

The Valley Temple



May, 2014 Iyar, Sivan 5774

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

FRIDAY, MAY 2

5:15 pm- Reception before service honoring the HUC Ordination Class of 2014
6:00 pm- Shabbat Service **NOTE EARLY TIME**

SATURDAY, MAY 3

9:00 am- HUC Ordination Service at Plum Street Temple
NO TORAH STUDY OR SHABBAT SERVICE AT VALLEY TEMPLE
Torah Portion: Emor, Lev. 21:1-24:23

FRIDAY, MAY 9, 7:30 PM - FAMILY SHABBAT

Shabbat Service in honor of newly ordained Rabbis Carolan Glatstein, Rabbinic Intern and Eric Mollo, Rabbinic Fellow
Music: David Snyder

SATURDAY, MAY 10 - SHABBAT SCHOOL 9:45-12

9:30 am – Torah Study
10:30 am - Tot Shabbat
11:00am – Shabbat Service - **NOTE CHANGE IN TIME**
Torah Portion: B'har, Lev. 25:1-26:2

FRIDAY, MAY 16, 7:30 PM

Shabbat Service
Music: Bob Pollack and Marilyn Zelcer

SATURDAY, MAY 17

9:30 am – Torah Study
10:30 am – Shabbat Service
Torah Portion: B'chukotai, Lev. 26:3-27:34

FRIDAY, MAY 23

5:30 pm - Reception sponsored by the families of the Confirmands/Graduates in honor of this special occasion precedes the service
6:00 PM (**NOTE EARLY TIME**)
Service of Confirmation/Graduation
Music: Charlene Gubitz

SATURDAY, MAY 24

9:30 am – Torah Study
10:30 am – Shabbat Service
Bar Mitzvah of Tyler Sefferino
Torah Portion: B'midbar, Num. 1:1-4:20

FRIDAY, MAY 30, 7:30 PM

Shabbat Service
Music: Bob Pollack and Marilyn Zelcer

SATURDAY, MAY 31

9:30 am – Torah Study
10:30 am – Shabbat Service
Torah Portion: Naso, Num. 4:21-7:89

SHABBAT SERVICE AND CONFIRMATION/GRADUATION OF OUR 12TH GRADE STUDENTS

Friday, May 23, 6:00 pm
Pre-neg, 5:30 pm

KULANU SIYYUM

Sunday, May 18, 7:00 pm
at Valley Temple



Shabbat Morning Torah Study



NO EXPERIENCE EXPECTED!

Saturdays at 9:30 a.m.
except May 3



SNAG A BAG WITH SISTERHOOD PURSE AND SCARF AUCTION

Saturday, May 10th at 7 PM

begins with Havdallah Service

Dessert and Coffee served

Bring Your Friends - Admission Free

Cash and Checks Accepted

for Auction Purchases

Donations of gently used purses and scarves are appreciated. Donation box in Temple lobby.





FROM THE RABBI ... Sandford R. Kopnick

ENGAGEMENT

This month, we will say goodbye to our rabbinic intern and our rabbinic fellow, Carolan Glatstein and Eric Mollo. As we do, we will host the Friday night service which precedes the magical morning of Ordination which historically takes place at Plum Street Temple, through the generosity and dedication of Wise Temple.

As these new ordinees are welcomed into the rabbinate, the Jewish world is far different than when I was ordained, 24 years ago. When I was ordained, women were still struggling to be welcomed in top rabbinic positions, the gap between the traditional religiosity of the rabbi and the more classical Reform Jew seemed to be an issue, and many places were most concerned with whether a rabbi would officiate at an intermarriage.

Happily, our movement seems to have outgrown most of this. Women rabbis now outnumber male rabbis in our Cincinnati Reform congregations—with only 2 men and 5 women filling congregational rabbinic positions. Generally, HUC is ordaining fewer rabbis who are far more traditional than most Reform Jews (with noted exceptions). And while there are still many rabbis who do not choose to officiate at intermarriage, the number is far less than in previous generations.

Today's new rabbis have a difficult challenge ahead of them. While we were busy evolving from unfair biases and other responses to modernity, the Jewish world seemed to start straying from participation in synagogue life. The new buzz word is "engagement." While Israel, family connections, new approaches to spirituality, and full equality for women provided new and exciting ways for Jews to find engagement in our faith, today, many are in search of new ways to explore Judaism.

A 25 year old getting married today can far more easily find a rabbi to officiate, has only known a post-intifada Israel, has lived through a significant economic horror, and has seen US troops engaged in active conflict for a significant part of their lives. 1/2 of their lives have had the awareness of The World Trade Center bombing, and issues like abortion rights and equality for the GLBT community are generational, and not really controversial for young people.

So how do these new ordinees engage the new generation? The same way we all do—for it is not a generational challenge. It is up to all of us to follow a few basic ideas: the world is better off with dedicated Jews in it, that Judaism provides a profound structure for

living a meaningful life, and that relationships built in conjunction with Judaism can provide great depth to already wonderful bonds. It is not through Twitter, Facebook, or remarkable creativity that Jews will join synagogues—it is through the warmth of community and a sincere approach to serving God. It may, however, take Facebook, Twitter, and creativity to make timely what remains timelessly relevant.

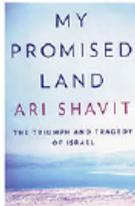
So good luck to our new ordinees. Thank you for your impact on our congregation, and may God give you the strength not to recreate Torah, but to find the ways to present Torah to those waiting to be engaged. It is terrific work—and I, for one, am honored and renewed at the challenge!

B'shalom

Sandford R. Kopnick, Rabbi

**MY PROMISED LAND:
BY ARI SHAVIT**
WITH RABBI SANDFORD KOPNICK

TUESDAYS APRIL 29, MAY 6, AND MAY 13 AT 7:30 P.M.



Not since Thomas Friedman's book, *From Beirut to Jerusalem* has an author captured the essence and the beating heart of the Middle East as keenly and dynamically as *My Promised Land*. Facing unprecedented internal and external pressures, Israel today is at a moment of existential crisis. Join us as Rabbi Kopnick leads us through this text in order to understand the insights Mr. Shavit offers. It is strongly suggested that participants read the first four chapters of the book prior to the first evening's discussion.

LUNCH & LEARN

JUDAISM CONFRONTS CONTEMPORARY ISSUES

FIRST MONDAY AT THE LAW OFFICES OF JON HOFFHEIMER IN THE
MERCANTILE LIBRARY BUILDING ON WALNUT (12TH FLOOR).

SECOND MONDAY (EXCEPT APRIL) AT VALLEY TEMPLE.
THROUGH MAY.



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN RELIGIOUS SCHOOL?

Another year is coming to a close and I find myself thinking of the Jewish practice of reciting blessings. We are told to recite 100 blessings a day; 100 thank yous to God. On any given Sunday morning, I am flooded with opportunities to be grateful for everyone who makes Religious School possible.

I want to thank the organizations and people who make it so we can fulfill our mission of helping all of our students develop a positive Jewish identity. Our Religious School and Retreat programming would not be possible without the Jewish Federation of Cincinnati S.E.E.D. grant, the Jewish Foundation's educational grant, and our own Valley Sisterhood whose gift helps us with supplies and books throughout the year.

I have deep gratitude for Rabbi Kopnick's undying support, knowledge, sense of humor, and passion for education; our rabbinic intern Carolan Glatstein and our rabbinic fellow Eric Mollo for leading the 7th and 8th grade program; our teachers and madrichim for their creativity, patience, diligence, and love of teaching and our students; the Board of Trustees for supporting our school; our Religious School Committee, led by chair, Michelle Steed, for meeting to discuss issues and policies; Wendy Walsh in the office for her support and sense of humor, and Eric Thomas, Eric Powers and Robyn Gato for ensuring the building is set for our classes on Sundays and Tuesdays. But most of all, I want to thank you, the parents, for sharing your children with us, and your children for teaching and learning with us all year. It is through their wisdom, questions, challenges, and triumphs that I believe we have inched closer to our mission. I welcome your feedback and I look forward to this last month together.

RS DATES IN MAY:

Sunday dates:

May 4*, 10**, 18***

* 5th grade Family Education at Weil Funeral Home and 6th grade Family Education at Mapping Our Tears

** Shabbat School (Religious School on Saturday instead of Sunday) 9:45-12

*** Closing day assembly and picnic

Tuesday Hebrew dates:

May 6, 13

IMPORTANT PARENT MEETINGS

May 18 at 11 AM - Parents of current 3rd graders will meet with Rabbi Kopnick and Alison to discuss their children's entrance into our Hebrew program next year.

Tuesday, May 13 at 6 PM - Parents of current 6th graders will meet with Rabbi Kopnick and Alison to discuss the 7th and 8th grade program at Valley. Pizza and salad available for parents and Hebrew students

May 18 at 10 AM - Parents of current 8th graders will meet with Rabbi Kopnick and Alison to discuss the community high school program called Kulanu and the madrichim program (in which students can serve as teaching assistants in Religious School).

Also, on May 18, don't forget the Closing Day Assembly from 11:45-12:00 in the Sanctuary and the picnic immediately following RS. Thanks to the Sisterhood for sponsoring this annual celebration. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share!

As we finish our year, I wish everyone a month filled with discoveries and peace.

B'shalom,

Alison

Alison Weikel



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



Kindergarten class is deep in discussion led by teacher, Nancy Magnus Kopnick

TEMPLE CONFIRMATION /GRADUATION – FRIDAY, MAY 23

The Valley Temple Confirmation/Graduation Service will be held May 23, 2014 at 6:00 pm in the Greenberg Sanctuary. Seniors will be confirmed in our annual service combining Confirmation and Graduation.

Students will participate in the service, deliver short sermonettes about their Jewish identities and their experiences at Valley, and receive a blessing in front of the Ark. The congregation is encouraged to participate in the service and to wish our confirmands/graduates well.

MAZAL TOV TO OUR CONFIRMANDS/GRADUATES AND THEIR FAMILIES



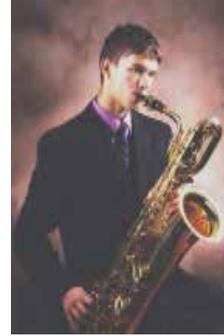
Zoe Codd



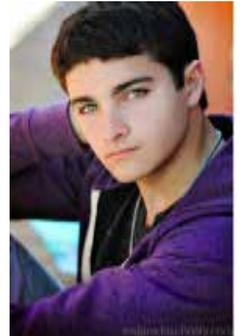
Matthew Lobar



Adam McCarrick



Alexander Spohr



Joshua Weikel

Zoe Codd, daughter of Kim and Henry Codd
 Matthew Lobar, son of Laura and Sam Lobar
 Adam McCarrick, son of Robyn and Tim McCarrick
 Alexander Spohr, son of Sue and Andrew Spohr
 Joshua Weikel, son of Alison and Rob Weikel

Kulanu Senior Siyyum — Sunday, May 18 at 7 pm at Valley Temple

The Valley Temple Religious School Annual Closing Day Picnic Sunday, May 18, 2014 (Immediately following Religious School)

This will be a potluck event hosted by Sisterhood. Hotdogs and drinks will be provided. Each family is asked to provide a side dish or dessert (**There is no additional cost for this event**).



Come join us for this special event to end our Religious School year. It is a great way to enjoy a meal and say goodbye to your Religious School friends before summer break. Send your reservation in by Wednesday, May 14 so we can include you in this event.

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND
 YOU DONT HAVE TO HAVE CHILDREN IN THE
 RELIGIOUS SCHOOL TO COME!**

Please return this form to the temple office no later than Wednesday, May 14 or send an email to valleywrj@valleytemple.com.

THE VALLEY TEMPLE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL PICNIC Sunday, May 18, 2014 Reservation Form

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 send to the form to the Temple office

OUR THANKS TO SISTERHOOD FOR SPONSORING THIS EVENT!



WOMEN OF REFORM JUDAISM
stronger together

Hope all had a good Pe-

Sisterhood has a new fundraiser, thanks to Allison Schneider! We have signed up with Mabel's Labels. They offer labels for everything that goes to camp or school. They have labels for household products as well as for seniors who are living in care communities. No more ironing...these labels are stick on! Please go to www.valleytemple.mabelslabels.com to view their products and place an order; the Valley Temple a Sisterhood receives 20% of your order cost when you order through the link - invite your friends to use the link!



mabel's labels

We have Papa Johns Pizza cards for \$10 each and Sisterhood earns \$7 for every card sold! And don't forget, gift cards are always available for purchase, and they are a great way to help with fundraising. Contact Sue Spohr if you are interested in purchasing any.

Save the date! May 10 we are having a "Snag A Bag" event at Valley Temple that will begin at 7:00 pm with a Havdallah service followed by a gently used scarves and purse auction while enjoying dessert and coffee. Any donations of purses or scarfs are appreciated! Contact Sue Spohr.

It is time once again to sign up for Kroger cards - go to www.krogercommunityrewards.com and select Valley Temple as your organization for fundraising.

Our last meeting is May 18, followed by the end of the year Religious School picnic - volunteers are always welcome to help with set up & break down, please contact Kathy Klein if you are interested - Hope to see you there!

B'Shalom,

Susan
Susan Elgowsky



SAVE YOUR ITEMS
FOR THE
SISTERHOOD
RUMMAGE SALE
TO BE HELD ON JUNE
29

Drop off days begin on Sunday, June 22 and continues during the week prior to the sale

HELP SISTERHOOD RAISE FUNDS JUST BY SHOPPING AT KROGER



Support the Sisterhood just by doing your regular shopping. **NOW** is the time to renew (or sign up for the first time!) by linking your Kroger Plus Card to the Sisterhood.

To renew, just go to the website www.krogercommunityrewards.com and follow the on-screen prompts to update your card. You will need to enter your e-mail and password, and enter either Valley Temple Sisterhood or our number: 80111, then click "enroll."

If you have never signed up before, you will need your Kroger Plus Card to create an account and sign up at the above website.

If you have any questions, please contact Chrissy Knarr.

THIS IS AN AMAZING FUNDRAISER FOR
SISTERHOOD
ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS SHOP AT KROGER
Sisterhood Thanks You!!!

BABY SUPPLIES DRIVE THROUGH THE END OF MAY

FOR THE
EVERY CHILD SUCCEEDS PROGRAM
to help first time at risk mothers to
provide for their little ones, ages 1-3.

ITEMS TO COLLECT:

Baby wash, bibs, blankets, bottles, brush & comb sets, developmental toys for ages 0-3, diapers, lotion, rattles, socks, shampoo, sippy cups, spoon & fork sets, teething, training plates, wash cloths, wipes.

PLEASE AVOID: Food, clothing, diaper rash ointment, formula, medicine (Tylenol, Gas-X, etc.), powder.



BRING YOUR DONATIONS TO THE TEMPLE

CHAI LIFE EVENT



Sunday, May 4
following Religious School
Celebrate Spring by playing GAGA,
eating pizza and collecting items
and \$\$\$ for STAF
(Save the Animals Foundation),
a no kill shelter.

Check out their WISH LIST at
<http://staf.org/index.php/wish-list/>

Pizza lunch is \$5 per child; \$10 per family
RSVP to Amanda Stein
amanda2829@gmail.com

**PASSOVER SEDER
A WONDERFUL EVENING**

Thanks to our Passover Seder committee, Jody Finley and Kathie Tamarkin, Co Chairs, Kara Schneider, Kathy Schlaeger, Sharon Feldstein, Peggy Barrett, Sandy Hatfield, Dianne Rabe, and Chrissy Knarr. Many thanks to those who made the wonderful desserts and also to those who donated food items, time and financial support to make our Seder another very special Valley Temple event. It was wonderful way to celebrate the Passover holiday and a great evening for all those who attended. Thank you. Next year at Valley Temple!



**ARE YOU GOING TO WASHINGTON TO
SEE THE HOLOCAUST MUSUEM?**



Anyone interested in participating with Rabbi Kopnick on a day-trip to Washington D.C., to see the Holocaust Museum on **Sunday, July 20, 2014**—please contact Rabbi Kopnick **as soon**

as possible. The only cost to Valley members is the airfare (around \$250). All other expenses including ground transportation, museum reservations, and meals (lunch and dinner) will be provided by a grant from the Jewish Foundation of Cincinnati. Let us know **today!**

**STREAMING OF SERVICES
UPGRADED**

Our ability to stream services over the internet has been upgraded and greatly improved. While we would prefer you join us in person and be a part of our community, if you are unable to do so, you may view some of the services via your computer. Please contact the Temple

Sustaining the Generations ...

We gratefully acknowledge the following contribu-

ROBERT LANZIT ADULT EDUCATION FUND

In honor of David Feldstein; *from Marguerite Feibelman*

SEINSHEIMER MUSIC FUND

In memory of Dorothy Sall Rosenbaum; *from Jan Rosenbaum Sass and Mark Sass*

BRYNA SCHWARTZ ONEG FUND

In memory of Maurice Shayeson; *from Michael and Nancy Shayeson*

In memory of Carter Clark; *from Bill and Rita Clark*

JANE MUNICK MEMORIAL GARDEN FUND

In recognition of the 23rd anniversary of Jane Munick's death; *from Mel Marmor*

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In memory of Mortimer Lanzit and Janice Mielziner; *from Charlotte Lanzit*

In memory of Leona Shayeson; *from Carol and Julian Magnus*

In memory of Joseph Price; *from Jay and Sue Price*

In memory of Nathan Kallek; *from Lynn and Neil Kravitz*

In memory of Sara Tessel; *from John and Rhoda Ulas*

In memory of Lucile Amber; *from John and Jean Amber*

In appreciation of Rabbi Kopnick; *from the Mantel family*

In appreciation of Rabbi Kopnick; *from Nancy and Michael Shayeson*

BRYNA SCHWARTZ MEMORIAL ONEG & HOSPITALITY FUND

In memory of Leone and Armand Kahn; *from Sally and Ernie Waxman*

ALLEN AND SELMA WIENER BERKMAN SOCIAL ACTION FUND

In memory of Ethel Glube Levy; *from Bernice and Don Pollack*

CAMP SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Sam Huseman; *from Stuart and Ricki Hodesh*

In memory of Beverly Scheckelhoff and Leona Shayeson; *from Sam and Laura Lobar and family*

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

**HELP US CREATE
A WARM MOMENT AFTER SERVICES**

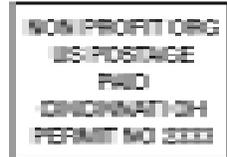
Sponsoring an Oneg Shabbat (the reception following services) is a lovely way to celebrate a special occasion or honor the memory of a loved one or "just because." Please help us maintain this tradition by calling Wendy at the Temple office.

Our thanks to Amy and Tim Huseman in honor of Sam becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

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WRJ Kallah at GUCI

Six Sisterhood members, Chrissy Knarr, Nikki Sandor, Sue Spohr, Bindy Waits, Jan Goldstein (who is also on the WRJ District Board), and Laura Lobar were able to attend the WRJ Kallah at GUCI camp, March 21-23. It was great to experience the campgrounds that our children attend each summer. After a delicious Shabbat dinner we participated in Israeli dancing and music, went on a Shabbat Walk, delighted in services, and enjoyed a campfire and story. Everyone was in great spirits, which led into a wonderful educational weekend.

Rabbinic Student, Dana Benson, led us in a touching Saturday morning service. From there WRJ kept us moving through a myriad of mini seminar sessions. We learned the values of URJ Summer camps and how it strengthens children's Jewish identity, leadership tips, the benefits of social media for sisterhoods, and more. As Shabbat came to a close we all participated in a special Havdallah service. Then we raised money for the YES Fund (Youth, Education, and Special Projects) with a "Nearly New Handbag Auction." Be on the lookout for our Sisterhood version, Snag A Bag on May 10, at 7 PM.

The weekend was a rousing success as we all are bringing back enriched spirits, ideas and services for our Sisterhood.

