

# ST-KA BULLETIN January 2023



SUBURBAN TEMPLE-KOL AMI  
always welcome.

## Shabbat and Worship Calendar

**Friday, January 6 | 6 PM**  
Kabbalat Shabbat Service

**Friday, January 13 | 6 PM**  
Kabbalat Shabbat Service

**Friday, January 20 | 6 PM**  
**Kol Nashim Shabbat**  
**See back page for information!**  
Kabbalat Shabbat Service

**Friday, January 27 | 6 PM**  
Kabbalat Shabbat Service  
**Come Grow With Me! Shabbat with**  
Rabbi Shana and Maggie Wise

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

Our building is

**Closed**

December 26<sup>th</sup>

through

January 2<sup>nd</sup>

with the exception of Shabbat  
Services on Friday evenings.

*Stay warm!*

For a pastoral emergency, please  
call Brett at (216) 536-2309

OUR OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED  
MONDAY, JAN. 16<sup>th</sup>  
IN OBSERVANCE OF  
MARTIN LUTHER  
KING JR. DAY



## "WE ARE KOL AMI, AND WE SPEAK FOR THE TREES"

Every year one of the highlights of our Our Tent programming is the retreat at Punderson Manor. We spend 24 hours together in a beautiful setting, learning and laughing and connecting as a community. As we conclude our year delving into our learning theme of *Eitz Chayim Hi: It is a Tree of Life*, the theme for our retreat will be *We are Kol Ami and We Speak for the Trees*. As we have throughout the year, 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 [me](#) with any questions you may have!

*Rabbi Shana*

Rabbi Shana Nyer  
[snyer@suburbantemple.org](mailto:snyer@suburbantemple.org)



## Our Tent 2022-23 Retreat:

### "WE ARE KOL AMI, AND WE SPEAK FOR THE TREES"

Saturday, April 22 @ Noon - Sunday, April 23 @ Noon

Cost\*: \$75/Adult (double occupancy), \$45/Kid

Where: Punderson Manor Lodge in Newbury

- GAMES
- SMORES
- HAVDALAH
- ARTS & CRAFTS
- SONG SESSION
- TEXT STUDY
- CAMPFIRE



Registration is open NOW, and space is limited!  
E-mail Rochelle at [rarian@suburbantemple.org](mailto:rarian@suburbantemple.org) to RSVP.

\*Includes all meals and accommodations. This retreat is made possible through a generous grant from the Jewish Education Center of Cleveland.



## FROM BRETT'S DESK

I recently googled the question, "how many professional associations are there in the United States?" The oracle, as I refer to Google, gave me the following answer - 46,615 trade associations. 46,615 groups of

professionals and/or trade professionals who gather to learn from one another, practice their trade, and work to improve their professional community. It's a huge number.

As the executive director of ST-KA, I am part of an amazing professional association – the National Association for Temple Administration. Since joining ST-KA, I have followed in the footsteps of our Executive Director Emerita Loree Resnik, by becoming active in NATA including being invited to serve on their national board of directors.

Most recently, I was asked to be the national co-chair for our 2022 annual conference which was held in Clearwater Beach, Florida in November. It was a wonderful experience for me to work closely with many of the best executive directors in our nation to plan a conference full of learning and education.

Our theme was "Surfing Through the Waves" – a fitting theme for Florida, but in particular, for the last few years of Temple management. The challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, ever changing membership trends, fundraising, and burnout. We brought together thought leaders from across many fields to help us think, refocus, and recommit to our work.

Thank you for the gift of membership in NATA and allowing me to work with and learn from the best!

### Annual Campaign

In mid-December you received a solicitation for our 2022-23 ST-KA Stories Annual campaign. If you've already made your gift, THANK YOU! If not, please take just a moment now to visit [www.suburbantemple.org](http://www.suburbantemple.org) and click on the donate button or just send me a quick note indicating how much you'd like to give. Our annual campaign is a critical component of our annual budget, and we need everyone to participate! Again, thank you.

B'shalom,

[bshankman@suburbantemple.org](mailto:bshankman@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" shares 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!

*Suburban Temple - Kol Ami is proud to welcome*

### Adi Rabinowitz Bedein

*of Activist Holocaust Education for*

## JEWISH RESISTANCE IN THE HOLOCAUST:

Identity, Strength,  
and True Heroism



**Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup> @ 7 PM**

During the Holocaust the Jewish people were facing three options: passivity, collaboration and resistance. Adi will discuss the meaning of the Jewish resistance - a story about strength and true heroism which can teach us so much that is relevant for our everyday life.

*Adi Rabinowitz Bedein is a VIP Yad Vashem Tour Guide, and holds both a BA in Education and Political Science & an MA in Democracy Studies.*



**Hopeland  
Volunteers**

### WE SAY GOODBYE...

Charlotte Versagi is moving to Uganda to serve as the Director of Recruitment for an NGO, Hopeland Volunteers. She will be recruiting physicians, nurses, teachers and construction workers to help with ongoing projects in the bush and villages. We wish Charlotte joy, success, health, and *mazel* (luck) as she embarks on this next adventure!

### ...AND WE SAY HELLO!

Rochelle Arian joined our staff to take over where Charlotte left off. She's been working in step with Charlotte for two weeks and is ready to hit the ground running. Be sure to stop in and introduce yourself!







"Our" LFL in Shaker Square

## OUR LITTLE FREE LIBRARIES NEED DONATIONS!

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](mailto: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.

**\*6 CHOC\* IT UP TO**  
**\*6 POPPY\* LARITY...**

**WE'RE AT IT AGAIN!**  
It's time to start prepping for hamantaschen...

**LET'S \*DOUGH\* THIS!**

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

**Lots of slots to "FILL!" Want to help? [Let us know!](#)**

Final Bake and Carnival Setup is Saturday, Mar. 4<sup>th</sup>.  
Watch your Temple Times for info and ordering details!  
Pickup is Sunday, Mar. 5<sup>th</sup> during the Purim Carnival.

## Kol Nashim Book Club

Meets Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 7PM

**"UNTHINKABLE: Trauma, Truth, and the Trials of American Democracy"**  
By Jamie Raskin

"[An] extraordinary new memoir of an extraordinary year..."

"Raskin deals with two unthinkable traumas: the tragic suicide death of his beloved 25-year old son, Tommy, and the violent insurrection that took place on January 6, 2021."

RSVP to Rochelle for the link:  
[rarian@suburbantemple.org](mailto:rarian@suburbantemple.org)

PEOPLE LOVE DEAD JEWS BY DARA HORN **COMPLETED 10/21/22**

The History of Love by Nicole Krauss **COMPLETED 10/21/22**

UNTHINKABLE BY JAMIE RASKIN **1/23/23**

36 Arguments for the Existence of God Rebecca Goldstein **3/8/23**

INHERITANCE by Dani Shapiro **4/17/23**

ROSALIND FRANKLIN: THE DARK LADY OF DNA Brenda Maddox **5/30/23**

THE DOUBLE HELIX by James Watson

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





# MULTIGENERATIONAL. EDUCATIONAL. INSPIRATIONAL.

Registration is OPEN for Trimester 3! Classes begin Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>



Innovative Learning  
for Everyone

From music to science, Torah to cooking, photography to games,  
and SO MUCH MORE, there is something for EVERYONE this Trimester!  
New to Our Tent? Try it; it's worth getting up for!



## A MYRIAD OF PERCEPTION

Exploring the Many Different Ways  
the World is Perceived

Gr. 6 - Adult | TAUGHT BY DAVID NATHENSON



## A SECOND HELPING OF RECIPES FROM THE FAMILY TREE

Guest Chefs and Family Faves!

Gr. K - Adult | RABBI SHANA NYER



## IT IS A TREE OF LIFE

Learning about the Torah  
and How it Helps Us Grow

Gr. K - 4 | TAUGHT BY LINDA WOLFE



## HOOKED ON A FEELING

HOW PIXAR'S CHARACTERS CONNECT TO EMOTIONS,  
AND TO JUDAISM, AND WHY WE LOVE THEM

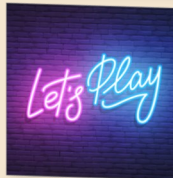
Adults | RABBI SHANA NYER



## SHAKE HANDS *with your* UNCLE MAX:

INTERVIEWING PEOPLE WITH INTERESTING JOBS ABOUT  
THEIR CONNECTION TO RELIGION AND SPIRITUALITY

Adults | DEENA NYER MENDLOWITZ



## GAME ON!

The Best Games from Israel and America  
Go Head-to-Head!

Gr. 5 - 12 | NOAH "NAPPEL" APPEL & TOMER BLISE



## IF I'M NOT FOR MYSELF, WHO WILL BE FOR ME?

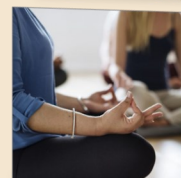
MENTAL HEALTH, SELF-CARE, AND BUILD A WEBPAGE!

Grades 5 - 12 | MAYA COHEN



## L'TAKEN: MAKING MY VOICE HEARD, MAKING THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE

For Teens Attending L'Taken | RABBI ALLISON VANN



## MINDFULNESS MOVEMENT

Yoga with Breathwork, Meditation, and Mussar

For Adults | TAUGHT BY TESSA GABLE



## TORAH TOTS!

Activities and Fun Jewish Learning  
for our Youngest Learners

Ages 0 - PreK | LIAM JACOBS



## THIS IS HOW WE DO IT! - PART II

HOW DO WE CELEBRATE EACH HOLIDAY? LET'S  
MAKE COOL STUFF TO CELEBRATE WITH AT HOME!

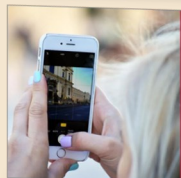
Gr. K - 4 | EMILY WEISBLATT



## WE SHALL OVERCOME

STUDYING THE JEWISH VALUE OF PROTEST  
THROUGH MUSIC

For Adults | TAUGHT BY ANDREW LEVY



## A PICTURE IS WORTH 1000 WORDS

CAPTURE ST-KA IN PICTURES, AND CREATE A PIECE  
OF ART TO COMMEMORATE OUR 75TH ANNIVERSARY!

For All Ages | JODI RICHARDSON



## HOW DID WE GET HERE?

THE MOVEMENTS OF JUDAISM,  
YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND... TOMORROW??

Adults | RABBI BEN STERNMAN

Want to learn more? See detailed [Class Descriptions](#) on our website!

## **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](http://www.suburbantemple.org/form/STKAdonation-form). Donations listed below were received between November 15 and December 19, 2022. Please let us know of any errors or omissions.

### **Annual Appeal**

Barbara and Paul Feinberg  
Jim Grunzweig  
Marie and Steven Kaufman  
Tina and Dan Tina Keller  
Rebecca and Leonid Reyzis  
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In honor of  
**Rabbi Allison Vann  
for Louis baby naming**  
Hanna Odisheli

In loving memory of  
**Eugenia Vainberg**  
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### **Bimah Flowers Fund**

In loving memory of  
**Sophie and Henry Steinbuch**  
Amy and Jordan Verbofsky

In loving memory of  
**Irmgard Baer, Albert J. Baer,  
and Hyman L. Feldman**  
Barb and Irv Feldman

In loving memory of  
**Carol F. Posner and Gary R. Posner**  
Elizabeth and Michael Kasperek

In loving memory of  
**Dr. Joseph Friedman**  
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### **Book of Remembrance**

In loving memory of  
**Paul Wexler**  
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In loving memory of  
**Manuel Forman**  
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### **Rabbi Eric J. Bram Camp & Israel Scholarship Fund**

In loving memory of  
**Clement S. Stanesco**  
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### **Lifelong Education Fund**

In honor of  
**Rabbi Shana Nyer**  
Neil Dick

### **Oneg Shabbat**

In loving memory of  
**Carol F. Posner and Gary R. Posner**  
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### **Operating Fund**

In loving memory of  
**Mary Jane Waterhouse**  
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In loving memory of  
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In loving memory of  
**Benjamin and Leah Goldberg**  
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In loving memory of  
**Robert Madow**  
Michelle Brown

In loving memory of  
**John and Marjorie Frankel**  
Barbara and Stan Brown

In honor of  
**Charlotte Versagi**  
Maria and Jonathan Litt

In honor of  
**Brett Shankman**  
Maria and Jonathan Litt

In loving memory of  
**Loren B. Weber and Gladys S. Weisman**  
Marilyn Weston

In honor of  
**Rabbi Shana Nyer**  
Nina and Scott Ruebensaal

In loving memory of  
**Max and Lillian Pilloff**  
Francine and Benson Pilloff

### **Our Tent**

Sue and Rudi Hoffman

In honor of  
**Charlotte Versagi**  
Tina and Dan Keller

In loving memory of  
**Bill Rosner**  
Tina and Dan Keller

In honor of  
**Linda Wolfe's teaching award**  
Tina and Dan Keller

In honor of  
**Shellie Nyer's Jewish Journey Speech**  
Tina and Dan Keller

In loving memory of  
**Marvine Dinner**  
Sherry and Gary Dinner

In honor of  
**Rabbi Shana Nyer**  
Victor Leung

### **Rabbi's Discretionary Fund**

Susan and Michael Cristal

In honor of  
**Sara and Joey Cohen baby naming**  
Nancy and Howard Feldenkris

In honor of  
**High Holy Days**  
Michelle Brown

In loving memory of  
**Jack Spiegelman**  
Joyce Watts

### **Vintage Suburban**

In loving memory of  
**Mary Friedman and Stanley Friedman**  
Margaret Friedman and James Bahleda

In loving memory of  
**Minnie Gutmacher**  
Noreen Bertman



# RISE & SHINE

Shabbat!

with  
Rabbi Vann,  
Rabbi Shana,  
& Maggie Wise

**SHABBAT FUN  
FOR OUR LITTELST  
& THEIR FAMILIES!**

**Sat., January 21<sup>st</sup>  
10:30–11:30 AM**  
at the Mayfield Library

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

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

RSVP to Rochelle:  
[rarian@suburbantemple.org](mailto:rarian@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**

**January 27<sup>th</sup>  
6 PM | @ST-KA**

**Future Dates:  
Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>, Mar. 10<sup>th</sup>, Apr. 14<sup>th</sup>, May 12<sup>th</sup>**

**MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR!**

## Milestone Birthdays And Anniversaries

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


Michelle Brown  
Andrew Green  
Ronald Grossman  
Susan Hirsch  
JoAnne Podis  
Deborah Zinn


No members are celebrating  
milestone anniversaries in January.  
Please let us know if we are missing  
your important milestone!



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.

## ST-KA Technology Links

**amazon smile** Are you an Amazon shopper? Start at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)  
and choose Suburban Temple-Kol Ami as your preferred  
charity! There's no extra cost - just order as usual.

 Can't join us in person in the sanctuary? Attend online!  
Visit our website at [suburbantemple.com/shabbat](https://suburbantemple.com/shabbat) for links  
to live and recorded services.

 Missed a Service or other video? Our recorded  
programming and other video resources can be viewed on  
our [YouTube Channel!](#)

  Follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram!](#)

You shop.  
Amazon gives...  
**to ST-KA!**

As of Q3 2022,  
Suburban Temple-Kol Ami  
has received  
**\$2,381.47**  
from the Amazon Smile program!

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## LET'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!](#)**

## 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:

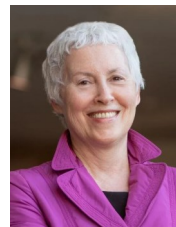
[www.suburbantemple.org/shabbat.html](http://www.suburbantemple.org/shabbat.html)

Click to make your dinner reservation!

## KOL NASHIM SHABBAT

Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup> | 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)