



Shabbat and Worship Calendar

Friday, February 3 | 6 PM

JDAIM Shabbat (see back page)

Guest Speaker: Jeremy Pilloff,

Intervention Specialist, Mayfield HS

Friday, February 10 | 6 PM

Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Come Grow With Me! Shabbat with

Rabbi Shana and Maggie Wise

Friday, February 17 | 6 PM Repro Shabbat (see back page) Guest Speaker: J. Bennett Guess, Exec. Director of ACLU Ohio

Friday, February 24 | 6 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Shabbat Services are broadcast via Zoom. Visit our Shabbat Page for links.

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ST-KA CELEBRATES LINDA WOLFE

It's as if our ancient rabbis were imagining Linda Wolfe when they penned this Mishnah:

'Joshua ben Perahiah used to say: Make for yourself a teacher, and acquire for yourself a friend; judge all people with the scale weighted in their favor.'

Pirkei Avot 1:6

During the 50 years that our member Linda Wolfe has been an educator, she has personified this teaching. Linda is inextricably woven into the narrative of Suburban Temple-Kol Ami: our past, our present and our future. Today, as we recognize Linda's incredible educator milestone, we also are excited to share that this month, Linda will be presented with the Jewish Education Center of Cleveland (JEC)'s 2022 Libbie L. Braverman award.

When Linda began teaching at ST-KA, there was barely a Hebrew program, and there were no B'nai Mitzvah. She became a teacher here, then she became a *Hebrew* teacher. She helped to create the original B'nai Mitzvah program.

When a person learns alone, there is no one to correct mistakes, no one to compliment them on their insight and no one whom they can bounce their ideas off. In her one-on-one tutoring, Linda is a wonderful *chavruta* - partner. For generations, she has ensured that her students learn their prayers and Torah portions accurately, and when errors are made or practice is not happening or there are struggles, Linda corrects and encourages with such love and respect that her learners always want to do their best for her. She also celebrates all their accomplishments with them, from the smallest to the largest!

Linda is an incredible *chaveirah* – friend – to all her learners. She not only cares about what is happening in the classroom but takes a true interest in their lives outside of temple. She wants to know about school and family and their interests. In truly getting to know her learners, Linda tailors her lessons to their particular needs and interests, creating relationships that last far beyond her time as their teacher.

Not one to rest on her laurels, Linda continues to learn and grow. Whether it is becoming proficient in cantillation, being trained in Hebrew through Movement and Philosophical Inquiry, or moving her tutoring sessions to Zoom when the pandemic required it, Linda is always up for the next challenge!

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FROM BRETT'S DESK

Although it's the middle of winter and the flakes are still flying, it's always warm at ST-KA! From baking hamantaschen to planning our Annual Retreat, from the third trimester of Our Tent to gearing up for our fantastic Purim carnival, from Kol Nashim Book Club to **gatherings**, there's a lot going on. Here's what's top of mind for me these days:

Purim

As the calendar once again turns to February, we are getting excited for Purim! In this edition of the bulletin, there's a lot of information about Purim and the multiple events that week. Don't forget to order Hamantaschen, RSVP for Pints on Purim, and of course, to join us for Purim Carnival!

A Technical Volunteer Opportunity

When the COVID-19 pandemic began, we immediately had to rethink our online worship experience. From Zoom to Ecamm to a hybrid of both, along with lots of new sanctuary technology, we think we've gotten pretty good at it! However, it takes a village to make it happen each week. For those of you who have attended services in the sanctuary, you've likely met Jacob Rogers who runs our Shabbat tech, both the multimedia experience in-sanctuary, and streaming to the internet. There are a lot

of moving parts, and we've found that there are times when an extra pair of hands would be helpful. And – even Jacob needs a day off every so often! We would like to create a cadre of members who want to learn to assist with – and eventually, independently run - the technical side of the service. *Are you technologically inclined and interested in helping out?* Adults, or teens with a favorite adult, are encouraged to reach out to me; my e-mail address is below, or call me at 216.991.0700. This is a great way to help your Temple! Thanks for considering it.

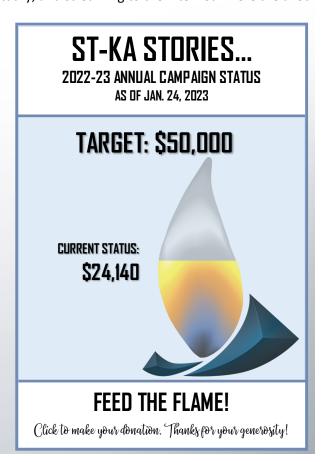
ST-KA Stories - Our Annual Campaign

Our annual campaign remains in full swing! More than 50 of you have already made gifts – THANK YOU! We are striving for 100% participation from the congregation. The success of the annual campaign is critical to our budget. If you haven't yet given, please do so. You can make a gift online, by returning the pledge card you received in the mail, or of course, you may call the office and simply let us know of your intent. Again, thank you!

B'shalom,

Ben

bshankman@suburbantemple.org



LINDA WOLFE... (continued from Page 1)

On February 26th at their Annual Celebration and Educator Awards Ceremony, the JEC will present Linda 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. Judaism, learning, and teaching are the essence of who Linda is at her core. She is a teacher, she is a friend, and through her positivity and joy, generations of Jewish children and adults have discovered a love of Judaism and learning too. We are grateful for Linda's presence in our community, and thrilled that the JEC has chosen her for this prestigious award.

When you see Linda, we hope you'll congratulate her, thank her for her decades of service, and for the passion she continues to bring to Jewish education and to Suburban Temple-Kol Ami!



LET'S DO DOUGH, GRAB GREGGERS, AND PREP 'PINTS'! Purim starts March 6th

PREORDER YOUR
HAMANTASCHEN:

ALL ORDERS must be received by Monday, February 27th

Delicious Hamantaschen, baked by ST-KA members! **\$5 per half dozen** - pick them up at the Carnival on Mar. 5th!



STRAWBERRY ▼ CHOCOLATE ▼

POPPYSEED ▲ APRICOT ▼ PRUNE △

NEW FLAVOR for 2023!



Then... Make Plans and RSVP!

ALL THIS MONTH:

HELP MAKE THE HAMANTASCHEN!

Lots of slots to "FILL":

Saturday, Feb. 11th | 10:30-12:30 Sunday, Feb. 12th | noon - 2:30 Wednesday, Feb. 22nd | 4 - 6 Tuesday, Feb. 28th | 4 - 6

Let us know when you'd like to help! E-mail Rochelle with your preferred slots.

Final Bake/Carnival Setup is Sat., Mar. 4th

LET'S "DOUGH" THIS!

Sunday, Mar. 5th

from 11-1: PURIM
CARNIVALI

- **GAMES**
- ♦ **MEGILLAH**
- ♦ PRIZES
- ♦ INFLATABLE
- **♦ FOOD**



OPEN to ALL: Bring your friends!





6131 Highland Rd, Highland Heights

PINTS ON PURIM

Monday, March 6th @ 7 PM

...an **ADULT** look at what **REALLY** happened in Shu-Shu-Shushan long ago

First round's on **US!**



Munchies Provided. Please RSVP to Rochelle!

FRIDAY MARCH 10th 6 PM



Costume in

Services & Dinner for Kids 0-7 and their families

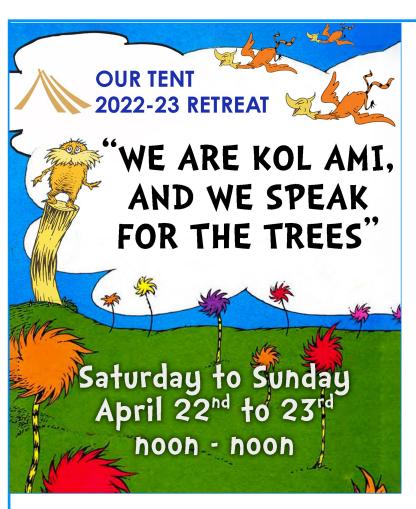
See back page for registration info



"THE SOUND OF PURIM" IS BACK!

Purim Shabbat, with prayers and songs set to your favorite Broadway tunes!

Friday, March 10th @ 6 PM





REGISTRATION & OPEN!

What: A whole lot of fun, learning,

and community!

Where: Punderson Manor Lodge

in Newbury Township

Cost*: \$75/Adult (double occupancy)

\$45/Kid

Cost includes all meals and

accommodations.



To paraphrase the Once-ler...

"It's not about what [we are], it's about what [we] can become!"

One of the highlights of our Our Tent programming is our annual retreat... 24 hours together in a beautiful setting, learning, laughing and connecting as a community. In keeping with our 2022-23 learning theme "Eitz Chayim Hi, it is a Tree of Life", we will spend our time together looking at what roots us and how we continue to grow.

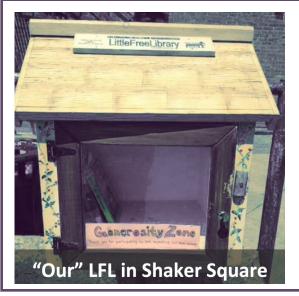
Just like Our Tent, this retreat is for members of all ages, but space is limited, so register today!

Please reach out to **Rabbi Shana** with any questions you may have!



*This retreat is made possible through a generous grant from the Jewish Education Center of Cleveland.

HOW TO GET IN ON THE FUN: Contact Rochelle to register! rarian@suburbantemple.org



WE'RE MAKING A DIFFERENCE! KEEP YOUR BOOK DONATIONS COMING!

Every month, our volunteers stock our two Little Free Libraries with books. Tikkun Olam Committee member Ellen Weber offers a HUGE "THANK YOU!!" to our ST-KA community for continuing to bring in books for kids of all ages!

Please continue to bring your book donations to ST-KA. There is a box in the lobby to drop them off. Your cast-offs help provide fun, free, and accessible books for children in Cleveland communities.

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

We're gathering...

...and we're loving it!

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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.

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gatherings share. experience. connect.

IFT'S TALK!

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



CLICK HERE TO SCHEDULE
AN APPOINTMENT!

Kol Nashim Book Club

Start Reading! Meets Wednesday, March 8th @ 7

"36 Arguments for the Existence of God"

by Rebecca Goldstein

"Rollicking,... Irreverent and witty... [a] lively and colorful chronicle of intellectual and emotional struggles."

"...a journey that is as emotionally satisfying as it is intellectually expansive"

RSVP to Rochelle for the link: 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 December 20, 2022 and January 23, 2023. Please let us know of any errors or omissions.

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...and *mazal tov* to our members who are celebrating milestone **anniversaries** in February:

Barbara Andelman & Richard Nemeth

Christine & Jim Berick



Milestone birthday listings begin at age fifty and every five years afterwards.

All birthdays 100 and over are listed.

Milestone anniversary listings begin at ten years and then every five years afterwards. Please let us know if we are missing your important milestone!





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SHABBAT. SHALOM.

FRIDAYS @ 6

Join Rabbi Vann and Cantorial Soloist Deb Rogers for Shabbat Services and Oneg every Friday evening.

If you're unable to attend in person, join us online! Click for links and details: www.suburbantemple.org/shabbat.html

(Word cloud above is from Rabbi Vann's prompt, "What is 'peace', to you?")



...uniting Jewish communities worldwide to raise awareness and champion the rights of all Jews to be accepted and included in all aspects of Jewish and community life.



MEMBER JEREMY PILLOFF SPEAKS ON FRIDAY, FEB. 3

Jeremy Pilloff, award-winning educator and intervention specialist and long-time ST-KA member, joins us for Kabbalat Shabbat services on February 3rd to help us kick off Jewish Disability Awareness, Acceptance, & Inclusion Month (JDAIM).

Watch your Temple Times for more information on JDAIM throughout the month of February!







Reproductive Freedom is a Jewish value.

NCJW (The National Council for Jewish Women) launched Repro Shabbat in 2021 as a way to highlight Judaism's support for reproductive freedom and justice. Suburban Temple-Kol Ami joins with NCJW and Jewish organizations across the United States to celebrate Repro Shabbat. We welcome J. Bennet Guess, Executive Director of ACLU Ohio, as our speaker.

> Join the Conversation. Join us for Repro Shabbat.

Friday, February 17th @ 6 PM