Shabbat and Worship Calendar

Friday, December 6 | 6 pm
Kabbalat Shabbat Service with Torah reading
Come Grow With Me! Shabbat with Rabbi Shana and Lauren Smith

Friday, December 13 | 6 pm
Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Saturday, December 14 | 10:30 am
Bar Mitzvah: Fraleigh “Frankie” Katz
Fraleigh "Frankie" Katz
MAZAL TOV
Fraleigh “Frankie” Katz, son of Doreen and Irving Katz, and brother of Henry Katz, will become Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, December 14 at 10:30 am.
Mazal Tov to the whole family!

Friday, December 20 | 6 pm
Kabbalat Shabbat Chanukah Service with Kolot Kol Ami
Light These Lights: Congregational Chanukah Celebration (RSVP by 12/17)

Friday, December 27 | 6 pm
Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Chanukah blessings to you all!

I am particularly excited for Chanukah this year, as we will be celebrating the festival in Israel.
It is a custom to place the Chanukah menorah, or Chanukiah, in the window for all to see. As we make our way through Israel, how beautiful it will be to see the lights increase throughout the country!

The custom of placing a Chanukiah in a window is beautiful.

Perhaps you'll try it!

We light the first candle on Sunday, December 22. 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 27, 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:

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tisivanu 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.

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, shehecheyanu v'kiy'manu v'higianu laz'man hazeh.
Blessed are You, Adonai Our God, Sovereign of all, who performed wonderous deeds for our ancestors in days of old at this season.

FIRST NIGHT ONLY:

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
From Brett’s Desk:

A recent article published in ejewishphilanthropy caught my eye. It was titled, Beit Blockbuster or Kehillat Netflix (http://bit.ly/BeitBlockbusterKehillatNetflix)? It captures challenges and opportunities that all Jewish organizations, but most certainly Temples are facing in a rapidly changing environment. The basic premise is that Blockbuster failed because of a lack of vision and an unwillingness to change. Netflix on the other hand has constantly revisioned itself, sacrificed its sacred cows and Innovated.

As a staff team, we recently read and discussed the article and how we believe it applies to ST-KA. We’re pretty pleased that on many levels, ST-KA can be described as Kehillat Netflix – we have an innovative and welcoming membership model (Open Doors) and an amazing and visionary educational program (Our Tent). These are two significant transformations that have taken place over the last 5 years.

A significant new effort is the work of J.B. Davis, Director of Engagement and Marketing, a position we created in July 2019. In addition to guiding our messaging, J.B., together with the Open Doors membership committee, is working diligently to understand how you, our members understand engagement and in what ways we may improve. I hope that when you hear from J.B. or a committee member, you will take the time to chat and share your insights. Thanks.

Philanthropy

It’s December and it’s the time that many of us make our annual charitable gifts or pay existing pledge commitments. This is a great time for you to catch up on your 2019-20 Open Doors commitment or even pre-pay your 2020-21 Open Doors commitment. Of course, you’ve just received your annual campaign solicitation as well. Yes, it’s a lot and we’re counting on each of you.

If you are 70 ½ and haven’t taken your required minimum distribution (RMD) from your IRA, I urge you to consider using it to make a charitable gift to ST-KA. There are myriad reasons to do so. Your financial advisor can assist you. Or perhaps your stock portfolio is doing really well? The market has been on a great run for 11 years. Nervous about a possible downturn? Why don’t you have your broker transfer some of that appreciated securities to ST-KA? Again, your financial advisor can explain the tax benefits of making such a gift.

As always, thank you for being the most important part of ST-KA.

Best wishes for a Happy Hanukkah and a Happy New Year,

SIP N’ SORT at the CLEVELAND KIDS’ BOOK BANK

Tuesday, December 17 | 6 PM

The ST-KA Tikkun Olam Committee and Cleveland Kids’ Book Bank are hosting a Sip N' Sort event on Tuesday, December 17 from 6-8 pm.

We will socialize, have food and adult beverages, and get a brief orientation from the staff and begin working on sorting books into their appropriate bins for distribution to needy children.

If you’d like to participate, contact Ellen Weber (elleweb1@me.com) or Dale Hopkins at 216.991.0700 or dhopkins@suburbantemple.org by December 14 to reserve your spot.

You can read more about the Kids’ Book Bank at www.kidsbookbank.org!
OUR TENT RETREAT, 2020!

**WHERE'S WALDO?**

**HINEINI! HERE I AM!**

---

**PUNDERSON MANOR | APRIL 25 (noon) - APRIL 26 (noon)**

**24 hours of learning & laughter, friends & family, meaning & mayhem!**

$75 per adult* and $45 per kid (includes all meals and accommodations)

RSVP BY MARCH 15 to ksellars@suburbantemple.org or by calling the Temple office at 216.991.0700

*for double occupancy (single occupancy $140)

This retreat is made possible through generous grants from the Jewish Education Center of Cleveland.

---

**come grow with me!**

**shabbat**

**Friday, December 6 | 6 pm**

**HAD A TOUGH WEEK? LET US TAKE CARE OF SHABBAT! FROM SERVICES TO DINNER... IT’S ON US!**

- 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 the service in the sanctuary
- FREE dinner for Everyone!
- FREE books for Children!

The evening is free and open to the community so invite your friends with Jewish children. Please RSVP to Keesha Sells at 216.991.0700 or via e-mail at ksellars@suburbantemple.org.

The next *Come Grow With Me!* is on **January 10**.

---

**on holy grounds:**

**our tent’s tikkun olam coffeehouse showcase**

**Sunday, January 19 | 10 am**

- Brunch coffee house to celebrate our first two trimesters of learning
- Learner’s art on display
- Performances by those who took Our Tent classes
- Special *Tikkun Olam* themed performances by our guest musicians, Sheldon Low and Hadar Orshalimy

This is a session for Our Tent Learners, and we invite the ENTIRE CONGREGATION to experience a morning in Our Tent!

Please RSVP by January 10 at 216.991.0700 or email Keesha Sells at ksellars@suburbantemple.org.
around the temple...

If you didn’t get a chance to see Isaac Vann’s *bar mitzvah* cake, you certainly need to! This “Marvel” was created by our own Deb Rogers. Her talents extend beyond music, into delicious, edible art. *Mazal Tov* to Isaac and a job well done to Deb!

Speaking of art... some of our little hands created some big masterpieces in Meghann Hennen’s Our Tent class, “You Can Be A Jewish Artist”. These works were crafted from colorful clothespins and plastic coat hangers.

On November 25 & 26, Rabbi Druin from *Sofer on Site* paid a visit to the temple to repair all four of our Torah scrolls. His steady hands not only repaired the parchment on which the texts are written, but he also fixed portions of the text itself. Many congregants stopped by to witness this beautiful and important craft, which will help preserve our scrolls for years to come.
I hope you all had a great Thanksgiving. We hope you will be joining us for our December events. In addition to the Book Club and the trip to the Maltz Museum, there is the Congregational Chanukah Dinner. Kol Nashim will also be sponsoring the Faculty Appreciation Lunch. Please look for information on future events, including Kol Nashim Shabbat on January 24th. If you are interested in participating in the Shabbat, e-mail Dale by January 6th (dhopkins@suburbantemple.org). Please indicate whether you would prefer a Hebrew or English part.

As always, please contact me or the other Board members with any suggestions. If you haven’t yet paid your 2019 Kol Nashim Dues of $54.00, you can still join. We look forward to seeing old faces and meeting new ones.

Have a joyous Chanukah!

B’shalom,
Shellie Nyer
President
thenyers@aol.com

December 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.

Mon., Dec. 2 ............... 7 pm | Israel Trip Meeting
Thurs., Dec. 5 ............. 7 pm | Kol Nashim Book Club: What We Talk About When We Talk About Anne Frank
Sun., Dec. 8 ............. 9 am | Our Tent
........................................ 12 pm | JESP meeting
........................................ 5 pm | Annual Adult Chanukah Celebration (see box below)
Sun., Dec. 15 .......... 9 am | Our Tent (last day of trimester two)
........................................ 12 pm | Faculty Luncheon
Mon., Dec. 16 .......... 7 pm | Lifelong Learning Committee Meeting
Tues., Dec. 17 ........... 6 pm | Sip ‘N’ Sort at Cleveland Kids’ Book Bank
Wed., Dec. 18 .......... 7 pm | Executive Committee Meeting
Fri., Dec. 20 ............ 7:15 pm | Light These Lights: Congregational Chanukah Celebration (see box below)
Sat., Dec. 21 .......... ST-KA Congregational Israel Trip 2019 departs
Wed., Dec. 25 .......... OFFICES CLOSED
Tues., Dec. 31 .......... ST-KA Congregational Israel Trip 2019 returns

In Memoriam

Dear Member
Barbara Mandel

chanukah is coming!

annual adult chanukah celebration
sunday, december 8 | 5 pm

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

RSVP and pay online or RSVP to Dale Hopkins at 216.991.0700 or dhopkins@suburbantemple.org with the number of people attending and whether you will be bringing an appetizer, side dish, salad, vegetable, or dessert (you can put this information in the box for notes if you register online). Please RSVP by Wednesday, December 4.

Hosted by Vintage Suburban. Casual dress.

light these lights: congregational chanukah
friday, december 20 | dinner with rsvp will follow services

Join us for Shabbat Services and celebrate Chanukah with your ST-KA family! There will be a dinner with latkes and other tasty holiday delights.

RSVP and pay online or RSVP to Dale Hopkins at 216.991.0700 or dhopkins@suburbantemple.org by noon on Tuesday, December 17.

The cost to attend this post-Shabbat service celebration is $14 per person or $42 per household.

Special thanks to Kol Nashim: The Women of Suburban Temple-Kol Ami for helping to sponsor our Chanukah celebration.
Shabbat Acknowledgements
We are grateful to the following people who helped make our October worship services a beautiful experience:

**Shabbat Blessings:** Jodi, Jason, Jamie, Josie and Jenni Ashby, Rachel Lutner, J.B., Josiah, Eli and Abigail Davis, Deena Nyer Mendlowitz, Leon Mendlowitz and Raphael “Rafi” Mendlowitz, Susan Gordon Merdler and Lyle Merdler

**Torah Blessings:** Ronni and Jack Bialosky, Jr.

**Announcements:** Howard Feldenkris, Matt Lehman, Shellie Nyer

**Ushers:** Noreen Bertman, Sandy Buzney, Emily and Jim Gusky, Jan Lieblich, Debra Light, Susan Gordon Merdler and Lyle Merdler, Karen Shapiro, Ellen and Tom Wieder

---

**Bimah Flowers and Oneg Shabbat Sponsors**

On October 4, bimah flowers were gifts from **Patti Ferris** in loving memory of Louella F. Kohn

On October 4, bimah flowers were gifts from **Jack Bialosky, Sr.** in loving memory of Edith Bialosky

On October 11, bimah flowers were gifts from **Rachel Lutner and J.B. Davis** in honor of Abigail “Abby” Davis

On October 11, bimah flowers were gifts from **Noreen Bertman** in loving memory of Sol Gutmacher

On October 11, bimah flowers were gifts from **Dori and Blair Haas** in loving memory of Phillip Braff

On October 11, bimah flowers were gifts from **Brynda and Todd Ivan** in loving memory of Philip Weinstein

On October 11, the oneg shabbat was a gift from **Charles Rosenberg** in loving memory of Helene Rosenberg

On October 11, the oneg shabbat was a gift from **Karen Schneiderman and Tracey Messer** in loving memory of Zelda Porte

On October 18, bimah flowers were gifts from **Loree and Alan Resnik** in loving memory of Rosaline Streem Bloomfield and Eva R. Resnik

On October 18, bimah flowers and oneg shabbat were gifts from **Gina and Carl Ashby** in honor of Jenni Ashby

On October 25, bimah flowers were gifts from **Raphael Mendlowitz’s Family** in honor of Raphael “Rafi” Mendlowitz

On October 25, bimah flowers were gifts from **Shelly and Tom Galvin** in loving memory of Louis Golenberg

---

***Milestone Birthdays and Anniversaries***

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

- Mary Berick
- J.B. Davis
- Mickey Friedman
- Karen Schenkel
- Sharon Sheinbart
- Rhona Williams

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

- Jane and Ronald Grossman (65 years)
- Eileen and Sam Roth (50 years)
- Jane and Paul Wexler (55 years)

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

---

**Remember ST-KA through a bequest or other charitable vehicle in your estate plan. Please contact Brett Shankman for more information.**

---

**Are you 70½? Have you considered a charitable IRA rollover? A gift to ST-KA will strengthen the Temple and may provide you with a tax benefit*. Contact Brett Shankman for more information.**

*Always discuss gift planning and distributions with your financial planner and tax advisor.
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 October 1 and October 31, 2019. Please let us know of any errors or omissions.

**Bimah Flower Fund**
In honor of  
**Jenni Ashby**
Gina and Carl Ashby

In loving memory of  
**Edith Bialosky**
Jack Bialosky, Sr.

In loving memory of  
**Rosaline Streem Bloomfield**
Eva R. Resnik
Loree and Alan Resnik

In loving memory of  
**Phillip Braff**
Dori and Blair Haas

In honor of  
**Abigail “Abby” Davis**
Rachel Lutner and J.B. Davis

In loving memory of  
**Louis Golenberg**
Shelly and Tom Galvin

In loving memory of  
**Sol Gutmacher**
Noreen Bertman

In loving memory of  
**Louella F. Kohn**
Patti Ferris

In honor of  
**Raphael “Rafi” Mendlowitz**
Raphael Mendlowitz’s Family

In loving memory of  
**Philip Weinstein**
Brynda and Todd Ivan

**Diane Scholnick Youth Leadership Fund**
In loving memory of  
**Rabbi Michael Oppenheimer**
Diane and Harvey Scholnick

In honor of their grandson’s birth  
Diane and Harvey Scholnick
Sarajane and Gerald Goldstein

**Eric Bram Scholarship Fund**
In loving memory of  
**Donald Cohen**
Noreen K. Bertman

**Music Fund**
In loving memory of  
**Rose M. Schultz**
Barbara Robinson

**Oneg Shabbat**
In honor of  
**Jenni Ashby**
Gina and Carl Ashby

In loving memory of  
**Helene Rosenberg**
Charles Rosenberg

In loving memory of  
**Zelda Porte**
Tracey Messer and Karen Schneiderman

In loving memory of  
**Rabbi Michael Oppenheimer**
Ronni and Jack Bialosky, Jr.
Joyce and Barry Brown
Lisa and Rabbi Steven Denker
Susan Hirsch
Adrienne Sharp
Muriel and David Nachman

In appreciation of her  
High Holy Day honors  
Shellie Nyer

**Operating Fund**
In loving memory of  
**Rabbi Michael Oppenheimer**
Sara Stashower and Mark Heller
Nancy and Howard Feldenkris

**Rabbi’s Discretionary Fund**
In loving memory of  
**Rabbi Michael Oppenheimer**
Sara Stashower and Mark Heller
Nancy and Howard Feldenkris

**Rosh Hashanah Luncheon**
Vicki and David Aron
Nancy and Howard Feldenkris
Nancy Huntsman and Margery Mazoh
Julie and Matt Lehman
Rabbi Shana Nyer and Stephen Langel
Dorothea and Michael Polster
Lori Rosenberg
Ellyn Ross
Linda Schneider
Debra Light and Bruce Sherman
Linda and Jerry Shuck
Deedra and Carter Strang
Rabbi Allison and Charlie Vann
Andi Wasserman

**Stashower Family Garden Fund**
In honor of his retirement  
**Dennis Lehman**
Sara Stashower and Mark Heller

**Torah Scroll Repair Fund**
In honor of her Bat Mitzvah  
**Jenni Ashby**
Karen and Sandy Shapiro

ST-KA Technology

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**
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.
a special concert event on
Saturday, January 18, 2020 | 7 pm

Suburban Temple-Kol Ami is excited to announce that tickets are now on sale for the return of Jewish musicians Sheldon Low and Hadar Orshalimy from indie pop-folk duo We Are The Northern Lights.

General Admission seats are $18. Special Pre-Concert Party Passes which include dessert, Israeli wine, a meet and greet with the artists and a Reserved Seat are $36.

Both ticket levels are available to members and the community. They can be purchased on our site’s concert page: https://www.suburbantemple.org/manyvoices