



## December Shabbat and Worship Calendar

### Friday, December 7 | 6 pm

Kabbalat Shabbat Chanukah Service  
with *Kolot Kol Ami*

Light These Lights: Congregational  
Chanukah Celebration (RSVP by 12/4)

### Friday, December 14 | 6 pm

Kabbalat Shabbat Service with  
Torah reading  
*Come Grow With Me!* Shabbat with  
Rabbi Shana and Lauren Smith

### Friday, December 21 | 6 pm

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

### Friday, December 28 | 6 pm

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

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## To Light Our Darkened World




Light is a powerful and important symbol in Judaism. Hanging above the ark—where the Torah scrolls are kept—is our *ner tamid*, the everlasting light. Sometimes it is an electric light, other times it may be a flame fueled by oil, or even solar powered. Regardless of its design, there is one thing that every *ner tamid* has in common. It is a light to be kept going at all times. It is never to be allowed to go out.

As winter sets in we automatically turn to thoughts of Chanukah. How beautiful are the candles flickering in the menorah! On each night we add a candle, until the eight lights are kindled. In this way, we have an ever-brighter reminder of the strength of our history, the power of our present, and the hope of tomorrow.

And there is yet another symbol of light in Judaism. Rabbi Chaim Stern wrote, "Light is a metaphor for the Divine, for understanding, for 'enlightenment...'" We are responsible for bringing God's light into the world, we are as the prophet Isaiah said, to be "a light to all the nations." This is a universal message; each of us is responsible for bringing light into our world which feels so dark. Each of us is to be a "light to the nations," by offering the best of ourselves to those we love, to the members of our community and to the world around us.

When you walk into the sanctuary and see the *ner tamid*; when you light your Chanukah candles—these are reminders that the central light is that which is inside of us. It is the reminder that we have a responsibility to bring our Divine light into the world that so needs brightening.

Bring your Divine light into the world. You are a *ner tamid*, an eternal light, a light that will not go out. You are a menorah.

Together, we will dispel the darkness, bringing goodness and righteousness to the world. 

### Rabbi Allison Vann

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*This article was written with the help of Rabbi Jessica Locketz, Rabbi Educator of Temple Emanuel of the South Hills, Pittsburgh, PA.*

## From Brett's Desk:



As I write this, I am headed to Austin, Texas for the 2018 National Association of Temple Administrators annual meeting. Each year, I join approximately 170 colleagues from congregations around North America, Israel, and even Australia, as we learn best practices for synagogue management.

Each year, I come back reinvigorated and rededicated to making Suburban Temple-Kol Ami the best congregation that we can be. Among the topics that are on this year's agenda include leadership development, marketing and communication, engagement ... and so much more. I look forward to sharing what I learn with the board and in my monthly *Bulletin* article. Check back for more...

Security is on everyone's minds. Whether in formal meetings, the meeting after the meeting (you know, the one we are still having in the parking lot well after the regular meeting ended), or in casual conversation, there is much to discuss and many questions.

We are committed to the safety and security of the members and guests of ST-KA. ST-KA has always prided itself on being "warm and welcoming." When doors are always locked, it may not feel that way. However, I ask you to put up with the minor inconvenience of using the call button if we are not standing at the door to let you in. Furthermore, as we noted in e-mail correspondence with you, we now have security at every Friday night service.

I am actively working with the Jewish Federation of Cleveland's security team as well as the Beachwood Police Department to look for opportunities to improve our security stance. A security committee is also being formed. If you have any questions regarding security, please ask.

Finally, it's December, which means it is time for end of year giving. While there's been recent volatility, the market has had a good run, perhaps you have appreciated securities that you'd like to donate? You can use them to pay this year's Open Doors commitment, prepay next year's, or simply make an additional gift to ST-KA. If you wish to discuss end of year gift opportunities, please let me know.

Best wishes to all for a very happy Chanukah,

**Brett Shankman,**  
Executive Director  
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## From our Director of Lifelong Learning

Borrowed from a sermon I wrote in 2012, I hope you will all join us for our Shabbat Chanukah celebration on **December 7!**

—Rabbi Shana Nyer, [snyer@suburbantemple.org](mailto:snyer@suburbantemple.org)

It will be the Shabbat of Chanukah and all through the shul  
Everyone will gather for a celebration so cool.

Chanukah evening six, we'll celebrate it well;  
The tastes and the sights, the sounds and the smells.

We'll have latkes, songs, and glowing menorahs  
Perhaps even dancing, maybe a horah?!?

As our chanukiah will glow on this sixth night,  
Into the dark winter we'll bring lots of light.

We'll celebrate both Chanukah and Shabbat,  
Two holidays so special we love them a lot.

We will serve our families a meal so yummy,  
Shabbat favorites and latkes will fill our tummies.

After dinner we will get the dreidels spinning  
It is anyone's guess who will be winning!

Singing Chanukah favorites like *Maoz Tzur*,  
*Mi Yimalel*, and *O Chanukah* for sure.

With singing and eating and lighting as well,  
Our Chanukah celebration is sure to be swell.

But, soon it will be our Christian friends' turn to celebrate  
A holiday so special, for it all year long they wait.

Their decorations and music are everywhere,  
To some of us Jews it seems quite unfair.

Their holiday gets so much attention,  
While all of the others get only a mention.

This can make some of us feel really left out,  
And the rest of us may want to scream or shout.

The truth is though we have no reason to be mad,  
We Jews have so much to be proud of, we shouldn't be sad.

We have our Torah and the values it speaks.  
We have our temple and Shabbat every week.

We have lots of holidays all year through;  
Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, and Passover too.

And with holidays like Chanukah and Purim  
Judaism is fun never leading to boredom.

Our tzedakah donations should make us proud.  
Against every injustice we must stand our ground.

Judaism helps us to do what is right.  
It helps us to be good all day and all night.

Judaism is wonderful in so many ways.  
It is something we must keep special all of our days.

So now we are left with just one more question.  
Until now of it we have made little mention.

But on December 25th, they shut it all down;  
What's there to do in the cities, how 'bout in the towns?

No museums to visit or sights to tour,  
Few places to eat it can be such a bore.

With only Chinese food and movies to see,  
A smart Jew began a tradition for you and me

No one knows who started it or in what way,  
But the tradition continues for all Jews today.

We gather with friends to see a great movie,  
Then go out to order egg rolls and chopped suey.

But there are other nice ways for us to spend this day,  
We can even do some good and help along the way.

Serving at a shelter we can spread good cheer,  
And begin a volunteer project to last the year.

So you can see there's no reason to be sad.  
As we'll gather on Shabbat Chanukah we should all be glad.

To have this community and Judaism too,  
I can't wait to celebrate with all of you!

So I have just one more thing to say with delight,  
"Shabbat Shalom and Happy Chanukah to all, and to all a good-night."





# Greetings from Kol Nashim!



As the winter holidays are quickly approaching I am reminded of the excitement of decorating the house, seeing family and friends, enjoying traditional fare and gift giving. Big or little, handmade or store bought, tangible, heartfelt, expensive, repurposed, it matters not. The idea of a gift is to give of oneself through the time, energy and joy spent on picking out just the right thing. We are fortunate in celebrating Chanukah as it affords us eight opportunities to give, to be daring, comical, intellectual, thought provoking, sincere, whimsical, creative, warm and nurturing.

The Board of *Kol Nashim* has been thinking and planning, and would like to offer you these gifts:

Our congregational Chanukah celebration is scheduled for **Friday, December 7**. Participants are encouraged to bring a chanukiah (menorah) and join with others in this joyous service and traditional Chanukah dinner.

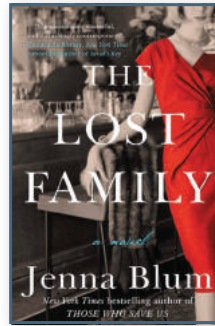
Our Book Club is **Thursday, January 10** and the book is *The Lost Family* by Jenna Blum: Jenna Blum artfully brings to the page

a husband devastated by a grief he cannot name, a frustrated wife struggling to compete with a ghost she cannot banish, and a daughter sensitive to the pain of both her own family and another lost before she was born.

RSVP deadline is January 7. The location of this discussion will be given upon receiving your RSVP.

Our Tikkun Olam project of providing dinner at Calvary Church is **Wednesday, January 23** from 4–6 p.m. Your help is needed to bake cookies, make spaghetti, serve on site or donate money to purchase paper products/supplies. Let Jan know how we can count on you at JanetLieblich@gmail.com or 216.297.1890.

Our annual Women's Shabbat will be **Friday, January 25**. This evening involves a Shabbat service led by women followed by a delicious dinner. Our guest speaker will be **Leah Weiss Caruso**, director of the Jewish Family Services Association of Cleveland's **KNOW ABUSE™** prevention education program. **KNOW ABUSE™** educates 2000+



teens every year about dating abuse, sexual assault, and intimate partner violence, having healthy relationships, and how to safely help themselves and their friends. Her topic will be **UpStanding at Sinai: Understanding #MeToo, and Our Obligation to Hear and Act**. Call the office if you would like to take part in the service be it in Hebrew or English or as an usher or hostess before December 31. You can also RSVP for the dinner. The cost is \$20 per person.

Our collaboration with the JCC Book Festival, "The Next Chapter," is **Thursday, February 7**. We will be hosting the author's event with Jenna Blum, author of *The Lost Family* (This is also our January 10 book club book!) We are looking for some homemade bakers or store-bought bakers, hostesses and greeters to assist in making this evening event successful. Call 260.414.8128 or email Ellen Weber (elleweb1@me.com) for more information.

For more information and making a reservation (where necessary) call the office.

We hope you will enjoy these gifts with us – Happy and Healthy Holidays!

**Susan Gordon Merdler**  
**Kol Nashim President**  
**STKAKolNashim@gmail.com**

## Milestone Birthdays and Anniversaries

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

**Megan Cohen**  
**Jill Falkner**  
**Barbara Lederman**  
**Sanford Luria**  
**Amy Schuman**

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 December:

**Susan and Larry Ellick** (65 years)  
**Rebecca and Leo Reyzis** (15 years)

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

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

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### WiFi For Everyone!

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# Happy Chanukah!

We light the first candle on Sunday, December 2. Candles are placed in the *chanukiah* (the Hebrew word for a Chanukah menorah) from right to left, but the candles are lit from left to right. First, light the *shamash* (the "helper" candle that is higher or lower than the other eight), then use it to kindle the rest of the candles. On Shabbat during Chanukah, this year on December 7, kindle the Chanukah lights first and then the Shabbat candles. Below are the Chanukah blessings that are said or sung while lighting the *chanukiah*.

**EVERY NIGHT:** בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל חֲנוּכָּה.  
*Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tsivanu l'hadlik ner shel Chanukah.*

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who hallows us with mitzvot, commanding us to kindle the Chanukah lights.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם בַּיָּמָן הַזֶּה.  
*Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, she-asah nisim laavoteinu bayamim hahaeim baz'man hazeh.*

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who performed wondrous deeds for our ancestors in days of old at this season.

**FIRST NIGHT ONLY:** בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם שֶׁהַחַיָּינוּ וְקִיְּמָנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לַיָּמָן הַזֶּה.  
*Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, shehecheyanu v'kiy'manu v'higianu laz'man hazeh.*

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, for giving us life, for sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach this season.

## Light these Lights! A Chanukah Celebration

Friday, December 7 | 6 pm

Shabbat Service followed by dinner.

RSVP by noon on Tuesday, Dec. 4  
to [dhopkins@suburbantemple.org](mailto:dhopkins@suburbantemple.org)  
or call 216.991.0700.

The cost is \$14 per person/\$42  
maximum per household.

Bring a Menorah to light!

Special thanks to *Kol Nashim*: The Women of  
Suburban Temple-Kol Ami for helping to sponsor  
our Chanukah celebration.

## Celebrate Chanukah with Latkes, Music and More!

**Adult Chanukah Celebration  
Sunday, December 9 at 5 pm**

We will have a delicious dinner,  
lots of latkes, and an evening of  
wonderful music with Carl Fernstrum!  
The cost is \$18 for Suburban  
Temple-Kol Ami members and  
\$20 for guests.

RSVP to Dale Hopkins at [dhopkins@suburbantemple.org](mailto:dhopkins@suburbantemple.org)  
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with the number of people attending  
and whether you will be bringing an  
appetizer, side dish, salad,  
vegetable, or dessert.

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## Shabbat Acknowledgments

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

**Shabbat Blessings:** Susan Hirsch, Allison, Brad and Morgan Lender, Shellie Nyer

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### 6th Grade Shabbat Service

**Participants:** Cameron Bresler, Frankie Katz, Daniel Lust, Rafi Mendlowitz, Aron Oppenheimer, Maddy Pilloff, Phoebe Sonderman, Isaac Vann

**Announcements:** Irv Katz, Matt Lehman, Dennis Lehman, Michelle Brown

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