

ST-KA

BULLETIN

April 2023



SUBURBAN TEMPLE-KOL AMI

always welcome.

Shabbat and Worship Calendar

Friday, April 7th | 6 PM

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Friday, April 14th | 6 PM

Kabbalat Shabbat

Come Grow With Me! Shabbat

with Rabbi Shana and Maggie Wise

Friday, April 21st | 6 PM

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Friday, April 28th | 6 PM

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

*Shabbat Services are held in our Sanctuary
and simulcast via Zoom and on our website.
Visit our [Shabbat Page](#) for links.*

Important April Dates

- 2nd:** Kol Nashim Women's Seder
- 5th:** Passover - 1st Seder
Office Closes at 3 PM
- 6th:** Passover (1st Day) - Office Closed
Evening: 2nd Seder
- 8th:** Rise 'n' Shine (Orange Library)
- 12th:** Passover (Last Day) - Office Closed
- 15th & 16th:** Our Tent Retreat
- 17th:** Yom HaShoah
(Holocaust Remembrance Day)
- 24th:** Kol Nashim Book Club
- 25th:** Yom HaZikaron
(Israel's Memorial Day)
- 26th:** Yom HaAtzmaut
(Israel's Independence Day)



LET MY PEOPLE SIGN!

Our sacred right to access life-saving medical care and our religious freedom will be on the ballot this November and you can help put it there!

This Passover, as we experience our people's journey from slavery to freedom, we are commanded to wrestle with the themes of oppression and freedom in our world

today. In Ohio, reproductive freedom hangs by a thread in the form of a court order that can be overturned shortly. Torah defines a fetus as a potential life - different and distinct from a human life - and teaches us to value the pregnant person's life first and foremost. Reproductive Freedom aligns with our Jewish values.

This year, RAC-OH joins the Ohioans for Reproductive Freedom coalition in a campaign to pass abortion rights through a ballot amendment during the Fall election. Just like the Israelites who joined with a "mixed multitude," re-claimed their freedom, and rose up out of Egypt, Ohio's Reform Jews are joining forces with a diverse coalition to take back reproductive freedom in our state. [Follow this link to see how you can help!](#)

Rabbi Allison B. Vann

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On behalf of RAC-OH, Rabbi Lindsey Danziger, Rabbi Thalia Halpert Rodis, and our own Rabbi Vann created a seder companion entitled "Let My People Sign!" to be used alongside your *Haggadah* during your seder. This seder insert helps us to reflect on themes of freedom in our Passover story and how they relate to the fight for Reproductive Freedom in Ohio.

For more information on the Reproductive Freedom Campaign and how you can join the fight for Reproductive Freedom in Ohio, click below or reach out to [Rabbi Vann](#).

Ohio
Religious
Action
Center
of Reform Judaism

Reproductive
Freedom
Campaign



FROM BRETT'S DESK

In a few of our recent Temple Times, there was a tile linking to Passover greetings from members of our ST-KA Board and some staff. The videos were brief greetings, most with a quick story about a special Passover ritual, tradition, or recipe for that person.

My video was about our *haggadot*. At my house, one of the first things that we do at the start of the Seder is to sign the inside cover with our names and the year.

Every Passover, when the *haggadot* are brought out, we open the cover and quickly skim the names, often making exclamations – do you remember when “so and so” did “thus and such?” Always great memories.

Signing the *haggadot* is part of how my family marks time and place. I’ve been thinking a lot about time and place recently as we’ve been planning this year’s 75th anniversary celebration for Suburban Temple – Kol Ami. This congregation is 75 years old – time. We’ve been at our current location since 1954 – place. What does 75 years and 22401 Chagrin Boulevard mean for us today? And what does it mean for us in the future?

Later this month, you’ll receive a letter from us sharing some of the programmatic plans for celebrating our 75th anniversary. I strongly encourage you to put those dates on your calendar! We’re going to have a grand old time.

As we celebrate our 75th anniversary, I hope you too will share what time, place, and Suburban Temple – Kol Ami mean to you.

My best wishes for a *Chag Pesach Sameach* – A Happy Passover!

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ST-KA STORIES
‘22-’23 ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

\$50,455!

We've surpassed our goal - let's keep growing!
Haven't donated yet? Click to Help ST-KA thrive.



SO MUCH TO BE GRATEFUL FOR

In Hebrew, the Jewish value of gratitude is called “*hakarat hatov*,” which means “searching for the good.” When we spend our time looking for good things, we feel more grateful. The first words we are to utter in the morning is a prayer of gratitude – *Modeh Ani*.

This prayer simply thanks God for another day of life. When we view life alone as a gift, we feel more grateful. The rabbis teach that we should offer one hundred blessings a day. If we go through our days looking for one hundred things to be thankful for, we will feel more grateful.

When it comes to Our Tent, I don’t need to do much searching to feel grateful! I wake up every Sunday morning feeling blessed for our learning community. As I write this article, we have just concluded trimester three, and I am so thankful for all the people who made this year so incredible!

The one comment I heard over and over again was that this was the best year so far when it came to class offerings. I want to thank our amazing teachers for their creativity, thoughtful planning and passion!

Our teens are awesome! Whether it is tech support, office help, or working with our younger learners, they set a great example of what it means to be a lifelong learner, and to give back to your community.

Our learners are the heart of our program. Our Tent would literally not exist without them! I want to thank each of them for their thoughtful participation, and for all the lessons they have taught us.

Finally, there is a fantastic group of people I get to work with daily that could not be more supportive of this program. To Rabbi Vann and Deb who are with me every Sunday, leading, teaching and inspiring, thank you. To Brett, who makes sure we have what we need, that our tech works, and that each of you can register, thank you! To Smadar and Rochelle who make sure payments are processed, supplies are bought, you have the information you need, and that every other administrative task is handled with grace and ease, thank you. To John Farragher, who makes sure our facilities are set up each week and our building sparkles, thank you! And to Lori Rosenberg and our Board of Trustees, who support and encourage us every step of the way, thank you, thank you, thank you!

Our learning theme this year was *Eitz Chayim Hi* – It is a Tree of Life. We learned about all the ways that Judaism roots us and helps us grow. Our Tent is certainly a program that roots us in Judaism and community and helps us grow as humans. Please join us at Shabbat services on Friday, May 12 at 6 PM as we celebrate this wonderful year!

With more than 100 reasons to be grateful,

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Member Moments

Feb. 24th -
Feb. 27th



L'TAKEN is a transformational, innovative, and fun four-day program in Washington, D.C. that teaches high school students about the intersection of Jewish values and public policy.

Jesse Nathenson, Zachary Nathenson and Isaac Vann, along with teens from The Temple-Tifereth Israel, Anshe Chesed Fairmount Temple and Temple Emanuel, joined more than 400 teens in Washington DC at the Religious Action Center's L'taken (to repair) program. The program culminated on Monday February 27 with lobbying on Capitol Hill. They visited the offices of Senators Sherrod Brown and JD Vance, and Representatives Emilia Sykes, Shontel Brown, and Max Miller where they shared their own passionate stories regarding Gun Reform, Reproductive Rights, Criminal Justice Reform, and Mental Health Reform.



We Celebrated Our
2022 Libbie L. Braverman Award Winner...



Linda Wolfe!

On February 26th at their Annual Celebration and Educator Awards Ceremony, the JEC presented our awesome and beloved teacher, Linda Wolfe with the Libbie L. Braverman Award. This is a parent-nominated award that recognizes a teacher who has demonstrated dedication and devotion to teaching and has significantly contributed to developing methods or materials to the Jewish teaching profession.
Kol HaKavod (well done), Mrs. Wolfe!



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PURIM 2023

A GREAT TIME WAS HAD BY ALL!



Photo credits: Jodi Richardson, Deb Rogers

JFC SECURITY BRIEFING

As we're all too aware, antisemitic incidents have increased over the past few years. Following services on March 24th, ST-KA welcomed **Jeff Robertson**, Deputy Director of Community Wide Security for JFC, to give a security briefing. "There are haters out there that want to cause harm to the community," Jeff said. "We are continually staying ahead of those people that might want to cause harm."



Jeff Robertson, JFC Security

What can each of us do? Jeff had two important suggestions:

1. **KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN.** Notice things that are out of the ordinary, things that give you "that feeling" that something isn't right.



2. IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, TELL SOMEBODY ABOUT IT!

There is a JFC Security Officer on duty at ST-KA who will look into it. Trust your instincts; "situational awareness" helps keep us all safe.

Jerry Skeabeck (at left) is our usual JFC Security Officer during Shabbat services. We're grateful to Jerry, Jeff, and the entire JFC Security Team for the work they do.

The ST-KA office will be closed on the following days in observance of Passover:

**Wednesday, April 5th
OFFICE CLOSING @ 3 PM**

**Thursday, April 6th
OFFICE CLOSED**

**Wednesday, April 12th
OFFICE CLOSED**

**Chag Pesach Sameach!
Happy Passover!
!ח פסח שמח**



Kol Nashim Book Club

Meets Monday, April 24th @ 7

"Inheritance" by Dani Shapiro

"...a memoir about identity, paternity, and family secrets"

"...a real-time exploration of the staggering discovery Shapiro recently made about her father"

RSVP to Rochelle for the Zoom link (and you'll need the password too!): ararian@suburbantemple.org



Watch your Temple Times e-mails for KN Book Club Registration Announcements.

Stories, Music, and Activities
for Families with Very Young Children

RISE & SHINE Shabbat!

Sat., April 8th
10:30-11:30 AM
at the
Orange Library

RSVP to Rochelle:
rarian@suburbantemple.org

Rise & Shine Returns
on Saturday May 6th!

COME GROW WITH ME!

A Shabbat Service and Dinner
Especially for Children
Ages 0-7 and their Families

April 14th, 6 PM
at Suburban Temple-Kol Ami

E-mail Rochelle
to reserve your space!
rarian@suburbantemple.org

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 February 23 and March 21, 2023. Please let us know if we made an error or failed to list your donation.

Annual Appeal

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In honor of

Rita Orpett's Milestone Birthday

Sandy Rubenstein and
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In loving memory of

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Our Tent/Education Fund

In loving memory of

Sheldon Heimel

Sherry and Gary Dinner

Janet Lieblich

In honor of

Linda Wolfe Receiving the

Libbie L. Braverman Award

Susie Strom

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We inadvertently neglected to list many of our March Milestone celebrants last month. See below for the complete list!



In MARCH:

Gina Ashby
Jim Berick
Joan Krantz
Shelly Lazarus
Rachel Lutner
Florence Mitchell
Eric Moyer
Michelle Oppenheimer
Rita Orpett
Gail Rosewater
Ellyn Ross

In APRIL:

Matthew Cicero
Gary Dinner
Tessa Gable
Thomas Galvin
Terry Gilbert
Jane Grossman
Andrew Margolius

...and to our members who celebrate(d)
milestone anniversaries:

In MARCH:

Gina and Carl Ashby
Stanley and Barbara Brown

In APRIL:

Elizabeth and Michael Kasperek
Judy and Gary Rand

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...**
(continued from previous page)

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In loving memory of
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In loving memory of

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gatherings
share. experience. connect.

JUST ANNOUNCED: A New *gathering* is Forming...

Be on the lookout for **Foodies Unite!**

We'll explore restaurants across Northeast Ohio - some that are already favorites, and some that - we hope! - are destined to become favorites.

The following *gatherings* meet monthly:

Game Night - meets Saturday

Hike and Kibitz - meets Sunday

Art, Architecture, and Museums (varies)

If you're interested in learning more or joining an ongoing *gathering* all led by our members, visit our [webpage](#) or contact the temple office.

Advance registration required.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR! THERE'S
GREAT STUFF COMING UP IN MAY!

Friday, May 5th: Confirmation (*see below*)

Saturday, May 6th: Rise 'n' Shine Shabbat

Sunday, May 7th: Mitzvah Day

Friday, May 12th: Celebration of Learning Shabbat

Sunday, May 14th: Mothers' Day

Saturday, May 27th: *Bar Mitzvah* of Liam Zalevsky

TUESDAY, MAY 9th
7:30 PM

THE
SHALVA
BAND



at the Mimi Ohio Theatre
1511 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, OH

ST-KA is a proud sponsor of The Shalva Band In Concert. Shalva is comprised of 8 talented musicians with disabilities. During Season 6 of Rising Star in Israel, hundreds of thousands of people tuned into the popular broadcast to watch their performances. They united a country, and world, in support of inclusion. Their performances changed how millions of people view and embrace disability.

A LIMITED NUMBER OF TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE! CLICK NOW!

Shalva Band is presented by the Jewish Federation of Cleveland
in celebration of Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israel's 75th Independence Day.



SLOW DOWN.
TAKE TIME.
'DO' SHABBAT.



Join Rabbi Vann and Cantorial
Soloist Deb Rogers for Shabbat
Services. Oneg follows.

FRIDAYS @ 6

Click for links and details,
including information about joining us online:

www.suburbantemple.org/shabbat.html

Mark your calendar...

YOU'RE
invited

When: Friday, May 5th, 6 PM

What: Confirmation Service 2023

Together with their families, our 2023
Confirmation Class invites our Congregation to
join in the celebration as they confirm their
commitment to Jewish life.

Cameron M. Bresler	משה
Daniel M. Lust	מוריאל
Raphael B. Mendlowitz	רפאל
Jesse L. Nathenson	יהודה לבי
Zachary Nathenson	אהרון ישועה
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