



## February Shabbat and Worship Calendar

### Friday, February 1 | 6 pm

Kabbalat Shabbat Service with  
Torah reading

### Friday, February 8 | 6 pm

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

### Friday, February 15 | 6 pm

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

### Friday, February 22 | 6 pm

Kabbalat Shabbat Service  
Learning Shabbat: *The Great Latke vs  
Hamantasch Debate* (for all ages)



## Tikkun Olam Listening Session

The Tikkun Olam committee will be hosting a listening session on **Sunday, February 3 at noon**. Information collected at the 90-minute session will be used to help **RAC Ohio** decide the focus of their next campaign. In conversation together, we'll share our dreams for making Ohio better and more just. Reform congregations throughout Ohio will be engaging in similar listening sessions. After the listening sessions are complete, all of our voices will be joined together to build a campaign that will have deep and lasting impact on Ohio. There is no cost to attend and a light lunch will be served.

Please RSVP to the Temple office at 216.991.0700 or [dhopkins@suburbantemple.org](mailto:dhopkins@suburbantemple.org) if you would like to attend!

## The *Chutzpah* to Seek and to Find



Rabbi Menachem Mendle of Kotzk once asked his disciples if they could tell him where God dwelled. Surprised they answered, "How can you ask such a thing? Is not the whole world filled with God's glory?!" Then the Rabbi answered, "God dwells wherever we let God in."

A child was playing hide-and-seek with a friend. After some time, he realized that his friend had abandoned the game, and he ran crying to his grandfather. "I hid, but my friend didn't look for me." His grandfather lamented, "It is the same with God. God says, 'I hide, but nobody seeks me.'"

A 10-year-old girl is hard at work in class drawing a picture. The teacher approaches and asks, "What are you doing?" The girl replies, "I am drawing God." "But nobody has ever seen God," says the teacher. The girl looks up and responds, "They will in a minute."

We may know that God is everywhere, but we still have to seek God and be willing to let God in. And sometimes knowing and searching are not enough. Sometimes we need to see God.

This year the Our Tent Faculty had been learning from a book entitled *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 big, the deep, and the challenging questions. Doing so, he posits, will lead to a more meaningful Judaism and a more meaningful life.

The theme for Our Tent this year has been "Dare to..." and for the next three months I would like us to dare to ask the questions we may not have had the *chutzpah* to ask before.

### Some questions for this month:

- When/How do you let God in?
- Where do you search for God?
- Where do you find God?
- What do you see when you see God?

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

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

*Rabbi Vann is on Sabbatical until April 9, 2019*

## From Brett's Desk:



Did you know that February is my favorite month of the year? Ok, maybe not, but I do look forward each year to the arrival of February. Since I began working at ST-KA, we

have taken a few days each February to visit the state of Florida and to see our congregational snowbirds.

It is a tremendous opportunity to spend quality time with some of our congregants who are not in Cleveland during the bulk of our programming year. I'll have updates on all the exciting things that are happening at ST-KA.

As with most years, I'll be there for about four days and will be trying to visit as many congregants as possible. If you're in Florida and I haven't been in touch, please reach out ASAP to Dale Hopkins in our office and let's see if we can still squeeze in a visit.

I'll be there from February 12–15.

A few thoughts about development. To all who played our first year of Browns Football Squares – thank you! The fundraiser was a success and the weekly e-mails and updates from chair, Michael Polster had us laughing (or crying) each week! I am especially grateful to those who chose to contribute their winnings back to Temple. I look forward to an even more successful Browns Football Squares fundraiser next year.

We are still raising money for this year's annual campaign. Our goal of \$36,000 is in reach, but we need every member of the congregation to give their best possible gift. If you haven't yet given to the 2018–19 annual campaign, please do so now. You can donate online, sending in a gift, or by calling the office. Thank you!

B'shalom,

**Brett Shankman,**  
**Executive Director**  
[bshankman@suburbantemple.org](mailto:bshankman@suburbantemple.org)

## Kids' Book Bank



It was a little over one year ago that you read a brief article here, about the Cleveland Kids Book Bank (KBB.) To recap—it is an amazing organization, which distributes books

FREE (now over 1 million books) to needy children. We at ST-KA are now a part of it. If you haven't done so before, please check out their website: [kidsbookbank.org](http://kidsbookbank.org).

Flash forward to the present—ST-KA has held two (with another pending) mitzvah events at KBB and collected many boxes of children's books. These have been taken to KBB and subsequently delivered to dozens, if not hundreds of children in the Cleveland area.

The next phase of our involvement began in October of 2018. ST-KA has committed to

help with a Little Free Library (LFL.) Our initial goal is to stock one LFL, at least once a month. We hope to ramp this up in the future. Kudos to Jan Lieblich, Susan Gordon Merdler, and Susan Long who completed this mitzvah at least once, during "their" month. Individuals and families have signed up to do this through June.

Right now, volunteers for July and beyond are being signed up. It seems far ahead, but remember, you are only committing to doing something once during that month! Please let me, or the Temple office know if you can do this mitzvah. Please continue to bring your books to the box in the lobby (yes, it's still there!) The books will either get to the KBB or to the LFL.

Thanks so much,  
**Ellen Weber**  
[elleweb1@me.com](mailto:elleweb1@me.com)  
**260.414.8128**

## Meet Keesha Sellars

We are very excited to welcome Keesha Sellars to the Suburban Temple – Kol Ami family. Keesha joined us in late December as the administrative assistant for lifelong learning. After only a few weeks with us, Keesha has quickly become a full partner to our congregational team. Keesha lives in Cleveland Heights. She has three children Eric 27, Kamille 25 and Kortney 21.

Prior to joining ST-KA, Keesha worked at AT&T for over 20 years. An avid learner, Keesha received her bachelor's degree from Baldwin Wallace University, double majoring in Business Administration and Management with a minor in Human Resources. She has been pursuing a Master's degree of Business Administration in the University of Dayton's online program.

Keesha enjoys reading, baking and wearing big hats. According to Keesha, "I look forward to spending many years with my new Temple family."

We know that everyone will welcome Keesha to the ST-KA family.

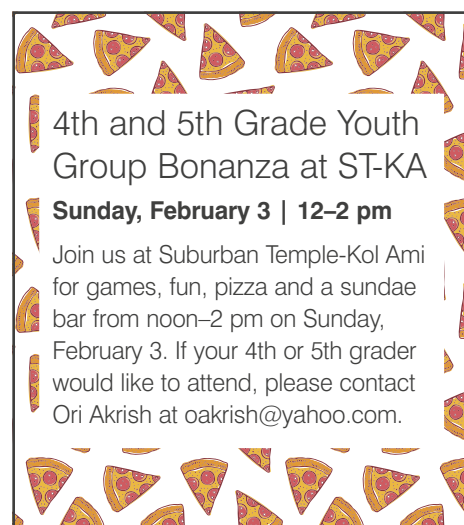


## Youth Group



### Sunday February 3 | 1–3pm

Join NFTY678 at Adrenaline Monkey for a thrilling afternoon of ultimate adventure with other Cleveland 6th, 7th and 8th graders. Cost is \$20 and includes a snack. Register online at [bit.ly/nfty678](http://bit.ly/nfty678). Contact [jcollins@ttti.org](mailto:jcollins@ttti.org) with questions. Drop off/pick up at Adrenaline Monkey 26800 Renaissance Pkwy., Warrensville Hts., 44128.



**4th and 5th Grade Youth Group Bonanza at ST-KA**  
**Sunday, February 3 | 12–2 pm**

Join us at Suburban Temple-Kol Ami for games, fun, pizza and a sundae bar from noon–2 pm on Sunday, February 3. If your 4th or 5th grader would like to attend, please contact Ori Akrish at [oakrish@yahoo.com](mailto:oakrish@yahoo.com).

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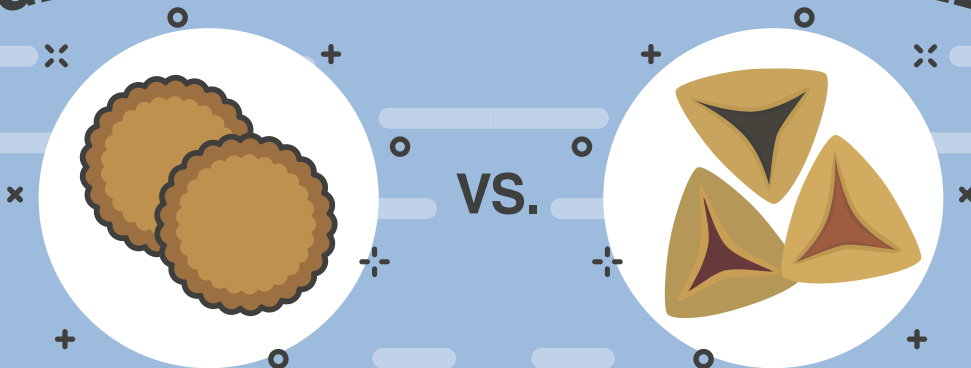
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**Join us for our next Learning Shabbat! Friday, February 22 | 6-8:30 pm**

## **THE GREAT LATKE VS HAMANTASCH DEBATE!**



**Are you a LATKE person or a HAMANTASCH person?**  
**Come debate the merits of these two Jewish treats!**

A light dinner following services. • Debate, including campaign posters, cheers, and taste testing!  
Fun for all ages! • Come just for services or stay for the whole evening.

**RSVP to Keesha with the number of family members who will be attending.**  
**[ksellers@suburbantemple.org](mailto:ksellers@suburbantemple.org) or 216.991.0700**



## Suburban Spotlight

Temple members **David, Michelle and Aron Oppenheimer** recently volunteered for the Jewish Federation of Cleveland's Winter Break Lunch Program. The volunteers serve hot, nutritious lunches, play games, create crafts and distribute holiday gifts to children in Cleveland's most vulnerable areas.

Our ever-busy Temple member **Carter Strang** starts off the new year with a new position! He's been elected the new chair of the Center for Community Solutions, a nonpartisan think tank focused on solutions to health, social and economic issues.

We thank our congregants for their participation in *tikkun olam* (healing the world) and wish them *Mazal Tov* for being recognized for their work!

Congratulations to **Rabbi Shana**, who will continue serving as the Jewish Educator at Camp Wise each of the next three summers!

## ST-KA Technology Update amazon smile

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. Then, change your Amazon bookmark to smile.amazon.com for future purchases! 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!



### 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

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## Greetings from Kol Nashim!



Our noses may be cold but our *lewiot* (hearts) are warm! Here's what's doing to keep our hearts going:

We will be hosting an author's event on Thursday, **February 7** in collaboration with the JCC Book Festival, "The Next Chapter." Join Jenna Blum as she speaks about her latest book *The Lost Family* at 7p.m. RSVP to the Mandel JCC at [mandeljcc.org](http://mandeljcc.org) or 216.831.0700

Rolling, stuffing and pinching are part of our *Rosh Chodesh Adar* celebration on **Thursday, March 7**. Let's meet in the ST-KA kitchen from 6–8 pm. to make hamentashen (Purim Carnival is March 17). Heavy appetizers will be served! Though there is no cost to this event an RSVP to Dale is requested **before March 3**.

### Save these dates:

Together we will ready ourselves for the holiday of Passover through readings, rituals, sisterhood and tastes at our annual Women's Seder on **Sunday, April 7** at 5 pm. Please bring a special wine glass to be used as a Miriam's Cup. Our Seder will include foods that provide a taste of Passover. Bring your girlfriends, mothers, daughters, sisters, aunts, and granddaughters to participate in this meaningful experience. The cost is \$18 per person. Please RSVP **before March 29**.

### Thursday, April

**25** – Our Book Club will be reading and discussing *But He Was Good to His Mother* by Robert A. Rockaway at 7 p.m. An RSVP to Dale is requested **before April 21**. Location given at time of reservation.



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.

A reservation to the aforementioned events prior to the deadline is requested so we can count on you and accommodate you in the manner you would like to be. Please make your reservation and payment (where applicable) to **Dale** in the ST-KA office: **216.991.0700**

### Get to know us!

In keeping with getting to know us, meet this big-hearted member, meet **Ellen Weber**:

*My husband and I joined ST-KA in 2014 when we moved to Cleveland. We had been in Ft. Wayne, Indiana for the past 30-plus years, but both Ed and I are from Philadelphia originally, and certainly identify with that culture, despite our years in the Midwest. When it came time to retire, and our daughter (Jackie Greenfield) and her family were obviously settled here, the decision to come to Cleveland was easy. An additional factor encouraged the move here—some familiarity with the city and environs. I attended Case Western from 1970-1975, graduating with degrees in Psychology and Nursing. I remained close with several of my roommates, who are still here in town.*

*I didn't become involved with KN until about a year after we arrived. (Building and moving into a new home and being a care-taking grandma to Samantha took up most of that first year.) Becoming active in KN was another easy decision—here were activities that were important and familiar, and women who were friendly and welcoming. That keeps me involved. I give some time and energy, and I receive multiple rewards, in being part of a group, of friendship, and of stimulating new ideas and activities. Being active in KN has helped me feel more a part of the ST-KA "family."*

Ellen serves as the secretary for Kol Nashim and is the co-chair of the Calvary Church dinner *Tikkun Olam* experience, and co-ordinates ST-KA's participation in the Kids' Book Bank's Little Free Library.

Hope to see you soon,  
**Susan Gordon Merdler**  
**Kol Nashim President**  
**STKAKolNashim@gmail.com**

# February 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!

- Sun., Feb. 3** ..... **9 am** | Our Tent  
                                  **12 pm** | Tikun Olam: RAC Ohio Listening Session  
                                  **12-2 pm** | 4th & 5th Grade Youth Group Bonanza  
                                  **1 pm** | NFTY: 678 Event at Adrenaline Monkey
- Thurs., Feb. 7** ..... **7 pm** | Mandel JCC Book Discussion with author Jenna Blum
- Sun., Feb. 10** ..... **9 am** | Our Tent
- Mon., Feb 11** ..... **7 pm** | Board of Trustees meeting
- Mon., Feb 18** ..... **PRESIDENTS' DAY: OFFICES ARE CLOSED**
- Fri., Feb. 22** ..... **6-8:30 pm** | **Learning Shabbat:** The Great Latke vs Hamantasch Debate!
- Sun., Feb. 24** ..... **9 am** | Our Tent  
                                  **12 pm** | Faculty Meeting / JESP
- Tues., Feb 26** ..... **7:30 pm** | *Kolot Kol Ami* rehearsal
- Wed., Feb. 27** ..... **7 pm** | Executive Committee meeting
- Thurs., Feb. 28** ..... **6 pm** | *Vintage Suburban* meeting

## Bimah Flowers and Oneg Shabbat Sponsors

- On December 7, bimah flowers and oneg shabbat were gifts from **Mickey Friedman** in loving memory of Harry Friedman, Stanley Eli Friedman, H. Jacques Lehman
- On December 7, bimah flowers were gifts from **Sue and Rudi Hoffman** in loving memory of Florence Abramson
- On December 7, bimah flowers were gifts from **Susan and James Ohneck** in loving memory of Tom Rose
- On December 7, oneg shabbat was a gift from **Barbara and Irv Feldman** in loving memory of Irmgard and Albert Baer
- On December 14, oneg shabbat was a gift from **Dr. Jane Glaubinger and Eric Baer** in loving memory of Ana Baer, and Raymond and Mollie Glaubinger
- On December 21, bimah flowers were gifts from **Noreen Bertman** in loving memory of Minnie Gutmacher
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- On December 21, bimah flowers were gifts from **Michele and Dr. Jerry Goldberg** in loving memory of Leah and Benjamin J. Goldberg
- On December 21, bimah flowers were gifts from **Ellen and Tom Wieder** in loving memory of Judith Marx Wieder and Jacob Wieder
- On December 28, bimah flowers were gifts from **Betsy and Michael Kasperek** in loving memory of Dr. Joseph Lewis Friedman
- On December 28, bimah flowers and oneg shabbat were gifts **Amy Posner Brooks and Josh Brooks** in loving memory of Dr. Joseph Lewis Friedman

## Milestone Birthdays and Anniversaries

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

**Judy Green**  
**Blair Haas**  
**Art Zinn**

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 February:

**Barbara and Morton Mandel**  
(70 years)

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

**Remember ST-KA through a bequest or other charitable vehicle in your estate plan.**

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



# 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](http://www.suburbantemple.org). Donations listed below were received between December 1 and December 31, 2018. Please let us know of any errors or omissions.

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In celebration of her Bat Mitzvah

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## **Strengthening ST-KA 2018/2019**

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**Calvin Siegal**

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**Torah Blessings:** Flossy Mitchell

**Announcements:** Matt Lehman, Lori Rosenberg, Sandy Shapiro, Bruce Sherman

**Ushers:** Jan Lieblich, Flossy and Dennis Mitchell, Richard Skall, Terry Solomon, Ellen and Tom Wieder

## In Memoriam

*Dear Members*

**Marilyn Bialosky**

**Larry Greenwald**

*Dear Relatives*

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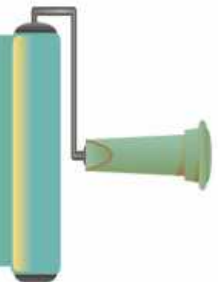


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