



## 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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## WE ARE CHALUTZIM



We are living in unprecedented times.

It's an overused, yet all-too-true sentence.

We've learned a lot, dealt with a lot, felt a lot. We've pioneered new ways of doing almost everything.

I've been thinking about the necessary leadership and inventiveness due to the challenges and losses from the pandemic, as well as the movement toward racial equity.

In the Torah portion, Matot, towards the end of the book of Numbers, we find the Hebrew word that came to be associated with the word "pioneers"—*chalutzim*, for the first time. In biblical times, the *chalutzim* were the troops that were the first to fight, and in older translations you'll find the word as "shock troops". Robert Alter, author of a new translation, translates *chalutzim* as "vanguard".

This translation is a reminder to the Israelites—and all of us—that those who go in first to any situation are the leaders and the creators—not just the fighters.

How applicable to today is this narrative! In so many ways we are *chalutzim*. We are leading the way and creating the path for those that come in after us, and those that come next. We will make the path safer. We will make the path more equitable. Let's create and invent with that in mind.

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## From Brett's Desk:



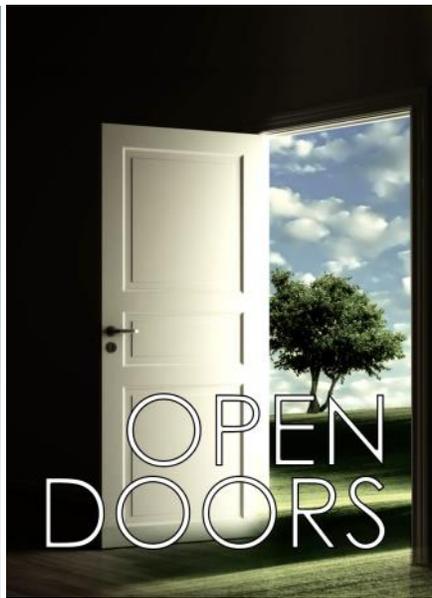
Every July, we turn the clock. New fiscal year. New programming year. A bit of vacation to recharge as Fall and the holy days will be here before we know it.

But 2020...it's the same and so very, very different. We are challenged every day. Our definition of community is changing. We see each other most often on Zoom, Teams, or some other online platform.

On Monday, June 29, we hosted our first online annual meeting. The format allowed us to try new things. It allowed participation from some who would not have been able to join us at Temple had we been on-site. It was a wonderful evening. If you joined us, thank you. If you missed it, [we have posted the beautiful videos from the meeting on our website](#). I hope you enjoy them as much as I did. A huge thank you to Becky Stroom, Henry and Frankie Katz, and J Collins and Erica Alemdar for their wonderful messages of support for ST-KA. Thank you of course, to my colleagues J.B. Davis and Dale Hopkins for their efforts in making the videos so successful.

Even in a time of much change, ST-KA continues to move forward in creative, innovative ways. Thank you for being a part of our holy community.

B'shalom,



The 2020-21 fiscal year is upon us. If you have submitted your **Open Doors** commitment, thank you. If you haven't, please do so as soon as possible. It is always important that we know our anticipated income, but in the COVID-19 era, even more so.

If you have questions, concerns, or perhaps misplaced your commitment form, please be in touch with **Brett** – [bshankman@suburbantemple.org](mailto:bshankman@suburbantemple.org) or **216.991.0700**.

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



**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.



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

It has been a spring and summer unlike any other. No in-person school or camps, either no vacations or vacations that look and feel very different, fewer activities and people in our circle. While there has been much loss, there has also been much opportunity to think and plan in new and innovative ways. As we look towards the Fall, we have been working hard to create a version of our learning program that prioritizes everyone’s health and safety while continuing to provide deep and meaningful learning in an experiential and multigenerational environment and offers our learners choice in subject-matter.

## As we planned for the Fall we kept the following in mind:

- The health and safety of our faculty and learners is our first priority.
- We want to be together in-person if it is possible and safe
- We want to maintain class choice and multigenerational learning which are hallmarks of our program.
- We know that being together while singing is the least safe activity, and we want to find a way to preserve the *ruach* (spirit) of our *t’filah* (service).
- We want a completely virtual option for anyone who cannot come or is not comfortable coming to the building.
- We want the program to be nimble so that if we have to move to a totally virtual option, we can do so quickly and seamlessly.

## With all this in mind here is the plan:

- Everyone will gather each week on Zoom for Café/T’filah (Raffle)
- Learning program will be divided into tribes, and no more than half the learners will attend each week. All members of a household will be on the same tribe.
- Instead of two 6-week trimesters between September and December, there will one 12-week semester with six weeks of in-person learning and six weeks of enrichment work.
- There will be some classes that are Zoom only, some that are only in-person and some that learners can take either by Zoom or in person.

## The weekly schedule will be as follows:

- 9:00-9:45**            **The Café and T’filah on Zoom from everyone’s home**
- 10:30-11:20**       **Learning Session I**
- 11:25-12:15**       **Learning Session II**

\*Learning sessions will be either at temple or on Zoom depending on what you choose. One tribe will attend classes on weeks 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 & 11 and have enrichment work the other weeks. The other tribe will have class on weeks 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 & 12 and enrichment work on the other weeks. Your tribes will be assigned a couple of weeks before Our Tent begins.

The first day of Our Tent will be **September 13, 2020**, and **registration will open on July 15 for our members** and on August 17 for the community. There will be clear instructions on the registration page. While with this plan any learner can choose to participate completely virtually, the program will be ready to go completely virtual as well should the need arise.

I recognize that there is a great deal of information in this article and you may have questions, please feel free to call or email me! I would love to discuss our plan with you further!

We have an incredible faculty excited to teach and some fantastic classes lined up for you! I can’t wait to learn with you all in the coming year!

Rabbi Shona

# member moments...



## SPENDING TIME TOGETHER...

Because we are blessed with a lovely campus, the beautiful summer days have allowed us to spend some quality social distancing time with each other at the temple.

We hosted our very first **Take Out Tuesday** on Tuesday, June 16. We invited our families to bring their meals and blankets to catch up and even play some games. We are looking forward to more of these evenings as the summer allows!

In addition to the family events, we also scheduled some fun activities for our kids! We hosted a **"Chalk and Tok"** challenge on Sunday, June 7 and a **scavenger hunt** on Saturday, June 26 for our younger kids.

A congregation that plays together, stays together... even during the most challenging times!

## 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 May 1 and May 31, 2020. Please let us know of any errors or omissions.

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## In Memoriam

Dear Relative  
Gilda Gorden



### Milestone Birthdays and Anniversaries

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

**David Greenberg**  
**Alan Melamed**  
**Carolyn Oppenheimer**  
**Michael Polster**  
**Linda Stiller**  
**Jane Wexler**

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

**Nancy Huntsman and**  
**Barbara Margolis**  
(15 Years)

**Heidi and James Mell**  
(35 Years)

**Kim and Bill Rosner**  
(25 Years)

**Karen and Sandy Shapiro**  
(20 Years)

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

## 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](http://www.calendly.com/rabbivann)

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

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Fridays at 6 PM



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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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## 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 the rabbis.

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(Thursdays)

## OUR TENT CAFE

July 19 & 26 - 10 AM / T'filah-10:30

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

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