



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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HOLDING ONTO HOPE



The Hebrew language is built by and large through building block words. Most words in the Hebrew language can be boiled down to a three-consonant root word that contains the essence of the word's meaning. Even if you cannot read Hebrew, you will find that you can get some insight into the meaning of lots of words in Torah or the prayer book by identifying the roots of words.

For example, the first word of the Torah, *bereshit* is usually translated as *in the beginning*. It contains the same root letters as the *Rosh* in *Rosh Hashanah*. Therefore, if you can find the root in each word, you can hazard a guess at the gist of the word.

Root words can sometimes be surprising, though. The word *tikvah*, which you may know, is most often translated to mean hope. It may also be familiar to you from the Israeli national anthem *Hatikvah*; The Hope.

The root of the word hope is from the word for rope! How could a cord or rope be connected to hope?

The last year has been challenging. For some of us, the difficulties of the last year have frayed us. We are struggling; stressed; overwhelmed. We may readily admit that we are “at the end of our rope”. That image of being at the end of our rope is that of a rope that has frayed, each thread coming apart.

A rope is multiple strands bound together into a single, stronger cord. Tikvah—hope-- is that one strand of rope that we can hang onto when things are hard, or out of control. Hope is what we reach for when we stretch for that last end of the rope, and it's just still there.

It's been a long, challenging year. Hold on to the rope; hold onto hope.

Rabbi Allison Vann
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From Brett's Desk:



After the January 6th attack on the U.S. Capitol and as news of possible violence in the lead up to the January 20th inauguration was widely disseminated, there

was a lot of discussion about what houses of worship and specifically temples and synagogues are doing to ensure our physical safety.

So, I'll use this month's column to provide a brief overview and update on what we are doing (there's more, but this is what I'm comfortable writing about).

Over the last 3 years, we have received two state grants providing us with just under \$200,000 in addition to gifts from congregants designated for increasing our security stance.

Among the projects that were undertaken or are being completed in the next few months are:

- 1) A camera system providing full exterior and limited interior coverage of the building. This system is currently being upgraded to provide even greater detailed imaging and monitoring.
- 2) Upgraded electronic locking systems for the front door and key internal access points.
- 3) Upgraded external lighting.
- 4) Shatter resistant coverings for windows and doors.
- 5) A license plate reader.

Of course, prior to the start of the pandemic, if you joined us for Friday night services or Our Tent programming on Sunday morning, you know that we always have security on premises. When we return to onsite programming, of course, this will start again.

A MEMORIAL TRIBUTE

By Loree B. Resnik, *Executive Director Emerita*

As both Religious School Director and Temple Executive Director; I came to know many teachers. It is not easy to teach children on a Sunday morning, when so many of them want to be home in their pajamas, be with friends or spend special time with their parents who are not at work. The best of our teachers were warm, engaging, creative and dedicated. How this exemplified Judy Sims who taught in our school for thirty-seven years! For Judy, this was her career, these were her children, creating a love for Judaism was her goal. She enabled her second and then third graders to flourish, to question, to understand and to have fun. Classroom management came easily to Judy—in all those years she never sent one child “to the office” unless they were ill. Changes in textbooks and curriculum never were an issue for Judy for she was a partner in those decisions.

Some of our children came from difficult home situations and Judy made her classroom the safe space it needed to be. When we began family education, one of the first in the country to do this, she embraced that, too. For Judy, it was an opportunity to share with parents her own knowledge and to help children understand that all of us need to continue to learn. She was indeed a special educator and our families and children were as blessed to be her partners in learning as I was to be her Principal. Judy passed away the first week of January. At 85, she was still as active as ever.

Dr. Chaim Ginott, born in Israel and educated in the United States, was a renowned pioneer in teaching, parent education and psychology. Dr. Ginott said, “Children are like wet cement; whatever falls on them makes an impression.” What a wonderful impression our Judy Sims left on all of Suburban's children!

May her memory be for blessing.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY...

Dear friends,

This is Lou, Dale's husband. This note is formally thanking you for your love and generosity.

Hi! This is Dale pushing Lou away from the keyboard for a moment. Words cannot express the gratitude I feel to be able to work at a place where I feel like part of a family. To be able to come in (or log on during the pandemic) to pick up the phone or answer e-mails with a smile and a

happy heart is something everyone should enjoy. I know this and that's how I know I am truly blessed. I cried tears of gratitude upon hearing this news. Until some recent difficulties with my condition and treatment, I only cried when speaking of my gratitude for support of any kind. This includes the kind messages on social media. And still, that remains the case at least 90% of the time.

Nice attempt at a coup, Dale. Lou again. I am humbled by the outpouring of support from all of you. I have been blessed to meet many of you and look forward to meeting those of you I have not. Thank you for your beauty, generosity and grace. In addition to the spiritual component, the practical component of having some unexpected funds to help cover medical expenses and meals here and there will make a big difference and ease some stress. You have our deep appreciation and love.

Love to you all!





PLEASE JOIN US FOR THESE PROGRAMS...!

- **Celebrate with the Family** (Thursday, February 25th at 6:00 PM) At the **Family Purim Celebration**, we'll be reading the *Megillah* in rhyme, listening to fun Purim music, and competing for the honors of best costume and most creative *gregger!* - [USE THIS LINK TO JOIN!](#)
- **Raise a Glass** (Thursday, February 25th at 8:00 PM) **Pints on Purim** is back. Pour your favorite drink and join us for a boisterous – and NC17 – reading of the *Megillah*. - [USE THIS LINK TO JOIN!](#)
- Friday, February 26th at 6:00 PM: Join Rabbi Vann, Rabbi Shana, our talented Music Director Deb Rogers, congregants and members of the community for a special Shabbat Service to continue our joyous celebration of Purim. Deb will be setting prayers set to her favorite popular songs! - [CLICK HERE TO JOIN!](#)



HAMANTASCHEN

Order Hamantaschen

Another ST-KA tradition, our homemade *Hamantaschen*, continues! **Orders are due by Wednesday, February 17th.** The *Hamantaschen* pick-up – which will be socially distanced - will be on **Wednesday, February 24 from 9:00 AM-4:30 PM** at the Temple. [Click here to download your order form.](#)

Make Hamantaschen

The *Hamantaschen* don't make themselves.

We need your help to make and package all these delicious treats. *Hamantaschen* prep sessions will all be socially distanced, and chefs will be masked and gloved at all times. There will be 4 helpers per session. To sign up for one of the following dates and times, [please email, Rabbi Shana.](#)

MAKING AND PACKING SESSIONS

Thursday, February 11 – 11:00 AM-Noon

Thursday, February 11 – 7:00-8:00 PM

Wednesday, February 17 – 11:00 AM-Noon

Wednesday, February 17 – 7:00-8:00 PM

Sunday, February 21 – 1:00-2:00 PM

Sunday, February 21 – 2:30-3:30 PM

Sunday, February 21 – 4:00-5:00 PM

Tuesday, February 23 – 11:00 AM-Noon

Tuesday, February 23 – 12:30-1:30 PM

Tuesday, February 23 – 2:00-3:00 PM

MISHLOACH MANOT: A MITZVAH OF PURIM

There are four *mitzvot* associated with the holiday of Purim. One is the *mitzvah* of *mishloach manot*, sending of food and gifts to those we care about. In previous years, members have been able to create *mishloach manot* at the carnival. This year, ST-KA will provide *mishloach manot* for all families. *Mishloach manot* will be available FOR PICK-UP at ST-KA from 9:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 24. To help off-set the cost of providing *mishloach manot* to the congregation, please consider making a gift online of \$18 or \$36 to support this effort.

UPCOMING PROGRAMMING!



MOLLY JONES CASTRUCCI CELLIST

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2021 at 7:00 PM (NEW DATE)
"VOICES FROM THE HOLOCAUST"

JOIN US AS WE REMEMBER

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KOL NASHIM

WOMEN'S SHABBAT

Join us on FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5
at 6:00 PM for our annual
Kol Nashim Women's Shabbat.

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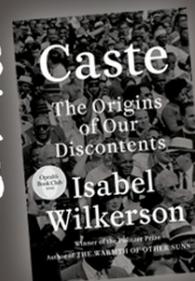


NEFESH MOUNTAIN

Join bluegrass / roots group on
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28. AT 5:00 PM

[CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT NEFESH MOUNTAIN!](#)

introducing...
**RABBI'S
BOOK
CLUB**



RABBI'S BOOK CLUB

Our first book is
*Caste—The Origins
of Our Discontents*
by Isabel Wilkerson

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2021
12:00-1:15 PM

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CHAVERIM

A NEW WAY OF MAKING
FRIENDS!

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gatherings

Small group conversations
on a variety of topics.

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INFORMATION AND TO JOIN.](#)



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programs, please call the Temple
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cversagi@suburbantemple.org or
dhopkins@suburbantemple.org

In Memoriam

Dear Family

Elliot Herzog

Sophie Steinbuch



Meet Emma Jaszczak!

Emma originally hails from Tampa, FL, but has lived as far as Los Angeles, CA to the west and Jerusalem, Israel to the east. She has backgrounds in arts and Jewish education, and has worked with numerous camps and youth groups, so she loves to make things fun, wacky, and interesting. She moved to Cleveland last June with her fiancée (expect a surprise secret new last name coming this summer!) and her two rescue dogs, Aggie and Franklin, to be closer to her large Cleveland-based extended family. Since then, she has rescued a guinea pig named Hank, shoveled her first snow, and mastered the art of navigating Facebook marketplace. She can't wait to get to know the Suburban Temple Kol Ami community and looks forward to all the cool places you will recommend she try!

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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 and select the "at home" tab under "WORSHIP".

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

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

216.991.0700



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.

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

Please contact Brett Shankman for more information.



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. Donations listed below were received between December 1 and December 31, 2020. Please let us know of any errors or omissions.

Annual Appeal:

In loving memory of
Dr. Raymond Glaubinger
Mollie Glaubinger
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Eric Baer

In appreciation of
Rabbi Allison Vann
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In honor of their good work
Suburban Temple-Kol Ami
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Our Tent Fund:

In honor of
Shellie and Mark Nyer
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In honor of
The OUR TENT Faculty
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In loving memory of
Mary "Mickey" Friedman
Barbara and Irv Feldman
Rita Orpett



Milestone Birthdays and Anniversaries

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

Betsy Fallon
Jean Heflich
Sandy Kutash
Jonathan Litt
Ann Newman
Gerald Pearson
Amy Rogat
Kim Rosner
Joy Roth

There are no registered **milestone anniversaries** in February.

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



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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.

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STORYTIME WITH RABBI SHANA

Fridays at 5 PM



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 !

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