



Shabbat and Worship Calendar

Friday, December 10th | 6 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Friday, December 17th | 6 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Come Grow With Me! Shabbat with
Rabbi Shana and Maggie Wise

Friday, December 24th | 6 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Theme: **Chinese Food and a Movie!**
Dinner to Follow—Register Now!

Friday, December 31st | 6 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Theme: **Pajama New Year's Eve**
Wear your PJs to Services!

Friday, January 7th | 6 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Come Grow With Me! Shabbat with
Rabbi Shana and Maggie Wise

Friday, January 14th | 6 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Friday, January 21st | 6 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat Service
6th and 7th Grade Shabbat

Friday, January 28th | 6 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat Service
Kol Nashim Shabbat

Registration is requested for in-person attendance. Services will be simulcast on our website, on YouTube, and on Facebook.

**FOLLOW THIS LINK FOR SERVICE
REGISTRATION AND LINKS:**
www.suburbantemple.org/shabbat.html



15 YEARS OF SATURDAY MORNING TORAH STUDY: A CELEBRATION

15 years ago, on Shabbat morning at 9:15 am, a group of temple members joined together to begin studying Torah with Rabbi Eric Bram z"l. The proposal was to delve deeply into the five books of Moses - Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy. No prior knowledge of Torah or Hebrew was necessary.

What was necessary?

Curiosity.
An open mind.
A love of conversation.
A sense of humor.
A desire to learn.

Just over 10 years ago, I became the facilitator of this sacred hour of extraordinary Torah study. Over weekly bagels and coffee, each line of Torah came to life through forthright conversation and deep questioning—and often a good laugh or two. Some weeks our study would include just one or two verses; others we'd progress through four. We've added in multiple English translations and commentators. We compared the older commentators with contemporary philosophies. We sought to understand the hidden meanings. We tried to pull lessons from the narrative. Our conversations are thoughtful, witty, intelligent and relevant. And so, verse by verse (and bagel by bagel) we journeyed alongside the Israelites through the Torah.

In December, the last verse of Torah will be studied, bringing this part of the part of the journey to a close. What an incredible accomplishment—*mazal tov!*

The study of Torah is never complete—there is always so much to learn. Therefore, how exciting it is to immediately begin with a new adventure in learning!

Saturday mornings will be engaged with studying *Pirke Avot*, *Ethics of our Ancestors*. *Pirke Avot* is a rabbinic text from the Mishnah, containing many ethical texts and lessons. Many well-known verses such as “If I am only for myself, who am I? (1:14)” and “Say little and do much (1:15).” and “You are not obligated to complete the work, but neither are you free to desist from it (2:21)” are from this volume.

I hope you'll join our *Pirke Avot* exploration on Saturday mornings. No advance knowledge of this text, Torah, or Hebrew, is needed!

We'll begin studying *Pirke Avot* Saturday morning, January 8 from 9:15-10:15. On January 8, we'll meet at the temple to celebrate the start of our learning journey. After that, we'll meet weekly on zoom for the time being.

Allison B. Vann

Rabbi Allison Vann
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FROM BRETT'S DESK

Certain as a fine Swiss watch keeps time, every December I write about philanthropy in our bulletin. So, here it goes.

I want to focus on two specific areas of philanthropy this time. First, every year we run an annual campaign. This is in addition to the generous commitments that every congregational family makes to Open Doors. This year our goal is \$50,000. It's a big number and it's needed. We are reliant on you, each of you, to make our annual budget. When you get the solicitation, please make a gift to this year's annual campaign. In addition to our financial goal, we have a goal of at least 50% participation from our membership. Please give generously...

Second, in each bulletin we run a small ad about giving through your IRA or making a planned gift to ST-KA. Over the years, some congregants have notified us that they've put ST-KA in their estate plan. If you have, THANK YOU! Perhaps, you've put ST-KA in your estate plan, but haven't notified us. We would certainly like to know and offer our deepest thank you. Please let me know.

And sometimes, it's a surprise to us. In the last six months, two congregants passed away leaving important gifts to ST-KA. In one case, we benefitted from a charitable remainder trust, thoughtfully crafted in partnership with our friend at the Jewish Federation of Cleveland. In the other, we were the beneficiary of partial death benefits from life insurance policies. I want to highlight the insurance policies. This is an easy gift to make to your congregation. Simply designate ST-KA to receive a portion of the proceeds from the policy. It doesn't cost you anything above your current premium and you'll be making an important legacy gift to your spiritual home. I'd be thrilled to discuss this option with any congregant and furthermore, to ensure that we use such a gift as you desire.

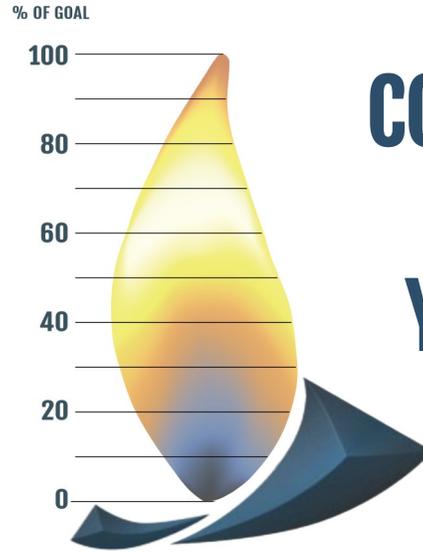
As we celebrate Chanukah and reach the end of 2021 while looking forward to 2022, please accept my wishes for you to have a Happy Chanukah and a very good New Year!

B'shalom,

bshankman@suburbantemple.org

ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

CAN WE COUNT ON YOU?



MEET SUBTY'S YOUTH GROUP ADVISOR!

Hello ST-KA Families & Members! My name is Jacob Rogers, and I have been the youth group advisor for Suburban Temple Youth Group (SUBTY) – as well as resident stream & tech guy – since this past August; and for those of you wondering, yes, she is my mom!

I am 24 years old and have been a Cleveland area resident for the past 20 years. When I was growing up, my family and I were members of Congregation Kol Chadash in Solon, through which I first got introduced to and involved with Temple Youth Group (TYG). I served one year as our TYG's president, and attended numerous events both around the Cleveland area and the North East Lakes (NEL) region. Through our TYG, I developed numerous skills such as leadership and teamwork, and met other TYG members from all around the country. TYG left a permanent impression on my character and my heart that allowed me to continue to develop my skills and become involved in the Jewish community.

I went on to attend Miami University majoring in Interactive Media Studies (IMS), which allowed me to study skills involving game development, web development, and software engineering. While at Miami, I maintained my strong connection to the Jewish community by visiting both our local Hillel and Chabad chapters to attend services and celebrate the Jewish holidays. However, a large portion of my involvement came through my membership as a brother of the Alpha Epsilon Pi (AEPi) fraternity. The skills that I

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CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT



OUR TENT

Oh, the Places
We'll
Go!

FUN

LAUGHTER

FRIENDS

LEARNING

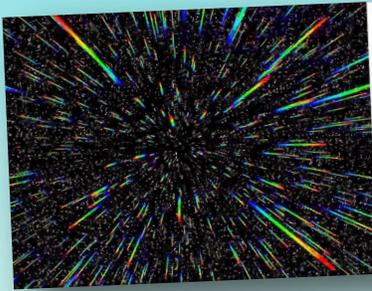
Noon Saturday, Apr. 23
to
Noon Sunday, Apr. 24
at
Punderson Manor!

DETAILS TO COME!

...watch your
January Temple Times for more info!



It's all happening in OUR TENT!



JEWES IN SPACE:

Boldly Go Where No Class
Has Gone Before

Taught by David Nathenson and Rabbi Vann
For Adults



MARVELOUS QUESTIONS:

Big Questions, Judaism, and the MCU

Taught by Rabbi Vann
Grades 5-11



COOKING UP SOME HOLIDAY FUN!

Let's Get Ready to Cook – and EAT! – Our
Way through the Jewish Calendar Together!

Taught by Rabbi Shana
Grades K-4

Trimester 3 kicks off on
Sunday, January 9th!



SURVIVOR: JEWISH HISTORY

5782 Years. Two Tribes. One Winner.

Taught by Alan Hazzard
Grades K-11



AND YOU SHALL BE HOLY

The Holiness Code:
Discovering How to Be Our Best Selves

Taught by Linda Wolf
For Grades K-4



HIDDUR MITZVAH:

Beautifying Our Sacred Spaces
with Hands-On Crafts

Taught by Deb Rogers
For Adults



POSITIVELY INCLUDED:

We are all created "b'tzelem Elohim"...
what's that got to do with how I treat the
rest of the world?

Taught by Maya Cohen
Grades 5-11

Watch for more classes and
registration links in early December!

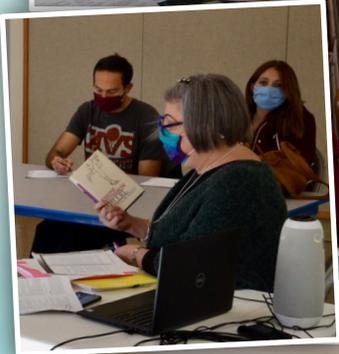
OUR TENT

Innovative Jewish Learning for Everyone

SUBURBAN TEMPLE-KOL AMI



Trimester 2 Memories



Art, Architecture, and Museums

Meets Wednesday, December 8th @ 7 PM
and Wednesday, January 12th @ 7 PM

Hike and Kibitz

Meets Sunday, December 12th @ 1 PM
and Sunday, January 9th @ 1 PM

gatherings

share. experience. connect.

Watch your Temple Times for information
about NEW **gatherings** forming soon!

Meet Jacob Rogers...

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developed through TYG were strengthened through AEPi, such as becoming a member of our chapter's executive board. My involvement in Hillel, Chabad, and AEPi was continuous up through my final on-campus semester in the Spring of 2020. After studying abroad in San Francisco for my final semester, I graduated with my Bachelor's degree in December of 2020.

My last two semesters of college coincided with the start and initial spread of COVID across the globe. To say that this disease has challenged not just me, but the entire world would be a massive understatement.

However, we persist, moving forward with healing ourselves as we navigate towards a "new normal."

As SUBTY's youth group advisor, I hope to strengthen our TYG and community even further as we navigate these troubling times by giving STKA teens a place where they feel welcome and safe, as well as helping with opportunities for them to grow. It will take time. From what I have already seen, our teens have the ability to truly develop into fine leaders and voices within SUBTY, ST-KA, and the Jewish community as a whole.

Thank you all so much for the warm welcome I have received into – now OUR – temple community, and if you have yet to meet me, just keep an eye out for the man behind the large screen on Friday nights!

All the best,



Jacob Rogers
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Come Grow With Me!



Join Rabbi Shana and Songleader Maggie Wise
for a Fun-Filled, Engaging Shabbat Experience
for Children Ages 0-7 and their Families!
Dinner will be provided after the Service, and
registration is required.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

- December 17
- January 7
- February 11
- March 11
- April 1
- May 13

ST-KA Technology



AmazonSmile donates a small percentage of every designated purchase to our congregation. Just visit 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.



Shabbat Services On our Website!

We've upped our game... we are now **SIMULCASTING** our LIVE SERVICES in HIGH DEFINITION on our [website](#), on [YouTube](#), and on [Facebook](#)! If you can't join us in the sanctuary, we invite you to participate online.



Catch up with us on FACEBOOK!

Did you know that ST-KA has an active and informative Facebook page? Join the conversation at Facebook.com/suburbantemple.



Missed a Service or other video?

Many of our services and some of our programming can be viewed on our [YouTube Channel](#). Drop us a comment and let us know what you think!



Follow us on Instagram!

...a great place to get some sneak peaks into what's happening at ST-KA. [Click here](#) to check it out!

Wishing you continued health, happiness, and prosperity in the year to come!



The ST-KA Office will be closed on Dec. 24th & 31st.

Milestone Birthdays And Anniversaries

Mazal tov to our members who are celebrating milestone birthdays in December of this year and January 2022:

Kelly Berick

Barry Brown

Richard Colbert

David Cole

Suzanne Englander

Amy Epstein

Gordon Friedman

JoAnn Green

Brian Held

Al Hilkert

Kenneth Lapine

Randi Simon

Roxana Stanescu

Andi Wasserman

And mazal tov to our members who are celebrating milestone anniversaries in December of this year and January 2022:

Glenn and Joan Gali

Jim and Nancy Grunzweig

Rudi and Sue Hoffman

Donald and Judith Jacobson

Sukhiang and Phyllis Lie

Rebecca Stroom and Margery Mazoh

Rabbi Allison and Charlie Vann

Milestone birthday listings begin at age fifty and every five years afterwards. **All birthdays 100 and over are listed.** Milestone anniversary listings begin at 10 years and then every five years afterwards.

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 to honor important accomplishments or events. 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 October 14 and November 16, 2021. Please let us know of any errors or omissions.

Annual Appeal

Michelle Brown

In loving memory of

Richard A. Katzman

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In honor of

Our Tent Tzedakah

Dorothea Polster

In honor of

Beth Curtiss' selection of "One of the 18 Difference Makers"

Gary and Sherry Dinner

Our Tent

Gina Ashby

Maria and Jonathan Litt

Dorothea Polster

Rabbi Discretionary Fund

Michelle Brown

In loving memory of

Adele Spiegelman

Joyce Watts

In gratitude for

Officiating at our daughter's wedding

Flora and Howard Garb
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Stashower Family Garden Fund

In honor of

Rabbi Allison Vann

Sara Stashower and Mark Heller

In loving memory of

Manuel Forman

Jonathan Forman

CAN WE TALK?

Are you or is someone you know looking for a virtual rabbinic visit or phone call? Please use the link below to schedule a virtual meeting with **Rabbi Vann**.

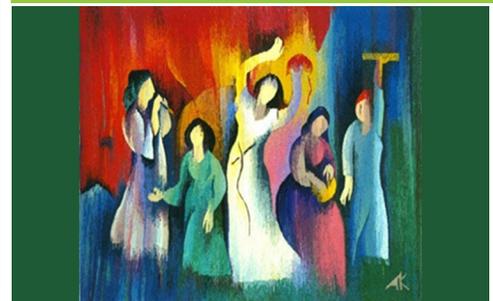
[CLICK HERE TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT](#)



calendly

On Fri., Dec. 24th, join us for a
"Chinese Food & A Movie"
Themed Shabbat Service!

Prayers will be set to your favorite movie music, and you're invited to join in on the Chinese Food Takeout Order to be enjoyed afterwards! Registration required.



kol nashim Shabbat Service
Friday, Jan. 28th, 2022 | 6PM

save the date!

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1890'S GILDED AGE CHICAGO.
 JEWISH IMMIGRANTS.
 "LAKE ON FIRE".

Author Rosellen Brown Joins Us for Kol
 Nashim's December Book Club on Zoom!

Monday, December 13th | 7PM
 Click to Register!

"With her first book in nearly two decades, the author of *Before and After* and *Half a Heart* has written a big, ambitious social novel that registers growing inequality, with fully realized characters, a marvelous sense of place, and a profound heart."

—*The National Book Review*

"Often praised for her prose, in her long-awaited sixth novel Brown (*Half a Heart*, 2000, etc.) sings as euphoniously as ever, whether she is writing about the filth and stench of the city, about the magnificence of the Columbian Exposition of 1893, or about love. . . . A transporting drama of class and love, steeped in period feeling, written with beauty and conviction."

—*Kirkus Reviews*, starred review

Read It. Talk About It. *kol nashim* book club.

Monday, Dec. 13th | 7 PM on Zoom

[Email cversagi@suburbantemple.org to register.](mailto:cversagi@suburbantemple.org)

KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICES

Fridays | 6 PM

Rabbi Vann & Cantorial Soloist Deb Rogers are leading Shabbat services in our Sanctuary every Friday evening. Join us in person (registration required for contract tracing purposes), or tune in LIVE on our website, Facebook, or YouTube. Previous service recording are also available! Hope to see you, or "see" you, there!



Click here for all the details and links:
www.suburbantemple.org/shabbat.html

COME GROW WITH ME!

Fridays, Dec. 17th and Jan. 7th | 6 PM

Rabbi Shana & Songleader Maggie Wise will lead a fun, interactive musical service followed by dinner for children 0-7 and their families on Friday evenings, Dec. 17th and Jan. 7th.

The evening is free and open to the community, so we encourage you to invite your friends with Jewish children to come and see what it's all about!



Please RSVP for the service and dinner to
cversagi@suburbantemple.org. Masks required.