



April Shabbat and Worship Calendar

Friday, April 5 | 6 pm

Kabbalat Shabbat Service with
Torah reading and *Kolot Kol Ami*

Friday, April 12 | 6 pm

Kabbalat Shabbat Service
Rabbi Vann's first service back!
Come Grow With Me! Shabbat with
Rabbi Shana and Lauren Smith

Friday, April 19 | 5 pm

A special abbreviated Kabbalat Shabbat
Service at an earlier time

Friday, April 26 | 6 pm

Kabbalat Shabbat Service



Friday, April 12 | 6 pm

- Fun Interactive service for newborns-2nd graders and their families with Rabbi Shana and Lauren Smith
- 3rd-7th graders and their families join Rabbi Vann for services in the Sanctuary
- FREE dinner for Everyone!

The evening is free and open to the community so invite your friends with Jewish children. RSVP to Keesha Sellars at 216.991.0700 or at ksellars@suburbantemple.org.

The *Chutzpah* to Ask Why



For the past two months we have been talking about *The Chutzpah Imperative: Living a Life that Matters*. In it the author, Rabbi Edward Feinstein, dares us to have the *chutzpah*, the guts, to ask the great, the deep, and the challenging questions. Doing so, he posits, will lead to a more meaningful Judaism and a more meaningful life.

In the introduction to the book, Rabbi Feinstein writes about the four “children” we read about at the Passover Seder. Each “child” is emblematic of different types of learners and is labeled by the Talmud based on the question they ask. Rabbi Feinstein writes the following about the first two children:

The Passover Haggadah imagines four children sitting with us at the Seder table. One child asks the “How” question: “How are the rites and rules of Passover to be observed?” [They are] privileged at the Wise Child. [Their] question is easy to answer – we just quote text to [them].

It is the second child who asks the harder question, the “Why” question: Why do we do this? What does this history teach us? How does the Seder narrative, the grand narrative of the Jewish people, find a place in our personal identity? What difference does it all make to us?

The Haggadah castigates [them] as the Wicked Child. (Presumably, [they exclude themselves] by saying “to you.” But go back and look at the Wise child’s question; [they also say] “to you.” Somehow [they] got away with it!) [Their] question is personal and uncomfortable. We will find the answer in no text. [Their] question demands a deep look into our own lives and values.

As we sit around our Seder tables and celebrate our freedom, Rabbi Feinstein dares us all to have the *chutzpah* to step out of our comfort zone – to not only ask how, but why?

Some questions for this month:

- Why does my life matter? What gives it purpose?
- Why live a life driven by values? Why be good?
- Why be Jewish? What meaning does it hold for me?

May we continue to create a sacred community of learning as we ask and endeavor to answer together. 

Rabbi Shana Nyer
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Rabbi Vann is on Sabbatical until April 9, 2019

From Brett's Desk:



Five years! I keep shaking my head at the number. I've had the pleasure of being the executive director at ST-KA for five years as of April 1. Time has flown by!

This anniversary has allowed me to reflect a bit on some of the successes and a few of the opportunities that remain.

We launched Open Doors, joining about three dozen other congregations at the time, who had a "voluntary" dues model. We remain convinced that money should not be a barrier to membership in our holy community. And we've been successful. Overall, income from membership commitments is up. Our total number of members is holding steady.

We changed membership management software and brought ourselves into the 21st century. Every member can login, update demographic information, register for

programs, make donations and payments online and more. We have revised the website twice (and yes, need to update it again).

We successfully adopted two new prayer books – Shabbat and High Holy Days.

We replaced the heating and air conditioning systems in the sanctuary, foyer, and Mandel-Gries Social Hall.

We have dramatically upgraded our internal security efforts including physical changes made possible by a grant from the state of Ohio.

Of course, there's more but there are also opportunities that must be addressed. While Open Doors has been a success, it was never expected to be a cure all for our financial challenges. Membership commitments still only cover about 53% of our expenses. The rest comes from additional contributions, rental income, fees, and funds from our endowment.

Over the last year and a half, I've had

numerous conversations with congregants about the financial needs of ST-KA and will continue to do so.

Next month, you will receive your 2019-20 Open Doors membership contribution form. While the sustaining gift amount hasn't been set as of my article deadline, I have reason to believe that it will increase again. Let me thank you for the generosity that I know we can count on.

More about Open Doors next month.

To close, thank you for giving me the opportunity to be your executive director. Suburban Temple-Kol Ami is a unique congregation with amazing members, fabulous staff, a beautiful history and role to continue playing here in Cleveland and in the Reform movement.

May we go from strength to strength,

Brett Shankman,
Executive Director
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*Healing
the Divide*

MITZVAH DAY

Sunday, April 28 | 10 am–noon

What is Mitzvah Day?

An opportunity to gather together for the morning to work on service projects to make a difference to social service agencies helping others in our communities, and to help Suburban Temple-Kol Ami.

Who attends Mitzvah Day?

Almost everyone! There are service projects for school age children through the elderly. There are projects in the building and out of the building-so no matter your mobility, come and make a difference!

Why come to Mitzvah Day?

Each of us has ability to do even small things to help others, to extend kindness. When we come together as a Temple and as a community, we can do even more. And share coffee, some social time, and learning!

Where is Mitzvah Day?

Mitzvah Day will begin at Suburban Temple-Kol Ami, in the Sanctuary with a reflection and some logistics. Many will stay in the building, and others will choose projects outside the building.

How do I sign up for Mitzvah Day?

To register, please visit the Temple website!

Mitzvah Day is an opportunity to understand how much work there is to do in the world, and together, how much of a difference we can make in a short time. A small act of kindness goes a long way, and on this mitzvah day, we'll do our part!

*Through
Kindness*

Purim at ST-KA



The Mandel Jewish Day School's "thank you" bulletin board. They had water damage to their building at the beginning of February and three community organizations, including ST-KA, were able to let the school use their classroom space for two weeks while repairs were being completed.



ST-KA Technology

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WiFi For Everyone!

Suburban Temple-Kol Ami has WiFi available. If you have a WiFi capable device and wish to connect, simply use the guest password "Temple2016."

Live Streaming Service Information

Don't forget, you can watch Kabbalat Shabbat services live (or recorded) on our website. Please visit www.suburbantemple.org and click on the livestream menu at the top.

Have you opted in to our e-mail list?



Do you want to receive the Temple Times, Our Tent news, invitations for special Temple events, and bereavement notices?

Then we'll need your correct email address! Send updates to dhopkins@suburbantemple.org.



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 dhopkins@suburbantemple.org.

Greetings from Kol Nashim!



Chag Same'ach!

Passover is a festival of freedom, which begins at sunset on **Friday, April 19** and continues for seven days. This holiday commemorates the Israelites exodus from Egypt, retelling the story through spoken words, songs, traditions, foods and ceremonial objects while gathered together with family and friends.

The Seder plate, whether it is handmade or store bought adds to the beauty of the table acting as the centerpiece. This centerpiece as of recent years has been known to also include: an orange as a gesture of solidarity with LGBTQ Jews and others who are marginalized within the Jewish community; small red potatoes alongside the *karpas* (green spring vegetable) to honor a wondrous exodus in our own time, from Ethiopia to Israel; Fair trade chocolate or cocoa beans to promote economic partnerships based on equality, justice and sustainable environmental practices.

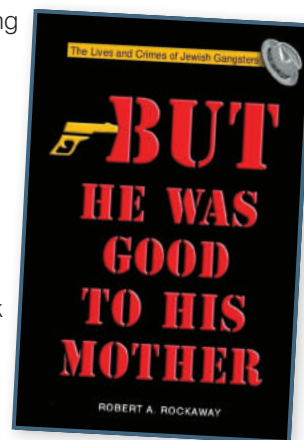
We have also added a Miriam's cup to celebrate Miriam's role (Moses' sister) in the deliverance from slavery and her help throughout the wandering in the wilderness; an empty cup is placed alongside Elijah's cup and everyone at the Seder is encouraged to pour a bit of water into the cup. With this new custom, we recognize that women have always been and continue to be integral to the continued survival of the Jewish community.

The strength of the women of *Kol Nashim* is an integral part of our ST-KA community, our secular community and our community known as our family.

Throughout the next couple of months you have the freedom to be a part of these "community" minded events:

But He Was Good to His Mother by Robert A. Rockaway is our book club book on **Thursday, April 25 at 7 pm**. This book is a thrilling assortment of true stories involving pitiless men, who murdered in cold blood and stole millions on their way to becoming the top gangsters of their era. Men for whom the

law meant nothing and the threat of prison held no fear. Gangsters who were cop-killers, ran entire neighborhoods, shunned their heritage and turned their back on the obligations of their religion, who cared for nothing, but with one glaring exception they were good to their mothers. An RSVP to Dale is requested **before April 21**. Location given at time of reservation. P.S. Men are encouraged to attend too!



Sunday, May 19 – Variety is the spice of life and the **Spice For Life** store at Van Aken District Market can tell us all about it! Spice for Life, LLC is a women-owned social enterprise dedicated to providing fresh spices and spice blends. The staff wants to encourage home cooking and healthier eating and to contribute back to the community by donating their profits to combat human trafficking. Let's meet there at 5 pm. After getting the low down on spices we can hang out at the Market Hall or explore more of this place to be! An RSVP to Dale is requested **before May 15**.

We will be serving dinner at Calvary Church. Your help is needed whether it be to bake, make spaghetti and or serve. Look for more information in future *Bulletins*!

We celebrate our sister Miriam for her strength, wisdom, courage and think of the women in our lives past and present who have nourished us, taught us, blessed us, and supported us in our own journeys and search for liberation.

Many thanks to our "Miriams": Karen, Ellen, Michelle, Lee, Shellie, Jan, Karen, Tina, Andi, Emily, Lee, Ellyn and Amy who serve on the *Kol Nashim* board.

With appreciation,
Susan Gordon Merdler
Kol Nashim President
STKAKolNashim@gmail.com

April Programs, Events, and Meetings

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

Wed., Apr. 3	7:30 pm Kolot Kol Ami rehearsal
Sun., Apr. 7	5 pm Kol Nashim Women's Seder
Mon., Apr. 8	7 pm Board of Trustees Meeting
Sat., Apr. 13	12 pm Our Tent <i>Double Dare</i> Retreat begins
Sun., Apr. 14	until 12 pm Our Tent <i>Double Dare</i> Retreat concludes
Wed., Apr. 17	7 pm Executive Committee Meeting
Wed., Apr. 24	7 pm 75th Anniversary Campaign Committee Meeting
Thur., Apr. 25	7 pm Kol Nashim Book Club: <i>But He Was Good to His Mother</i> by Robert A. Rockaway
Fri., Apr. 26	LAST DAY OF PASSOVER OFFICE CLOSED
Sun., Apr. 28	10 am Mitzvah Day 12 pm Youth Group 6, 7 and 8 – "Cleveland Rocks"
Mon., Apr. 29	9 am CWRU Book Discussion Day

Bimah Flowers and Oneg Shabbat Sponsors

On February 1, the Oneg Shabbat was a gift from **The Bialosky Family** in loving memory of Dr. Alexander Victor Bartow

On February 1, the Oneg Shabbat was a gift from **Barbara** and **Irv Feldman** in loving memory of Ida W. Baer

On February 8, bimah flowers were gifts from **The Bialosky Family** in loving memory of Gertrude Simon Bartow

On February 8, bimah flowers and Oneg Shabbat were gifts from **James** and **Teresa Lowe** in loving memory of Betty Lowe Beedle

On February 8, bimah flowers were gifts from **Tom Gerson** in loving memory of Meyer Gerson, Jr.

On February 8, bimah flowers were gifts from **Susan Gordon Merdler** and **Lyle Merdler** in celebration of Shabbat

On February 15, the Oneg Shabbat was a gift from **Patti Ferris** in loving memory of Stanley W. Kohn

On February 22, bimah flowers were gifts from **Maxine Singer** and **Peter Hochberg** in loving memory of Sidney Robert Duke

On February 22, bimah flowers were gifts from **Sue** and **Rudi Hoffman** in loving memory of Bernard Abramson

On February 22, the Oneg Shabbat was a gift from **Ellyn Ross** in loving memory of Hinda Massey

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On February 22, the Oneg Shabbat was a gift from **Deena Nyer Mendlowitz** and **Rafi Mendlowitz**, **Shellie** and **Mark Nyer**, **Rabbi Shana Nyer**, **Stephen Langel** and **Emily Langel** in loving memory of Jeanette Nyer and Myron Rubin

Milestone Birthdays and Anniversaries

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

Joe Cohn
Richard Lederman
Sukhiang Lie
Dorothea Polster
Ken Rogat
Steven Roth
Jerry Shuck

Milestone birthday listings begin at age 50 and every five years afterward.
All birthdays 100 and over are listed.

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

Michelle and **David Paris** (35 yrs)
Diane and **Harvey Scholnick** (40 yrs)
Jane and **Lee Seidman** (35 yrs)

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

Collecting for Mitzvah Day

The Tikkun Olam committee will be collecting the following items to lovingly provide to residents at local nursing homes:

- Cozy pajamas
- Slippers
- Blankets
- Books
- Crossword puzzle or other activity books
- Adult coloring books & colored pencils
- Puzzles
- Personal cleansing wipes
- Soap
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Lotion

Please drop your donations off at the office!

Shabbat Acknowledgments

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

Guest Service Leaders: Karen Shapiro and Ellyn Ross

Guest Speakers: Susan Gordon Merdler

Shabbat Blessings: Abby Feldenkris, Sue and Rudi Hoffman, Deena Nyer Mendlowitz and Rafi Mendlowitz, Sandy Shapiro

Torah Blessings: Barbara and Irv Feldman

Kolot Kol Ami: Jodi Ashby, Amy Bloomberg, Nancy Huntsman, Janice Katz, Nancy Perillo, Loree Resnik, Natalie Skall, Lauren Smith

Announcements: Jodi Ashby, Howard Feldenkris, Alan Hazzard, Jerry Shuck

Ushers: Lesly Kohner, Jan Lieblich, Kärstin Olofsson, Richard and Natalie Skall

In Memoriam

Dear Friend

Joan Arfa

Dear Relatives

Georgianna Adamson

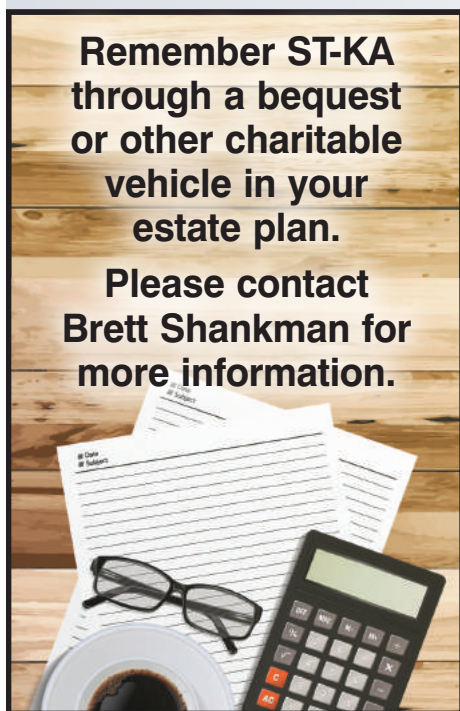
Jane Weiss

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through a bequest
or other charitable
vehicle in your
estate plan.**

**Please contact
Brett Shankman for
more information.**



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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 February 1 and February 28, 2019. Please let us know of any errors or omissions.

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Our Annual Women's Seder April 7 | 5 pm

Kol Nashim invites all women (post-bat mitzvah age)... Daughters, Mothers, Grandmothers, Great-grandmothers, Girlfriends, Sisters and Aunts to our annual Women's Seder.

Come and begin your preparation for Passover with a special Seder led by Rabbi Shana. We'll celebrate old traditions and learn new ones, and, at the Seder's conclusion, enjoy a delicious light repast. We'll fill the Mandel-Gries Social Hall with laughter, warmth, music, and spirituality.

The participation cost is \$20. **Please RSVP by Wednesday, April 3** to Dale Hopkins at 216.991.0700 or dhopkins@suburbantemple.org if you would like to attend this event.

New to You Auction & Bagel Brunch!

Sunday, May 5 | 10:30 am

Come and bid on some AMAZING treasures donated by our members: Art, books, decorative items, jewelry, ritual items, serving pieces, toys and games.

Cost: \$6 for STKA members, \$8 for guests

If you have any items in good condition you would like to donate, bring them to the Temple by Thursday, 4/25.

**RSVP to dhopkins@suburbantemple.org
by Thursday, April 25.**