



November Shabbat and Worship Calendar

Friday, November 2 | 6 pm

Kabbalat Shabbat Service with Torah reading and Vintage and 5th grade participation

Friday, November 9 | 6 pm

Kabbalat Shabbat Service with Kolot Kol Ami

Friday, November 16 | 6 pm

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

Friday, November 23 | 6 pm

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Friday, November 30 | 6 pm

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

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.

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.


Dear Friends



In two months, from January 8-April 8, I will be on sabbatical. I have recently taken to calling this a "shabbatical." A sabbatical is necessary for a congregational rabbi. Just as shabbat provides the opportunity for rest and rejuvenation, so too, does a sabbatical do the same for a rabbi. It allows for necessary reinvigoration, for development of vision and ideas, and for skill-building.

During my three-month sabbatical, I will step outside my normal routine to pursue extended projects. This sabbatical, as it is during the school year, rather than travel, I am looking forward to studying and writing. I will not be in the office — even if you do see me around town! By stepping away from the Synagogue completely, I look forward to being able to work on long term projects and to enjoy writing.

Please know that Suburban Temple-Kol Ami will be fully covered during this time. Rabbi Shana Nyer has agreed to become our "sabbatical rabbi", taking on the mantle of both pulpit and educational leadership from January 8- April 8. I know that, in her capable rabbinic hands, Suburban Temple-Kol Ami will be served with grace, skill and love. Brett Shankman will also be present for planning, teaching and, as always, whatever is necessary. With both of their experience and expertise, together with the rest of the staff, I know that ST-KA will not miss a beat.

I look forward to returning to Suburban Temple-Kol Ami in April refreshed, energized, and restored. 

With appreciation,

Rabbi Allison Vann

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(A version of this letter was mailed in late October.)

From Brett's Desk:



It's that time of year again. I'm writing about philanthropy. As we near the end of the calendar year, many of you will be thinking about those last-minute charitable gifts that

you want to make. Suburban Temple-Kol Ami belongs on your list!

First, let me thank you for your membership contribution, your annual campaign gift (if you've made it), participation in this year's Browns Football squares fundraiser, a donation to Our Tent, or any other contribution. Yes, there are a lot of opportunities to contribute financially to ST-KA.

As you consider making additional end of year gifts to a variety of worthy causes, let me remind you that ST-KA relies on our membership to meet our annual budget. I am very proud of the strengths of ST-KA — particularly, Our Tent, the programming and energy of *Kol Nashim*, the beautiful voices of Kolot Kol Ami, and so much more.

I hear so many positive comments about Suburban Temple-Kol Ami. Thank you for sharing them with me, Rabbi Vann, Rabbi Shana, and our board. And, please, keep 'em coming!

Gifts to Temple can be in cash, check, transfer of stock, a philanthropic or charitable fund recommendation, or perhaps a gift from an IRA charitable rollover. Need information about these and other gift vehicles or opportunities? I'd love to discuss it with you.

Lastly, if you are reviewing, changing, or perhaps creating your estate plan, please consider ST-KA. A simple codicil to your plan can be a meaningful gift to the Temple. Let's talk!

Thank you,

Brett Shankman,
Executive Director
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From our Director of Lifelong Learning Practicing Gratitude



As I sit writing this article, we have just finished celebrating Sukkot, our fall harvest festival. I have always loved this holiday because of its focus on joy and gratitude. We

are to joyfully celebrate with gratitude the bounty of our harvest. What many may not know is that our American forefathers based the Thanksgiving celebration on Sukkot. It too is a holiday where we gather with family and friends to joyfully celebrate our bounty.

Gratitude is not always easy. It is a practice — something that requires intention, desire and concentration. It is much easier to focus on what we do not have, to be upset by it, and to desire more. To truly be grateful means finding contentment with what we have and who we are, while still striving for better and more. It is an incredibly hard balance to achieve, and it is why it feels so good when we do.

While I love celebrating the Jewish year, Thanksgiving has always had a special place in my heart. I used to think it was just the family and the food, but now I know it is the opportunity to rededicate myself to living through the lens on gratitude. Each year I try to find a quote or prayer that I will make my gratitude focus for the holiday and the rest of the year. Here is mine for 2018:

*You have blessed me with many gifts, God,
but I know it is my task to realize them.
May I never underestimate my potential,
may I never lose hope.
May I find the strength to strive for better,
the courage to be different,
the energy to give all that I have to offer.*
— Rabbi Naomi Levy

With a heart full of gratitude from me and my family to you and yours,

Rabbi Shana Nyer
snyer@suburbantemple.org

Special Shabbatot

Vintage and 5th Grade Shabbat

Friday, November 2 | 6 pm:

- Join us as our Vintage members and 5th graders participate in this service with Torah reading.
- Following services, Shabbat dinner for all 5th graders and their families **at Rabbi Shana's house.**
- Families will creatively map their Jewish journey and find their B'nai Mitzvah portion in the Torah!

Please RSVP by emailing Jenn Walker at jwalker@suburbantemple.org or calling the Temple at 216.991.0700.

Come Grow With Me Shabbat

Friday, November 16 | 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 part of 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 Jenn Walker at jwalker@suburbantemple.org or calling the Temple at 216.991.0700.

Our Temple Family

Simchat Torah – the beautiful capstone to our High Holy Day season – was celebrated with dancing, singing, Klezmer music and Torah for all!





Greetings from Kol Nashim!

The leaves have fallen, the sweaters are in the closet, the cranberry sauce is on sale and our hearts continue to fill with gratitude; all signs point to the last two months of 2018. With days seemingly getting shorter and our calendars booking up quickly take a minute to circle these dates of upcoming events:

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. (see ad on back for details)

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. Spanning three cinematic decades, *The Lost Family* is a charming, funny, and elegantly bittersweet study of the repercussions of loss and love.

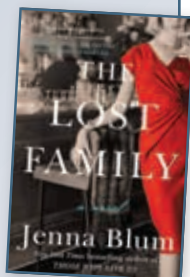
Our annual Women's Shabbat will be **Friday, January 25**. This evening involves a Shabbat service led by women followed by a delicious dinner. Call or e-mail the office if you would like to take part in the service be it in Hebrew or English or as an usher or baker.

And finally, join us as we co-host the Mandel JCC's Jewish Book Festival on **Thursday, February 7**, with Jenna Blum, discussing *The Lost Family*.

Watch for more information about all these events!

We welcome you to join in these events and will even meet you at the door!

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



High Holy Days Acknowledgements

We appreciate our members who helped make the High Holy Days a memorable experience.

Rosh Hashanah Participants: Jack Bialosky, Jr., Michelle Brown, Irv Katz, Dennis Lehman, Ginny Lehman, Matt Lehman, Susan Long, Susan Gordon Merdler, Dan Richards, Lori Rosenberg, Sara Stashower

Yom Kippur Participants: Jodi Ashby, Jack Bialosky, Jr., Dr. Richard Cohen, Beth Curtiss, Howard Feldenkris, Barbara Feldman, Alan Hazzard, Susan Hirsch, Nancy Huntsman, Janice Katz, Tina Keller, Stephen Langel, Ken Lapine, Matt Lehman, the Our Tent Faculty, Dorothea Polster, Bruce Sherman, Adrienne Sharp, Dr. Jerry Shuck, Sara Stashower, Carter Strang, Charlie Vann, Linda Wolfe

Break Fast Sponsors: The Heller and Stashower family

High Holy Day Musicians: Jodi Ashby, David Cohen, Kent Collier, David Hughes, Nancy Huntsman, Janice Katz, Cantor David Malecki, Barb Margolis, Michael McKay, Lyle Merdler, Nancy Perillo, Rick Schmid, David Sheinbart, Sandy Simon, Natalie Skall, Lauren Smith, Emily Stauch, Joanne Uniatowski, Marc Weagraff, Linda Wolfe

High Holy Days Ushers: Gina Ashby, Noreen Bertman, Diane Greene, Emily and Jim Gusky, Susan Hirsch, Jan Lieblich, Debra Light, Susan Gordon Merdler, Flossy and Dennis Mitchell, Shellie Nyer, Kärstin Olofsson, Susan Raphaely, Elyn Ross, David Sheinbart, Natalie and Richard Skall, Ellen and Tom Wieder

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 or 216.991.0700 with the number of people attending and whether you will be bringing an appetizer, side dish, salad, vegetable, or dessert.

Sponsored by Vintage Suburban. Casual dress.



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., Nov. 4..... 9 am | Our Tent

Mon., Nov. 5..... 7 pm | Finance Committee Meeting

Wed., Nov. 7..... 7:30 pm | *Kolot Kol Ami* rehearsal

Sun., Nov. 11 9 am | Our Tent

Thurs., Nov. 15 5 pm | Sharing and Schmoozing... Suburban Style (see ad below)
7 pm | Vintage Steering Committee meeting

Sun., Nov. 18 9 am | Our Tent

Thurs., Nov. 22 THANKSGIVING: Offices are Closed

Fri., Nov. 23 THANKSGIVING: Offices are Closed (we will open for services)

Wed., Nov. 28..... 7 pm | Executive Committee Meeting

ST-KA Technology Update



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."

Milestone Birthdays and Anniversaries

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

Bart Bookatz
Paul Feinberg
Scott Gohn
Peggy Lapidus
Jeremy Pilloff
Dan Schuman
Maxine Singer
Ellen Widen

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 a milestone **anniversary** in November:

Gail and Elliott Schlang (55 years)

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

sharing and schmoozing... suburban style!



thursday,
november 15
5-7 pm

Looking for a specialty service or product? Look no further than your congregation! You're invited to have fun and make contacts! The event costs \$18 per person and attendance is limited to 30 people. This is a great opportunity for ST-KA members to let congregants know about their specialty products or services. If you have a business or specialty product to advertise, your event hosts will allow you to have 2 minutes to let everyone know about it! Wine, food and chocolates will be provided by Noterietty, and Chocolate Fusion by Lori!

noterietty at 27040 cedar road, beachwood, ohio 44122
rspv online by monday 11/12

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

Please contact
Brett Shankman for
more information.



Shabbat Acknowledgments

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

Shabbat Blessings: Rita Orpett and Susan Long, JoAnne and Len Podis, Ellyn Ross, Lauren Smith

Torah Blessings: Emily and Jim Gusky

Announcements: Howard Feldenkris, Alan Hazzard, Matt Lehman

Ushers: Noreen Bertman, Jan Lieblich, Dennis Mitchell

Bimah Flowers and Oneg Shabbat Sponsors

On September 22, bimah flowers were gifts from **Eydie and Michael Holsman** in honor of Isabella Holsman

On September 29, bimah flowers were gifts from **Debbie and Evan Coleman** in honor of Maxwell Coleman

Keep In Touch With Us!

Please let us know when you, or someone you know, is hospitalized, ill, or bereaved, or would just enjoy a call from the rabbi or a member of the Caring Community. We also love hearing good news, such as a birth, engagement, marriage 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.

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. Donations listed below were received between September 1 and September 30, 2018. Please let us know of any errors or omissions.

Bimah Flower Fund

In honor of

Maxwell Coleman

Debbie and Evan Coleman

Isabella Holsman

Eydie and Michael Holsman

Rosh Hashanah Reception

Michelle Brown

Nancy and Howard Feldenkris

Alan Hazzard

Susan Hirsch

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Dorothy Melamed

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Our Tent

In honor of

Linda Wolfe

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In honor of the High Holy Days

Marc Blumenthal

In appreciation of

Rabbi Allison Vann program at the Mikvah

Kol Nashim

Rabbi Allison Vann

Judy Dragin

In loving memory of

John C. Klein

Judy Dragin and Howard Kline



Mazal Tov to Temple members **Roe Green** and **Deena Nyer Mendlowitz** for their respective honors to be awarded by the *Cleveland Jewish News* on November 18 at Landerhaven. Roe is being given the Lifetime Achievement Award for promoting arts and culture, as well as for her local, national and global philanthropic work! Deena has been named one of the *CJN's* 18 Difference Makers for destigmatizing and

educating (and entertaining) the public about mental health issues. She relates her own experiences and invites others to join in the conversation by hosting a live comedy talk show called *Mental Illness and Friends*. We are so proud to have these difference makers from our congregation recognized for their unique and outstanding achievements!

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.

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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
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.

