



RELIGIOUS SERVICES

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1, 7:30 PM

Shabbat Service

Music: Bob Pollack and Marilyn Zelcer

Oneg Shabbat hosted by Bob and Jeannie Hiller

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2

9:30 AM – Torah Study

10:30 AM – Shabbat Service

Torah Portion: Eikev, Deut. 7:12-11:25

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8, 7:30 PM

Shabbat Family Service

Music: David Snyder

Oneg Shabbat hosted by Jon and Susan Hoffheimer

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9

9:30 AM – Torah Study

10:30 AM – Shabbat Service

Torah Portion: R'eih, Deut. 11:26-16:17

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15, 7:30 PM

Shabbat Service

Music: Bob Pollack and Marilyn Zelcer

Oneg Shabbat hosted by Don and Bernice Pollack

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

9:30 AM – Torah Study

10:30 AM – Shabbat Service

Torah Portion: Shoftim, Deut. 16:18-21:9

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22

7:00 PM – Prospective Member Open House

7:30 PM – Shabbat Service

Music: Friday Night Live

Oneg Shabbat hosted by Beth Schwarz and Gene Smiley

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

9:30 am – Torah Study

10:00 am – Tot Shabbat

10:30 am – Shabbat Service

Torah Portion: Ki Teitzei, Deut. 21:10-25:19

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29, 7:30 PM

Shabbat Service

Music: Jessie Wainer, Rabbinic Fellow _____

Oneg Shabbat hosted by Scott and Gail Silverstein in honor of their anniversary

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30

9:30 AM – Torah Study

10:30 AM – Shabbat Service

Torah Portion: Ki Tavo, Deut. 26:1-29:8

ALISON WEIKEL,

DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

one of 6 educators from North America to receive an award from the Harold Grinspoon Foundation as a National Educator of Excellence



**PROSPECTIVE MEMBER
OPEN HOUSE**

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22

7:00 pm Tour

7:30 pm Shabbat Service

featuring our Friday Night
Live Band

Prayers are set to
contemporary music

Bring prospective members or
call us with info to invite them to this service



WELCOME
JESSICA WAINER
NEW RABBINIC FELLOW

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL
PICNIC IN THE PARK
AUGUST 24, 2 PM - 5 PM
AT SHARON WOODS PARK
HONEYSUCKLE HILL SHELTER



We'll provide burgers and hotdogs. Bring your favorite family picnic side dish. See old friends-greet new members! The event is free, but the park does require a pass for \$3 for the day. Bring a prospective member. RSVP to wendy@valleytemple.com or 513-761-3555. Thanks to Men's Club for sponsoring this event.

**IN THE
PICNIC
PARK**



FROM THE RABBI ... Sandford R. Kopnick

ISRAEL AND HAMAS

This summer, four of our students (two college and two high school) attended programs in Israel. Two were part of the Cincinnati Jewish Federation's Workum program, and our high school students were on their camp trips to Israel which was heavily subsidized by the Cincinnati Jewish Foundation. We are so blessed in this community to have such a strong financial commitment to our students' participation in these programs. But, no subsidy is able to take away the real anxiety created this summer as Hamas and Israel traded attacks. One Friday Night in July, a few of our parents were at services as we talked about whether their children would remain in Israel. Real fear. Real rockets. Real life.

Soon after that oneg-shabbat discussion, Egypt brokered a cease-fire. Contrary to what we've been taught to expect from Israel, Prime Minister Netanyahu immediately accepted the terms of the cease fire and stopped any counter-attacks. Finally, Israelis made a smart PR move. The rocket fire from the Palestinian areas is massive and unacceptable. No other country would allow it, and neither should Israel. However, Israel is rarely judged by such standards, and agreeing to the cease- fire without knowing whether the other side would accede helped put the spotlight where it belonged.

Our kids are encouraged to get to know our ancestral homeland—not for its politics, but for its connection to our Bible and the development of our faith. It is an opportunity to connect with other Jews, and to see Judaism as it can be in a 24-hour/day reality. The view from a bomb-shelter is not quite what we had in mind.

This summer will be known for killing three Israeli students, and the most un-Jewish response some zealot perpetrated when killing a Palestinian student. It will be known for Israel being under fire again...and the Palestinians continuing in a desperate situation that has bloody casualties, but no real advances. And while our students may return home with a unique perspective of the daily life of Israelis, I would have rather someone simply told them about it. After all, there are countless examples of similar moments.

Our fervent prayer is that our people know safety in Israel. May our support of our brothers and sisters who toil for Israel's security know our support as family support. And regardless of our politics, may we continue to ensure Israel's security by supporting those organizations who work toward the kind of Israel we each envision. Finally, may the Palestinian people find leadership willing to accept the reality of Israel so that Israel can finally stop

defending itself, and start working toward the reality of an independent state for the Palestinians. Only then, will we see the Biblical promise of Israel as a land flowing with milk and honey.

Have a good month!

B'shalom,

Sandford R. Kopnick, Rabbi

JESSICA WAINER JOINS TEMPLE STAFF

Jessica Wainer, a rising fourth year student at HUC-JIR has been appointed as our music intern for 2014-15. Jessie will also be the rabbinic intern at Temple Shalom of Louisville, KY. In her role as music intern, Jessie will help Rabbi Kopnick coordinate the Friday Night Live band, teach religious school music, song-lead and lead music at a few services each semester, and coordinate the Teen Tefillah team.



Jessie hails from the Chicago area and has experience song leading and working with music at URJ Olin Sang Ruby Union Institute Camp. She has a love of music and will bring some new energy to many of our programs. We are grateful to the Cincinnati Jewish Foundation for funding this Rabbinic Fellow experience.

WASHINGTON TRIP FEATURES U.S. HOLOCAUST MUSEUM

Eight travelers joined Rabbi Sandford Kopnick and Director of Education Alison Weikel at the U.S. Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C. last month. The trip was subsidized by the Cincinnati Jewish Foundation.

Temple members arrived in D.C., attended a brunch at a nearby restaurant and then spent the majority of the day at the museum, which was opened 20 years ago. Following the museum, participants visited the World War II, Vietnam, and Lincoln Memorials, and enjoyed a mideastern dinner before returning to Cincinnati. It was a very meaningful day of learning about our history and each other.





**WHAT'S HAPPENING IN
RELIGIOUS SCHOOL?**

This summer, while Religious School classrooms are quiet, I have spent some time thinking about what it means to be a learner. I have met with and talked to other Jewish educators, traveled and visited other schools, read about theory and innovation in the field of Jewish education, and did some imagining and planning with Rabbi Kopnick and our intern, Brian Nelson. I take the stance of a learner, not just over the summer, but every week as we share Jewish experiences with our students. I believe we all have things to learn not only from our tradition, but from each other. I will be bringing all of this together with our wonderful teachers and madrichim as we begin a new year as a learning community in September.

I am excited to attend the NewCAJE (Coalition for the Advancement of Jewish Education) conference this month where I will brainstorm and share with the other Grinspoon award winners. Valley will be receiving a stipend and mentoring to bring exciting educational programs to Religious School. Stay tuned for the details!

B'shalom,

Alison

Alison Weikel
Director of Education

**PRE-SCHOOL CLASSES FOR
THREE AND FOUR YEAR OLDS**



Sunday Mornings
9:45 AM- Noon
Hands-on activities,
stories, art, music.
Learn about holidays, bible
stories, Jewish values, and
Hebrew readiness.
Activities for young children
to experience the joy of Judaism.

For more information, contact Alison Weikel,
Director of Education, 513-761-3555 or alison@valleytemple.com

Mitzvah Corps Bowling
Sunday, August 24 - 12:30 pm
Crossgate Bowl in Blue Ash
Watch for more info



**Annual Opening Day Picnic
Sunday, September 7, 2014
(Immediately following Religious School)**

Please join us for our annual BBQ at Temple!

A potluck event hosted by Sisterhood.
Hotdogs and drinks will be provided. -- Please bring a side dish or dessert. **(There is no additional cost for this event).**

Help kick off the Religious School year and reconnect with your school friends.

RSVP by Wednesday, September 3

**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, September 3 or send an email to valleywrj@valleytemple.com.

**OPENING DAY RELIGIOUS SCHOOL PICNIC
Sunday, September 7, 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 call the temple office- 761-3555.

**OUR THANKS TO SISTERHOOD FOR
SPONSORING THIS EVENT!**



**RELIGIOUS SCHOOL IMPORTANT
DATES FOR SEPTEMBER**

- September 5-6- VTMC (7th/8th grade) retreat
- September 7- Opening Day and Picnic- grades PreK-6
- September 9- Hebrew for grades 4-5-6
- September 14- Religious School- grades PreK-6
- September 16- Hebrew for grades 4-5-6
- September 21- Religious School- grades PreK-6 and VTMC



**YOUTH GROUP
OPENING MEETING
Sunday, August 17
Watch for More Info**

CONFIRMATION/GRADUATION 2014



GUCI CAMPERS-FIRST SESSION



**ALISON WEIKEL
RECEIVES NATIONAL
GRINSPOON AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN
JEWISH EDUCATION**

We are excited to inform you that Alison Weikel is one of 6 educators from North America to receive an award from the Harold Grinspoon Foundation as a National Educator of Excellence. Alison was nominated by Rabbi Kopnick for the incredible work she has done for our Religious School. She was selected by the Jewish Federation of Cincinnati as the local winner a couple of months ago and Grinspoon Foundation moved her forward into a smaller group that they were considering for the North American award winners.

Quotes from her nominators:

Rabbi Kopnick stated, "Alison is a remarkable educator. She has inspired our faculty to be more reflective in their teaching which has resulted in a much warmer and exuberant school. She has vast knowledge of educational theory and hands-on programming which has inspired our faculty to achieve in ways previously unreachable."

Secondary nominator, Laura Beasley remarked, "If I were to describe her in one word, it would be AMAZING. She is warm and nurturing to the children in her school, and totally accessible to parents. She brings a lifelong love of learning and teaching to our school. She is always there to help students, parents and teachers. Her attitude is serious but fun and she passes it along to everyone she meets."

Billy Bie and Linda Kean presented this award to Alison during our annual meeting in June. She was completely SURPRISED! In honor of this award, Alison received national recognition and numerous gifts which included a financial stipend as well as attendance at the New CAJE 5 Conference in Los Angeles.

A hearty Mazel Tov to Alison and The Valley Temple from the Jewish Educators Council, the Jewish Federation of Cincinnati, and all of her Valley Temple family. This award confirms what we, at Valley Temple already knew, that Alison is an amazing educator and a wonderful director of our Religious School!

MAZAL TOV



MEN'S CLUB COMINGS AND GOINGS

The Valley Temple Men's Club met for chicken wings and trivia on July 16th at Buffalo Wings & Rings in Finneytown. Congregant Brian Meeron hosts trivia there every Wednesday night.

Other events this quarter include the annual Temple picnic on Sunday, August 24th at 2pm in Sharon Woods. Once again we will be gathering at the Honeysuckle Hill Shelter for food, sports, and good conversation.

On September 21st the Men's Club will host Dads & Donuts before religious school. All students and fathers are invited for breakfast beginning at 9:15 am. Following that at around 10 am, the Men's Club will hold its semiannual general meeting open to all male Temple members age 18 and older. This morning is a great opportunity for those not as involved to learn about what Men's Club has to offer.

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.

MICHAEL & NANCY SHAYESON
THE LOBAR FAMILY in honor of Laura's birthday
SANDY HATFIELD in memory of Jacob Hatfield
SANDY HATFIELD in honor of Aaron's birthday
SUE & JAY PRICE in honor of the naming of Ellie Spiv-

OUR GRATEFUL THANKS

MAZAL TOV

Izar and Stacey Spivack and Sue and Jay Price on the naming of their daughter and granddaughter, Ellie

Dianne and Kerry Rabe on the birth of their grandson, Homer Thomas, son of Jacqueline and David

MISHEBERACH

RAE NOURIE
CAROL BARNETT



OUR SYMPATHY

Rick Blatt on the death of his mother, Ethyl
Andrea Beck on the death of her grandfather,
Joseph Linder

SAM LOBAR RECEIVES LEVY VOLUNTEER AWARD

The Helen and Martin Levy Volunteer Award is given to a member who exemplifies the spirit of volunteerism and dedication to The Valley Temple that Helen and Marty Levy (of blessed memory) showed over the years. This year's recipient was Sam Lobar who has served the Temple in many capacities including most recently the President of the Men's Club. Under Sam's leadership, this important group of our congregation has grown in strength of both membership and activities. Mazal tov to Sam on this very well-deserved honor!



WELCOME BOARD MEMBERS

Congratulations to Michael Shayeson, newly elected President of the Board of Trustees as well as Jon Hoffheimer, Vice President-Finance and President-Elect, and Scott Silverstein as Treasurer. Continuing as members of the Executive Committee are Craig Hoffheimer, Past President; Kathy Schlaeger, Vice President-Programming/Ritual; and David Feldstein, Secretary.

Welcome to new Board members Rita Clark, Tim Gruenhagen, Dan Perlmutter and Aron Schneider. Continuing as Trustees are Linda Denham, Marvin Fischbaum, Bernice Pollack, Beth Schwartz, Michelle Steed, Helen Waits and Elizabeth Woosley. Also serving on the Board as representative of the Men's Club is Scott Steinberg and as representative of Sisterhood is Laura Lobar.

We also thank retiring members Jenny Dapper, Jody Finley and Bob Hiller for their years of dedication and service.

**THERE IS STILL TIME
TO SEND IN YOUR
INFO FOR THE
YOM KIPPUR MEMORIAL BOOK
TO BE DISTRIBUTED DURING
THE YOM KIPPUR MEMORIAL SERVICE**



WOMEN OF REFORM JUDAISM
stronger together

Our combination Estate/Rummage Sale was a smash! Thanks to everyone who contributed, from donating items, to sorting and organizing throughout the week, to working at the Friday Estate sale and the Sunday Rummage Sale. It really was a community effort and this year's sale was our most successful yet! Our unsold items were picked up by St. Vincent DePaul, so we were able to end with a mitzvah. Thanks to Chrissy Knarr and her amazing committee for their hard work to make this project a success.

Summer's in full swing! Hope everyone is enjoying the sunshine & warmth!

Valley Temple Sisterhood will again be sponsoring a purse auction this fall on Saturday night, November 15, SNAG-A-BAG II. Besides purses to be auctioned we will be raffling "Pamper Baskets". We would like to ask all of you to help by donating new or "gently used" purses for this event. We will also need pamper items such as lotions, shower gels, fragrances, makeup, etc. If any of you receive "gifts with purchases" at the various makeup counters and do not use them, they would make a great donation for this event. Additionally, we will need gift cards from hair salons, nail salons, & spas. If you frequent one of these, would you ask for a gift card donation. Donation letters and thank you letters are available if you need them. Please contact Davine Levy @513-370-7579 or Rhoda Ulas @ 513-702-2340 to help, to donate or with questions.

We are excited to be selling jars of honey in celebration of the High Holidays. More information will be coming soon.

Sisterhood dues bills will be sent out in early September. Your prompt response to this mailing will help Sisterhood keep costs at a minimum.

There is a Sisterhood meeting on Sunday, August 17 at 10 am - hope to see you there!

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Susan

Susan Elgowsky

"SNAG A BAG II"

Please save the date (**November 15, 2014**) for our second "Ladies Night Out" fun(d)raising event. We will be auctioning new and gently used purses to the highest bidders. Pampering baskets will also be raffled. Besides requesting your attendance, your participation in donating purses and items for the raffle baskets will also be appreciated. No donation is too large or small!! Please contact Davine Levy at 513 370-7579 or at diva1937.dl@gmail.com to arrange contributions or to get more information. Thanks and see you in November!!



CHAI LIFE

Sunday, September 14

following Religious School

We'll play GAGA, eat pizza and collect 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.



HONEY JAR GREETINGS AND FUNDRAISER

Say L'shanah tova to your friends and relatives by sending a honey jar greeting. Information will be sent to you -- it's easy -- just fill out the form and return it along with your check to Toby Ruben. Need more info -- call Toby Ruben.



SISTERHOOD SUMMER MEETING

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

10 AM-NOON

AT THE TEMPLE



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Bobby Reynolds	08/01	
Stacey Spivak	08/03	
Leslie Waltman		08/04
Allie Weiner	08/05	
Phyllis Bossin		08/06
Marcelo Niedermann	08/06	
Eli Shupe, Jr.	08/06	
William Pinsky	08/07	
Norman Wasserman	08/07	
Sarah Reynolds	08/07	
Gail Lewin	08/08	
Stuart Hodesh	08/08	
Susana Niedermann	08/09	
Charlotte Lanzit	08/10	
Juddy Solomon	08/11	
Robert Stewart	08/11	
Beth L. Miles	08/12	
Josh Guttman	08/13	
Ginny Myer	08/15	
Jay Price	08/15	
Milton Plaut	08/15	
Jay Brandt	08/16	
Shannon Clark	08/16	
Robert Deutsch	08/16	
Barbara Katz	08/17	
Marvin Fischbaum	08/17	
Daniel Friedberg	08/18	
Barbara Guggenheim	08/18	
Cody Blatt	08/18	
Naomi Codd	08/19	
Laurel Fischbaum	08/20	
Kim Stark	08/21	
Daniel Perry	08/21	
Sandra Green	08/21	
Rachel Cusack	08/22	
Adam Brown	08/23	
Joanna Jones	08/23	
Stephen R. Casper	08/23	
Craig Hoffheimer	08/24	
Barry Goldhoff	08/25	
Kevin Carmody	08/25	
Marcia Deitsch	08/25	
Adam Heines	08/25	
Michael Blumenfeld	08/25	
Monroe Blatt	08/26	
William S. Magnus	08/27	
Monya Brandt	08/28	
Mark Apseloff	08/29	
Steven Elgowsky	08/29	
Marsha Kuhr	08/29	
Sharon Feldstein	08/30	
Alan Schwartz	08/30	
Evelyn Kabakoff	08/30	
Hildie Reynolds	08/30	
Sarah Davis	08/30	
Golda Kirzner	08/31	

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.

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Philip & Melissa Hoffheimer	08/02/2008
Larry & Mara Wolf	08/04/2005
Michael & Karin O'Neill	08/06/2000
Aaron & Emma Bernay	08/08/2004
Carol & Terry Barnett	08/09/1990
Bob & Jeannie Hiller	08/11/1979
Mark & Jan Sass	08/17/1980
Tom & Bette Sherman	8/17/1969
John & Helen Habbert	08/18/1974
Donald & Nancy Dornheggen	08/18/1978
Jeremy & Melissa Klotz	08/19/2001
Ivan & Kathie Tamarkin	08/20/1977
Bob & Sylvia Maltz	08/24/1958
David & Andrea Knarr	08/24/1966
Ron & Carol Spritzer	08/28/
Laura & Steven Connock	08/28/1998
Scott & Gail Silverstein	08/29/1998
Joanna & John Jones	08/29/2007

Sustaining the Generations ...

We gratefully acknowledge the following contribu-

SEINSHEIMER MUSIC FUND

In honor of Ricki and Stuart Hodesh's 45th anniversary; *from Jon & Susan Hoffheimer*

In memory of Harry Schaen; *from Ricki & Stuart Hodesh*

In memory of Charles Levinson; *from Ron & Barb Stern*

In memory of Marc S. Buff; *from Jan Rosenbaum Sass & Mark Sass*

In honor of Emily Ehrle's college graduation; *from Helen & Ernie Waits*

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

A gift from Tom and Sandy Green

In appreciation of Rabbi Kopnick; *from Peggy Barrett*

In honor of the ordination of Rabbis Eric Mollo and Carolan Glatstein; *from Peggy Barrett*

In memory of Eric H. Bamberger; *from Ellen Bamberger*

In memory of Lillian M. Lanzit; *from Charlotte Lanzit*

In appreciation of Rabbi Kopnick; *from Marcia & Denny Reynolds*

In memory of Robert L. Sass; *from Helen Sass & Mark & Jan Rosenbaum Sass*

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In memory of Pablo Steiner; *from Nora Moreira*

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In memory of Alice Kuhn Benjamin; *from Lois Benjamin*

In memory of Ernie Waits' sister-in-law; in honor of the birth of Ellie Spivack; *from Sam & Laura Lobar*

ESTELLE WIGSER MEMORIAL FLOWER FUND

In memory of Estelle Wigser; *from Myrna Arlen Block*

JANE MUNICK MEMORIAL GARDEN FUND

In memory of Florence Mitman Rubin; *from Ken & Diane Mitman*

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In appreciation of Rabbi Kopnick; *from Jeff & Linda Lazar*

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2014 HIGH HOLY DAY SERVICES

SELICHOT SERVICE

- ☆Saturday, September 20, 8:00 pm
Adult Education 8:00 p.m.
Grand Dessert Reception 9:30 pm.
Havdalah/Torah Cover Changing/Selichot
10:00 p.m.

ROSH HASHANAH

- ☆Wednesday, September 24, 8:00 pm
- ☆Thursday, September 25, 9:00 am
Family Service
- ☆Thursday, September 25, 10:15 am
Tot Service
- ☆Thursday, September 25 10:45 am
Gates of Repentance

CEMETERY SERVICES

- ☆Sunday, September 28
Jewish Cemetery of
Greater Cincinnati
- ☆Montgomery - 10:00 am
- ☆Walnut Hills - 11:00 am



YOM KIPPUR

- ☆Friday, October 3, 8:00 pm
Kol Nidre
- ☆Saturday, October 4, 9:00 am
Family Service
- ☆Saturday, October 4, 10:15 am
Tot Service
- ☆Saturday, October 4, 10:45 am
Gates of Repentance
- ☆Saturday, October 4, 2:45 pm
Afternoon Service
- ☆Saturday, October 4, 4:15 pm
Memorial-Concluding Service