

ST-KA

BULLETIN

June-July 2023



SUBURBAN TEMPLE-KOL AMI

always welcome.

Shabbat and Worship Calendar

Friday, June 2nd | 6 PM

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Friday, June 9th | 6 PM

LGBTQ+ Pride Shabbat (see back page)

- 'Pre-Oneg' at 5:30 PM
- BYO dinner gathering after the service at Van Aken District

Friday, June 16th | 6 PM

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Friday, June 23rd | 6 PM

Kolot Kol Ami Service with Torah

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Friday, June 30th | 6 PM

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Friday, July 7th | 6 PM

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Friday, July 14th | 6 PM

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Friday, July 21st | 6 PM

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Friday, July 28th | 6 PM

Kolot Kol Ami Service with Torah

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

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



WHAT SUMMER MEANS

Summer in Cleveland is special. After months of cold and gray, unpredictable and damp—it's sunny and bright.

Parks and neighborhoods are filled with walkers and runners and cyclists enjoying the lush greenery, beautiful flowers, and majestic trees against perfect blue skies.

I think we're all a little friendlier in summer; there's so much fun to be had! Late night sunshine means grilling and patio dining. Community pools, golf courses are open; the Metroparks paths are most accessible. Families with school-age children excitedly pack for overnight camp or happily prepare for day camps and adventures.

During these beautiful days, it is tempting to put to the side challenging or difficult issues—especially if they do not have an immediate or direct effect on us. But we cannot do so. Rather, let's ask the sun and landscapes to give us strength for the continued work for a more just and equitable Ohio.

First, our continued work for collecting signatures to put a citizen-led amendment on the Ohio ballot this November. This amendment protects reproductive freedom in the state's constitution. Reproductive freedom is religious freedom; it is health care; it is racial justice. Please sign the petition—and make sure everyone you know does as well. To get involved, email Rabbi Vann: avann@suburbantemple.org.

Even as we collect signatures, we face a new challenge: a special election has been called for August 8. If passed, State Issue 1 would require future citizen-led ballot initiatives and constitutional amendments to have a 60% majority for passage. Furthermore, it would dramatically increase the requirements to even qualify to get something onto the ballot in the first place! State Issue 1 is a direct attack on the reproductive freedom amendment for the November ballot. Ballot initiatives exercise citizen freedom to make decisions that directly affect our lives in Ohio; it's the end of majority rule. [Please vote NO in the August 8 election.](#)

As we enjoy the sunshine and the beauty of Cleveland in the summer, I hope it inspires us to pick up the work that will make Ohio even more just and beautiful.

Rabbi Allison B. Vann

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Want to sign the petition?

Ohio
Religious
Action
Center
of Reform Judaism

**Reproductive
Freedom
Campaign**

Petitions are available before services on Fridays, or call Rochelle in the office at 216-991-0700.

SHABBAT TORAH STUDY

**Saturdays
9:15 AM
on Zoom**

Explore *Pirkei Avot* with us!
Click to request the link.





FROM BRETT'S DESK

Does it seem that I'm always writing about money? I often feel that way...and this column is no different. Early this month, you will receive your 2023-24 Open Doors membership solicitation letter. It is so important to us that you return the form or fill it out online as soon as possible.

At our May board meeting, the board approved a sustaining gift of \$2,739 plus our \$100 security fee. Please make the best gift that you can. For those who choose to pay over the course of the year, please remember that we can only set up payments over the number of months left in the fiscal year, so turning your commitment in early makes everything easier!

As always, if you have questions about the Open Doors program or your personal gift, please reach out to me.

Thanks, in advance, for your continued support.

75th anniversary

We've had a few questions about our celebration of the 75th anniversary of the congregation and I want to share a bit more information here as well as point to your online resource, www.suburbantemple.org/75th.html. There is much being planned, some big and some less so. What is important is that Suburban Temple – Kol Ami is 75 years young. We are blessed to stand on the shoulders of those who came before and who made ST-KA what it is today.

I hope to see many of you on Friday, August 25 at our Founder's and Past President's Shabbat AND on Sunday, August 27 as we have a party to celebrate our birthday. There will be lots to do and of course, CAKE and ICE CREAM!

Thank you and Congratulations

On Monday, June 12, we will have our 75th annual meeting. I want to take this opportunity to thank outgoing board member, Howard Feldenkris, for his service and to welcome Elissa Katz (nominated). We will also celebrate our beloved Linda Wolfe as she's presented the President's Award in honor of her 50th anniversary of service to the Suburban Temple – Kol Ami family. Please join us as we celebrate another year of accomplishments.

B'shalom,

bshankman@suburbantemple.org

ST-KA'S 75TH ANNUAL MEETING

MONDAY, JUNE 12TH AT 7 PM



Celebration. Awards. Gratitude.
Wine & Cheese will be served.

STORM SEWER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Green Road and Bryden Road in Beachwood

This construction project is scheduled to start in mid-June and is scheduled to be completed within 120 days of the start date.



Green Road will be closed from Chagrin Blvd to S Woodland Rd with local access only.
Bryden Rd will be closed from Letchworth Rd to Green Rd with local access only.

[Click here for updates on the construction website.](#)



MAH RABU—HOW GREAT IT IS!

Each morning we recite a prayer called *Yotzer Or*, which thanks God for the world that God created. It is a prayer that we sing part of each Sunday during Our Tent *t'filah*. The full prayer contains the verse from Psalms "*Mah rabu ma'asechah Adonai, kulum bechochma asita malah ha'aretz kinyanecha!*" Literally, how many are the things You have made, *Adonai*. You have made them all with wisdom, the earth is full of Your creations!

In his work, *The Book of Miracles*, Rabbi Lawrence Kushner teaches the following:

Rabbi Menachem Nahum from the Ukrainian town of Chernobyl taught that you can find God's presence everywhere. "There is nothing besides the presence of God...and the presence of the Creator remains in each created thing."...if you design and build a house, your presence dwells in that house. We are in what we make. And because God made the whole universe, God can be found everywhere within it.

When we say that God is everywhere, it does not mean that God is invisible. It means that if we look closely, we can find God's presence hidden everywhere because God created everything. And because God is hidden in everything, all things are connected to one another...

We are joined therefore, not only to people who have lived long before us and who will live after we have died, but to people now living, to people we do not know. Invisible lines of depending are everywhere, as if millions of glistening threads tie us to the universe and the universe to us. Nothing is ever detached, alone. We are all parts of one great living organism.

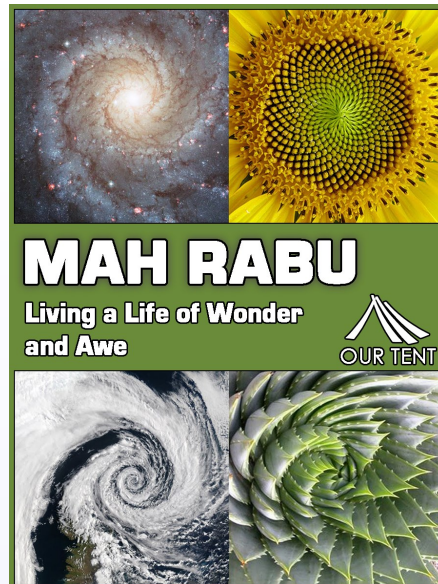
For the SEVENTH year of Our Tent our learning theme will be "*Mah Rabu – Living a Life of Wonder and Awe*". We will discover the greatness of the world God created, the awesomeness of all the places we can find God in it, and the wonder of all the ways we are connected. We will spend the year uncovering all the places we can find God, ourselves and community in this miracle of a world we live in.

Because of when the High Holy Days fall this year, we will not begin Our Tent until Sunday, October 1, 2023. Please look for First Trimester registration information in your Temple Times in late July and in your August Bulletin.

Looking forward to another great year of learning and living Judaism,

Rabbi Shona

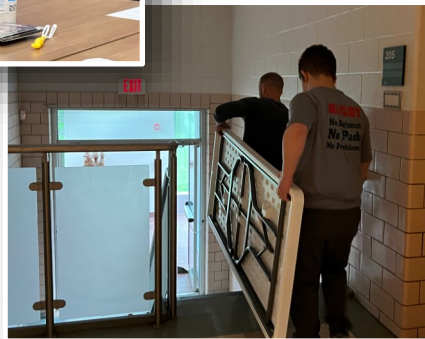
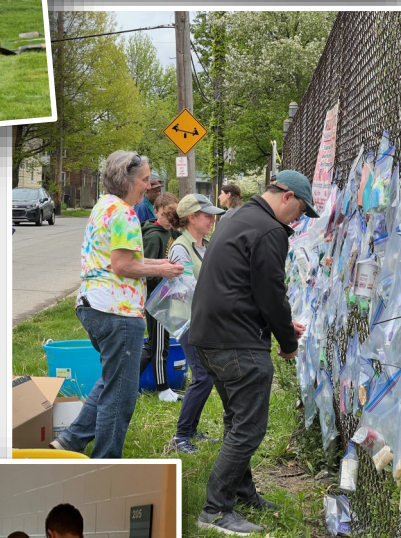
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OFFICE CLOSED TUESDAY, JULY 4th
In Observance of Independence Day



Member Moments



Mitzvah Day

HAPPENINGS IN JUNE AND JULY!

SATURDAY, JUNE 3rd
MARCH STEPS OFF @11 AM

It's not a moment.
It's a movement.

PRIDE in the **CLE**®

We'll meet up at 10 AM.
Click to email Margery Mazoh
for information and meeting place!



ST-KA'S ANNUAL LGBTQ+ PRIDE SHABBAT

Friday, June 9th @ 6 PM

Ken Schneck, our speaker, is a self-described
"ACTION-ORIENTED RABBLE ROUSER!"

Founder of The Buckeye Flame, Ken has a lot to say about
how you can use your voice to create **ACTUAL CHANGE.**

Join us at 5:30 for a PRE-ONEG and schmoozing session. Head over to Van Aken District after services where we've got tables reserved for dinner. Pick up a bite to eat and sit down with our ST-KA community to schmooze some more!



**ALL ARE
WELCOME HERE**

Mark your calendar... for these KKA SHABBAT SERVICES in JUNE & JULY!

FRIDAY, JUNE 23rd @ 6
FRIDAY, JULY 28th @ 6

Come celebrate Shabbat with the spirited music of Kolot Kol Ami, our Member Choir.
Interested in singing with KKA? Reach out to Deb Rogers!

Yes, we're *gathering*
ALL SUMMER LONG!

gatherings
share. experience. connect.

Turn the page for info!



Photo credit: Jodi Richardson

Suburban Temple-Kol Ami's 2022-23 Confirmation Class

Mazel Tov and Congratulations to our Confirmands and their families!

Back row, left to right: Executive Director Brett Shankman, Daniel Lust, Aron Oppenheimer, Cameron Bresler, Jesse Nathanson, Raphael Mendlowitz. Front row, left to right: ST-KA Board President Lori Rosenberg, Rabbi Allison Vann, Eli Silver, Zachary Nathanson, Isaac Vann, Cantorial Soloist Deb Rogers, Director of Lifelong Learning Rabbi Shana Nyer

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Visit our [webpage](#) for all the details, meeting times and locations, and registration information. Or, reach out to [Rochelle](#) and she'll sign you up! Advance registration is required for all **gatherings**.

SUMMER GATHERINGS ARE HAPPENING NOW!

Our popular **HIKE AND KIBITZ** is meeting monthly, **YOGA** is outdoors at ST-KA again this summer, and we're playing together at **GAME NIGHT!**

Our newest gathering is a tasty one—
FOODIES UNITE!

Register now to join us as we enjoy restaurants across northeast Ohio: some new, and some faves!

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 April 20 and May 19, 2023. Please let us know if we made an error or failed to list your donation.

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In loving memory of

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In loving memory of

Jeff Smith

Karen and Sandy Shapiro

**BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES,
AND SIMCHAS**

***Mazal tov* to our members
who celebrate milestone
birthdays...**

...in JUNE:

Martha Fleisher

Mitchell Kutash

Svetlana Pundik

Robert Risman

Linda Shuck

...in JULY:

Annie Becker

Christine Berick

Martin Cohen

Mark Heller

Charles Ross

Karen Schneiderman

Jennifer Woomer

**...and to our members
who celebrate milestone anniversaries...**

...in JUNE:

Judy and Dick Cohen

Emily and Jim Gusky

Judith Malone and Jeffry Katz

...in JULY:

Beth and Rand Curtiss

Mary and Jerold Goldberg

...and to those who celebrated *simchas* in May:

***Mazal Tov* to our member and
past president, **Kim Rosner**, on the wedding
of her son **Tyler** to **Liz Arustamyan****

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. Celebrating a *simcha*? E-mail Rochelle so we can *kvell*!

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 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

UPCOMING EVENTS

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**SUBURBAN TEMPLE
 KOL AMI**
 1948 VOICE OF MY PEOPLE 2023



Friday, August 25th, 6 PM

**Kabbalat Shabbat Honoring Our
 Founders and Past Presidents**

Sunday, August 27th, Noon

**A 75th Anniversary Picnic
 and Birthday Party!**

**Artist-in-Residence Weekend
 featuring Sheldon Low!**

Friday, September 8th, 6 PM

**Kabbalat Shabbat Service Honoring
 Rabbi Shana Nyer's 10th Anniversary
 (belated 🥳) at ST-KA**

Saturday, September 9th, 10:30 AM

Rise 'n' Shine - S'lichot Edition!

Saturday, September 9th, evening

S'lichot Program & Service

**Watch your Temple Times and our
 August Bulletin for more information!**