The Sacred Calling

For a number of years, Kol Nashim has been generously hosting an author from the Mandel JCC book festival at Suburban Temple-Kol Ami. Our author talks have been wonderful! Suburban Temple-Kol Ami has become well known on "the circuit" of the Mandel JCC Book Festival, for the quality of the authors we’ve chosen, as well as for our usual welcoming presence—and for our desserts.

As the JCC prepares for another fantastic Book Festival, Kol Nashim will again be sponsoring an author, this year on November 5 at 7:30 pm.

I call your attention to this year’s offering at Suburban Temple-Kol Ami, The Sacred Calling: Four Decades of Women in the Rabbinate, as it is an important and groundbreaking book—the winner of the 2016 National Jewish Book Award in Women’s Studies.

The Sacred Calling is an anthology of four decades of women in the rabbinate, edited by my friends and colleagues, Rabbi Rebecca Einstein Schorr and Rabbi Alysa Mendelson Graf. Our presenter on November 5 will be Rabbi Alysa Mendelson Graf. During the presentation, I will have the opportunity to have a conversation with Rabbi Graf about the creation of this book, and we’ll share some of the stories of our rabbinites as well.

The Sacred Calling is not a book that one sits down to read in one fell swoop; after all it is well over 750 pages! It is an historical and sociological look at women in the rabbinate. From the pre-history of women in the rabbinate, to the impact and image of women in the rabbinate, this volume has much to share. As I march forward in to the 19th year of my rabbinate, I still get the chills as I read the essays of the women for whom I am so grateful, without whom my career would be possible. I laugh and cringe about the stories of image; and weep with joy about the impact. This, truly, is a significant book.

I shared this brief review in the Cleveland Jewish News: “Opening this book, for me, is like unwrapping a present, because when I read the table of contents, I see many of these articles are written by my friends, my colleagues, my mentors and my teachers. Each essay and each author deserves attention for they each have taken part in telling the history, stories and challenges of women rabbis in the last four decades. The importance of this volume cannot be underestimated, and I am so proud to know and to share in its’ history.”

Rabbi Allison Vann
avann@suburbantemple.org
From Brett’s Desk:

It’s that time of year. Over the next few weeks, my mailbox will fill up with dozens, if not many dozens, of requests from deserving charities asking that I send them a donation. $1 a day will provide ______ (fill in the blank); $25 a month will __________ (fill in the blank). All of them worthy, important, and deserving of my support.

However, like so many of us, my philanthropic budget can only handle so much. I must decide where I believe my gift makes a difference or even, I simply feel great about giving.

I’m asking that you consider ST-KA when you think about your end of year giving. You recently received information about our Strengthening ST-KA: 2017 Annual Campaign. By now, you may have given…thank you. If not, there’s still time.

We rely on your generosity to meet our budget. Currently, we set a $36,000 goal for our annual campaign. Please give generously.

Also, as we approach the end of year, some of you may be thinking about mandatory IRA distributions or even thinking about changes to your estate plans. Please think about Suburban Temple-Kol Ami in your planning. I’m happy to speak with you about options.

B’shalom,

Brett Shankman, Executive Director bshankman@suburbantemple.org

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Getting to Know – John Farragher

In July, John Farragher joined the ST-KA staff team as our new maintenance supervisor. John comes to ST-KA with more than 20 years of customer service and building maintenance experience. Since joining the ST-KA team in July, John has quickly adapted to the “ST-KA way” and become part of the family. He has identified and started addressing projects around the building and the property that are enhancing the look and feel.

Amongst the early projects that John has “LED” is a replacement of the bulbs in the sanctuary, foyer, and social hall from traditional incandescent lighting to energy efficient LED lighting. We will benefit from both a cleaner looking light as well as energy savings.

John, a lifelong Cleveland Browns fan, is a graduate of Mayfield High School and a long-term resident of Mayfield Heights. He has two daughters, Mollie and Erin. Please be sure to say hi to John when you’re in the building!

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Celebrate with Vintage!

Adult Chanukah Celebration | Sunday, December 3 at 5 pm

We will have a delicious dinner, lots of latkes, and an evening of wonderful music by Dianne Palmer presenting “Musical Smiles,” an hour of sing-a-longs that will make you smile. The cost is $18 for members of Suburban Temple-Kol Ami and $20 for guests.

RSVP to Dale Hopkins at dhopkins@suburbantemple.org or 216.991.0700 with the number of people attending and whether you will be bringing an appetizer, side dish, dessert or wine.

Sponsored by Vintage Suburban. Casual dress.

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Consecration 2017

Rabbi Vann and Rabbi Nyer stand with Rafi Mendlowitz, one of the two students who were consecrated at our special Consecration and Sukkot Shabbat on October 6. (Not pictured: Isabella Holsman)
From our Director of Lifelong Learning
An Attitude of Gratitude

During my third year of rabbinical school, I had a student pulpit in Pennsylvania where the average age of the congregant was about 80. At the time I was about 26, and I felt we had very little in common. To try and bridge the gap, I watched the Oprah Winfrey show every day, as did they. It gave us something to talk about. This particular year her focus was on having an “attitude of gratitude.” She spoke about keeping gratitude journals and writing down each day that for which you were grateful. I LOVED this idea! Maybe not the journal part, but definitely spending time each day focusing on gratitude. So many of us tend to focus on the negative—what went wrong in our day, what we don’t have, what would make life better or easier. However, by creating a practice every day of knowing that at the end of the day, you must have three or five things for which you are grateful, well, it changes your whole outlook. You begin to focus on things that make you feel thankful, and your attitude becomes far more positive. There are many reasons I am grateful for that student pulpit, but this daily practice of gratitude is most definitely at the top of the list.

Thanksgiving has always been my favorite holiday, and I used to think it was because we eat so many of my favorite foods. I have now come to realize it is because I get to spend time with my favorite people offering gratitude for their presence in my life and all the many other blessings I have in such great abundance. I wish you and your family a wonderful Thanksgiving, and I leave you with this prayer of gratitude:

When you are filled with gratitude acknowledge the abundance in your life with thanks.
Appreciate all the silent angels who made this moment of gratitude possible.
Honor those who came before you, who endured and thrived, or maybe only survived.
Bring your awareness to the small sacrifices, and sheer good luck, that makes it possible for your heart, to overflow with generosity and thanks.
As you remember the gifts on your life, hold on, no matter what, so every step on your journey, will bring you closer to dreams realized, and promises kept.

Amen.

—Rabbi Sheryl Lewart
Rabbi Shana Nyer
snyer@suburbantemple.org

Lifelong Learning
For all programs listed below please RSVP to Robin Smith at 216.991.0700 or at lifelonglearning@suburbantemple.org

Parent’s Night Out:
Saturday, November 11, 5–8 pm
Would you like a date night? Or a night out with friends? Let our professionally trained teachers, Kathy Klein and Heidi Mell, and their assistants, Shayna Mell and Bri Adamsom watch your children while you go and enjoy yourselves! All children 1 year and older are welcome to join us 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, and this program is open to the community, so tell your friends with Jewish kids! Please RSVP.

Come Grow with Me Shabbat:
Friday, November 17, 6 pm
Join us for a brief, fun and interactive service for families with very young children (ages 0-7). There will be music by Lauren Smith and a story by Rabbi Shana followed by Shabbat dinner. So come as we celebrate Shabbat!

New this year Older children (3rd grade and older) become Oznim—Helpers! They are invited to join Rabbi Vann in the Sanctuary and HELP her lead services until dinner is served! The evening is free and open to the community so invite your friends with Jewish children.

Menchkins
Sunday, December 3, 9:15 am
“Light” up your imagination this Chanukah with artist Mimi Becker. Our “studio” is Coffee Phix Café at 4485 Mayfield Rd. in South Euclid. In addition to a holiday art creation, we will share a story or two and enjoy some refreshments. This program is free, thanks to a generous grant from the Jewish Education Center of Cleveland, but please RSVP.

LEARNING SHABBAT
Friday, November 10 | 6 pm
Join us for our first Learning Shabbat of the year. After an abbreviated service we will enjoy dinner and learning together. The topic for the evening is The Quest for Rest.

Come discover the beauty and meaning of Shabbat!
Shalom from Kol Nashim!

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With Thanksgiving on the horizon, there is no better time to thank those in our congregation who helped with the Calvary Church supper be it in its inaugural year, five years ago or this past September. Whether you made the spaghetti, baked the cookies, served the dinner (or anything in between) your efforts are truly appreciated.

The next Church supper is Wednesday, November 22. The opportunity to participate in this Tikun Olam is open to men, women and Bar/Bat mitzvah aged children with an adult. If you can join in this pre-Thanksgiving day mitzvah please contact Ellen at 260.414.8128 or Jan at 440.297.1890 before November 15.

Looking ahead

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Hope to see you soon,

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ST-KA Technology Update

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ST-KA Member Generosity

We’d like to give a massive shout out to all the wonderful folks who answered the call to fill the Rabbis’ vans on Yom Kippur. Why you ask? The kids from JFSA’s YouthAbilities program picked up and delivered over 115 bags of food, beverages and toiletries to the JFSA.

Your generosity will help the JFSA stock its food pantry and ensure that needy families will not be hungry over the coming winter months. Thank you to this wonderful congregation for again demonstrating the best of Tikun Olam, repairing the world.

November 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.

Sun., November 5 ............. 7:30 pm | Mandel JCC Book Festival at ST-KA

Sat., November 11 .......... 5 pm | Parents’ Night Out

Mon., November 13 .............. 7 pm | Board of Trustees Meeting

Wed., November 22 .......... 4 pm | Calvary Church Spaghetti Dinner (7820 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44103)

Thurs., November 23 ............. TEMPLE OFFICE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF THANKSGIVING

Fri., November 24 .......... TEMPLE OFFICE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF THANKSGIVING

Wed., November 29 .......... 7 pm | Membership Committee Meeting

Milestone Birthdays and Anniversaries

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

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

**Blessings:**
Michelle Brown, Susan and Bruce Long, Tracey Messer and Karen Schneiderman, Karen and Sandy Shapiro

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Karen Shapiro

**Announcements:**
Barbara Feldman, Kim Rosner, Sandy Shapiro, Bruce Sherman

**Ushers:**
Jan Lieblich, Susan Gordon Merdler and Lyle Merdler, Kärstin Olofsson, Karen Shapiro, Natalie and Richard Skall

**Our Prides and Joys**
Diane and Harvey Scholnick’s daughter, Stacy Scholnick, and Brad Lundy were married on October 7, 2017. Mazal tov!

Anne Williams and Steve Gordon’s daughter, Hannah Gordon, married Grant Moyer on October 7, 2017. Mazal tov!

Debbie Garson’s daughter, Alexandra Garson and Keith Goldman were married on October 14, 2017. Mazal tov to the happy couple.

Mazel tov to Douglas Forman, son of Jonathan and Jane Forman, who married Nicole Malone on Saturday, October 21.
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