

The Valley Temple



November 2013 Cheshvan, Kislev 5774

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 7:30 PM

Shabbat Service

Music: Bob Pollack and Marilyn Zelcer

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2 AT HUC-JIR

10:30 am

NO TORAH STUDY OR SERVICE AT VALLEY

Torah Portion: Toldot, Gen. 25:19-28:9

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8

6:30 Dinner

7:30 pm – Family Night

Music: David Snyder

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

9:30 am – Torah Study

10:30 am – Shabbat Service

Torah Portion: Vayeitzei, Gen. 28:10-32:3

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 7:30 PM

RABBI RON KLOTZ WEEKEND

FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16

NO TORAH STUDY

10:00 am – Tot Shabbat

10:30 am – Shabbat Service

11:30 am - Lunch N Learn with Rabbi Ron Klotz

Torah Portion: Vayishlach, Gen. 32:4-36:43

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 7:30 PM

Shabbat Service

Music: Bob Pollack and Marilyn Zelcer

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

9:30 am – Torah Study

10:30 am – Shabbat Service

Torah Portion: Vayeishev, Gen. 37:1-40:23

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 7:30 PM

Shabbat Service

Music: Eric Mollo and Carolan Glatstein

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30

9:30 am – Torah Study

10:30 am – Shabbat Service

Torah Portion: Mikeitz, Gen. 41:1-44:17

Artist in Residence RABBI RON KLOTZ Telling Stories

November 15-17



Friday, November 15

7:30 pm - Friday Night

Live Services

Saturday, November 16

10:00 am - Tot Service

10:30 am - Shabbat Service

11:30 am - Adult Lunch & Learn

Sunday, November 17

Ron will visit classes during Religious School

See page 3 for more details

Abraham Lincoln and the Jews With Rabbi Gary P. Zola

Tuesday, November 12

at 7:30 p.m.



Over the course of American history, Jews have held many American leaders in high esteem, but they maintain a unique emotional bond with Abraham Lincoln. Join

Dr. Zola as he prepares to debut his new



FIRST NIGHT OF CHANUKAH

Wednesday, November 27

*Join us for our Chanukah celebration
on Friday, December 6
(after Chanukah)*



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

**GIVING THANKS
AT CHANUKAH?**

There are a few challenges connected to the Hebrew month of *Kislev* falling so much earlier in the Gregorian calendar than is common. Chanukah (our favorite time of Kislev) begins on November 27—as early as you’ll ever find it. That means, on Wednesday night of that week, we’ll light the first candle of Chanukah, and the next night we’ll celebrate Thanksgiving. *Gevalt!!*

Many Jewish families have non-Jewish relatives in their midst, and look forward to Thanksgiving being a wonderful “neutral” holiday where we can be thankful for what we have in common, without having to feel any differences. Yet, many (and I hope most) will find themselves beginning their Thanksgiving festivities—not just with Turkey (or Tofu), pumpkin pie, and a bit of football—but with a *Chanukiyah* (*menorah* for *Chanukah*), too.

Here are some suggestions for ways to combine these two times:

- a. Be sure to kindle your Chanukiyah on Thursday the 28th in a way that is inclusive and without family strife. If that means prior to leaving for the Thanksgiving celebration, then be sure to be safe!
- b. Remember that the theme of Chanukah is “rededication.” Therefore, consider having everyone go around the room prior to eating your Thanksgiving meal with an eye toward saying what they are thankful for, and one part of life/society we should “rededicate” ourselves to improving.
- c. Bring a dreidle, and consider playing a bit with all who assemble—so that the commercials of the football game have some fun, too!
- d. Remember to join us for our “post-Chanukah” dinner and celebration on Friday, December 6. When everyone returns from traveling for Thanksgiving, or is ready to eat more, we’ll be celebrating Shabbat together, with a Chanukah-style flair!

Remember that it will also be challenging to have Chanukah end 20 days before Christmas. Aside from the fact that people who exchange presents on the first night might be forced to pay retail prices (Heaven forbid!), some may feel particularly excluded as holiday parties and school holiday programs that try to be inclusive will feel oddly “late” this year. This could be very difficult for some children.

Consider planning an activity for the week our neighbors celebrate that is social action oriented. While we may not be celebrating Chanukah at the end of December, we can certainly celebrate the opportunity to do *mitzvot*, and help add some light to the darkest time of the year! Whether helping to babysit at your friends’

church, doing a toy drive in the neighborhood, donating time or clothes to a shelter, etc—it is always good to help others during their important times—thus allowing us to fulfill Isaiah’s idea that we be “a light unto the nations.”

It’ll be OK, having Thanksgiving and Chanukah at the same time. And don’t worry, next year Chanukah begins on December 17 (still the 25th of Kislev). May the lights of the holiday shine brightly—as we give thanks for this wonderful country!

B’shalom,

Sandford R. Kopnick, Rabbi

**JOIN US AT HUC
ON SATURDAY NOVEMBER 2**

Our rabbinic intern, Carolan Glatstein, will deliver the sermon in the HUC-JIR Scheuer Chapel (3101 Clifton Ave.) on Saturday, November 2, 2013 at 10:30 a.m. **THERE WILL BE NO TORAH STUDY OR SERVICE** at Valley Temple that morning.



When our schedule allows, we have tried to create a custom of supporting our intern by combining our service with the Hebrew Union College Shabbat morning service. Cantor Yvon Shore will be leading the music, and Carolan and some classmates will lead the service, too.



ANNUAL RAKE DAY

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

NOON

FOLLOWING RELIGIOUS SCHOOL



Help us rake leaves for the elderly, low-income and disabled. Bring rakes, gloves and wear appropriate clothing. Drivers are also needed. Contact Jeannie Hiller to participate.

**HISTORIC JEWISH
CINCINNATI BUS TOUR**
With Rabbi Abie Ingber
Sunday, December 8
at 10:00 a.m.

Meet at Valley Temple at 9:45 a.m.
Space limited due to concurrent Family Ed

Call the Temple office, 761-3555 or email wendy@valleytemple.com to reserve your seat!



RABBI RON KLOTZ TO TELL STORIES

Rabbi Ron Klotz, former Camp Director of Goldman Union Camp will be our "storyteller in residence" November 15-17, 2013. Among his many talents, Ron is a great story teller, and campers and staff looked forward to his special skill each Friday night while at GUCI. Now we can all experience some great stories from our tradition by a very accomplished storyteller.



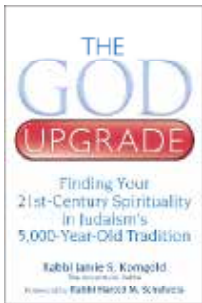
Ron will tell a story or two during Friday Night Live on November 15 at 7:30. He will be the featured story teller at the Tot Service on November 16 at 10:00 a.m., and lead a lunch-and-learn for adults (middle-school and older children also welcome), at 11:30 a.m. (Reservations required, lunch is \$5.00/person). Then, on Sunday morning, Ron will tell stories in the religious school.

We are grateful to the Jewish Foundation of Cincinnati for sponsoring this special weekend with a very special friend of our congregation. Please plan to be with us for as much of the weekend as you can!

**LUNCH AND LEARN
WITH RABBI RON KLOTZ**
Saturday, November 16
Reservation form

Names _____

#no of attending @ \$5.00/person _____
Total amt enclosed _____
Send to the Temple office, 145 Springfield Pike,
45215



**The GOD Upgrade
with
Rabbi Sanford Kopnick**

Tues., Dec. 10 at 7:30 p.m.

Belief in God can evolve as Judaism evolves. This is a primary focus of the book, The God Upgrade by Rabbi Jamie S. Korngold. We will explore some of the ideas from this book, as we explore our own ideas about God.

MEN'S CLUB COMINGS AND GOINGS

The first Men's Club coffee/breakfast is set up for Sunday November 3rd. The Club will go to the Panera Bread in Finnytown from 10 -11 30 am.. Please see Aron Schneider on Sundays during religious school for further details.

Candle Pin Bowling is set for January 26, 2014, Details will follow soon.

Saturday evening, March 8, 2014 - Men's Club Family night at the Cyclones - Details to follow soon.

Once again, The Valley Temple Men's Club provided the ushers for our High Holy Day Services and they did an excellent job! Scott Steinberg, VP Men's Club, was a superb Chair for the ushers and did a great job of lining people up and conveying their responsibilities. We thank those who participated and helped make service transitions pleasant and orderly: Bob Hiller, Kerry Rabe, Brian Meeron, Rob Weikel, Dan Perlmutter, Bill Clark, Elliot Spieler, Sam Lobar, Scott Steinberg, Jeff Schlaeger, Aron Schneider, & Elizabeth Woosley. Thank you!

Remember to become a dues paying member of the Men's Club — \$36 dues checks made payable to The Valley Temple Men's Club, and left in the Temple office Men's Club mail box. You can also mail it directly to the Temple. Dues are through June, 2014, 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!

Regards and have a have a wonderful Thanksgiving from the Men's Club!

MEN'S CLUB BREAKFAST
Sunday, November 3, 2013
10-11:30 AM
Panera on Winton Road in Finneytown

- ☆ Schmooze with your guy friends
- ☆ Buy coffee/bagel/danish or not

For more information contact:
Aron Schneider, Chair, Dan Perlmutter, Host



**Sun., March 2, 2014
Sharonville
Convention Center**

Important DATE!
A Valley Temple Fundraiser
Volunteers will be needed
Plan to share your time



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN RELIGIOUS SCHOOL?

ALISON WEIKEL,
DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

Introducing... the MADRICHIM!

Think back to when you were between the ages of 14 and 18 years old. . . What were you doing at 9:30 on a Sunday morning? If your answer is that you were inspiring young Religious School students while honing your own people and teaching skills, then you might have been part of a madrichim (teaching assistant) program at your temple!

Allow me to introduce the wonderful high school students who as madrichim, partner with the teachers each week to help create the experience your children are having in Religious School.

- PreK: Josh Beasley and Monica Valentini
- Kindergarten: Ashley Schlaeger and Madeline Weikel
- 1st grade: Adrian Niedermann and Rachel Spohr
- 2nd grade: Alex Kopnick and Matt Lobar
- 3rd grade: Danny Niedermann and Josh Weikel
- 4th grade: Adam McCarrick and Alex Woosley
- 6th grade: Alex Spohr

Here's what some of the teens wrote when they signed up for this experience:

"When I went to Sunday school as a student, the madrichim made it fun and made me feel welcome and I want to do the same with students this year."

"I have always felt connected and a part of Valley Temple and this gives me a way to really express my Judaism."

"I am fun and energetic and the kids like me."

"I will be there every Sunday with a smile on my face and do whatever I can do to help the teacher."

"I love working with kids and I love the temple atmosphere."

"I am really supportive and willing to help the kids step by step if they need it."

"I was a shy little girl in Religious School and I know how it feels to be uncomfortable in a high-energy environment. I know how to treat nervous/shy kids without upsetting them because I was one of them."

"I am good at going with the flow."

"I love being Jewish and doing Jewish things."

Each madrich (boy) or madrichah (girl) is a high school student who attends Kulanu (the combined Religious School for high school students of Valley, Wise, Rockdale and Sholom) and has expressed an interest in

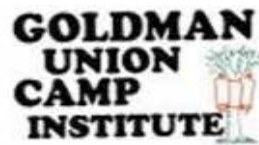
working with children. These teens wake up early every Sunday (no small task) and work with their partner teachers to help kids feel comfortable, stay on task, and complete projects, while showing the younger ones that it is "cool" to be in Religious School and involved in temple life. Madrichim also offer a unique perspective when we reflect on the morning's classes. They often bring insights that help us make the experience better for the next week.

Take a moment next Sunday to introduce yourself to the teen teaching assistants in your children's classrooms. They are a vital part of our Valley community and we are fortunate to have them on Sunday mornings!

B'shalom,

Alison

Alison Weikel



Joe Slade, Goldman Union Camp Assistant Director, will be visiting Religious School on Sunday, November 24. Meet with Joe and hear about our wonderful camp

MEGAN SASS TO BE FEATURED AT GRADES 4-6 RETREAT

Valley Temple alum, Megan Sass, will be the artist-in-residence on the Grades 4-6 Retreat November 8-10 at GUCI. Megan is the daughter of Mark and Jan Sass and currently lives in New York where she is



pursuing an acting and writing career. As part of her work, Megan has been trained by the nationally acclaimed Storahelling program. This program helps bring the Torah alive with innovative study techniques utilizing drama and creativity.

The retreat is for all Valley Temple students in Grades 4-6. The bus will leave Valley at 4:00 p.m. and return on Sunday morning at Noon. While at camp, students will celebrate Shabbat together, learn about the Torah with Megan's creativity, and play together. In addition, the *chaverim m'yisrael* (Israeli post-high school students visiting for the year) will help serve as counselors during the weekend. Alison Weikel, Director of Education, and Rabbi Kopnick will also be present for the retreat.

For more information, contact Alison Weikel at 513-761-3555.



WOMEN OF REFORM JUDAISM
stronger together

Wow! We've had some impressive attendance at our last 2 meetings!

A huge thanks to Rabbi and Nancy Kopnick for opening up their beautiful home to Sisterhood for our Annual Women of Reform Judaism/Valley Temple Sisterhood Brunch!

Can you believe Chanukah is right around the corner? Amanda Stein has a fun project planned for Chai Life! On November 3 at noon (right after Religious School), Chai Life will be making Chanukah cards - this is always a fun project for kids and adults! If you are interested in joining us, contact Amanda at amanda2829@gmail.com. The cost is \$5 per child, \$10 per family, this covers pizza and supplies. Membership to Chai Life is \$9 per child, \$18 per family.

Mark your calendars for our next meeting on November 10. We will be celebrating Chanukah. Please bring a gift valued at no more than \$10.00 for our fun filled gift exchange.

The Sisterhood is having their annual Chanukah sale on November 17 and November 24. Be sure to stop by for some gelt! If you need 20+ dreidels or gelt, please contact Cindy Cronin through Valley and let her know so she can make sure you have your order filled.

Rockdale Temple has generously invited our Sisterhood members to a weekend of events celebrating the 100th anniversary of Women of Reform Judaism. Starting Friday, November 15, there will be a Shabbat dinner with Rachel Lambermont, a national WRJ board member. Cost is \$15. The weekend continues Saturday with pot luck, training, and more. Sunday the movie "Killing Us Softly" will be shown. Please let Laura Lobar know if you would like to attend or contact Rockdale Sisterhood directly. This should be an exciting "charge-your-batteries" connect with our sisters weekend!

A great way to support the Sisterhood is 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.

B'Shalom,
Susan
Susan Elgowsky
Recording Secretary



CHAI LIFE
Making Cards for Chanukah

NOVEMBER 3

Following Religious School
Creating Chanukah cards for our Temple members and individuals
in the Cincinnati community

Pizza lunch is \$5 per child
with a maximum of \$10 per family
RSVP to Amanda Stein at valleywrj@valleytemple.com

If your children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews
are not members of Chai Life, please join us
by paying \$9 per child with a maximum
of \$18 per family for the year

HELP WANTED

Tuesday, December 24. Save the date.

Have fun with other Valley Temple members wrapping gifts at Barnes & Noble and Joseph Beth. Last year we made almost \$1,000 for Sisterhood! Contact Jan Goldstein for more info.

HAVING FUN AT THE SISTERHOOD BRUNCH



Thanks to Dedra Perlmutter (pictured above with President, Laura Lobar) for organizing this great event. Thank you to Rabbi and Nancy Kopnick for opening their home. Thanks to all who attended and the wonderful goodies they brought.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members who have joined our congregational family since July:

AARON AND EMMA BERNAY
Henry and Leo
JAIME AND JARAMY CARMODY
Kevyn and Molly
JOEL AND SARAH DAVIS
Daniel
JESSICA DRESKIN
MIRIAM AND JACOB HODESH
Naomi
ALMOG AND CHRYSTAL GAL
BARRY AND ARLENE GOLDBOFF
HARVEY AND BARBARA KATZ
RYAN AND GOLDA KIRZNER
Sasha
ALICIA AND JOHN STOUGHTON



MAZAL TOV

Jay Price for being awarded the American Jewish Committee Volunteer of the Year honor.

Chrystal Coates for completing the process to become a Jew by Choice.

Almog Gal and Chrystal Coates on their recent marriage

Alicia and John Stoughton on their recent marriage, and to proud parents of the bride, Neil and Lynne Kravitz

Jan Goldstein and Chuck Frank on the marriage of Jan's son, Ben Barefoot to Elizabeth Wolf

Rabbi Solomon T. Greenberg on his recent 75th Birthday.

MISHEBERACH

Dorothy Siegel Sue Spohr
Alyson Dempsey Ethan Kadish



OUR SYMPATHY

Andrew Kaplan on the death of his grandmother

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Ryan & Golda	Kirzner	11/02/2003
Miriam & Jacob	Hodesh	11/03/2007
Barbara & David	Neman	11/12/2000
Bobby & Linda	Denham	11/17/1984
Lou & Marjorie	Rauh	11/21/1959
Jeff & Laurie	Marks	11/22/1980
John & Susan	Frank, Jr.	11/22/1997
Nora Moreira & Joe	Cochran	
11/25/2006		
Barry & Arlene	Goldhoff	11/27/1966
Sidney & Joanne	Cohen	11/28/1985

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Stephanie Rhein	11/01	Aleeza Schneider	11/11
Jack Guggenheim	11/01	Noah Festenstein	11/11
Drew Geller	11/02	Alan Solomon	11/12
Joanne Shuck	11/02	Gail Silverstein	11/12
Kira Gruenhagen	11/03	Alison Weikel	11/13
Charlyne Gaynor	11/03	William Cusack	11/14
Sasha Kirzner	11/03	Alexis Amann	11/14
Cheryl Hecht	11/04	Sophia Pennix	11/15
Rae Nourie	11/04	Kathryn Beasley	11/16
Jennifer Pennix	11/04	David Feldstein	11/16
Valerie Perry	11/04	Randi Kaplan	11/17
Jonathan Kopnick	11/06	Samuel J. Mantel	11/17
Pam Greenberg	11/06	Harvey Katz	11/22
Brad Greenberg	11/06	Marilyn Altman	11/23
Zoe Klotz	11/07	Peggy Markstein	11/26
Sue DuCovna	11/07	Ian Cronin	11/26
Herb DuCovna	11/07	Ernest Waits, Jr.	11/27
Rachel Habbert	11/08	Micki Springer	11/27
Ellen Schaengold	11/09	Jeannie Hiller	11/28
Ben Davis	11/09	Amy Levy	11/28
Ron Weitzenkorn	11/09	Nancy Dornheggen	11/28
John Habbert	11/10	Charles Powers	11/29
Ella Schlaeger	11/11	Kenneth Mitman	11/29
Sam Greenberg	11/11	Jacob Hodesh	11/30

Sustaining the Generations ...

We gratefully acknowledge the following contributions:

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In memory of Sigmund Hiller; *From Sam & Laura Lobar, Laurel & Marvin Fischbaum, Jenny Broh*

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In honor of the birth of William Druffel, Grandson of Arn and Sue Bortz; *From Jenny Broh*
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A Gift from Helen Sass
In memory of Janice Wright; *From Jon & Susan Hoffheimer*
In honor of the High Holidays; *From Joan Reckseit*

SEINSHEIMER MUSIC FUND

In honor of Dolph Berman's 75th Birthday; *From Leah Levine*
In memory of Jean Ehrle; *From Laurel & Marvin Fischbaum, Emily & Aaron Ehrle*

ETTA AND HENRY STARK YOUTH ACTIVITIES FUND

In honor of Josh Weikel's Youth Group Presidency; *From Stephen & Gloria Block*



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or use links at valleytemple.com

CHANUKAH AT VALLEY

Friday, December 6, 2013

Dinner - 6:15 pm (Reservations Required)
7:30 pm - Shabbat Service

Consecration of students who are new to the Religious School will be held during the service

Dinner of Chicken, Latkes and more!
Bring your menorah to light at your table!

COST: \$1-\$18/per person depending on what you wish to afford (and 1/2 the amount for ages 3-12)

You are asked to set your own dinner cost which we hope will encourage everyone to participate!

Chanukah Dinner December 6, 2013 Reservation Form

Name _____

_____ Adults _____ No. of Children (3-11) _____ No of Children under 3, fre

Amount Enclosed _____

Please let us know if you need a vegetarian meal

Please send reservation form to the Temple office, 145 Springfield Pike, 45215 by December 3

