

**SELICHOT ADULT EDUCATION AND SERVICE
TO WELCOME HIGH HOLY DAYS**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
ADULT EDUCATION 8:00 PM**

“To Plant or Not to Plant Seed: Homosexuality and the Bible
Rabbi Marshal Klaven
Director of Rabbinic Services for the
Goldring/Woldenberg Institute
of Southern Jewish Life



Dessert Reception will follow Rabbi Klaven’s discussion

**FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE STYLE
MUSIC FOR SELICHOT**

Featuring
Friday Night Live Band
Saturday, September 8
10:00 pm

Readings and Liturgy
created by our summer
Rabbinic Fellow, Jason Levine

**Marilyn Zelcer, Soprano
Cantorial Soloist for Holy Days**

Marilyn Zelcer, our long time Friday night and b'nai mitzvah soloist will now be our lead singer for the High Holy Days.



Marilyn has been the High Holy Day soloist for Congregation Adath Israel in Lexington, KY for many years, and we are blessed to have her lead our group this year. She joins Lincoln Chapman and Sarah Fozderac Chenevey. Chinami Ikeda will return to accompany the ensemble.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

9:30 am – Torah Study
10:30 am – Shabbat Service
Torah Portion: Deuteronomy 21:10 – 25:19

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 7:30 PM

Shabbat Service
Music: Charlene Gubitz

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

9:30 am – Torah Study
10:00 am – Tot Shabbat with Charlene Gubitz
10:30 am – Shabbat Service
Torah Portion: Deuteronomy 26:1 – 29:8
8:00 pm – **SELICHOT** with Rabbi Marshal Klaven
9:30 pm – Dessert Reception
10:00 pm – Havdalah/Torah Cover Changing/Selichot Service with Friday Night Live Band

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 7:30 PM

7:30 pm - Family Shabbat Service
Music: Carolan Glatstein

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

9:30 am – Torah Study
10:30 am – Shabbat Service
Torah Portion: Deuteronomy 29:9 – 30:20

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 8:00 PM

EREV ROSH HASHANAH SERVICE
Reception following the service hosted by
Members of the Congregation

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 – ROSH HASHANAH

9:00 am – Family Service with Charlene Gubitz
10:15 am – Tot Service with Charlene Gubitz
10:45 – Gates of Repentance Service



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

FINDING GOD THROUGH STUDY

By the time you read this, I will hopefully be on the road to recovery after many weeks with either no voice or a very compromised voice due to laryngitis created by a reaction to some medication. As illnesses go, there are many far worse health issues than laryngitis. When you're a rabbi, however, it is scary.

One of the doctors asked that I become as close to silent as possible, but as someone who spends a great deal of time talking (sometimes with nothing to say), this was a tall order. Sometimes, I would show up with a mini-white board and marker, and write what I would otherwise say. About half the time, the "other" person would mouth the answer, write back, or play a version of charades to respond to my message. It was fascinating how often I had to remind people that I could hear, just not speak.

Some stopped speaking to me, because they were afraid I would speak an answer, or they were frustrated by waiting for me to write my answer. Given how long this was going on, the feelings of exclusion and irrelevance were gaining momentum. I also learned that many depended on the input I could provide—and that the spoken word seemed to matter. And while I got very good at texting, even to people across the desk from me, conversations were far briefer, phone calls were not made, and connections were postponed until a more vocal time.

The summer situation also gave me a chance to understand what it really means when someone feels like they have no voice. I have been blessed over the years to be given a place at many tables, where my input has mattered, and where I have felt valued. Yet, there are so many in our community who have feelings of isolation, irrelevance, or exclusion. Some of these feelings are self-imposed, for they feel ashamed of some moment or circumstance when they assume others value them less—whether because of a financial set-back, a moral transgression, or another life-changing moment. Others feel less "heard" because their position in a company changed, they retired, they are ill and in need of care when they were once the "care-giver." Yet, all of these people deserve our respect and our sensitivity.

It is interesting, the Talmud teaches that in order for someone to be considered "*chayav*" (the technical term for someone who has fulfilled a commandment) about reciting the *Shema*--they actually have to say it at the appropriate times. We can't mouth it, nor can we write it. We have to make the sounds. After living through a time when I felt the sounds I would make would offend God (they certainly sounded like some sort of reptile), I really understood how one could feel by not being allowed to fulfill a commandment. And yet, when I was part of our prayer community—even when I could not speak—I felt

chayav—or that I had fulfilled my obligation to prayer and to the community and our God who all assemble for our service. It is not the first time the Talmud and I were at odds.

It seems to me that one of the roles that we Jews have is to help others find their voice. We are to remember the stranger for we were strangers in the land of Egypt. By our actions, we can make others fulfilled in the mitzvah of making the world a better place. For those who can't say what they need, it is up to us to figure it out—and help in the most dignified ways we can.

Oh, and one more thing that I understood a little better...just because people don't speak, it doesn't mean that they didn't hear or understand! Sometimes silent folks have the most to say.

Have a great month and L'shanah Tovah!

Sandford R. Kopnick,
Rabbi

CEMETERY SERVICES

Sunday, September 23

JEWISH CEMETERY OF GREATER CINCINNATI

✧Montgomery - 10:30 am
✧Walnut Hills - 11:30 am

Short Memorial Service led by Rabbi Kopnick
Meet inside the cemetery gate

Should you wish to say Kaddish at a
different cemetery, please call the Temple office

Zichronan l'vracha - May their memories be for a blessing

COME LEARN WITH US ...

WATCH YOUR MAIL FOR
THE FALL
ADULT EDUCATION
PROGRAM
including seminars, adult Hebrew classes,
Lunch N Learn and more ...

Religious Services continued from page 1

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 7:30 PM

Shabbat Shuvah

Music: Bob Pollack and Marilyn Zelcer

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

9:30 am – Torah Study

10:30 am – Shabbat Service

Torah Portion: Deuteronomy 31:1-30

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 8:00 PM

EREV YOM KIPPUR Service

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

YOM KIPPUR

9:00 am – Family Service

10:15 am – Tot Service

10:45 am – Gates of Repentance Service

2:45 pm – Afternoon Service

4:15 pm – Memorial-Concluding Service

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 7:30 PM

Shabbat Service

Music: Bob Pollack and Marilyn Zelcer

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

9:30 am – Torah Study

10:30 am – Shabbat Service

Torah Portion: Deuteronomy 31:1-52

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

SUKKOT CELEBRATION

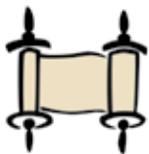
6:00 pm - Dinner (for those with reservations)

7:00 pm - Service

Music – David Snyder



**SUKKOT FESTIVAL
MORNING SERVICE**
Monday, October 1, 9:00 am



**SIMCHAT TORAH
MORNING SERVICE**
(YIZKOR INCLUDED)
Monday, October 8, 9:00 am

**CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE
AT WWW.VALLEYTEMPLE.COM**



Check out our beautiful newly designed website which is a lovely way to show prospective members all that Valley Temple has to offer as well as be informative to our current members.

Our thanks to the Sass family for providing the designer, Ed Mullins, to make this happen. Also, a grateful thanks to Alice Weitzenkorn for all her hard work maintaining our former site.

MITZVAH BAG FOOD DRIVE

**HELP US FILL THE LOBBY
WITH BAGS OF FOOD TO BENEFIT THE
VALLEY INTERFAITH FOOD & CLOTHING CENTER**



Bring non-perishable food items in a paper shopping bag to the Temple between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur to help feed the hungry. The custom is to bring a day's worth of food for everyone in your household.

As we fast, others may eat...

BAKERS NEEDED

Bring homemade desserts to the Temple M-F 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. or during religious school on September 9 to be used for our Rosh Hashanah Reception following service on Erev Rosh Hashanah.

Thank you to Clare Deutsch and Sue Bortz for chairing this special reception

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR VALLEY MEMBERS TAKING JUDAIC STUDIES COURSES

Effective Fall, 2012, any members of Valley Temple or their children who are enrolled in a college or university working toward a college undergraduate degree can receive reimbursement of \$500 of the cost of tuition for a Judaic Studies or Hebrew class at the university level. The Stark Family College Scholarship has been set up to encourage up to five students per year to enroll in a course that furthers their Jewish education.

Students who wish to participate in the scholarship program need only register for the class and send proof of the registration to the Temple. Families will receive their check after proof is received. Students are expected to send proof of completion of the class at the end of the semester or return the funds for others' use. If the entire fund is not used in the first semester, remaining monies may be available for Judaic Studies classes for the Winter term. Grants will be awarded on a first come, first served basis, with one grant per student per year. All requests should be made by October 1.

Thank you to Andy and Kim Stark for their generous sponsorship of this wonderful initiative to help our students continue their Jewish education.



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN RELIGIOUS SCHOOL?

ALISON WEIKEL,
DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

Welcome to another year of learning and growing at The Valley Temple Religious School! This year's wonderful faculty and madrichim (high school age teaching assistants) will work with the children of our congregation to fulfill our mission statement:

The Valley Temple Religious School's mission is to develop in each child a positive Jewish identity through the joy of learning together, inspiring all of them to weave Jewish ideals into the rest of their lives.

This year's faculty is:

PreK- Cindi Naveh
Kindergarten- Isabel Gruenhagen
1st grade- Joanna Jones
2nd grade- Scott Steinberg
3rd grade- Francie Davis
4th grade – Michael Danziger
5th grade – Jason Levine
6th grade- Brian Meeron
7th/8th grade- Carolan Glatstein
Alef Hebrew- Jenny Dapper
Bet Hebrew – Ariel Naveh
Gimmel Hebrew – Eric Mollo
Music- Brian Nelson

One of the great strengths of our program is our teachers' abilities to create a sense of community based on Jewish text and tradition and to co-construct the learning with your children. Sure, there are topics that we hit in each grade, but when an interest is sparked, when discussions bring up questions, we often find ourselves following paths we never expected to follow. Because of our size, our teachers are also able to provide personalized instruction depending on what each of our students needs. We strive to find ways to reach different learners with different teaching methods and activity styles. But we need your help.

The Religious School Registration form is one way to let us know what your child needs. What are your child's strengths, interests and areas of vulnerability? Can you share any tips for helping your child that you use at home, or that other teachers and coaches have used successfully? What are your hopes for your child's time in The Valley Temple Religious School? (You should have received forms via email. Please contact me if you need forms.)

Everyone's Jewish identity is unique, so the journey one takes should be personalized as well. Help us provide the setting that will make your child's journey a success.

Religious School begins on Sunday, September 9 at 9:45 am. There will be a parent meeting at 10:30 am. Plan to stick around for the school assembly at 11:30 and the annual picnic hosted by Sisterhood at noon. Midweek Hebrew for grades 4-6 begins on Tuesday, October 2.

B'Shalom,
Alison
Alison

PRE-SCHOOL CLASSES FOR THREE AND FOUR YEAR OLDS

SUNDAY MORNINGS 9:45 AM - NOON

Hands-on activities, story telling and crafts. Learn about holidays, bible stories and Hebrew readiness. Activities for young children to experience the joy of Judaism.



For more information, contact Alison Weikel, Director of Education, 761-3555

THE VALLEY TEMPLE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL PICNIC



Sunday, September 9, 2012
Reservation Form
(No Charge for this event, but please make a reservation)

NAME (S) _____
Adults _____ # Children _____

PLEASE SPECIFY SO WE CAN ORDER FOOD APPROPRIATELY:

Hotdog lunches _____
Veggie Hotdog lunches _____

In order to coordinate our menu, please let us know what type of dish you will bring:
I/We will bring (for eight):

_____ Side dish (Pasta salad, cole slaw, potato, salad fruit salad, etc.)

_____ Dessert

_____ I/We will be happy to volunteer the day of the event (set up, clean up, etc.).

Please email Kathy Klein at valleywrj@valleytemple.com or call the Temple office- 761-3555.



Sisterhood would like to thank the Temple members for their support of our many fundraisers. These help the Sisterhood's mission of supporting the youth of the organization. Specifically, Sisterhood financially supports camp scholarships, the youth group director, the religious school, the religious school picnic, and more. We need to ask for your renewed support of our largest fundraiser, the Kroger program. The program has changed and been simplified. All that is needed for you to participate is to link your Kroger Plus card to the Valley Temple Sisterhood. Instructions can be found on the next page of the bulletin. **We urge you to do this ASAP, as the more dollars spent at Krogers, the more Sisterhood is able to earn.** Thanks to Chrissy Knarr for leading this very important fundraiser.

Thanks to Kathy Klein for her leadership with the Temple picnic the first day of religious school. The picnic is always a great way to reconnect after the summer.

You should receive your Sisterhood membership notices in the mail soon along with notices about Chai Life. Sisterhood is a great way to meet other ladies of the Temple in an informal setting, while supporting the youth of the congregation. All are welcome.

Similarly, Chai Life is for multiple generations of Temple members. It started as mothers & daughters but has expanded to include grandmothers and grandsons, and aunts and nieces. Jessica Wagner is chairing this committee and plans on having many fun activities this year. The first event will be Chanukah card making on November 11th after religious school.

The Kopnicks have graciously offered the use their home for our Sisterhood brunch in honor of new members on October 14th during religious school.

Wishing everyone L'Shana Tovah.

Dianne, Laura and Sandy

Dianne Rabe, Sandy Hatfield,
& Laura Beasley

SUKKot celebration

Sunday, September 30
Decorate the Sukkah,
Dinner & Service
Dinner - 6:00 PM
Service - 7:00 PM



Join us for a pizza dinner, salad and our traditional smores and help us decorate the Sukkah.

\$10.00 - adults;
\$5.00 - children under 12

Please bring fruits and vegetables to help decorate the Sukkah
Service will be indoors;
campfire and oneg outside

SUKKOT RESERVATION FORM

NAME(S) of those attending
.....

.....# of adults @ \$10.00
..... # of children **under 12** @ \$5.00 .
..... # of children under 3 (free) .

TOTAL AMT. FOR SUKKOT

Please let us know if you need a veggie meal

SIMCHAT TORAH CELEBRATION

Sunday, October 7

6:00 pm - Congregational Dinner
7:00 pm - Service celebrating the completion of reading the Torah and starting again!



Dinner
\$10.00 - adults;
\$5.00 - **children 3- 11**

Please bring a passing side dish (vegetable, salad, etc.)

SIMCHAT TORAH RESERVATION FORM

NAME(S) of those attending
.....

.....# of adults @ \$10.00
..... # of children **under 12** @ \$5.00 .
..... # of children under 3 (free) .

TOTAL AMT. FOR SIMCHAT TORAH

Bring a passing side dish (vegetable, salad, etc.)
Please let us know if you need a veggie meal



FREE FUNDRAISER!!!

How can this be? Well, if you shop at Kroger, You can help Sisterhood just by doing your regular grocery shopping!

The Kroger Rewards Program has changed, and no longer requires purchasing and reloading gift cards. It works automatically when you use your Kroger Plus card.

This has been one of Sisterhood's biggest fundraisers, enabling us to help with camp scholarships and a variety of Temple programs, and now it is easy for anyone to participate.

All you need to do is register your Kroger Plus card online, then every time you swipe it at the checkout, or enter your alternate ID, Sisterhood will earn a portion of the sale.

Register online at krogercommunityrewards.com

If you have any questions about the program, or need help registering, please contact Chrissy Knarr.

HERE'S HOW TO REGISTER YOUR KROGER PLUS CARD TO HELP SISTERHOOD EARN MONEY FOR VALLEY TEMPLE!!

- Register online at krogercommunityrewards.com (Be sure to have your Kroger Plus card handy)
- Click on the name of your location then **Enroll**.
- At the bottom of Create an Account, click on **Get started. Sign up today!** then follow steps 1 thru 5, including setting a password for your Kroger account.
- You will then get a message to **check your email inbox** and click on the link within the email.
- Click on **Log in to your account** and use your email address and Kroger password to proceed to the next step.
- Click on **Community Rewards then Edit Community Rewards Program information** and input your address, etc.
- Under Find Your Organization, enter "**Valley**" (or the "NPO" number 80111) and click **Search**. Select **Valley Temple Sisterhood** from list and **Save Changes** to confirm.

The Kroger rewards program has been a great fundraiser for Sisterhood over the years, and the switch to linking the Kroger Plus cards should make it easier for more people to get involved.

MISHEBERACH

*BARRY ESSIG
JULIAN MAGNUS*



OUR SYMPATHY

Colin Nourie on the death of his Father,
Don Nourie

Adult Classes for Melton School start soon.
For more info check out
www.meltonschool.org.

GOLDMAN UNION CAMP SECOND SESSION CAMPERS



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Keith Pennix	09/03
Charles Vordenberge III	09/03
Clyde Dempsey	09/04
Sarah Sawin	09/04
Martin Schragger	09/06
Zola Makrauer	09/06
Matthew Kane	09/06
Amy Frank	09/07
Neil Kravitz	09/07
Dolph Berman	09/07
Donald Dornheggen	09/08
Stephanie Kaufman	09/08
Anne Straus	09/09
Pamela Geller	09/09
James Miles	09/11
Elaine Rosin	09/11
Wendy Walsh	09/12
Jay Levinson	09/13
Douglas Marks	09/13
Jerry Newfarmer	09/13
Nicole Fenyo	09/14
Charles Frank	09/14
Alex Levinson	09/15
Joshua Weikel	09/15
Aaron Levy	09/16
Bruce Walker	09/16
Emily Ehrle	09/17
Nathan Berman	09/18
Amanda Stein	09/18
Matthew DelMauro	09/18
Brian Cusack	09/18
Abby Layliev	09/19
Maxwell Aaron Meyers	09/21
Simon Elliott Gehr	09/21
Lilith Embury	09/21
Lucy Schragger	09/22
Sarah Weiss	09/22
Dusty Embury	09/23
Mark Sass	09/23
Rheda Harris	09/23
Debra Hoffheimer	09/25
Charleen Catt-Lyon	09/25
Annaliese Levy	09/26
Sallie Berg	09/26
Susan Kahn	09/26
Joel Shulman	09/27
Sam Hecht	09/29
Ellen Siegel Kovacic	09/30

Honor a special occasion by donating to one of our funds which will suit the donor or honoree. These contributions support special programs and projects not covered by our operating budget. For more info, call the Temple office.

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Harold & Bernice Blatt	09/06/1951
Andrew & Jessica Kaplan	09/01/2001
Bob & Jenny Broh	09/01/1966
Rhoda & John Ulas	09/02/1978
Sandford & Nancy Kopnick	09/02/1990
Mark & Robin Miller	09/02/2001
Jim & Cindi Miller	09/03/2005
Phyllis Bossin & Rob Strauss	09/04/2011
Julian & Carol Magnus	09/04/1956
Karen & Joe Frecker	09/05/1999
Leah & Steve Joos	09/05/2009
Amanda Stein & Tom Enneking	09/07/2003
Emily & Adam Nahmias	09/13/2011
Jan Goldstein & Chuck Frank	09/15/2007
Dolph & Nancy Berman	09/16/1961
Dave & Amanda Katz	09/17/1989
Ben & Karen Rosenfield	09/17/2000
Dorian & Cindi Naveh	09/22/2000
Bill & Barbara Klein	09/24/1972

MAZAL TOV

Sustaining the Generations ...

We gratefully acknowledge the following contributions:

ALLEN AND SELMA WIENER BERKMAN SOCIAL ACTION FUND

In honor of Randi & Alan Solomon's 35th anniversary, *from Helen and John Habbert*

CAMP SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In memory of Dr. Oscar Schreiber & Marvin R. Pliskin; *from Sue Pliskin & Jeffrey Garfield*

CONGREGATIONAL CARE FUND

In memory of Sidney Lobar; *from the Lobar Family*

ETTA AND HARRY STARK YOUTH ACTIVITIES FUND

In memory of Jacob Hatfield; *from Ricki & Stuart Hodesh*
 In memory of Jacob Hatfield; *from Dan & Cathy Johnston*
 In memory of Jacob Hatfield; *from the Barbara & Harold Schwartz Family*
 In memory of Jacob Hatfield; *from John Isidor*
 In memory of Jacob Hatfield; *from Sandy Kaltman and Sam Isidor*
 In memory of Jacob Hatfield; *from Laurel & Marvin Fischbaum*

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

For the speedy recovery of Julian Magnus; *from Minette Hoffheimer*
 In memory of Frances Hanken & Amy Roberts Padwa; *from Rheda & Robert Harris*
 In memory of the birthday of Toni Ach Lowenthal; *from Anthony L. Ach*

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THANK YOU REDS VOLUNTEERS

Thanks to these hard working people listed below almost \$10,000 has been raised for the temple over the past two years. Special thanks to everyone who trained, sweated, and labored in the Reds games concession stands! You have our sincere appreciation and thanks! It couldn't have been done without you!

Elizabeth Woosley, Scott Steinberg, Brian Gaynor, and Brian Meeron

RICK	BEASLEY	ERICA	HECHT	JEFF	RHEIN
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JULIE	FRITSCH	AMY	PAUL	ERNIE	WAITS
JAN	GOLDSTEIN	MARTIN	PAUL	HELEN	WAITS
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SANDY	HATFIELD	DIANNE	RABE		

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Elizabeth, Scott, Brian G. and Brian M. for
coordinating this important project!!!*