October Shabbat and Worship Calendar

Friday, October 4 | 6 pm  
Kabbalat Shabbat Service  
with Torah reading

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

Friday, October 11 | 6 pm  
Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Saturday, October 12 | 10:30 am  
Bat Mitzvah: Abigail Davis

Friday, October 18 | 6 pm  
Kabbalat Shabbat Service  
and Consecration

Saturday, October 19 | 10:30 am  
Bat Mitzvah: Jenni Ashby

Friday, October 25 | 6 pm  
Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Saturday, October 26 | 10:30 am  
Bar Mitzvah: Raphael Mendlowitz

Our Tent has become one of the most successful, and important, programs of our congregation. Our congregation’s learning and engagement model has dramatically shifted and it is exciting and meaningful. This transformation has also affected our b’nai mitzvah students, who are more connected and prepared. Together with the expertise of our Director of Lifelong Learning, Rabbi Shana Nyer, we are constantly exploring the most meaningful ways to respond to the evolving needs of our community. It is exciting to be joined by our long-time tutor, Linda Wolfe and our new Music Director, Deb Rogers in these efforts.

Our students are wonderful. To outline the very basics, they learn the major prayers in Hebrew that frame the Shabbat morning service. They come to understand the prayers and their basic meaning, which will serve our students well into the future. Additionally, students learn their Torah portion, which they can choose to chant or read in Hebrew. Throughout the process of studying their Torah portion, they are also discussing it’s meaning. To round out the Torah service, they learn a brief section of Haftarah, a selection from the books of the prophets, in Hebrew.

They also write two original pieces. The first is a d’var torah, a speech about their Torah portion with Rabbi Shana. The bar or bat mitzvah writes a message that teaches about the lesson of the portion and how it applies to them. Secondly, the student composes an original prayer with me which corresponds to the gratitude prayer in the liturgy. The exercise of creating an original prayer not only deepens their appreciation for the world around them, it offers another opportunity to teach the meaning of the prayers.

Our students, when they study and learn seriously, emerge more knowledgeable and connected from the bar and bat mitzvah process. I’ve watched this, especially in the last few years. I know that there is only more to come!

And now I’m not only the rabbi of the congregation—I’m also the mother of an upcoming bar mitzvah! It is with so much joy that we celebrate his bar mitzvah at Suburban Temple-Kol Ami.

Rabbi Allison Vann  
avann@suburbantemple.org
From Brett’s Desk:

This is the time of year when we are commanded to ask for forgiveness. Ideally, I should ask face to face for forgiveness of anyone whom I have intentionally or unintentionally wronged. While I would prefer to ask in person, this mechanism will have to suffice. Humbly, I ask forgiveness if I have wronged you over the past year.

We are constantly working to improve Temple. Briefly, I want to highlight just some of the capital improvements that have been completed since late Spring. We completed five outdoor renovation projects including a complete grouting of the front patio, replacing broken stairs on the Chagrin Boulevard stairway and patio, rebuilding the rear retaining wall, replacing part of the sidewalk which had failed, and finally, resealing and restriping the parking lot.

The curtains in the Silverman Garden Room were replaced with vertical blinds dramatically improving the look and feel of the room.

Our wireless system had generously been donated by the Jewish Education Center of Cleveland a few years ago. However, the controlling system expired and we’ve just replaced the wireless access points which provide WiFi service throughout much of the building. Hopefully, a better wireless experience for all.

So much of this work was managed by John Farragher, our maintenance supervisor. A hearty thank you to John for all that he does to ensure that our building looks and feels great!

Needless to say, I am blessed to work with fabulous colleagues. In addition to Rabbi Vann, Rabbi Shana, and J.B. (our new director of engagement and marketing), I hope you will take time when you’re here to thank Charles Hickerson, Dale Hopkins, and Keesha Sellars for all that they do to ensure that setups, registrations, billing, acknowledgments, and more gets done each and every day.

May you have a Shana Tova Tikatevu and G’mar Chatimah Tova,

- Brett

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CLOSE THE CAMPS VIGIL

On August 11, ST-KA played host to a gathering of nearly 350 people who stood in solidarity against the US-Mexico border immigration camps. The event, organized by the NCJW, RAC Ohio, Bend the Arc and T’Ruah featured expert immigration speakers, including 16-year old Natalia Alonso, an immigrant, speaks about her immigration experiences and losing her father to stringent American immigration practices.
The Why, What and How of Our Tent

Year three of Our Tent is off to a fantastic start! The creativity, learning and energy in the building on Sunday mornings has been amazing! As we delve deep into our first trimester and gear up for our second, I wanted to use this space to share a little with you about how Our Tent was created, and the philosophy behind why we do what we do.

Our Tent is the culmination of more than three years of deep study of the best practices in education and the diverse needs of today’s learners. With each member of our community in mind, we produced a multigenerational educational program in the most creative, thoughtful, and engaging ways possible. There are three major principles upon which the program is based:

- **First**, is the understanding that learners today do not want to be the objects of their learning experience. They do not want to be told what they must learn or when or how. Rather they want to be co-producers in their learning journey. They want to have some say in the what, when and how. Additionally, having a choice in what one is learning leads to a greater sense on mastery, which in turn leads a deeper sense of Jewish identity. In the choices we offer, we are careful to ensure that throughout their time in our program, learners can expect to acquire skills and knowledge in Jewish texts, Jewish values, Jewish history, Jewish philosophy, prayer, and Hebrew. We also ensure that what is being offered in our program meets the highest standards of learning.

- **Second**, we try to focus on narrower topics in greater depth, rather than trying to cover the entire breadth of a subject. For example, rather than study the entire Book of Genesis during a class, we may choose to focus on sibling relationships in Genesis and what they can teach us about our relationships today. This too leads to a greater sense on mastery, which in turn leads a deeper sense of Jewish identity.

- **The third principle** is that multigenerational learning deepens the educational experience because of the multiplicity of voices and years lived in the classroom. It also helps to foster the greater sense of community that is another goal of our program.

We are incredibly proud of this learning program we have designed and the intentional and mindful way it has been executed. And we are always striving to be even better. With that in mind if you ever have any questions, suggestions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me at snyer@suburbantemple.org or in person. You can also reach out to any of our Lifelong Learning Committee members in person or at the email addresses below.

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With great joy in learning!

Rabbi Shana  
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**Fun interactive service for newborns-2nd graders and their families**

**3rd-7th graders and their families join Rabbi Vann for part of the service in the sanctuary**

**FREE dinner for Everyone!**

The evening is free and open to the community so invite your friends with Jewish children. Please RSVP to the office at 216.991.0700 or Keesha Sellars at ksellars@suburbantemple.org.

**shabbat**: October 4 at 6:00 pm | with Rabbi Shana and Lauren Smith  
**yom kippur**: 10:00 am | with Rabbi Shana and Rob Ross

**save the date for shabbat**: November 1
simchat torah service and celebration
Sunday, October 20 | 7 pm

After we come to the last word in Deuteronomy, we immediately begin again with the first words in Genesis. Come rejoice in Torah as our members read from the Torah! We'll dance to joyous music provided by the Tischler Klezmer Orchestra.

To participate in the service by reading a line of Torah, please contact Rabbi Shana Nyer at 216.991.0700 or snyer@suburbantemple.org.

new member dinner
Sunday, October 20 | 5:45 pm

Each year, prior to our Simchat Torah celebration, we hold a light dinner for the new members who’ve joined us in the last twelve months. It is our hope that many of our new families will choose to join us for the dinner as an opportunity to get to know members of our board, the staff, and other congregants.

There is no charge for the dinner or attendance at the Simchat Torah service, which includes music by the Tischler Klezmer Orchestra and much dancing with our Torahs! We do request an RSVP for dinner, so that we order the right amount of food.

Please RSVP by October 16th to Dale Hopkins, dhopkins@suburbantemple.org, with your plans to join us on October 20th at 5:45 pm for dinner and 7 pm for services.
October 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.

Tues., Oct. 1.............7 pm | MEETING: Executive Committee

Sun., Oct. 6.............9 am | Our Tent

Sun., Oct. 13...........9 am | Our Tent 12 pm | Sukkot Program / Sukkah Build

Mon., Oct. 14...........OFFICES ARE CLOSED FOR SUKKOT

Tues., Oct. 15...........7 pm | MEETING: Board of Trustees

Sun., Oct. 20...........9 am | Our Tent 12 pm | Faculty meeting / JESP 5:45 pm | New Member Dinner (see previous page) 7 pm | Simchat Torah (see previous page)

Mon., Oct. 21...........OFFICES ARE CLOSED FOR SIMCHAT TORAH

Tues., Oct. 22...........7 pm | MEETING: 75th Anniversary Committee

Sun., Oct. 27...........9 am | Our Tent: Last Sunday of Trimester One

Wed., Oct. 30...........7 pm | MEETING: Executive Committee meeting

Greetings from Kol Nashim!

Shalom! I hope the High Holy Days have been and continue to be joyous and meaningful to everyone. Kol Nashim was happy to the sponsor the opening breakfast for Our Tent. It was enjoyed by a large and enthusiastic group of learners. We also have been planning upcoming events.

On Sunday, November 10th, Kol Nashim will host an event as part of the JCC Book Festival. Author, Angela Himsel, will talk about her book, “A River Could Be a Tree”. A dessert reception will follow. It should be a very interesting evening.

In December, we are planning a congregational event at the Maltz Museum. We will have a docent-lead tour of the exhibit about Leonard Bernstein. Watch the Temple Times for more information about these events and about the Kol Nashim Book Club.

Have a festive Sukkot and Simchat Torah!

Chag Sameach,

Shellie Nyer  
President  
thenyers@aol.com

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

David Cooper
Bruce Long
Elliott Schlang
Larry Wolf
Deedra Strang
Margery Mazoh
Charlie Vann

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

On August 2, bimah flowers were gifts from Edith Miller in loving memory of Lester I. Miller
On August 2, bimah flowers were gifts from Karen Shapiro in loving memory of Alvin Roth
On August 2, the Oneg Shabbat was a gift from Patty and Harry Lehman in loving memory of Mildred B. Lehman and Betty L. Levy
On August 9, bimah flowers were gifts from The Cristal Family in loving memory of Sue G. Cristal
On August 9, bimah flowers were gifts from Sherry and Gary Dinner in loving memory of Frances Heimel
On August 9, bimah flowers were gifts from Julie and Jeremy Pilloff in honor of Maddy Pilloff
On August 23, the Oneg Shabbat was a gift from Karen and Sandy Shapiro in loving memory of Henry Shapiro
On August 23, bimah flowers were gifts from Linda Schneider in loving memory of Maxine Galvin
On August 30, bimah flowers were gifts from Amy Handel in loving memory of Lee Handel
On August 30, bimah flowers were gifts from Karen Shapiro in loving memory of Rosalind Gill
On August 30, the Oneg Shabbat was a gift from Rita Orpett and Susan and Bruce Long in loving memory of Howard N. Orpett

TRIBUTE

RABBI MICHAEL OPPENHEIMER: A PERSONAL REMEMBRANCE

Truly our beloved Rabbi Emeritus, Rabbi Michael Oppenheimer was a spiritual leader, a comforter of the sick and a joyous celebrant of myriad life cycle events, a counselor in times of bereavement, but most of all for me, a rabbi who lived our Jewish text that teaches us to welcome the stranger.

For Rabbi Oppenheimer it involved positions that, at the time, made him a true pioneer. He was the first congregational rabbi to officiate at the marriages of interfaith couples. As he welcomed them, he was also first in the city to warmly invite all into the congregation, reaching out to the LGBT community.

He led us on our spiritual journeys, helped us understand that we could be both Reform and religious. We found ourselves a brilliant teacher and a true scholar.

We have lost this beloved rabbi. As Talmud teaches us, “one man’s candle is a light for many.” He was our candle and we must live the light.

Loree B. Resnik, Executive Director Emerita
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 August 1 and August 31, 2019. Please let us know of any errors or omissions.

**Bimah Flower Fund**
In loving memory of
  - **Sue G. Cristal**
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    - Julie and Jeremy Pilloff
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**Diane Scholnick Youth Leadership Fund**
In honor of his birthday
  - **Harvey Scholnick**
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**Oneg Shabbat**
In loving memory of
  - **Mildred B. Lehman**
    - Betty L. Levy
    - Patty and Harry Lehman

In loving memory of
  - **Howard N. Orpett**
    - Rita Orpett and
    - Susan and Bruce Long
  - **Henry Shapiro**
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  - **Operating Fund**
    - Tracey Messer and Karen Schneideman

**Our Tent**
In loving memory of
  - **Dr. William Henry Rosewater**
    - Carol Freed and Bill Bruml

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  - **Rabbi Allison Vann**
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  - **Donald Cohen**
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    - Richard Bertman
    - …and their families

**Stashower Family Garden Fund**
In honor of her milestone birthday
  - **Sara Stashower**
    - Emily Stashower and
    - Matthew B. Bogin
    - Betsy J. Fallon

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**WiFi For Everyone!**
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**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.

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High Holy Days 2019/5780

Tuesday, October 8 | 8 pm
Kol Nidre Service

Wednesday, October 9 | Yom Kippur
10 am Morning Service
10 am Come Grow with Me!
12:30 pm Our Jewish Journeys: A Yom Kippur Symposium
12:30 pm Yom Kippur Children’s Service: At-One-Ment
2 pm Personal Prayer, Meditation and Study
4 pm Afternoon, Memorial (Yizkor), and Concluding Service (Ne’ilah)

Sunday, October 13 | 12 pm
Sukkot | Sukkah building

Sunday, October 20 | 7 pm
Simchat Torah Service