



## Shabbat and Worship Calendar

**DUE TO GOVERNMENT AND CDC RESTRICTIONS DURING THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK, SERVICES AT THE TEMPLE HAVE BEEN CANCELLED AT THIS TIME.**

**IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE JOIN US ON FRIDAY EVENINGS AT 6 PM ON ZOOM!**

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## Making Decisions During a Pandemic



In July, we announced that High Holy Day services and much of the programming around the High Holy Days would take place at home.

Making decisions during these challenging times is far from easy. We are met at every turn with new challenges and ambiguities. We can't turn to a GPS or a previous plan for directions or expertise.

In the spring, to provide a framework for decision making, the staff turned to Values Based Decision Making (VBDM). I'm grateful to Rabbi Joe Black, who reminded me of VBDM, and applied it to Jewish values.

VBDM provides a way to think through and expressing our strongest commitments. In many ways, VBDM has been around for a very long time. In fact, Benjamin Franklin said, "Each choice is made in the context of whatever value systems we have selected to govern our lives. In selecting that value system, we are in a very real way, making the most important choice we will ever make . . . ."

Below are the four values that we hold as primary for this time and place. We strive to hold them in heart and mind with every decision, holiday, program, connection and interaction.

**Pikuach Nefesh—Saving a Life:** This is widely considered the most important of all Jewish values. We are taught that we can break almost any commandment in order to preserve or save a life. During the pandemic, our top priority is all of our health and safety.

**Kedusha—Holiness and Uniqueness:** Rabbi Joe Black writes, "...a deeper understanding of *kedusha* teaches that we experience holiness on the deepest level when we look at every individual, relationship and moment as unique." We are living in unprecedented times. Every situation is unique and every problem deserves a thoughtful solution. We strive to find holiness in everything.

**Dina d'malchuta dina—“The law of the land is the law”** -This was established in the Shulchan Aruch, a Jewish Code from the 16th century. It has stood the test of time. The Jewish community has consistently been loyal citizens to the country in which we live. We have a sacred responsibility to support and uphold our nation's laws and guidelines, unless they violate basic and fundamental laws of our faith.

**Chazon—Vision** -This pandemic has demanded that we do everything differently. We have examined, questioned, created, and discovered—because we've had to. Judaism and spirituality are seen with new eyes, we are buoyed by the possibilities and opportunities to share our faith. We know that when this crisis is over, the lessons we have learned will serve us well.

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## From Brett's Desk:



Community. We often talk about being a "warm and welcoming community" but in the last few months, my definition of that word has changed. So much of our community today is online... mostly Zoom, sometimes Facetime or Teams. It's strange and often tough.

However, every day I take solace in the fact that Suburban Temple – Kol Ami is "warm and welcoming", innovative, creative, and so much more.

This will likely be a year unlike any other. We don't know if we will gather in person at the building. And if we do, how large can any single event be? When we gather there will be masks, hand sanitizer, and lots of social distancing.

Our congregation, Suburban Temple – Kol Ami, is strong. Its strength is rooted in its membership, volunteer leadership, Rabbi, and professional staff. We are blessed.

As we enter the High Holy Day season, just a few short weeks away, I ask you to remember that membership is the key to our everyday operations.

If you have not made your 2020-21 Open Doors membership commitment, please, please do so TODAY. Call me (216) 536.2309, email me – [bshankman@suburbantemple.org](mailto:bshankman@suburbantemple.org); or go online to your account at [www.suburbantemple.org](http://www.suburbantemple.org). Thank you. Furthermore, this year will afford us unique opportunities to tell the ST-KA story to prospective members. It's so easy to join us for Shabbat services on Zoom. Please feel free to share our link with friends or family who may be considering a spiritual home.

J.B. Davis, director of engagement and marketing, Rabbi Vann, Rabbi Shana, and I are all excited about meeting prospective members – online, via phone and if safe, in person to share the ST-KA story.

Let's make the next year a great year at ST-KA!

I look forward to seeing many of you on-screen over the next few months.

B'shalom

## member moments...

### JUST AS CLOSE:

Coming together as a congregational family on Zoom is obviously different than being in our beloved Temple. But different doesn't mean less meaningful. Members are connecting in new ways - Friday nights, for example, have been filled with chats during services and long conversations after. It's been beautiful. The comments below are just a sample of how welcome, how connected we've been during these challenging times.

### DOROTHEA POLSTER

Full disclosure—I haven't attended as many Friday night services as I have since the pandemic began and we were forced to have "Zoom" services. Why you ask? Well, what started out as a "let's try this new thing" has become a can't-miss weekly event. During these times, I find the Shabbat service to be a peaceful, welcoming relief to a week of chaos and uncertainty. It's a soothing ritual, which I've been able to experience along with the candle lightings, wine and challah "blessing" here at home! I marvel at the creativity and chutzpah of our Rabbis and staff to come up with unique ways for us to worship and be comforted. I miss the in-person services, but am so thankful for the Zoom services and the opportunity to see fellow congregants and *kibbitz* (or chat) with them.

### BRIAN STORRIE

*Unorthodox*, a Netflix film, was the subject of intense discussion with Rabbi in a Zoom forum. Last night, I watched *Fiddler on the Roof* 2/3rds of the way through on Netflix. I could not help but react that *Fiddler*, in many ways, is the same set of issues as *Unorthodox*. Why then is our reaction to the one "bemused humor" and to the other "harshness". Is it because one is a "happy ending" Broadway/Hollywood version of our own origin story and the other a reminder of issues never solved? What does that difference in reaction say about us? Even a Zoom session can provoke.

### JIM AND EMILY GUSKY

Friday night services are the next best thing to:

- A Great Imported Kosher Wine and Fresh Baked Challah
- Hugging our family and especially our grandchildren





# HIGH HOLY DAYS 2020

The High Holy Days are eternal, central to our faith, and beautiful markers on the path from one year to the next. The High Holy Day season is rooted in community practices and individual traditions.

This year COVID-19 will be impacting the High Holy Days just as it's changed everyday life. Different, however, doesn't mean that the moments to stand in awe will be less profound or the opportunities to come together any less inspirational.

The Board, clergy, and staff of Suburban Temple-Kol Ami are deeply committed to making this idea a reality – but in doing so, we've had to make hard choices. We sought wisdom from Jewish values including the highest and holiest, *pikuach nefesh*, saving a life.

The wisdom of *pikuach nefesh* led us to the difficult decision that this year's High Holy Day services will be observed at home, online. This decision was made after seeking the counsel of local and national medical and scientific experts, clergy and lay leadership. With heavy hearts we concluded that it's not safe to gather in large groups at the Temple.

As members who have attended online Shabbat Services and have experienced Zoom programming over the last few months can attest, the ways we've come together as a community are far more powerful than the word "virtual" might connote. We're been far apart but, in many ways, even closer.

The document we've uploaded to this link (<https://bit.ly/STKAHHD2020>) begins to show that this year will be just as thoughtful, joyful, and creative as what you've come to expect from Suburban Temple – Kol Ami. Services and holiday programs will be anchored in our traditions; we will have new opportunities to experience the season—and we will, together, create moments of comfort and intention.

In peace, health, and safety,





# OUR TENT

Innovative Jewish Learning for Everyone  
SUBURBAN TEMPLE-KOL AMI

The Flaps will be Open, Even if the Tent Looks Different...

This Year's Learning Theme is:  
*Tikkun Olam*: Repairing Our World through Social Action, Social Justice and being *Shomrei Ha'adamah* (Guardians of the Earth)

WHAT'S SO JEWISH ABOUT JEWISH FOOD?



find out in our class...  
*The Sacred Table*

HOW CAN KIDS BUILD A BETTER COMMUNITY?



find out in our class...  
*Competitive Minecraft*

HOW CAN "LIFELONG LEARNING" AND "YOUNG KIDS" HAPPILY COEXIST (WITHOUT EXTRA COFFEE)?



find out in our class...  
*Torah Tots*

160 YEARS OF STORIES – WHICH ONES WILL RESONATE THE MOST?



find out in our class...  
*The Jewish Experience in America*

HOW CAN FANTASY CHANGE THE REAL WORLD?



find out in our class...  
*Yoda – Jewish He May Be*

WHAT'S THE ENVIRONMENT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?



find out in our class...  
*Tikkun Olam Torah*

HOW CAN WE READ THE HEBREW BIBLE WITH NEW EYES?



find out in our class...  
*Old Words, New Readings: Jewish Texts from a Feminist's Perspective*

HOW CAN TIMELESS HOLIDAYS IMPACT TODAY'S WORLD?



find out in our class...  
*Jewish Holidays the Tikkun Olam Way*

HOW CAN JEWISH VALUES HELP US BECOME BETTER PEOPLE?



find out in our class...  
*The Value of Being Jewish*

HOW CAN YOU BLOCK-OUT TIME TO BUILD A BETTER WORLD?



find out in our class...  
*Building a Mensch*

HOW CAN A SUNDAY IMPACT THE WHOLE WEEK?



find out in our class...  
*Thinking About God*

For more information on the changes to our program to accommodate the COVID-19 pandemic and to register for classes, head to our website at [www.suburbantemple.org/education.html](http://www.suburbantemple.org/education.html).

As always, if you have questions about the Our Tent program, please contact Rabbi Shana via email ([snyer@suburbantemple.org](mailto:snyer@suburbantemple.org)) or via phone at 703-403-1948.

# ST-KA receives Security Grant from State of Ohio



For the second time in the last 3 years, ST-KA has been awarded a security grant of over \$86,000 from the state of Ohio. These funds will be used to continue on-going efforts to improve the physical security of our building and campus including improved exterior lighting and enhanced camera surveillance.

We are appreciative that the state continues to recognize the security challenges facing ST-KA and all Jewish institutions.

## CONTACT US!

Are you or is someone you know looking for a virtual rabbinic visit or phone call? Please contact **Rabbi Vann** to schedule with her.

[www.calendly.com/rabbivann](https://www.calendly.com/rabbivann)

While our office is closed, our phone lines are still open and we are receiving voicemails.

**216.991.0700**

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

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



## ST-KA Technology **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](https://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](https://smile.amazon.com) each time you shop!

## JOIN US ON ZOOM!

Don't forget that many of our programs are now running on ZOOM. Please refer to our program boxes for links and information on how you can tune in and participate.

## Live Streaming Service Information

Don't forget, you can watch previously recorded Kabbalat Shabbat services from our regular live stream on our website.

Please visit [www.suburbantemple.org](https://www.suburbantemple.org) and select the "at home" tab under "WORSHIP".

## Milestone Birthdays and Anniversaries

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

Carolyn Arnold  
Joey Bauer  
Barbara Brown  
Anthony Farinacci  
Glenn Gali  
Harry Lehman  
Charles Nachman  
Charles Newman  
James Ohneck  
Leo Reyzis  
Karen Shapiro  
Danielle Weinberger

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

Susan and Peter Danford (60 Years)  
Jennifer and Al Hilkert (30 Years)  
Karen and Mickey Schenkel (55 Years)

Milestone birthday listings begin at age fifty and every five years afterwards.

All birthdays 100 and over are listed.



**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/form/STKAdonation-form](http://www.suburbantemple.org/form/STKAdonation-form). Donations listed below were received between June 1 and June 30, 2020. Please let us know of any errors or omissions.

### Annual Appeal Fund:

In loving memory of  
**Jack Bialosky, Sr.**  
Sandy Blum and David Marik

In loving memory of  
**Ruth Newman Schlang**  
Gail and Elliott Schlang

### Curtiss Family Discretionary Fund:

In celebration of his milestone birthday  
**Rand Curtiss**

Barry and Gay Curtiss-Lusher  
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In loving memory of  
**Sam Sternberg**  
Ellen and Ed Weber

### Jaffe Shadow Fund:

In loving memory of  
**Gilda Gorden**  
Sue and Rudi Hoffman

Our Tent Education Fund:  
In loving memory of  
**Morton Litt**  
Wendy Cantor Dobo  
and Tom Dobo

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In loving memory of  
**Adele Shapiro**  
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In appreciation of  
**Rabbi Allison Vann**  
Anne and Scott Flamm

### Operating Fund:

In honor of their daughter's wedding  
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In loving memory of  
**Richard Katcher**  
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In loving memory of  
**Morton Litt**  
**Ellen and Ed Weber**  
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In appreciation of  
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Kol Nashim

In loving memory of  
**Lillian Podis**  
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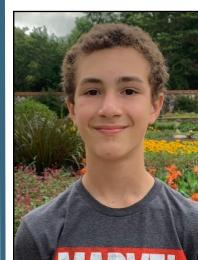
In loving memory of  
**Alice Vactor Rosewater**  
**Harold J. Rosewater**  
Gail Rosewater

## In Memoriam

*Dear Member*  
Thomas W. Cristal



## Mazal Tov!



**Hayden Couch**, son of **Kelly and Christopher Couch**, and brother of Sydney and Rachel Couch will become Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, August 15 at 10:30 am.



**Lizzie Katz**, daughter of **Kerry and Gary Katz**, sister of Sarah Katz, and granddaughter of **Mickey Katz** will become Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, August 29 at 10:30 am.

*Mazal Tov* to our celebrants and their families!





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# WORSHIP FROM HOME!

## KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICES

Fridays at 6 PM



**Rabbi Vann** and Music Director **Deb Rogers** are coming to you live on Friday evenings starting at 6 PM for Shabbat on **ZOOM**.

[Please use this link to connect!](#)

## OUR TENT CAFE

Sundays at 9 AM

Grab a bagel and a drink and catch up with friends!

[Please use this link to connect](#)

## STORYTIME WITH RABBI SHANA

Fridays at 5 PM



[Please use this link to connect!](#)

Adults and Kids—get comfortable in your favorite chair or find your special spot on the floor and join **Rabbi Shana** for a story to welcome Shabbat !

## COFFEE WITH RABBI VANN AND RABBI SHANA

Tuesday and Thursdays at 8:30 AM



Get your day started with **Rabbi Vann** on **Tuesdays** and **Rabbi Shana** on **Thursdays** from 8:30-9 AM. Log in to **ZOOM** with your coffee, (or tea!) and your breakfast to connect with each other and catch up with Rabbi Vann.

[Please use this link to connect!](#)  
(Tuesdays)

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(Thursdays– except August 6)