We are firmly planted in the Jewish calendar month of Cheshvan, the 8th month of the Jewish calendar year. Cheshvan follows the month of Tishrei, which was filled with holidays—Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot and Simchat Torah. In some ways, it is logical that during Cheshvan there aren’t holidays or festivals—after the busy-ness and intensity of the previous month, it’s good to be able to get back to a regular routine.

There are some who call Cheshvan the bitter month because it is empty of holidays and festivals. With nothing to celebrate, we feel like nothing is going on!

Rather, I’d like to think of this differently. Perhaps we can learn an entirely different message—one that it is important and necessary.

Recently, we met as a staff to discuss and learn some new marketing techniques. I learned a lot, and I’m very much looking forward to the work we’ll be doing. I learned, also, that we live in a generally “noisy” world. Email, texting, television, phones, and the many other ways that subtle messaging comes at us—it’s incredibly hard to find a moment of quiet when we need it.

So perhaps the message of Cheshvan is to help us to sustain our learning and spiritual growth from the holidays, and that not having holidays is beautiful, too—because we can listen—to ourselves, and to others. In Pirke Avot, we learn “the way to preserve wisdom is through silence”.

Happy Cheshvan!

Rabbi Allison Vann
avann@suburbantemple.org

MAZAL TOV

Isaac Vann, son of Rabbi Allison and Charlie Vann, grandson of Janet Bergman, and Sid Bergman and Carol Killian, will become Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, November 9 at 10:30 am.

Mazal Tov to the family!

On Wednesday, November 13, join Rabbi Vann and Reform Jews from across Ohio who care about justice, learn about our state level political system and how we can act strategically, and advocate for the issues our community cares about. Meet with your local delegations to prepare for lobby visits before attending to legislative meetings with your elected representatives. Light breakfast and boxed lunches will be provided. Contact Rabbi Vann with your questions. Departure is at 6 AM.

We have contracted a bus to shuttle us to Columbus. Seating is limited to 55 participants. Please contact the office at Anshe Chesed Fairmount Temple to reserve a seat on the bus: 216.464.1330

Registration through RAC Ohio is also necessary to attend. Register at: http://bit.ly/RACOhio2019
From Brett’s Desk:

Tzedakah. Loosely defined, charity. So many of us give Tzedakah by dropping a few coins in the Tzedakah box in the lobby, or on our mantle at home. For so many, we were taught, indeed led by watching our parents and grandparents, in putting a few coins aside for those less fortunate. The Suburban Temple – Kol Ami annual campaign is an important opportunity for you to help your temple.

In the next few days, you will receive a solicitation for our annual campaign. The Strengthening ST-KA Annual Campaign is critical to helping us meet our annual budgetary income needs. This year, our goal is $37,000. It’s achievable and we are counting on your support to get us there.

Let me give you some examples of what these funds can make happen at ST-KA. If you’re a regular at Our Tent, $72 provides for a bagel breakfast. Love the teachers and faculty? $50 offsets one day’s salary for one teacher, $350 offsets the salary for one trimester. How about the livestream of services? $20 pays for one Shabbat service. There are so many examples of how your generosity helps your Temple cover the expenses that allow Suburban Temple – Kol Ami to thrive.

Please reply to the annual appeal by going to the website, calling the office, or returning the pledge card. Please give generously. If you have questions about the annual campaign, please reach out to me. I’d love to talk.

B’shalom,

(Back row) Rabbi Allison Vann, Brett Shankman, Rabbi Shana Nyer, Deb Rogers, Matt Lehman, (Center) Jacob Mullen, (Front row) Noah Mullen, Samantha Greenfield, Micah Nathenson and Isaac Mullen.

Our Amazing Community

This past summer, I was alerted to the fact that two members of our congregational community would be honored with the Cleveland Heritage Medal. This year, Tom Adler and Barbara Robinson, are among the recipients.

Like me, you may be unaware of the Cleveland Heritage Medal. It began in 2016. “The Cleveland Heritage Medal is bestowed upon individuals who have made a meritorious contribution to the welfare and development of Cleveland and its citizens.” I spent some time perusing the website for the Cleveland Heritage Medal and was proud to discover that of the first seventeen award recipients, four are current or life members of Suburban Temple – Kol Ami. Proud may not be the right adjective. Stunned? Astounded? Not in the knowledge that our members have been key players in the Greater Cleveland business and civic community for decades, but that our modestly-sized congregational family has had an outsized impact on Greater Cleveland.

Former honorees include Bob Gries and Mort Mandel (z’l).

Our congregation is teeming with people who make a difference each and every day. We are fortunate to have you strengthen our Temple and Cleveland communities.

A huge mazel tov to Tom and Barbara for being named recipients of the 2019 Cleveland Heritage Medal. If you want to learn more about the medal, you can visit www.heritagemedal.com.
As I write this article, we are in the middle of our Sukkot festival, and as you are reading it, we are looking forward to celebrating Thanksgiving with family and friends.

In his article on interfaithfamilies.com, Rabbi Elias Lieberman teaches us:

The Thanksgiving holiday that we celebrate did not become a national holiday until President Abraham Lincoln declared it one in 1863. And it wasn’t until the 1941 that its date was firmly established by Congress as the fourth Thursday in November.

While we cannot be certain about what motivated those Pilgrim settlers to initiate a feast of thanksgiving, it is likely that they consciously drew on a model well-known to them from the Bible they cherished. Seeing themselves as new Israelites in a new “promised land,” the Pilgrims surely found inspiration in the Bible, in the Books of Leviticus and Deuteronomy, in which God commands the ancient Israelites to observe the Feast of Booths — in Hebrew, Sukkot, “to rejoice before Adonai your God” at the time of the fall harvest [Lev. 23:40].

In Jewish tradition, the Festival of Sukkot is a joyous occasion to give thanks and praise to the Source of Creation for the bounty we enjoy. In fact, we are told that during Sukkot, “you shall have nothing but joy.” [Deut. 16:15]

As I finish this series of articles on Our Tent, and in the spirit of gratitude of both Sukkot and Thanksgiving, I would like to offer my sincere thanks to all those who made the creation of Our Tent possible and continue to make it a success. From the innovative minds of the Lifelong Learning Committee, some of whom worked with me for three years to ensure what we created was the best possible education program for our learners, to the amazingly supportive staff and leadership who made and continue to make certain Our Tent has both roots and wings. From my incredibly dedicated partners in Rabbi Allison Vann and Brett Shankman whose support is unwavering and everything to our awesome teachers, faculty members, madrichim and learners who fill every Sunday with joy, learning, community, and Judaism. Hineni – Here I Am...grateful to be part of this fantastic learning community and this wonderful temple family!

Wishing you a heart filled with gratitude...

Rabbi Shara Nyer
In preparation for *Simchat Torah*, Rabbi Shana stopped in at the Mandel JCC to teach their Early Childhood friends about the Torah!

Photo Credit: Mandel JCC

On Sunday, October 20, our congregants came together for our annual *Simchat Torah* service and celebration. The Tischler Klezmer Orchestra filled the temple with lively music as we danced with the Torah. The evening started with a dinner welcoming our new congregants.
chanukah is coming!

annual adult chanukah celebration
sunday, december 8 | 5 pm

We will have a delicious 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. Don’t forget to bring a menorah to light!

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.

Give Us a Call!

Are you or is someone you know looking for rabbinic guidance or a rabbinic visit? Please contact the office to speak with Rabbi Vann or to set up an appointment to speak with her. We are open Monday-Thursday, 8:30 am—5:00 pm and 8:00 am—3:00 pm on Fridays.

216.991.0700

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Sun., Nov. 3 ..................... 9 am | Our Tent
Sun., Nov. 10 ............... 9 am | Our Tent with GUCI presentation
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Sun., Nov. 17 ............... 9 am | Our Tent
Mon., Nov. 18............. 7 pm | Board of Trustees meeting
Tues., Nov. 19......... 7 pm | Open Doors Membership Committee meeting
Wed., Nov. 20 .......... 7 pm | Lifelong Learning Committee meeting
Thurs., Nov. 21 .......... 6 pm | Vintage Committee meeting
Fri., Nov. 22 .......... 7:15 pm | Learning Shabbat: 2nd Annual Challah Bake
Sun., Nov. 24 .......... 9 am | Our Tent
Wed., Nov. 27 ........ 4 pm | Calvary Church Community Supper
Thurs., Nov. 28 .......... OFFICES CLOSED (Thanksgiving)
Fri., Nov. 29 .......... OFFICES CLOSED (Thanksgiving)

B’shalom,

Shellie Nyer
President
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I hope that you all had a meaningful Yom Kippur and a joyous Sukkot and Simchat Torah. There are several upcoming events that Kol Nashim is planning.

On Sunday evening, November 10th at 7:00, we will be hosting Angela Himsel, author of A River Could Be a Tree. This is part of the JCC Book Festival. The presentation will be followed by a dessert reception. If you would like to bake or be a hostess, please contact Ellen Weber at ellieweb1@me.com and to register to attend, go to the Mandel JCC site: http://bit.ly/JCCBook2019.

On December 8th at 1:00, we will be hosting a private docent-led tour of the Leonard Bernstein exhibit at the Maltz Museum. On December 20th, we will be co-sponsoring the Congregational Chanukah Dinner. Both these events are open to the entire congregation. Please watch the weekly email for details.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

B’shalom,

Shellie Nyer
President
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Shabbat Acknowledgements
We are grateful to the following people who helped make our September worship services a beautiful experience:

**Shabbat Blessings:** Janice Katz, Susan Long and Rita Orpett, Shayna Pentecost, Dorothea Polster

**Torah Blessings:** Flossy Mitchell

**Vintage Service Participants:** Susan Hirsch, Rene Klein, Jan Lieblich, Susan Long, Susan Gordon Merdler, Flossy Mitchell, Rita Orpett

**6th Grade Service Participants:** Mason Keller, Celia Pentecost, Lucas Perillo, Mackenzie Ryan, P.J. Ryan

**Announcements:** Alan Hazzard, Irv Katz, Matt Lehman, Sandy Shapiro

**Ushers:** Noreen Bertman, Diane Greene, Emily and Jim Gusky, Kärstin Olofsson

High Holy Days Acknowledgments
We are grateful to the following people who helped make our High Holy Days worship services a beautiful experience:


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On September 27, bimah flowers were gifts from the Polster Family in celebration of Dorothea Polster’s conversion

In Memoriam

**Dear Member**
Morton Mandel

**Dear Relative**
Dr. Bob Newman

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

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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.

Tickets are $18 and available to members and the community. They can be purchased on our site’s concert page: https://www.suburbantemple.org/manyvoices