



Shabbat and Worship Calendar

Friday, December 2 | 6 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Friday, December 9 | 6 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Friday, December 16 | 6 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat Service
with Consecration & Chanukah!

Friday, December 23 | 6 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Friday, December 30 | 6 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Shabbat Services are broadcast via Zoom.
Visit our [Shabbat Page](#) for links.

MAZAL TOV!
Please join us on
Friday, December 16th at 6 PM
for Shabbat as we celebrate the Consecration of

Gideon Buzzard
Auggie Alemдар Collins
Calvin Alemдар Collins
Teddy Lovell
Jasper Nogi
Perry Nogi

We invite you to stay for our dinner and Chanukah celebration! *Reservations are required for dinner.*



CONSECRATION, DEDICATION, AND LIGHT



One of the most joyous and delightful Jewish rituals is Consecration. Each year we formally welcome our newest students to Torah as

they begin their Jewish learning journey. Consecration began well over a hundred years ago in the Reform Movement. It is now part of celebrations throughout congregations everywhere!

Many of us may remember that the ceremony was connected to Simchat Torah, when we celebrate the never-ending cycle of Torah. Young learners connected with the significance of Torah in their lives. For generations, the favorite gift was a “baby Torah”—given as a symbol that learning and Torah should be personal and meaningful.

For a variety of reasons, many congregations have chosen to move Consecration away from Simchat Torah to other significant times of the year. This year, we, too, are making a change in our Consecration service.

We are moving Consecration to our Chanukah service. There are three reasons we have chosen to connect Consecration to Chanukah. The first is that Chanukah is a holiday that focuses on Jewish identity and Jewish pride. As our learners begin their journey, we want them to know more than anything that they should always feel proud to be Jewish. We also chose to connect Consecration to Chanukah because just as the Maccabees rededicated the temple in Jerusalem with light, we commit ourselves to giving these young learners all the values and knowledge they will need to become a light to the world. There is a practical reason, too: it gives our youngest learners more time to integrate into Our Tent and prepare for the service.

We know Consecration during Chanukah will be meaningful and joyous. Please mark your calendar to join us on December 16 at 6 PM for an early celebration of Chanukah and to help us formally welcome our Consecrants to Jewish learning.

Allison B. Vann

Rabbi Allison Vann
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Rabbi Shana

Rabbi Shana Nyer
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Reminder: Rabbi Vann will be on vacation until Jan 3. During this time, coverage will be provided by Rabbi Shana Nyer, Brett Shankman and Deb Rogers. Rabbi Vann will join us for the Dec. 16th Consecration service.



FROM BRETT'S DESK

I've never been to Uganda before, but I'm probably going to have to schedule a trip. Why, you ask? Well, it's simple. Charlotte Versagi, who has been an amazing member of our ST-KA professional staff, has taken a new job based in Uganda. So, my bulletin article for December is my formal thank you and good-bye.

When Charlotte joined us, COVID-19 was raging and we were still trying to figure it out. Charlotte brought a depth of talent, skill, and passion to our ST-KA family. She has helped professionalize our operations, improved our rental program, and much more. And from my conversations with many of you, I know that she has also been an important part of your relationship with Temple. Charlotte's last day in the office will be Friday, December 23rd. Please be sure to wish her well and a safe journey.

As we say *l'hitraot*, goodbye for now, to Charlotte, we say *shalom*, welcome, to Rochelle Arian as she joins our ST-KA family. Rochelle is a lifelong Clevelander and comes to us with many years of experience in building management and operations.

Rochelle will join us on December 12th, allowing for some overlap and learning with Charlotte. I know you will graciously and warmly welcome Rochelle. Her email address will be rarian@suburbantemple.org.

Holiday closure

The ST-KA board has graciously chosen to close the office the week between Christmas and New Years'. Outside of Shabbat, the building will be closed December 26th through January 2nd. Both Rabbi Vann and Rabbi Shana will be off that week. I will be the emergency contact for life-cycle, illness, pastoral, or any other ST-KA issues that cannot wait until January 3rd. Please use my cell, 216.536.2309 to reach me.

End of year giving and Annual Campaign!

As we approach the end of the calendar year, this is a great time to finish your Open Doors payments for the year, get a jump on next year, and make a gift to our 2022-23 Annual Campaign. You will be receiving our Annual Campaign solicitation materials in the mail soon. Please give generously.

B'shalom,

bshankman@suburbantemple.org

Join us in welcoming

Rochelle Arian

to our ST-KA family!

You will find Rochelle in the office beginning December 12th. Stop in and say "hello!"



WATCH YOUR TEMPLE TIMES FOR INFO ABOUT TRIMESTER 3 CLASS REGISTRATION!

Coming Your Way in Mid-December!

Our 2022-23 Learning Theme is

ETZ CHAYIM H: IT IS A TREE OF LIFE



Why is the Torah compared to a tree?

It gives us roots, a sturdy trunk of values, and the freedom to take its lessons and branch off in many directions.

Why is the Torah called a tree of life?

Because through its stories, values and lessons, it teaches us how to live.

To learn more, please visit [our webpage](#) or contact Director of Lifelong Learning, Rabbi Shana Nyer at snyer@suburbantemple.org.



2022-23 ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

Last year, we met some of our members and learned their "Suburban Temple-Kol Ami Stories". This year, our Annual Campaign "ST-KA Stories" will share several of our key programs and the impact they've had on some of our member families.

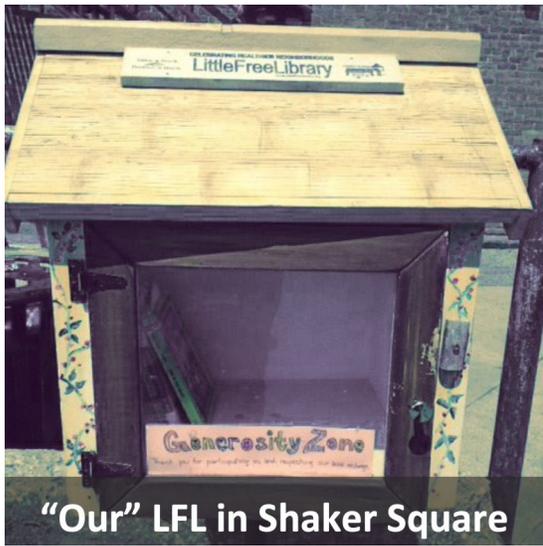
Gifts to the 2022-23 ST-KA Stories Annual Campaign are a crucial component of our annual operating budget.

Please give generously. Thank you!



Annual Campaign Mailings Coming Soon. Watch your Mailbox!

OUR LITTLE FREE LIBRARIES NEED DONATIONS!



"Our" LFL in Shaker Square

Every month, our volunteers stock our two Little Free Libraries with books. Tikkun Olam Committee member Ellen Weber is thrilled to report that the community is eating them up! So much so, that Ellen is asking for more books to stock with! Please bring your donations to ST-KA, where there is a box in the lobby to drop them off. Your cast-offs help provide fun, free, and accessible books for children in these Cleveland communities. Bring books you've collected, forgotten about, boxed up, or gathered from friends, and volunteers will tote them to our LFLs for the kids to read.

For more information about our Little Free Libraries project, contact Ellen: elleweb1@me.com, (260) 414-8128.

We're *gathering*...
...and we're loving it!

gatherings brings small groups of people together to share conversations and experiences, to build relationships, and to deepen connections within our congregation around common interests. Refer to our website for each group's dates and times.

gatherings
share. experience. connect.

Our building will be

Closed

December 26th

through

January 2nd

with the exception of Shabbat Services
on Friday evenings.

Stay warm!

Kol Nashim Book Club

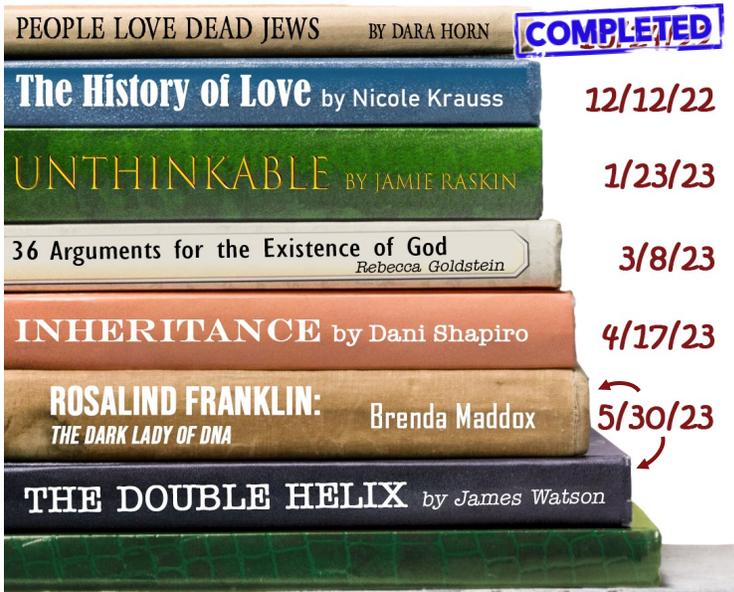
Meets Monday, December 12th @ 7PM

"The History of Love"

By Nicole Krauss

"Krauss's novel is emotionally wrenching yet intellectually rigorous, idea-driven but with indelible characters and true suspense."

RSVP to Charlotte for the link:
cversagi@suburbantemple.org



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

chanukah blessings

BARUCH atah, Adonai

Eloheinu, Melech haolam,

asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav

v'tzivanu l'hadlik ner shel Chanukah.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי
אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו
וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל חֲנֻכָּה.

BLESSED are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all,
who hallows us with mitzvot, commanding us to kindle the Chanukah lights.

BARUCH atah, Adonai

Eloheinu, Melech haolam,

she-asah nisim laavoteinu v'imoteinu

bayamim haheim baz'man hazeh.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי
אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ וְאִמּוֹתֵינוּ
בְּיָמִים הָהֵם בְּזֶמַן הַזֶּה.

BLESSED are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all,
who performed wondrous deeds for our ancestors in days of old at this season.

...and on the first night only:

BARUCH atah, Adonai

Eloheinu, Melech haolam,

shehecheyanu v'kiy'manu v'higianu

laz'man hazeh.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי
אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
שֶׁהַחַיָּנוּ וְקִיַּמְנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לְזֶמַן הַזֶּה.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all,
for giving us life, for sustaining us,
and for enabling us to reach this season.

We light the first candle on Sunday, December 18th.

Candles are placed in the *chanukiah* (the Hebrew word for a *Chanukah menorah*) from right to left, but the candles are lit from left to right.

First, light the *shamash* (the “helper” candle that is higher or lower than the other eight), then use it to kindle the rest of the candles.

On *Shabbat* during *Chanukah*, this year on December 23rd, kindle the *Chanukah* lights first and then the *Shabbat* candles.



Register for Dinner by Fri., Dec. 9th!

Friday, Dec. 16th | 6 PM

LATKES. SUFGANIYOT. CONSECRATION!

Our service will be full of energy, music, and joy as we stand together as a community to welcome and support our new learners as they take this big step in their Jewish journeys.

Following the service, stay for dinner and our Chanukah celebration. Spin dreidels and savor mouth-watering latkes and sufganiyot (jelly donuts) commemorating the miracle of the oil lasting for 8 days.

Registration is Required for dinner. RSVP to Charlotte at cversagi@suburbantemple.org
\$22/adult, \$12/child, \$60 max per immediate family



Suburban Temple-Kol Ami presents

LET'S "GELT" TOGETHER!

Chanukah & Havdalah
 Saturday, December 17th
 5:30 - 7 PM
 LGBT Center of Cleveland
 6705 Detroit Avenue in Gordon Square

All are welcome!
 For more information, please contact Margery Mazoh:
margery.mazoh@gmail.com

ST-KA APPRECIATES
 OUR FACULTY & MADRICHIM!

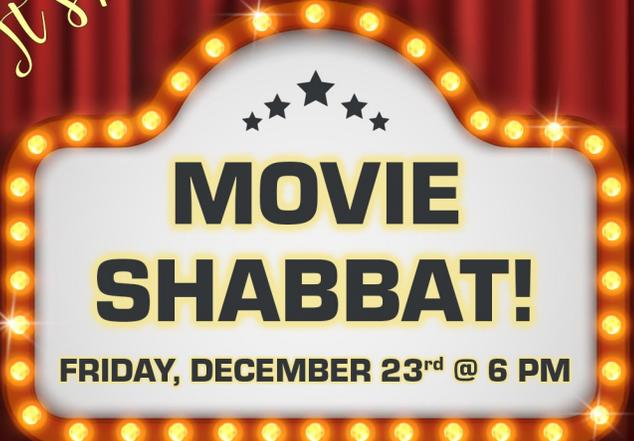
We honor these amazing people with an annual celebration luncheon* on Sunday, December 18th, following Our Tent.



Without all of you, OUR TENT would be empty!

* Luncheon is for Faculty & Madrichim only.

It's back!



MOVIE SHABBAT!

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23rd @ 6 PM

Kabbalat Shabbat with music set to your favorite movie tunes by our very own Deb Rogers!

got candles?



We do! Stop by and pick some up.
 \$3 per box, enough for all 8 nights—no miracle needed.

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 20 and November 14, 2022. Please let us know of any errors or omissions.

Annual Campaign

Sara Stashower & Mark Heller

Bimah Flowers Fund

In loving memory of

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In appreciation of

**The ST-KA Staff during the High
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Carolyn Oppenheimer

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Our Tent

Gina & Carl Ashby
Ellyn Ross

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Shellie & Mark Nyer

In loving memory of

Bill Rosner

Shellie & Mark Nyer

In loving memory of

Gloria Dinner

Sherry & Gary Dinner

Our Tent 1st Trimester Tzedakah

In loving memory of

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Purim Carnival

In honor of

Teana Siegel's 85th birthday

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In loving memory of

Bill Rosner

Diane & Harvey Scholnick

**Remember ST-KA
through a bequest
or other charitable
vehicle in your
estate plan.**

**Please contact
Brett Shankman for
more information.**



Thank you

RISE & SHINE
Shabbat!

SHABBAT FUN FOR OUR LITTELST & THEIR FAMILIES!

Sat., December 10th
10:30-11:30 AM

with **Rabbi Shana & Maggie Wise**

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

Future Dates:
Jan. 21, Feb. 4, Mar. 18, Apr. 8, May 6

RSVP to Charlotte:
cversagi@suburbantemple.org

COME GROW WITH ME! with Rabbi Shana and Maggie Wise

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

see you next month! **January 27th**
6 PM | @ST-KA

Future Dates:
Feb. 10th, Mar. 10th, Apr. 14th, May 12th

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

ST-KA Technology Links



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

Richard Cohen
Ned Grossman

...and *mazal tov* to our members who are celebrating their milestone anniversary in December:

David and Helen Nagusky

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.

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to ST-KA!



As of November 2022,
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KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICES

Fridays | 6 PM



Light candles
with us...

Join us at ST-KA as we welcome
Shabbat together as a community!

If you're unable to attend in person, join us online!

Click for links and details:

www.suburbantemple.org/shabbat.html

Save the Date:

KOL NASHIM SHABBAT

Friday, January 20th | 6 PM

Mark your calendar for our upcoming
Kabbalat Shabbat service led by
the women of Suburban Temple-Kol Ami!



Sally Sears

Board Chair
and ST-KA Member

Guest
Speakers



Sonia Winner

President and CEO

Leaders at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History

Featuring the music of Kolot Kol Ami
If you'd like to participate in the service, e-mail [Rabbi Shana!](mailto:Rabbi.Shana@suburbantemple.org)
Service is followed by dinner (reservations required)
Watch your Temple Times for more information!