traffic that will occur with an extra 50,000 or so visitors to our fair city.

But all of that aside, Cleveland will be the epicenter of what is already a terribly difficult election season. Presumably, the Republican Party will nominate a presidential candidate. The following week, Philadelphia will receive the same attention, as, the Democratic National Convention convenes and elects its presidential candidate.

In an article by Dr. Steven Windmueller, he states that in the 2012 election, overall voter turnout was only 54%, yet it is estimated that 85% of America's Jews vote. Jewish voting participation levels are among the highest of all ethnic groups and religious communities in the nation.

During the last two presidential elections, I remember being dismayed by the amount of hatred and divisiveness. My concern during this election cycle, already so filled with vitriol has again grown—perhaps exponentially. I no longer just shake my head. My eyes fill my tears; my heart palpitates. Jewish values demand that we love our neighbors as well love ourselves and that we work to repair the world. The debates this spring and early summer have been far ranging and difficult: foreign policy, transgender rights, and of course the election itself. Whether we are debating transgender rights or immigration policy—our values and our work is clear: we must work to increase the tolerance between each in order to repair the world.

As an historically immigrant community, we treasure our freedom, our independence. It's time we shoulder the responsibility we have to our country: to speak up, to demand that the politics of anger, hate and even fear are no longer tolerated. As our city heats up—figuratively and literally—let our Jewish values inspire us to raise our voices to demand civility and tolerance.

Rabbi Allison Vann
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From Brett's Desk



Another programming year gone ... time is flying by. Congratulations to all of our members here at Suburban Temple-Kol Ami! We had a great year—Open

Doors was a huge success welcoming over 25 new member families, our best new “recruiting class” in almost a decade! Programming was wonderful—Gary Rosenthal, Jewish Cooking, *Kol Nashim* Shabbat, Vintage Movie Marathon, and the Men's Club Tour of Jewish Cleveland, just to mention a few.

Already it's July. Planning for the High Holy Days. Awaiting the results from our URJ survey that so many of you participated in. Trying to get a little R&R in ... all while focusing daily on making Suburban Temple-Kol Ami the best it can be.

To that end, I want to ask a few favors from everyone.

First, stay in touch and share what you're thinking. How are we doing?

Second, while we brought in over 25 new families last year, we want to top that this year. It will only happen if YOU ask your friends to come see ST-KA. Bring them to a service, invite them to a program, or forward the Temple Times to them. YOU are our best advocates.

Finally, if you haven't returned your Open Doors commitment pledge form, please do so immediately. It is so important to our planning and budgeting. Thanks!

There's a lot coming up soon. Please look for email announcements through Temple Times, on the website, or through the USPS.

B'shalom,
Brett Shankman,
Executive Director
bshankman@suburbantemple.org

From our President:

Our Natural Sanctuary



As you can imagine, as President of ST-KA, I spend some time inside our building. It is amazing the nooks and crannies I've discovered the past year. Even more

amazing though, is what I've discovered outside of the building. As someone who enjoys planting a flower now and then, I've come to appreciate all of our different gardens (Curtis, Gries, and Stashower), as well as the landscaping in the front oval and the plantings along the front sidewalk. A variety of wildlife call our almost 10-acre campus home. (Imagine my surprise sitting in Bride's Room and being watched outside the window by a wild turkey.) We share our property with the neighborhood raccoons and deer, and even a litter of coyote pups. The campus, while sitting on very busy Chagrin Boulevard, truly seems removed from the bustle of nearby businesses. It provides a perfect sanctuary for worship.

This summer and coming fall there are several opportunities to gather as a community and enjoy our green space. Friday night services, weather permitting, are held in the Curtis Garden followed by oneq on the Stashower Garden terrace. Look for your invitation to Shabbat Under the Stars on August 26, in which we will worship on the building's patio in front of the Greenberg glass window with a front row view of our beloved willow tree, and dine alfresco. Our Vintage folks welcome the 2016–2017 programming year with their opening picnic on July 31. Religious school kicks off on September 11 with a cookout and the ever-popular ice cream truck. Of course, our



campus does not take care of itself. In addition to the professional services retained by the Temple, we are always looking for volunteers to assist with a little extra maintenance of the grounds—maybe some light planting, weeding, trimming, or a touch of spray paint. Our founding members truly knew what they were doing when creating this natural sanctuary for future generations over half a century ago. They understood that our Jewish values tell us to enjoy, to take responsibility for, and to protect our natural surroundings, for ourselves and for our children. This is not only on Tu B'shvat or on Earth Day, but every day.

Kim Rosner, President
president@suburbantemple.org

Save the Date for

SHABBAT UNDER THE STARS!

Join ST-KA for a stellar KABBALAT SHABBAT

Friday, August 26 | 6pm

A casual dinner will follow services
Watch your mailbox for an invitation with details

From our Director of Lifelong Learning Lifelong Learning Committee Update



As Director of Lifelong Learning one of my greatest joys over the past few years has been working with the Lifelong Learning Committee to envision and reimagine what our congregational learning program could be. Below is an update from our co-chairs on the work we have been doing and where we are heading.

Rabbi Shana Nyer
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We want to begin with a huge thank you to all of you who participated in the survey we sent out in December. More than 100 people answered our call, and provided us with incredibly helpful feedback. We are also grateful to all of those who shared their thoughts in the focus groups. What you had to say was invaluable.

The feedback from the surveys, the input from the focus groups, as well as the learn-

ing we have done as a committee, is being filtered into a thoughtful, innovative learning program for our entire congregation—truly a “life-long” learning program.

Our schedule is ambitious: this summer we’ll work in small groups looking at the details for the best plan for Suburban Temple-Kol Ami. We will then present this to the Board for feedback in early fall. Based on their input, we will finalize the program, including soliciting feedback from experts in the field, such as the Jewish Education Center of Cleveland. We know that when we bring this plan forward to the congregation it will be excellent, thoughtful, and innovative. It is very meaningful that all our hard work is coming to fruition!

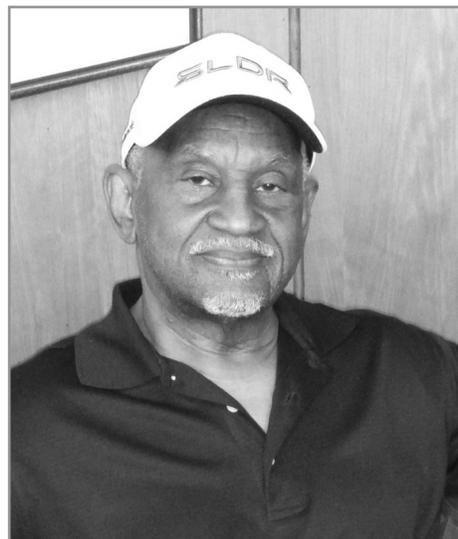
We began this update with gratitude, and we would like to end it with gratitude as well. We thank all the members of our committee for the dedication, study and hard work they have devoted to this process. They have been wonderful partners in this sacred work.

—*Ori Akrish and Linda Stiller, Co-Chairs of the Lifelong Learning Committee*

Get to Know Charles Hickerson

Charles was born in West Virginia and was lured to the Cleveland area because of all of the manufacturing opportunities available to a young person who was fresh out of high school. And so it was that Charles found himself an employee of Republic Steel where he worked as a machine operator for 42 years until a 114-day strike ended his career with them. Charles has been working since the age of 14 and has always taken care of his family. Starting to work at such an early age gave him his drive, a purpose, and today he looks at it as something that keeps him young.

He looks forward to coming into ST-KA each day because he enjoys of all the friendly people and positive energy. Being someone who likes one-on-one interaction, Charles enjoys his weekly lunches with his retiree friends. When he’s not working, he loves to immerse himself in films and westerns on television.



Thank you Charles!

Charles has been our part-time custodian for well over 50 years! Charles has put in extra hours this spring—so we’d like to ask you to say an extra-special “thank you” if you get a chance. He’s pretty special!

—Rabbi Allison Vann

Lifelong Learning

Religious School Registration Reminder

Don’t forget to register for Religious School and our Kolaynu program! In order to complete your registration, please fill out the student information, medical and confidential information forms, and mail them to the Temple with your payment. You should have received these forms in the mail, but if you need new forms, please email Jonathan Payes at jpaves@suburbantemple.org and he will email them to you. This year, religious school fees are \$350.00 per student. Please contact Rabbi Shana if you have any questions or concerns.

Adult Education

Politics! Voting. Republicans. Democrats. Social justice. Economic justice and so much more! What do we as Reform Jews take from Torah, tradition, and contemporary sources to inform our engagement? Please join the first adult education of the season...we’re starting in July! Rabbi Vann, Rabbi Shana, and Brett Shankman will each lead one class. Watch Temple Times for more details.

July 26, August 2, and August 9 at 7 p.m. at ST-KA.

Come Grow With Me! Shabbat

On **Friday, August 12, 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). This event is FREE, but please RSVP.

Hebrew Marathon

Have you always wanted to learn to read Hebrew, but never thought you had the time? Well then we have the class for you! Come learn to read Hebrew in just one day! Join Rabbis Vann and Nyer on **Saturday, September 24 from 2–6:00 pm** for a Hebrew Marathon. The fee for the class is \$36. Please RSVP to Dale at dhopkins@suburbantemple.org or by calling 216.991.0700 by Friday, September 16.

Please RSVP for all programs to Jonathan Payes (jpaves@suburbantemple.org or 216.991.0700 ext. 101).



Greetings from *Kol Nashim!*

As we wrap up this past year, I want to thank everyone who attended, volunteered, or participated in a *Kol Nashim* program. A special thanks to Stacey Brown who gave a very informative and delicious presentation at our concluding Spring Tea. She is just one example of the many fascinating and generous members in our congregation who are willing to share their stories and experiences!

We hope these summer months bring you plenty of sunshine and time to re-charge for another exciting year with our Temple family. *Kol Nashim* looks forward to seeing all of our members at the opening brunch in the fall! Stay tuned for more information and specifics. The fall also brings a new religious school year and plenty of opportunities to be involved. We have an exciting 2016–17 planned with KN Book club, the JCC Book Festival, Chanukah dinner and the *Kol Nashim* Women’s service, just to name a few! Please consider joining *Kol Nashim* and supporting and participating in all that we do to further the mission of Suburban Temple-Kol Ami.

Amy Bloomberg,
Kol Nashim President
STKAKolNashim@gmail.com

Calvary Church Supper

For more than 20 years, Suburban Temple-Kol Ami members have been cooking and serving meals at Calvary Church at 79th and Euclid Ave. The next dinner is scheduled for **Wednesday, July 27**. We need volunteers from **4–6:30 pm** to set up, serve the guests, and clean up. To sign up please contact: Sandy Lusher-Waterhouse (spruce50@gmail.com or 440.498.8282).

Save the Date!

A Golden Celebration of Jewish Music

50 Years in Jewish Music:
Honoring **Bruce Shewitz**

Featuring **Julie Silver**
in Concert

Dec. 4, 2016!



Mazal Tov to our 2016 Confirmation Class!



From left: Sarah Hess, Jacob Pilloff, Lily Roth, Joseph Luntz, Hana Flamm and Galen Silver.

Keep in Touch With Us!

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 get-

ting involved, please get in touch with Linda (216.593.0003) or Rabbi Vann (216.991.0700 or avann@suburbantemple.org).

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.

July/August Programs, Events, 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.

Tues., July 26 7 pm | Adult Education: Politics!

Wed., July 27 4:30 pm | Calvary Church Supper

Sun., July 31 4 pm | Vintage Picnic

Tues., Aug. 2 7 pm | Adult Education: Politics!

Mon., Aug. 8 7 pm | Board of Trustees meeting

Tues., Aug. 9 7 pm | Adult Education: Politics!

Wed., Aug 10 7 pm | Executive Committee Meeting

Tues., Aug. 17 7 pm | Lifelong Learning Committee Meeting

ST-KA Technology Update

ST-KA Joins AmazonSmile



Did you know that shopping on Amazon.com can benefit ST-KA? We have signed up with AmazonSmile, which donates a small percentage of every purchase to our congregation. Please visit smile.amazon.com and choose Suburban Temple-Kol Ami as your preferred charity. There is no extra

cost to you and you can use your usual amazon.com account. Start at smile.amazon.com each time you shop!

Live Streaming Services Begin

Thanks to a generous donation, we have installed a camera in the sanctuary that allows us to live stream services and other programs. Now you can watch Kabbalat Shabbat services live (or recorded) on our website. Please visit www.suburbantemple.org and click on the live stream menu at the top.

Calling all current and future choir singers!

It's time to start thinking about the next season for our congregational choir, Kolot Kol Ami. If you have sung with us in the past or are interested in joining us in the future, here's our schedule for the upcoming season:

Shabbat Under the Stars: August, 26

N'ilah service for the High Holidays: (This service will have 3 rehearsals.) Wednesday afternoon, **October 12.**

November 11

Chanukah Celebration: **December 16**

January 20

Kol Nashim: **February 3**

March 10

April 7

May 12

June 2: Service and Choir Dinner

Each Friday night service will be preceded by a Wednesday evening, **7:30 pm** rehearsal.

No previous experience necessary.

All you need to bring is your enthusiasm! If you are interested in joining us, please contact **Laura Lindauer** at ljindauer@gmail.com.

Milestone Birthdays and Anniversaries

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

JULY

**Marion Ambus
Laura Barnard
Selma Baron
Helen Bell
Lari Jacobson
Al Jaffe
Kathleen Klein
Judy Malone
Ken Manheim
Delfina Phillips
Harold Sternberg**

AUGUST

**Valerie Cooper
Lee Fisher
Jessie Glassman
Don Jacobson
Ellen Wieder
Ken Zeisler**

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

JULY

Dennis and Flossy Mitchell – 55 years

AUGUST

Gary and Sherry Dinner – 45 years
Bruce Waterhouse, Jr. and Sandy Lusher-Waterhouse – 20 years
Stanley and Alice Dub – 15 years
Irwin and Barbara Feldman – 55 years
Scott Gohn and Elaine Eisner – 10 years

Milestone birthday listings begin at age fifty and every five years afterward.

All birthdays 100 and over are listed.

Milestone anniversaries begin at ten years and continue every five years thereafter.

In Memoriam

Dear Member
Charles Neuger

Dear Relatives
Robert N. Light
Brother of Debra Light (Bruce Sherman)

Coffee, Tea and We!

We're taking a little "coffee break" until after the High Holidays.

Please join us when we resume **Coffee, Tea, and We** in the autumn.



Shabbat Acknowledgments

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

Blessings: Noam Cohen, Hana Flamm, Heidi Mell, Justin Passov, Galen Silver, Karen and Sandy Shapiro; Stacey Brown, Jane Glaubinger and Eric Baer; Sue, Larry, Brandon and Robert Wolf; Amy and Neil Bloomberg; Amy, Dan, Jacob and Katie Schuman; Rita Orpett, Dr. Henry and Ellen Eisenberg; Rand and Beth Curtiss

Torah Blessings: Sue and Rudi Hoffman; Lori Rosenberg

Announcements: Lori Rosenberg, Kim Rosner

Ushers: Flossy and Dennis Mitchell; Tom Wieder, Diane Greene, Natalie and Richard Skall; Noreen Bertman, Marlin Farver, Al Jaffe, Jan Lieblich, Lesly Kohner, Phyllis and Norman Goldston; Rita Orpett

Bimah Flowers and Oneg Shabbat Sponsors

On April 8, bimah flowers were gifts from **Amy and Dan Schuman** in loving memory of Peter Boyarin

On April 22, bimah flowers were gifts from **Karen and Mickey Schenkel** in loving memory of Irwin S. Haiman

On April 29, bimah flowers were gifts from **Richard Nemeth and Barbara Andelman** in loving memory of Leslie A. Grodin

On May 6, the oneg and bimah flowers were sponsored by **Susan, Tali and Lyle Merdler** in honor of Lyle's birthday

On May 6, bimah flowers were gifts from **the families of Connie Royce-Reed and Leslie Resnik** in loving memory of Evelyn and Richard Royce

On May 13, bimah flowers were gifts from **Sue and Larry Wolf** in honor of their son, Robert Wolf's bar mitzvah

On May 13, bimah flowers were gifts from **Linda Schneider** in loving memory of Zelda Burwasser

On May 20, bimah flowers were gifts from **The Margolius Family** in loving memory of Mildred Wetheim Kane

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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 April 8–May 31, 2016. Please let us know of any errors or omissions.

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In honor of
Rabbi Nyer's graduation
Eric Rubin

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In honor of
Lyle Merdler's birthday
Susan, Tali and Lyle Merdler
Robert Wolf's bar mitzvah
Sue and Larry Wolf

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Karen Schenkel
Leslie A. Grodin
Richard Nemeth and
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In honor of
Lyle Merdler's birthday
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In memory of
Lea Bank, Ann Mell and Myron Rubin
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Thanks to
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Stashower Garden Fund

In honor of
Linda Schneider moving into her new home
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In celebration of
Susan Hirsch's grandson, Brian Emory Goldberg
Janet Lieblich



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Men's Club Tour of Jewish Cleveland

On Sunday, May 22 the Men's Club hosted a tour of Jewish Cleveland led by noted local guide, Nate Arnold. The tour included a stop at the boyhood home of Jerry Siegel, the co-creator of Superman.

