



April Shabbat and Worship Calendar

Friday, April 7 | 6 pm

Kabbalat Shabbat Service with
Torah reading and Kolot Kol Ami.

Friday, April 14 | 6 pm

Kabbalat Shabbat Service.

Friday, April 21 | 6 pm

Kabbalat Shabbat Service.
Come Grow With Me! Shabbat with
Rabbi Shana and Cantor Dave

Friday, April 28 | 6 pm

Kabbalat Shabbat Service.

Shabbat Acknowledgments

We are grateful to the following people
who helped make our February worship
services a beautiful experience.

Blessings: Lisa Adamson, Joe and
Will Berick, Heidi Mell, Susan Merdler,
Jacob Pilloff, Ellyn Ross, Linda and
Jerry Shuck

Torah Blessings: Linda Wolfe

Announcements: Kim Rosner,
Dorothea Polster

Ushers: Al Jaffe, Jan Lieblich, Debra
Light, Kärstin Oloffson, Ellyn Ross,
Karen Shapiro

Participants at the *Kol Nashim* Women's Shabbat on February 3:

Jodi Ashby, Amy Bloomberg, Michelle
Brown, Barbara Feldman, Jean Heflich,
Sue Hoffman, Janice Katz, Debra Light,
Laura Lindauer, Maria Litt, Susan Merdler,
Flossy Mitchell, Shellie Nyer, Lori
Rosenberg, Kim Rosner, Ellyn Ross,
Karen Shapiro, Ellen Weber, Linda Wolfe

In Memoriam

Dear Relative

Larry Steven Keller



Greetings from *Kol Nashim*

I am so looking forward to another chance to
sing and celebrate with my Temple sisters
at the *Kol Nashim* Women's Seder!
Hopefully you have already RSVP'd that you
are coming, but if not, please RSVP to Dale
Hopkins at dhopkins@suburbantemple.org
or 216.991.0700. This event always proves
to be one of the most fun and rewarding. I
find it to be a moving evening because I
don't have the opportunity to be together
in celebration with other women as often as
I would like to. I urge you to gather your
girlfriends, mothers, daughters, sisters,
aunts and granddaughters to celebrate
Passover in this meaningful experience led
by Rabbi Vann and soloist Laura Lindauer.
Please bring a wine glass or goblet special
to you to be used as a Miriam's Cup
during the Seder. We will serve traditional
Pesach foods, including a light meal. We
will sing, we will dance, we will question,
and we will learn together! The cost is \$18
for *Kol Nashim* members and \$21 for
non-members.

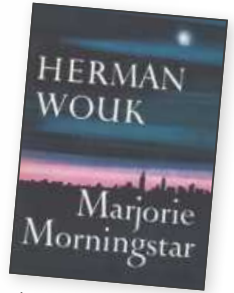
Our Prides and Joys

Deedra and **Carter Strang** welcome
grandson Ichito Robert Uth. Parents Adam
and Michiko Uth live in Shaker Heights.



**ST-KA members: The spotlight's on
you!** We'd love to highlight your accom-
plishments, honors, and accolades in the
monthly *Bulletin* and in the Temple Times.
Send submissions to dhopkins@suburbantemple.org.

Looking to **May 11**,
please join us at the home
of Susan Merdler for ST-KA
Book Club. We will be dis-
cussing Herman Wouk's
novel, *Marjorie Morningstar*.
I haven't read it yet but the
publisher describes it as,
"Rich with humor and poi-
gnancy, *Marjorie Morningstar* is a
classic love story, one that spans two conti-
nents and two decades in the life of its hero-
ine. This unforgettable paean to youthful
love and the bittersweet sorrow of a first
heartbreak endures as one of Herman
Wouk's most beloved creations." RSVP to
Dale Hopkins if you will be joining us and he
will give you an exact address at that time.



Finally, please save the date for *Kol
Nashim's* closing program and tea! The
event will be on **May 21** and as always,
promises to be fun and delicious! Look for
more details to follow soon.

Amy Bloomberg,
Kol Nashim President
STKAKolNashim@gmail.com



Milestone birthday listings begin at age 50
and every five years afterward.

All birthdays 100 and over are listed.

Milestone anniversaries begin at ten years and
continue every five years thereafter.

Lifelong Learning

Come Grow with Me Shabbat

On **Friday, April 21, at 6 pm** join us for a brief, interactive, and fun Shabbat service, featuring music by Cantor Dave and a story by Rabbi Shana. The service is followed by Shabbat dinner for families with very young children (0-9 years old). This program is free, and open to the community so invite your friends with Jewish kids!

Parent's Night Out

Would you like a date night? Or a night out with friends? Let our professionally trained teachers, Kathy Klein and Heidi Mell, and their assistants watch your children while you go and enjoy yourselves! All children 1 year and older are welcome to join us **April 29, from 6-9:00 pm** for a pizza dinner, activities, *havdalah*, and a movie in pajamas. The cost is \$10 per child with a maximum of \$25 per family for the whole evening, and this program is open to the community, so tell your friends with Jewish kids!

Menchkins

The curtain is going up for our last Menchkins event taking place at *Talespinner Children's Theatre* on **Sunday, April 9 from 10-11:15 am**. This theater, located at the Reinberger Auditorium, 5209 Detroit Avenue, is home to Cleveland's ONLY professional children's theater company. All 0-4 year olds and their parents will have the opportunity to act out Passover, (The Haggadah, The Ten Plagues, The Seder Plate), through creative movement and imagination. Come roll like a matzoh ball or cross the Red Sea as we learn more about this springtime holiday.

Siyyum – A Celebration of Learning

Join our religious school community on **Sunday, May 7, from 11 am-noon** for a Siyyum, a celebration of learning. We will honor our teachers and madrichim. We will wish our graduating seniors well on their journeys. We will bless our students going to camp and celebrate the year we had together as a kehillah, a community. Then we'll enjoy a picnic lunch together! This is the final day of Religious School for this year.

Please RSVP for all above programs by emailing LifelongLearning@suburbantemple.org or calling the Temple at 216.991.0700.

April Programs, Events, and Meetings

Torah study meets every Saturday morning from 9:15-10:15 am. Join Rabbi Vann in the Gries Library for bagels and open discussion about the Torah.

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| Sun., April 2 | NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL |
| Mon., April 3 | 7 pm Board of Trustees meeting 7 pm Kolot Kol Ami rehearsal |
| Tues., April 4 | 6:30 pm Adult B'nai Mitzvah class |
| Wed., April 5 | 5:30 pm <i>Kol Nashim</i> Women's Seder |
| Thurs., April 6 | 5:30 pm Tikkun Olam Committee meeting |
| Sun., April 9 | 10 am Menchkins at Talespinner Children's Theatre |
| Mon., April 10 | PASSOVER BEGINS AT SUNDOWN – FIRST SEDER |
| Tues., April 11 | OFFICE CLOSED FOR PASSOVER |
| Sun., April 16 | NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL |
| Mon., April 17 | OFFICE CLOSED FOR PASSOVER PASSOVER ENDS AT SUNDOWN |
| Tues., April 18 | 6:30 pm Adult B'nai Mitzvah class |
| Wed., April 19 | 12 pm Vintage Film Festival |
| Sun., April 23 | Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day) 9:30 am Mitzvah Day |
| Wed., April 26 | 7 pm Executive Committee meeting |
| Fri., April 28 | 7 pm Congregational Dinner with <i>Our Tent</i> sample session |
| Sat., April 29 | 6 pm Parents' Night Out |
| Sun., April 30 | 9:30 am Religious School Families' <i>Our Tent</i> sample session |

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 honor important accomplishments.

A current list of Temple funds is available from the Temple office. Donations may be made online at www.suburbantemple.org. Donations listed below were received between February 1-28, 2017. Please let us know of any errors or omissions

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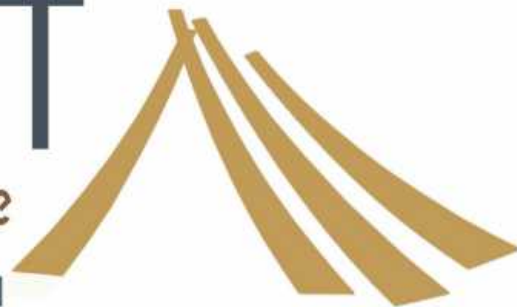
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In gratitude for the success of the Bagel Brunch
Rabbi Shana Nyer, Flossy Mitchell and Susan Hirsch
Jan Lieblich

OUR TENT

Innovative Jewish Learning for Everyone

SUBURBAN TEMPLE-KOL AMI



Our Tent Opens September 10, 2017

Dear Friends,

Included in this special section of the bulletin is a lot of information about *Our Tent: Innovative Jewish Learning for All*. Our new learning program, which is designed for our entire congregation, is the culmination of more than two years of studying best practices in education and the diverse needs of our 21st century learners. The Lifelong Learning Committee, together with staff and experts from the field, have created an educational program in the most creative, thoughtful, and engaging ways possible, with each member of our Suburban Temple-Kol Ami community in mind. The Board of Trustees has enthusiastically approved this plan.

Most importantly: as our primary learning program, *Our Tent* brings together our entire congregation on Sunday mornings to learn together. *Our Tent* is for adults and children, young and the old and all of us in between. It's for those who want to learn together with all age groups, and for those who want to learn with their peers. It's for those who prefer to learn through a book or lecture, and for those who want to learn through experience and expression of their creativity. It's for those who want to explore history and those who want to dream about the future.

With *Our Tent* we seek, as we always have, to be pioneers. We've learned the following from educational research, as well as the results of our congregational survey: **you** want to be partners in **your** Jewish education. **You** want to help decide what and how you learn. So we followed the advice of great educators, and you! We've built the entire program around **you**.

Adults will choose those sessions which are most stimulating and uplifting. School age learners will sign up and attend for the entire year, and still benefit from choice as they select from the learning sessions that most intrigue and inspire.

Additionally, did you know that we learn and retain even more when we focus on an area in greater depth? This is why we're concentrating our classes into three trimesters, so we can build mastery on a topic.

A Jewish scholar once wrote, "A tent cannot stand without pegs and cord, and Israel cannot stand without scholars." *Our Tent* is a program that allows each of us to stand in a tent of Jewish learning in a meaningful and relevant way for the 21st century.

In the next few pages, the details about our new program will be highlighted, and we'll continue to communicate even more in the coming months. We hope that we'll be answering many of your questions. If you have more, please don't hesitate to ask.

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Rabbi Allison Vann

Handwritten signature of Shana Nyer in black ink.

Rabbi Shana Nyer,
Director of Lifelong Learning

Handwritten signature of Brett Shankman in black ink.

Brett Shankman, Executive Director

Handwritten signature of Kim Rosner in black ink.

Kim Rosner, President

Come Learn More!

Sample Sessions

Friday, April 28
6 pm

Join us for services, followed by a light dinner and learning for all members of the congregation

Sunday, April 30
9:30 am

Religious school students and parents are invited to this sample session.

Wednesday, May 10
7 pm

This sample session is for our adult members.

Registration to begin at the end of May!

Our Goals

- To be **together** in community.
- For each learner to find **personal meaning**.
- For **Judaism** to be **relevant** to our daily life.
- To gain **proficiency** with chosen material.
- To grow a stronger **Jewish identity**.
- To **create Jewish memories** through engaging, innovative, and experiential learning.
- To foster **relationships** and connections that create lasting communities.
- That all of these experiences will create **lifelong learners**.

When Are We Gathering?

When: Sunday 9:00 am-12:00 pm

Who: All of us: youngest to oldest

Schedule:

9:00-9:20 – **The Café**

The Café is our community time. This unstructured time of the day is important—it's when we begin to meet our goals of gathering **together** and fostering **relationships**. Bagels, coffee and juice will be sold to benefit our youth group!

9:00-9:20– **The Lounge**

Our 6–12th graders have their own space for community time. Enjoying special activities with our youth advisors and Rabbi Vann, they too, will begin to meet the goals of gathering **together** and fostering **relationships**.

9:25-10:20 – **Learning Session I**

Whether studying text, learning history, singing, cooking, engaging in social action, or more, during our **learning sessions** our learners will find **personal meaning**, make Judaism **relevant** to their daily lives, grow a stronger **Jewish identity**, create **lasting memories**, and become **lifelong learners**. With classes chosen by you, our learning sessions will build **community** and foster **relationships**.

10:25-11:00 – **T'filah (Services)**

Like the rest of our program, our *t'filah* experience will be **creative, innovative** and **experiential**. It will help not only connect us to our **ST-KA community**, but to the larger **Jewish community** through our **common prayers** and the **Hebrew language**.

11:05-12:00 – **Learning Session II**

This session, like Learning Session I, provides several different courses and experiences for all ages.

What is a Learning Session?

Classes are offered in three 6-8 week trimesters.

There will be up to 10 classes offered per learning session (per trimester).

Classes are offered in three demographics:

- Kids only
- Adults only
- Kids and adults together

Learners sign up each learning session for the class that they are most interested in that is offered to their age group.

Here are just some of the Learning Sessions we are planning for the coming year:

PG 13 Bible Stories – *What didn't you learn about in Religious School?!?!* (for 7th grade and up)

The Jewish Values through Improv – *Where do Jewish Values and Improvisational Comedy Intersect?* (offered to different age groups throughout the year)

Jewish Yoga – *The Combining of Two Meditative Practices* (for all ages)

Prayer through Art – to be held at the Art Museum (for adults only)

Jewish Book Club – explore your favorite books on different Jewish themes. (1st–4th grade)

Creating the Jewish holidays in Legos (for the young and the young at heart!)

What Would Hillel Do?: *Great Wisdom from One of Our Greatest Sages* (for adults only)

Everybody has a Place in Our Tent!

What if an adult wants to learn with other adults?

In both learning sessions, not only are there learning opportunities for adults and children together, but there are also choices available for adults to learn with other adults, and children to learn with their peers.

What if I or my child has special learning or physical needs?

We are very proud of our ability to work with everyone and to meet many diverse needs. If you or your child has special needs, please set up an appointment with Rabbi Shana so we can work with you to create the best learning environment possible. We ask that if your child has an IEP or 504 Plan you bring it with you to the meeting.

What about madrichim?

Is there an opportunity for teens to be madrichim (classroom aides)?

YES! Learners in 8th–12th grade will have the opportunity to be learners themselves during one of the learning sessions and to be madrichim during the other. Regular attendance is expected for those wanting to be madrichim.

What about our youngest learners?

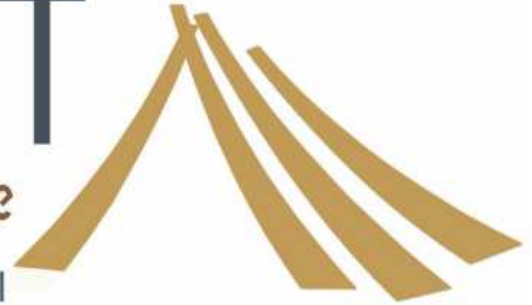
What if I have a child who is not yet in kindergarten?

All children younger than kindergarten age whose parents are attending *Our Tent* will be invited to our new Torah Tots program. This program will be available all morning and will include child care and age-appropriate Jewish learning.

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Registration Begins at the End of May

How do I register?

Registration will be available online and for those who need, it will be available in paper..

Registration for fall trimester will be distributed in the late spring and will be open through the end of August. Registration for winter trimester will take place during fall trimester. Registration for spring trimester will take place during winter trimester.

Adults (all those beyond high school age) have three options:

- register for Learning Session I
- register for Learning Session II
- register for the entire morning

We encourage adults to attend *T'filah* no matter which option they choose.

Adults will register for each trimester as registration comes out.

All students in kindergarten–12th grade must enroll for the **entire year when fall registration comes out**, and **attend the entire morning**.^{*} They will choose their classes as each trimester's registration is released.

**Day school students must attend weekly beginning with T'filah through Learning Session II, but are welcome to attend the entire morning if they desire.*

Are there requirements for Our Tent?

For those in kindergarten–7th grade: In addition to registering for the entire year, and attending the entire morning, learners must attend 80% of the yearly classes. There will also be a yearly Shabbat service attendance requirement based on grade level. A learner must be enrolled in *Our Tent* in order to have a Bar/Bat Mitzvah.

For those in 8th–12th grade: In addition to registering for the entire year, and attending the entire morning, we ask that learners also commit to regular attendance to create a sense of community.

For adult learners: While there are no requirements, we ask that learners commit to attending the majority of classes as one of our goals is to create a sense of community, which is only possible with regular attendance.

Is there a cost to attend Our Tent?

All students in kindergarten–12th grade will be charged a learning fee which will offset the cost of our program. This fee will be set by the Board of Trustees on a yearly basis.

There is currently no charge for our adult learners. Many sponsorship opportunities will be available to offset the costs of *Our Tent* and learners are encouraged to participate. To find out more, please contact either Rabbi Shana Nyer or Brett Shankman.

But Wait, There's More...

Friday Evenings:

- We will celebrate *Learning Shabbat* 3-5 times a year.
- Following services, enjoy dinner and then adult learning and parallel programming for kids and teens.

Weeknights:

Adult learning at ST-KA and offsite may include:

- Adult B'nai Mitzvah
- Speakers
- Lectures
- Workshops
- Three-part series

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MITZVAH DAY
Sunday, April 23, 2017
9 am – noon

To sign up, please contact
Dale Hopkins at
dhopkins@suburbantemple.org
or 216.991.0700

Watch your e-mail for updates!

Vintage Film Festival 2017

Vintage invites the congregation and their friends to two films, one in April and another in May. Films will be followed by discussions with Rabbi Vann and Rabbi Nyer and Vintage will provide coffee, tea, and dessert. Please RSVP to Dale Hopkins at dhopkins@suburbantemple.org or 216.991.0700.



Wednesday, April 19 | Noon
(Please bring your own lunch)

The Monuments Men (2014) An unlikely World War II platoon is tasked to rescue art masterpieces from Nazi thieves and return them to their owners. Starring: George Clooney, Matt Damon, Bill Murray, Cate Blanchett and Hugh Bonneville.



Wednesday, May 4 | 7 pm

Beneath the Helmet: From High School to the Home Front (2014) is a coming of age documentary that highlights five young Israeli high school graduates, who are drafted into the army to defend their country. At the age of 18, away from their houses, family, and friends these young individuals undergo a demanding journey, revealing the core of who they are and who they want to be.