



Dan Nichols Musician -in -Residence

Friday, April 12 - Sunday, April 14

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7:30 pm - Shabbat Service Musical Experience

Saturday, April 13

10:00 am - Tot Shabbat with Dan Nichols

10:30 am - Shabbat Service with Dan Nichols

Lunch & Learn with Dan Nichols

(for those with reservations)

7:30 pm - Havdalah and Adult Evening with Dan Nichols
in an informal setting

Sunday, April 14, 11:00 am - Family Concert

Dan Nichols' visit to Valley Temple is a sponsored by the Sass Family
in memory of Robert Sass and by an anonymous donor

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

MONDAY, APRIL 1, 9:00 AM

End of Passover Morning Service (Yizkor included)

FRIDAY, APRIL 5

Shabbat Service

Music: Bob Pollack and Marilyn Zelcer

Oneg Shabbat hosted by Stefan Eckert in memory of Sol Eckert

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

9:30 am – Torah Study

10:30 am – Shabbat Service

Torah Portion: Leviticus 9:1-11:47

FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 7:30 PM

Family Shabbat Service

Music: Dan Nichols

Oneg Shabbat hosted by Bill & Rita Clark in honor of Dan Nichols

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

9:30 am – Torah Study

10:00 – Tot Shabbat with Dan Nichols

10:30 am – Shabbat Service with Dan

Torah Portion: Leviticus 12:1-15:33

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**YOM HA'ATZMAUT
SERVICE**

**WITH
CANTOR YVON SHORE**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 16
AT 7:00 P.M.**

**HELP US CELEBRATE
ISRAEL AT 65!**





**FROM THE RABBI ...
Sandford R. Kopnick**

AND GIVE US PEACE

Many look forward to the prayer at a life cycle event known as the “priestly blessing.” Some like it because it generally signals that the end of the service is approaching, but for others, it is that familiar moment when God’s involvement is requested by the officiant. The *birkat kohanim* (priestly blessing) requests God’s presence for future moments. It begins: “*Yivarechicha Adonai v’yishmercha— Adonai bless you and keep you.*”

These three lines actually contain six ideas that comprise the blessing: The first line asks that God *bless* and *keep*; the second that the light from God’s face *shine* and *be gracious*; the third that *God’s face be lifted* up and that God *give peace*.

When we really look at the six ideas, it is difficult to tell how they are really so different. Is there a difference between being blessed and the security that comes with being kept? What could be more gracious than feeling God’s presence shine on us? God lifting up God’s face is generally thought to be a smile—and what could be more peaceful than gaining God’s knowable approval?

Many have written about how these lines differ, since our Sages taught that the Torah does have meaningless redundancies. Commentator Rashi (1040-1105), for example, taught that the first line deals with property, the second with God’s grace, and the third with God withholding God’s anger.

Yet, for many of us, this wonderful blessing conjures images of past simchot (joyous events)—and our clergy who invoked the blessing. Some rabbi’s raise their hands and make the sign of the kohen (which Leonard Nemoy made popular as the Vulcan Sign on Star Trek). I lovingly remember my Bar Mitzvah blessing when our then 85 year old Rabbi Fram raised his arthritic hands—which curved perfectly to engulf the head of the one he was addressing!

Rabbi Schwartz (of blessed memory) from Chicago would invoke this blessing at a *bat mitzvah*, and especially embrace the last idea of (*v’yasem l’cha shalom*) Adonai granting peace—reminding the one in front of him that the root of the word “*shalom*” means “fullness.” When he would say that, most of us were generally inspired to think that the preceding ideas all lead to a full and blessed life.

Regardless of what you remember, or what image it creates, the most important focus is that God blesses—not people, and working to deserve it matters! Have a great month!

B’shalom,

Sandford R. Kopnick, Rabbi

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FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 7:30 PM

Shabbat Service
Music: Bob Pollack and Marilyn Zelcer
Oneg Shabbat hosted by Colin Nourie & Sarah Singer-Nourie in honor of Rae Nourie becoming a Bat Mitzvah

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

9:30 am – Torah Study
10:30 am – Shabbat Service
Rae Nourie, daughter of Colin Nourie & Sarah Singer-Nourie becomes a Bat Mitzvah
Torah Portion: Leviticus 16:1-20:27

FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 7:30 PM

FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE
Shabbat Service
Oneg Shabbat hosted by Sam & Laura Lobar in honor of Marcelle Lobar becoming a Bat Mitzvah

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

9:30 am – Torah Study
10:30 am – Shabbat Service
Marcelle Lobar, daughter of Sam and Laura Lobar becomes a Bat Mitzvah
Torah Portion: Leviticus 21:1-24:23

Torah Study

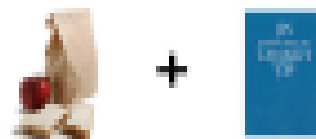
No Experience Required!!



Every Shabbat (Saturday) Morning
At 9:30 a.m.
With Rabbi Kopnick and/or
Rabbinic Intern Carolan Glatstein

Lunch & Learn

Judaism Confronts Contemporary Issues

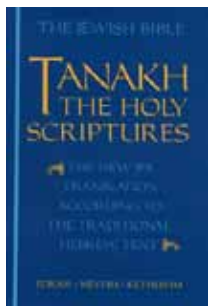


Rabbi Kopnick guides a discussion based on current events, recent sociological studies, resolutions or official positions of the Union for Reform Judaism

NO APRIL DOWNTOWN LUNCH AND LEARN
MONDAY, APRIL 8 NOON
AT THE TEMPLE

LET'S LEARN BIBLE

Ecclesiastes, Lamentations, and Song of Songs



With Carolan Glatstein,
Rabbinic Intern

Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.

April 2 and April 9

Both the sadness of life, and the joy of love are themes of these three Biblical books in the final third of the Hebrew Bible, called “the Writings, or Ketuvim” Join our rabbinic intern as we understand the sadness and mourning of Lamentations and Ecclesiastes, and the beautiful poetry of the Song of Songs (Shir Hashirim).

LUNCH & LEARN WITH DAN NICHOLS

Saturday, April 13
Following Services

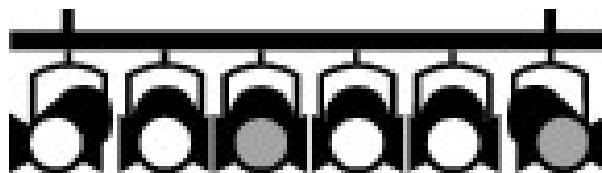


Lunch \$10
by reservation

Dan's unique approach to spirituality and music will be the topic for learning and sharing during this unique experience.

Join us for a memorable service and learning opportunity!

RSVP to the Temple office



PARADE

Tony Award Winning Musical

The cast includes students from UC's College Conservatory of Music

The story of Leo Frank who was charged with a murder he did not commit in Atlanta in 1913.

The anti-Semitism of that era and during the case led to the formation of B'nai B'rith's Anti Defamation League.

CARNEGIE THEATRE IN COVINGTON, KENTUCKY

SUNDAY, APRIL 21 at 3:00 PM

Tickets are \$21 per person

Following the show, our group will have the opportunity for a Q&A session with the director and some of the actors.

Send your check and reservation to the Valley Temple office,
145 Springfield Pike, Cincinnati, OH 45215





WHAT'S HAPPENING IN RELIGIOUS SCHOOL?

ALISON WEIKEL,
DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

Rabbi Jill Jacobs, the Executive Director of Rabbis for Human Rights-North America, writes, "it is no accident that the Jewish people call themselves 'Am Yisrael'—'the people of Israel'— rather than 'Dat Yisrael,' or 'the religion of Israel.' A sense of peoplehood has long been the defining characteristic of the Jews."

I write this after have experienced our wonderful morning of learning together at the "Let My People Go: The Ultimate Freedom Festival" program at the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center. The event followed more than a year of planning with Rabbi Kopnick and Rockdale Temple's rabbi and educators. (The funding for this program came from the Bureau of Jewish Education Endowment Fund, administered by the Jewish Community Education Council (JCEC) and the Mayerson JCC).

The 296 attendees exceeded our expectations and the power of our peoplehood was palpable as all of those voices joined together to sing "Hinei Mah Tov" – How good it is to be together, the *Sh'ma*, and We Shall Overcome.

There are more opportunities coming up when you can explore what it means to be a people with your Valley community.

Every Friday night and Saturday morning, you can join your friends at Valley to welcome and celebrate Shabbat, our chance to remember to rest and renew our partnership with God in the Creation of the world in which we live.

Family Shabbat services, designed especially for school age children and their families are on the second Friday of each month. The next two are April 12 and May 10. Our next Family Shabbat dinner will be on Friday, May 10 and the 4th, 5th and 6th graders will have a part in the service.

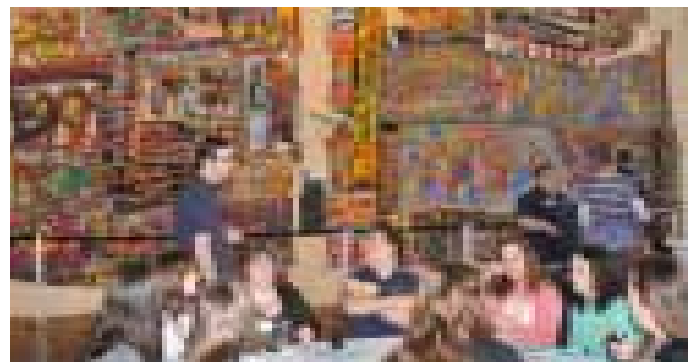
Dan Nichols' Artist-in-Residence weekend offers may opportunities to connect with your Valley family as Dan's special brand of music and spirituality fills the sanctuary Friday, April 12 and Saturday, April 13. Dan will be singing at Tot Shabbat on Saturday, April 13 at 10AM. There is a special lunch and learn with Dan for adults on Saturday, April 13 following Shabbat Morning Services at 10:30 AM and then our Religious School students will have the opportunity to learn with Dan on Sunday, April 14. The weekend culminates in the community concert on Sunday, April 14 at 11AM. You will not want to miss it!

As always, I thank you for sharing your children with us... Every Family Shabbat and every Religious School session helps me enhance my definition of our peoplehood. I am honored to be a part of this community and I look forward to sharing some of the upcoming experiences with you.

B'shalom,

Alison

Alison Weikel





WOMEN OF REFORM JUDAISM
stronger together

Another successful book discussion, led by our own Amy Huseman!

Our book discussion took place at Bilog, and was attended by 15+ members. We discussed "Chicken Soup for the Jewish Soul" and shared which stories touched us and why. What a lovely morning!

A great way to support the Sisterhood would be to register your Kroger card to the Sisterhood through the Kroger Community Rewards program. Just register at krogercommunityrewards.com and help Sisterhood support Valley Temple programming just by doing your shopping! Please contact Chrissy Knarr with any questions.

Another year is coming to a close. Upcoming meeting dates are April 21 & May 5, with installation of officers and the religious school picnic on May 19. Please stop by! Meetings start at 10AM at the temple. We are always looking for new members; it is never too late to join.

Hope everyone had a wonderful Pesach!

B'Shalom,

Susan

Susan Elgowsky
Recording Secretary

THANK YOU, THANK YOU

Special thanks to Sisterhood for their generous donation to support Temple programs including

Religious School
Youth Group Advisor
Temple Dinners
Oneg Fund
Camp Scholarships

We are very grateful to the Women of Reform Judaism/Sisterhood who work hard all year long to make these donations possible.

MEN'S CLUB IS BUSY!

The executive team: Sam Lobar, President; Scott Steinberg, Vice President; Elliot Spieler, Treasurer; and Len Elgowsky, Membership Secretary, met February 28th at Scott's house in order to go over a list of items for 2013. Among those discussed:

- The Next Men's Club General Meeting will be **Tuesday April 30, 2013, 6:30-7:30 PM** at Valley Temple. We will be discussing executive committee terms of service and mission statement. All members and prospective members are welcome to attend. Light refreshments will be available.
- The Men's Club is in the process of planning the following future events: a possible Daddy and Donuts at the temple before a religious school session in the fall, a summer Cincinnati Reds Game for the entire family, Cyclones game, and more. **Save the date:** The annual **Valley Temple Men's Club Picnic/BBQ** – fun for the whole family - will take place on **August 25 at Sharon Woods, 1 pm-4pm**. We are currently looking for people who will be interested in helping the Men's Club for that day. Last year was a great event: Let's try to top it!
- There's still time to join the Men's Club. Dues are \$36, and, combined with the dues of others, will help offset *some* of our events, fully fund the annual Picnic/BBQ, and, eventually, will also serve as a fund to support other Valley Temple programs. We look forward to a terrific year for the Men's club!

KROGER REWARDS SHOPPERS

The Kroger Community Rewards program requires all participants to re-register each April.



If you have already registered at krogercommunityrewards.com, it will be very simple to renew and continue helping Sisterhood to support Valley Temple programming just by doing your grocery shopping!.

If you are not yet participating in this program, please register now!

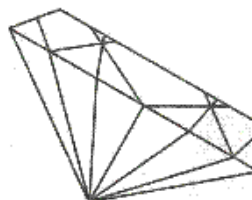
If you have any questions, please contact Chrissy Knarr.
Sisterhood Thanks You!!!

a Valley Temple production

Denim & Diamonds 2013

Denim & Diamonds is a wonderful evening of food, friends, a competitive game with prizes and a silent auction.






Save the date!
June 1, 2013



Volunteers are needed to help on various committees. The enthusiasm is infectious -- please help us make this another amazing event (and a huge fundraiser for the Temple) by contacting Kathie Tamarkin or Amy Paul to say you will help.

Help a little or a lot -- there is a job for everyone's ability and time

WAYS TO MAKE THE *Denim and Diamonds* AUCTION FABULOUS:

-  **Reach out to the merchants you patronize** – Eat at a great restaurant every week? Purchase wonderful local jewelry? Play golf with your banker, lawyer, accountant, etc? These are all great folks to ask for a sponsorship (Denim \$50/Diamond \$100), gift certificate or donated auction item.
-  **Donate gift cards you haven't used** – You can donate gift cards you haven't used in any amount. Someone else may love the restaurant you thought was 'meh.'
-  **Discreetly regift** – That scarf you got for Chanukah just not your style? Already have one too many (item name here)? Donate the item to the Auction and lose the guilt.
-  **Share what you love with others** – Have season tickets for the Bengals, Reds, PlayHouse in the Park, Opera, etc? Share tickets to a game/performance as an auction item.
-  **Basket-Mania** – Have fun putting together a theme basket: Great cooking items; kids' rainy day fun; car safety; spa day.

Need more info about the silent auction? Contact Jody Finley or the Temple office



MAZAL TOV

Colin Nourie and Sarah Singer-Nourie on their daughter, Rae becoming a Bat Mitzvah

Sam and Laura Lobar on their daughter, Marcelle becoming a Bat Mitzvah

Sustaining the Generations...

We gratefully acknowledge the following contributions:

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In memory of Edith Belloch; *from Ricki & Stuart Hodesh*

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In memory of Mirion Shifman; *from Carol & Julian Magnus*

In memory of Samuel L. Harris & Sarah Harris; *from Robert & Rheda Harris*

In memory of Nathan Kaller; *from Lynn, Neil, Alicia, & Max Kravitz*

In memory of Father; *from Alberta Hemsley*

In honor of Purim; *from the Lobar Family*

Our grateful thanks to the Sass Family and an anonymous donor whose donations have made Dan Nichols' visit possible.

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Elliot & Helen	Spieler	04/02/2000
Stephen & Sallie	Berg	04/11/1976
Ben & Francie	Davis	04/17/2005
Dan & Ginger	Friedberg	04/24/1961
Linda & Jeff	Lazar	04/28/1978
Izar & Stacey	Sпивak	04/30/2011

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

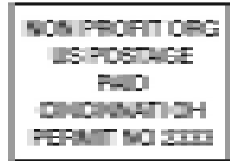
Jake Moeller	04/02
Anna Steinberg	04/03
Judy Davis	04/03
Zachary Segal	04/03
Mark S. Miller	04/03
Philip Hoffheimer	04/03
Len Segal	04/04
Sarah Lytle	04/04
Alberta Hemsley	04/04
Ava Kae Kane	04/04
Robin G. Miller	04/04
Leah Moeller	04/04
Sarah Moeller	04/04
Margie Schneider	04/05
Liz Levy	04/05
Jared Dornheggen	04/06
Alfred Straus III	04/06
David Knarr	04/06
David Steed	04/07
Sarah Schwartzman	04/07
Reabelle Emdin	04/07
Brady McClelland	04/09
Adrian Niedermann	04/10
Sophie Greenberg	04/10
Amy Paul	04/10
Brian Meeron	04/11
Steven Levine	04/11
Dr. Jim Geller	04/12
Amy Huseman	04/12
Tim McCarrick	04/12
Susan Katz	04/13
Jacob Cogan	04/13
Matthew Berman	04/14
Andrea Heines	04/14
Ginger Friedberg	04/15
Daniel Stewart	04/15
Susan Marmo	04/15
James M. Miller	04/17
Henry Codd	04/17
Sylvia Maltz	04/18
Neil Berman	04/19
Marcelle Lobar	04/19
Rick Beasley	04/20
Linda Lazar	04/21
Jessica Dessner	04/21
Grace Rhein	04/22
Aaron Dessner	04/23
Bryce Dessner	04/23
Ashley Schlaeger	04/24
Cherie Brandt	04/25
Joe Frecker	04/25
Martin Paul	04/25
Brian McKinney	04/25
Daniel Niederman	04/26
Sarah Ran	04/27
Bobby Denham	04/27
Len Elgowsky	04/28
Kathy Klein	04/30
Isaac Goldner	04/30
Eliza Gruenhagen	04/30
Jonah Paul	04/30

Mazel Tov!

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PURIM 2013

The Band

Not Ready for Shushan Players

