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BULLETIN
August 2023

Shabbat and Worship Calendar

Friday, August 4th | 6 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Friday, August 11th | 6 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Saturday, August 12th | 10:30 AM
Bar Mitzvah - Eli and Dylan Richardson

Friday, August 18th | 6 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Friday, August 25th | 6 PM
Past Presidents and Founders Shabbat
Kabbalat Shabbat Service
Special Pre-Oneg at 5 PM

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

Mazal Tov

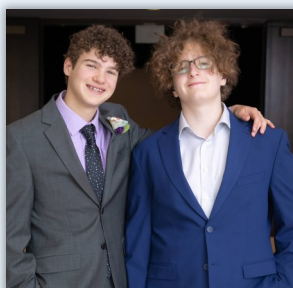
to Adam Feldenkris and Pedro Gerum!



...and to Howard
and Nancy
Feldenkris, on
Adam and Pedro's
wedding on
Friday, August 4th.

Mazal Tov

to the Richardson family!



Eli and Dylan
Richardson, sons
of Jodi and Stan
Richardson,
will become
B'nai Mitzvah on
Saturday,
August 12th.



SUBURBAN TEMPLE-KOL AMI
always welcome.

BUILDING A LEGACY



A “legacy business” is a great company which has built successful products and services over a long period of time. However, along with the history and success comes a burden: business models, processes, and solutions are outdated and cumbersome and the company is experienced as either difficult or out of touch.

There is a difficult analogy to be made between the “legacy business” and the institution of the synagogue. With the analogy above, synagogues are perceived to be “stuck”; unresponsive to today’s needs. Additionally, the need to belong is less pressing than in years past. Thirdly, Jewish meaning-making is easier, especially with the aid of the internet.

The data drives this analogy—here are two examples:

In 2021, the Pew Report published a report on Jewish Practices and Customs in the United States, noting major shifts in the beliefs and behavior of the American Jew: only 35% say they live in a household where at least one member belongs to a synagogue.

In 2023, Jewish Education Project published a census of supplemental schools with data collected between 2019-2020, comparing data from a 2006-2007 survey. With data from 1,250 synagogue schools, there was a marked decrease in enrollment: “one could compare the 230,000 students in 2006-2007 to 135,087 in 2019-2020.”¹

The research reflects what we know: *synagogues are smaller.*

This is a dire picture.

And now I will surprise you: *I’ve never been more sure of the future of Suburban Temple-Kol Ami.*

Courage, vision and innovation is the bedrock of our Jewish tradition and helped to sustain Jewish life for thousands of years. Suburban Temple-Kol Ami is built on the same foundation of courage, vision and innovation by our founding members.

Thanks to them, we meet challenges with agile responses:

Exploring the needs of our members and the shifts of society--and providing relevant, timely answers—has been a particular goal and success of this congregation: We’re the first congregation to welcome interfaith couples; the first congregation to recognize a need for a person-centered dues model (Open Doors); the first congregation to disrupt supplemental education by creating Our Tent, a one-of-a-kind, nationally recognized learning model.

We are not a congregation “stuck” in our legacy—we’re buoyed and inspired by it.

I am so excited by what’s to come.

Rabbi Allison B. Vann

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¹The Jewish Education Project: A Census of Jewish Supplementary Schools in North America 2019-2020 p50



FROM BRETT'S DESK

In the U.S., August is usually a month for vacations, getting ready to return to school and looking forward to the school/work year kicking off around Labor Day.

For temples, while we do try to get short breaks, August is always a hot bed of activity as we are fully into High Holy Day preparations - service and program planning, cleaning and organizing, preparing mailings to our congregational family. This year, we are blessed to be layering the start of our 75th anniversary celebration on top of that regular schedule.

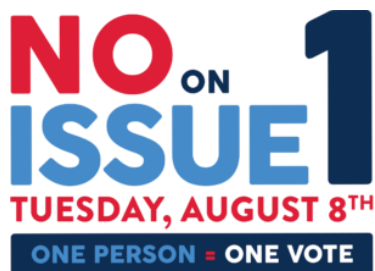
Hopefully, you received your first 75th anniversary bulletin in the mail over the last few days. In it, there's a lot of information about what's been planned and some teasers about other stuff in formation. I want to call your attention to the weekend of August 25th – 27th. On the 25th, our Shabbat service will honor our Founder's and Past Presidents. We are hoping to fill the sanctuary with joy as we honor those on whose shoulders we stand. Please join us! The second event that weekend is all fun! On Sunday, August 27th from noon – 3 p.m., we will have a picnic birthday party – it will be a great time to see friends, play lawn games, engage in Tikkun Olam, and have a tour of our Suburban Temple – Kol Ami art led by our own Jane Glaubinger.

Please look at the 75th anniversary bulletin and the website for more information and regular updates!

Of course, there's more going on...we're preparing for the next year of Our Tent – registration information is in this bulletin and we are so excited to welcome everyone as we celebrate Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, and Simchat Torah together.

With great joy and anticipation,

bshankman@suburbantemple.org



The High Holy Days are quickly approaching. We look forward to seeing you on:

- Slichot, Saturday, September 9th
- Erev Rosh Hashanah, Friday, September 15th
- Rosh Hashanah, Saturday, September 16th

- Kol Nidre, Sunday, September 24th
- Yom Kippur, Monday, September 25th
- Sukkot, Friday, September 29th
- Simchat Torah, Friday, October 6th



IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR!

BreadLove will be making loaves of challah for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Whether you're a flavor craver or a plain Jane, there's something for **EVERYONE** to enjoy!

[Click here](#) to place your order by August 24th.

Order pickup will be from 9:30 - 11:00 am
on September 15th and 24th.



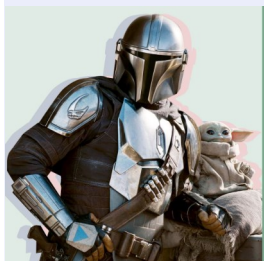
OUR *AWESOMETENT* – REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

As I wrote in our last bulletin, 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’arets kinyanecha!*” Literally, how many are the things You have made. You have made them all with wisdom, the earth is full of Your creations!

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 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. Below are some of the AWESOME classes we are offering. **Registration is OPEN!** [Click here](#) for a list of classes and [here](#) to register.

Rabbi Shona

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THIS IS THE WAY

Come explore the Jewish themes in *The Mandalorian*! Have you noticed the similarities between Baby Grogu's carrier and Moses' basket? (10th Grade - Adult)

LIGHT IT UP!

What does it mean to be the light in the darkness? Our students will explore the unique ways they are each poised to impact the world for good. (K - 4th Grade)



WHOSE LIFE IS IT ANYWAY?

Intertwine improv, Judaism, humor, and discovery! Learn new things about yourself in a safe, curious, and joy-filled environment. (K - Adult)

POSITIVELY A LEADER

Find **YOUR** path to leadership! Explore what it means to be a leader who leads with their values from a place of positivity. (5th - 9th Grade)



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

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BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND SIMCHAS

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

**Sherry Dinner
Jessie Glassman
Janice Katz
Lesly Kohner
David Lust
David Nachman
Michelle Paris
Sanford Shapiro**

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

**Karen and Richard Bialosky
Maria and Jonathan Litt
Susan and Bruce Long
Sally and Larry Sears
Linda and Paul Stiller**

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*!

We Gratefully Acknowledge the Following Contributions...

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Kol Ami
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**Stay tuned to next month's bulletin
for an update on High Holy Day services!**

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 TAKE TIME.
 'DO' SHABBAT.**



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

FRIDAYS @ 6

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 including information about joining us online:
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UPCOMING EVENTS

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 SUBURBAN TEMPLE
KOL AMI
 1948 VOICE OF MY PEOPLE 2023



Friday, August 25th, 6 PM

Special Pre-Oneg at 5 PM

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

Sunday, August 27th, Noon

A 75th Anniversary Picnic
 and Birthday Party!

Friday, September 8th, 6 PM

Kabbalat Shabbat Service
 Honoring Rabbi Shana Nyer's 10th
 Anniversary (belated 🙄) at ST-KA
 featuring artist-in-residence
 Sheldon Low!

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
 September Bulletin for more information!