

The Valley Temple



March, 2014 Adar I, Adar II 5774

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

SATURDAY, MARCH 1

9:30 am – Torah Study
10:30 am – Shabbat Service
Torah Portion: P'kudei, Exod. 38:21-40:38

FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 7:30 PM

Shabbat Service
Music: Bob Pollack and Marilyn Zelcer

SATURDAY, MARCH 8

9:30 am – Torah Study
10:30 am – Shabbat Service
Torah Portion: Vayikra, Lev. 1:1-5:26

FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 7:30 PM

Shabbat Service
Music: Bob Pollack and Marilyn Zelcer

SATURDAY, MARCH 15

9:30 am – Torah Study
10:30 am – Shabbat Service
Torah Portion: Tzav, Lev. 6:1-8:36

PURIM CELEBRATION

6:00 pm- Congregational Dinner
(Reservations Required)
7:00 pm- Megillah reading and Purim Schpiel

FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 7:30 PM

Friday Night Live Shabbat Service
Oneg Shabbat hosted by Steven and Laura Connock in honor of Brianna becoming a Bat Mitzvah

SATURDAY, MARCH 22

9:30 am – Torah Study
10:30 am – Shabbat Service
Brianna Connock, daughter of Steven and Laura Connock, will become a Bat Mitzvah
Torah Portion: Sh'mini, Lev. 9:1-11:47

FRIDAY MARCH 28, 7:30 PM

Shabbat Service
Music: Bob Pollack and Marilyn Zelcer

SATURDAY, MARCH 29

9:30 am – Torah Study
10:30 am – Shabbat Service
Torah Portion: Tazria, Lev. 12:1-13:59

*Kiddush Luncheons follow Saturday Morning Services
except March 22*

PURIM CELEBRATION

Saturday, March 15

6:00 pm – Dinner

(See page 3 for reservations)

7:00 pm – Purim Service & Schpiel
(Musical tribute to story of Esther)

Youth Group Carnival set up
following the Purim Schpiel

Sunday, March 16 NOON

Annual Purim Carnival

Following Religious School
to benefit the Youth Group



HELP US BAKE HAMANTASCHEN

SUNDAY, MARCH 9

AT 10 AM



Hamantaschen will be used for
the Purim dinner and Purim Carnival
as well as our members in
need of cheer

No experience necessary

12 Noon-2 PM - Chai Life Hamantaschen Baking

Stay for lunch immediately
following RS and bake with your kids

RSV
RSVP to Amanda at valleywrj@valleytemple.com

VALLEY NIGHT AT CYCLONES HOCKEY

Saturday night, March 8th

The Valley Temple Men's Club invites all to the Cincinnati Cyclones vs. Toledo Walleye at U.S. Bank Arena. Puck drops at 7:30 PM.



This is a family event - all are welcome.
Tickets are only \$10 each but there is a
limited supply. Please contact Elliot Spieler
if interested at [513-351-9749](tel:513-351-9749)
or valestrania@aol.com.



FROM THE HIGH PRIEST PURIM 2014

Reform Judaism has made a dramatic return to traditional ritual in the last fifty years. I take this personally. Upon seeing my birth, the elders of the movement must have thought that I would need to love classical Reform Judaism, only to see it snatched away like some chocolate delicacy at the Jenny Craig Weight Loss Centre.

But our movement was right. We need as many discarded traditions as possible. We need, for example, to swing the chicken over our heads at Rosh Hashanah (called kapparot)—it is both meaningful, politically correct, and alerts the neighbors that a Jew is in town. But I really think that the key to keeping the next generation Jewish is the return of sacrifices.

Sadly, we learn in the Torah that the binding of Isaac was largely a lesson to show that human sacrifice is not Jewishly acceptable. Gosh Darn it all! You and I both know a few we'd offer up. (By the way, it was not intended as the Biblical "time out" for child-rearing). But animal sacrifice will certainly give us the PR coup that Judaism seems to need right now—and will allow us a far more literal read of our sacred texts.

Here's the proposal: Let's get a fire going in the back yard of the Temple. (You know, where we used to make smores on Sukkot). We've ordered a truck filled with goats. We also ordered some flour and oil. This combination will allow for many of the commanded offerings—the fire offering, the peace offering, the offering of well-being, etc. If you have a loved one in need of what used to be the mi-sheberach for healing, look in Leviticus to see what you'd like to bring to the back-yard altar, and we'll make the sacrifice to request their wellness.

I love this—it is hands on, dramatic, and requires more than just singing along. We can figure out how to stream the sacrifices on the internet, but nothing will replace having that knife in your hand and becoming a modern day Kohen. As Reform Jews, I think we can innovate a bit and before Hebrew on Tuesdays, we'll offer chickens, and feed the kids prior to studying. So the sin offerings for Tuesdays will require a chicken. We've asked the Sisterhood to devote their next meeting to the art of the kosher kill. Please bring a sharp knife—preferably not previously used on pork products or shell fish.

You are so lucky to have such a forward thinking rabbi. Where other congregations are only reclaiming prayers that ask that God resurrect the dead, and pray that the Messiah will come to restore the sacrificial cult, I am actually not waiting....it may smell a bit, but it should be

very meaningful. And oh, there's one more part to the recipe of this sacrificial process, put your tongue firmly in your cheek!

See you on Purim. Happy Purim!!

Sandford R. Kopnick, Senior Rabbi
The Valley Temple for Living Judaism (unless you're a goat, then not so living)

(Editor's Note: The views expressed in this column do not represent the views of The Valley Temple or its Rabbi)

NEW AND RETURNING ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS RABBINIC STUDENT SPOTLIGHT:

The Demon: Lilith

With Rabbinic Fellow, Eric Mollo
Tuesday, March 4 at 7:30 pm

The Ancient and Modern Uses of Amulets in Judaism

With Rabbinic Fellow, Eric Mollo
Tuesday, March 11 at 7:30 pm

Sacred Conversions: There and Back Again

With Rabbinic Intern, Carolan Glatstein
Monday, March 24 at 7:30 pm

UNDERSTANDING REFORM JUDAISM

With Dr. Michael Meyer, History Dept. HUC-JIR
Tuesdays, March 25, April 1 and April 8 at 7:30 pm

A MEMOIR OF SURVIVAL:

THE STORY OF MARGUERITE LEVY-FEIBELMAN: A MORNING WITH THE AUTHOR

Sunday, April 6 at 10 am

MY PROMISED LAND: BY ARI SHAUIT

Tuesdays, April 29, May 6 and May 13 at 7:30 pm
With Rabbi Sandford Kopnick

ONE DAY TRIP TO US HOLOCAUST MUSEUM IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

Sunday, July 20

Sponsored by a grant from the
Jewish Foundation of Cincinnati

LUNCH & LEARN

Judaism Confronts Contemporary Issues
Downtown - First Monday of Month
Valley Temple - Second Monday of Month (except April)
Through May

ADULT HEBREW CLASSES

Mondays and Tuesdays through May 12

WATCH YOUR MAIL FOR A DESCRIPTION OF THESE EXCITING PROGRAMS

PURIM CELEBRATION



SATURDAY, MARCH 15

6:00 PM DINNER
7:00 PM SERVICE AND SCHPIEL

\$10.00 / adults
\$5.00/ child (ages 3-12)

Bring your friends -- Costumes invited! Send in your reservation for the dinner to the Temple office.

Name(s)

of Adults @ \$10.00
(Children under 3 free)

of Children (ages 3-12) @ \$5.00

AMT ENCLOSED

Please let us know if you need a vegetarian meal

PLEASE SEND YOUR RESERVATION FORM & PAYMENT TO THE TEMPLE OFFICE, 145 SPRINGFIELD PIKE, 45215 BY MARCH 12

PURIM CARNIVAL

SUNDAY, MARCH 16
NOON (FOLLOWING RELIGIOUS SCHOOL)

To Benefit the Temple Youth Group

GAMES
PRIZES
LUNCH
HAMANTASCHEN
FUN



youth Group set up will be Saturday, March 15 following the Purim Schpiel

Donations of new toys, gift cards and other items that can be used for prizes are needed

Cakes for the cake walk should be brought to Religious School

Please contact Brian Meeron, Youth Group Advisor or Josh Weikel, Youth Group President at the Temple for more information or to make a donation.



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL?

ALISON WEIKEL,
DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

Our wonderful teachers and madrichim have been creating meaningful learning experiences with your children. Here is a sampling of what is happening in all the classes:

PreK— weekly additions to the mitzvah tree, opportunities to listen to and act out stories such as Noah's Ark and David; making a class soup while learning the mitzvah of *nedivat* (generosity)

Kindergarten- Mitzvah Mutt makes the rounds to your homes, a unit on Mitzvot, alef-bet yoga

1st grade—how the holidays connect to mitzvot

2nd grade- discussing and acting out the weekly Torah portion (recently exploring the building of the Mishkan and the priestly garments worn by Moses's brother Aaron)

3rd grade—discovering and discussing what is most important about our Jewish holidays, learning the letters and sounds of the Hebrew alef-bet

4th grade—who were the Prophets and how do they relate to our own lives?, Stringing sounds together or read words in Hebrew and learning vocabulary

5th grade—studying Israel, Jewish Life Cycle (most recently... the wedding of the Spielers during Family Education), Hebrew reading and prayers from the Shabbat morning service

6th grade—the beginning of the Holocaust curriculum (what is discrimination and anti-Semitism), practicing reading fluency and vocabulary in Hebrew with prayers from the Shabbat morning service

Valley Temple Mitzvah Corps (7th and 8th grades)—a fantastic retreat during which we deepened our understanding of Creation vs. Science; exploring differences and similarities among the world's religions.

B'shalom,

Alison
Alison Weikel



All of this programming is made possible through generous grants from S.E.E.D. and the Jewish Foundation of Cincinnati

TZEDAKAH UPDATE



Don't forget to send a bit of change or even a dollar to RS each week with your child. We collect *tzedakah* money throughout the year and our teachers talk about the importance of this basic Jewish value. Consider allowing your children to earn a bit of money and then bring some for *tzedakah*.

Thank you for sending tzedakah to Religious School.

You will be making a difference!

IMPORTANT DATES

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL DATES FOR MARCH:

Sundays
March 2, 9, 16*

Tuesdays
March 4, 11, 18

* Purim Carnival immediately following Religious School

UPCOMING FAMILY EDUCATION

March 2, 2014: 6th grade from 9:45 AM-11:15 AM
March 9, 2014: 3rd grade from 10:00 AM- 11:00 AM

YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES

Valley Temple's Youth Group is currently working to make the Purim Carnival scheduled for March 16 as good as it can be. Part of the Purim Carnival includes the ever-popular raffle. We are always taking donations for raffle prizes. If anyone has any connections to a business and can get their hands on any kind of gift cards or other good raffle prizes we would appreciate it. Please bring donations to the Temple office by March 14. Be sure to come to the carnival on March 16th at noon for lunch, games, prizes and fun. Costumes encouraged!

Looking forward to the Purim Carnival!

Josh

Josh Weikel
President, Youth Group

KIDDUSH LUNCHEONS TO FOLLOW SATURDAY MORNING SHABBAT SERVICE CONTINUE IN MARCH

During the month of March (March 8, 15 and 29), we will again have a Kiddush lunch follow our Saturday morning Shabbat service so that we can encourage a sense of community. Thanks to the contribution of an anonymous donor, this is free to Temple members and their guests. No RSVP is needed -- just come and share Shabbat together.

WHY IS THIS NIGHT DIFFERENT
FROM ALL OTHERS???



CONGREGATIONAL PASSOVER SEDER

TUESDAY, APRIL 15

Volunteers are needed to help with the Seder
See List Below

By donating even just one of the traditional Seder foods listed below, you will be helping to keep our Temple Seder costs to a minimum. Please choose an item on the list below (feel free to provide one item or as many as you wish to donate) and drop your donation off at the Temple before **Monday, April 7**. Eggs and desserts can be dropped off by **Friday, April 11**. Please call Kathy Schlaeger or the Temple office or email the Temple office as soon as possible to let us know what you will be donating. Thank you so much for your donations.

- Jars of prepared horseradish _____
- Boxes of Matzah _____
- Bottles of kosher red wine _____
- Bottles of kosher grape juice _____
- Jars of Gefilte Fish _____
- Hard boiled peeled eggs _____
- Passover desserts _____



**HELP US MAKE THIS ANOTHER
AMAZING TEMPLE EVENT!!!!**

PASSOVER MATZAH NEEDED TO HELP OUR NEIGHBORS

Once again, our congregation is helping families in our community celebrate Passover by participating in the 16th annual Dr. Samuel S. Rockwern Passover Delivery of Jewish Family Service project by collecting **Matzah**. Please place your items in the colorful Jewish Family Service food barrel in our lobby by **March 23**.



You can also make the holiday special for more than 400 of our neighbors by helping Jewish Family Service deliver boxes filled everything needed to create a Seder. If you are interested in delivering a Passover box to a local family on Sunday, April 6, please call Sandee Golden at Jewish Family Service at 766-3352 or visit www.jfscinti.org to sign up online.

DAN NICHOLS MUSICAL WEEKEND

April 25-27

**PLAN TO JOIN US FOR
ANOTHER
MAGICAL MUSICAL
WEEKEND!**



**Watch for more
information!**

*Our special thanks to the Sass Family, a Friend of
The Valley Temple and the Jewish Foundation of Cinti
whose donations make this weekend possible*

MEN'S CLUB COMINGS AND GOINGS

On January 15, 2014 the Executive Committee of The Valley Temple Men's Club met at Buffalo Wings & Rings. We discussed officer succession, Cyclones Hockey, the next general meeting, summer fundraiser, BBQ/Picnic, Ushering and more. Later, other Men's Club members joined the meeting. The group enjoyed good food/drink and camaraderie and had fun playing as a team in the restaurant's trivia night contest, MC'd by none other than our own Brian Meeron (who did an excellent job)! A good time was experienced by everyone and the team finished in about the middle of the pack.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Saturday, March 8, 7:30 PM: The Valley Temple Men's Club Family Night at the Cyclones – presold tickets required – meet at US Bank Arena (See Elliot Spieler for details)

Tuesday, April 29, 6:30 PM: The Valley Temple Men's Club bi-annual general meeting – The Valley Temple – no RSVP necessary

May 1-4, 2014 Brotherhood (Men's Club) weekend at GUCI" - watch for more information

Stay tuned for more ways to get involved at The Valley Temple.

Shalom!

Sam

Sam Lobar, Men's Club President



Hello!

There is some exciting news to share about recent happenings, as well as some upcoming projects.

Chai Life: Project Linus was a huge success - between 15 and 20 blankets were made! Thanks to Amanda Stein for heading up this important project! The next big day is Hamentaschen baking on March 9. Sisterhood members will do the baking at 10:00, and the Chai Life group will begin at noon. There will be pizza and soda before the noon group starts, so please bring \$5 per child or \$10 per family to cover the cost.

Social Action: Every Child Succeeds is a group that works with 15 member agencies to provide parents in need with important items to give their babies a good start. We could help by collecting items or by assembling gift bags of previously donated items at their facility. For those who want to donate, a list of needed items will be posted on Facebook. For those interested in assembling gift bags, 5-8 people are needed on April 23 or 24. Shifts are 9:30 to 12:30 or 1:00 to 4:00. Please contact Helen Waits to volunteer.

There is a **WRJ Retreat** March 21—23 at GUCI. What an opportunity to connect with Sisterhood members from Valley and beyond! Anyone interested in attending needs to send registration ASAP. Please note there is limited space at the camp, and additional space at a hotel nearby.

The **March Sisterhood Meeting** is moving to March 2, so as not to conflict with the Hamentaschen baking on March 9.

Talit Project: Linda Lazar reported that the first 18 squares have been given to Barb Stewart, who will piece them together. Anyone who made a square but did not write a statement, please send it to Linda so she can include them in the book she is making about the project.

Social Events: Gail Lewin has gathered information about a play titled "Mountaintop," at the Ensemble Theatre so that we can go as a group on March 30. Tickets are approximately \$30. An email has gone out to Sisterhood members to try and get a group together to attend the play about Martin Luther King, Jr.

Please RSVP promptly.

Upcoming Meetings: **March 2**, (note earlier date), April 27, May 18 Hope to see you there!

B'Shalom,
Chrissy

Christine Knarr, Vice President



KROGER REWARDS SHOPPERS:

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

If you have already registered at www.kroger.com/communityrewards, it will be very simple to renew and continue helping Sisterhood to support Valley Temple programming.

If you have not registered before, you can also go to this website to sign up and link your KrogerPlus card. Just have your card ready and follow the on-screen prompts to start helping Sisterhood every time you shop!

If you have any questions, please contact Chrissy Knarr.

Sisterhood Thanks You!!!

SPONSOR AN ONEG SHABBAT

Help us continue our lovely tradition of providing delicious "goodies" at our Oneg Shabbats (the reception following services). These "onegs" are wonderful ways to celebrate the joy of the Sabbath, schmooze with members, meet new people and have a "nosh." Please help us maintain this tradition by calling Wendy at the Temple office for more information, or to say that you will sponsor an oneg. It can be in honor of a loved one, a special occasion or just because!

Our thanks to the following for sponsoring recent onegs:

Friends and family in honor of Emma Heines as she became a Bat Mitzvah

Jon and Susan Hoffheimer in memory of Murray Seasongood and Amy R. Hoffheimer



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Pam Levinson	03/01
Jacob DelMauro	03/02
Karen Rosenfield	03/02
Joan Reckseit	03/02
Barbara Neman	03/03
Michael Gelfand	03/04
Lawrence C. Freeman	03/06
Beth Schwartz	03/06
Anne Weitzenkorn	03/06
Avery Frank	03/08
Andrew Enneking	03/10
Rainie Perlmutter	03/11
Jenny Dapper	03/11
Robert E. Levinson	03/12
Helen Waits	03/12
Samuel Lobar	03/13
Phillip Levinson	03/14
Wyatt Blatt	03/14
Ann Shulman	03/14
Cheryl Moeller	03/15
Melissa Hoffheimer	03/16
Erica Denham	03/19
Richard Magnus	03/19
Nicole Sandor	03/20
Rosalyn Plaut	03/20
Grace Kaufman	03/21
Michael Shayeson	03/21
Karen Frecker	03/21
Carl Gehr, Jr.	03/22
Sharon Ran	03/22
Leah DelMauro	03/22
Ella Naveh	03/23
David Neman	03/23
John Shore	03/23
Jeff Rhein	03/24
Lynn Wertheimer	03/25
Mike Wagner	03/25
Bradley Mannheimer	03/25
Max Pennix	03/26
Marjorie Rauh	03/26
Anne Schauer	03/27
Noah Seltzer	03/28
Martin Fritzhand	03/28
Cody Hiller	03/30
Avi Schneider	03/30
Don Moeller	03/30

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Mike & Judy	Green	03/25/1964
Michael & Janelle	Gelfand	03/24/1973

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.

MAZAL TOV

Steven and Laura Connock on Brianna becoming a Bat Mitzvah

Harold and Bernice Blatt on the birth of their great grandson, Jacob Hamlish

Rheda and Bob Harris on the birth of their great granddaughter

MISHEBERACH

OTTO LEVY
BARRY ESSIG



OUR SYMPATHY

Len Elgowsky on the death of his Father, Jeffrey Elgowsky

Sustaining the Generations ...

We gratefully acknowledge the following contributions:

BRYNA SCHWARTZ MEMORIAL ONEG & HOSPITALITY FUND

In memory of Mike Vesio; *from Judy & Marty Young*

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In memory of Lillian Block; *from The Lobar Family*

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CAMP SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In memory of Betty DuCovna; *from Herb & Sue DuCovna*

ESTELLE WIGSER FLOWER FUND

In honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Emma Heines; *from Rabbi Saul & Sue Greenberg*

In honor of the birthday of Julie Stanzione; *from Aunt Myrna & Uncle Kurt Bloch*

In memory of Helen Silver; *from Sue & Jay Price*

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In memory of Hannah W. Schwab; *from John G. Schwab*

In memory of Fan Colish; *from Neil & Lynn Kravitz*

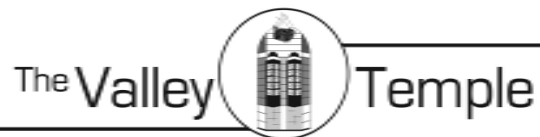
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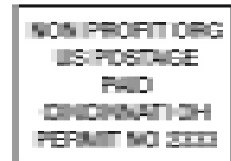
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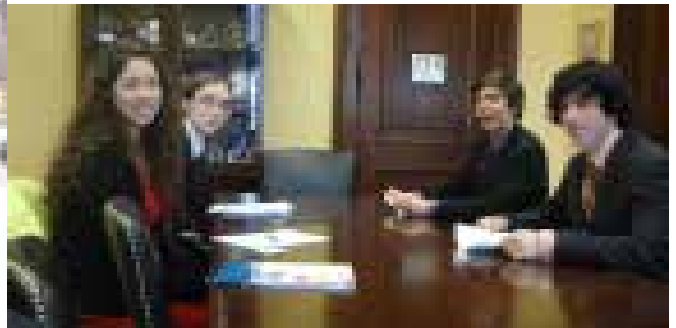
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10TH GRADE TRIP TO WASHINGTON, D.C.



Our thanks to the Stark Family Youth Fund and a grant from the Jewish Foundation of Cincinnati for subsidizing this trip