



November 2014 / Cheshvan, Kislev 5775

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1

9:30 AM - Torah Study
 10:30 AM - Shabbat Service
 Torah Portion: Lecha L'cha, Gen. 12:1-17:27

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 7:30 PM

Shabbat Service
 Music: Friday Night Live

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8

9:30 AM - Torah Study
 10:30 AM - Shabbat Service
 Torah Portion: Vayeira, Gen. 18-1-22:24

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14

6:30 PM Tot Shabbat
 7:30 PM Family Shabbat Service
 Music: David Snyder

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15

9:30 AM - Torah Study
 10:30 AM - Shabbat Service
 Torah Portion: Chayei Sarah, Gen. 23:1-25:18

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 7:30 PM

Shabbat Service
 Music: Bob Pollack and Marilyn Zelcer
 Oneg Shabbat hosted by Dr. Mark and Nancy Schwartz
 in honor of their granddaughter, Sara Naveh becoming
 a Bat Mitzvah

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22

9:30 AM - Torah Study
 10:30 AM - Shabbat Service
 Sara Naveh, daughter of Dorian and Cindi Naveh,
 granddaughter of Gila and Michael Naveh, will become
 a Bat Mitzvah
 Torah Portion: Tol'dot, Gen. 25:19-28:9

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 7:30 PM

Shabbat Service
 Music: Brian Nelson

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29

9:30 AM - Torah Study
 10:30 AM - Shabbat Service
 Torah Portion: Vayeitzei, Gen. 28:10-32:3

Messianism in Today's Non-Messianic World



Dr. Michael Cook, HUC-JIR

CONTINUES ...

MONDAY, Nov. 3:
 Today's Motives for Missionizing

TUESDAY, Nov. 11:
 Jewish Illiteracy on Evangelical
 Messianism: Why
 Our Ignorance
 Is No Virtue

Sessions with Dr. Cook begin at 7:30

SNAG A BAG II

Saturday, November 15 - 7:00 pm
 at The Valley Temple

Ladies' Night Out
 Designer Purse Auction -
 Pampering Gift Basket Raffle

Snacks and Desserts Served
 No Admission Fee



RSVP by November 10 to
 Davine Levy at diva1937.dl@gmail.com

513-370-7579



ANNUAL RAKE DAY

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9
NOON

FOLLOWING
 RELIGIOUS SCHOOL



Help us rake leaves for our neighbors in need. Bring rakes, gloves and wear appropriate clothing. Drivers are also needed. Contact Jeannie Hiller to participate.



FROM THE RABBI ... Sandford R. Kopnick

Rosh Hashanah this year was remarkable. We were blessed to be together as a congregational community on Erev Rosh Hashanah, but the Jewish Foundation of Cincinnati helped us create an experience prior to that service for those who are reluctant to enter a synagogue for a similar experience. So, with our Friday Night Live band on board, we entered the Wyoming Civic Center...and we were joined by around 75 folks, only 1/3 from Valley. When we held a similar event in the Temple's building, 1/2 that number attended.

Truth is, 35 years ago, URJ (then UAHC) President Alexander Schindler ask us to hold such a service when, in 1979 he said:

"I believe that the time has come for the Reform movement - and others, if they are so disposed - to launch a carefully conceived Outreach program aimed at all Americans who are unchurched and who are seeking religious meaning.

It would be easy to tiptoe here, to use obfuscatory language and be satisfied to hint at my purpose. But I will not. Unabashedly and urgently, I propose that we resume our vocation as champions of Judaism, that we move from passive acceptance to affirmative action.

No, I do not have in mind some kind of traveling religious circus. I envisage instead the development of a dignified and responsible approach. Let us establish information centers in many places, well-publicized courses in our synagogues, and the development of suitable publications to serve these facilities and purposes. In short, I propose that we respond openly and positively to those God-seekers whose search leads them to our door, who voluntarily ask for our knowledge."

Alexander Schindler, Biennial Speech, 1979

Judaism is a wonderful religion. It makes so much sense. Reform Judaism gives us the opportunity to adapt to our times, without sacrificing the essence of our teachings and our beliefs. It is time to help those who have "drifted" from Judaism back. It is time we all helped. Whether it is community, structured rituals for getting through life's ups and downs, a realistic idea of God's role in the world, a tradition that values interpretation of sacred literature, a proud history filled with moments of triumph and lessons about adversity, why not share this rich heritage?

If you know of someone who might like our congregation and is currently unaffiliated, then please invite them to join in a Valley adult education class, service, or holiday celebration. And if you think they might fit better at a different congregation or in a different movement, then help them find their way to that synagogue. Such a prod does not make us characters in the Book of Mormon musical, or Jim and Tammy Faye. Rather, it may make it so we have gently facilitated greater connection and/or meaning for someone.

And when we do—we can help ensure that Judaism's future is bright, and our movement is strong—as we continue to be challenged by the American Jewish experiment.

Have a great month!

B'shalom,

Sandford R. Kopnick, Rabbi

ROSH HASHANAH EXPERIENCE AT THE WYOMING CIVIC CENTER



Our thanks to the Cincinnati Jewish Foundation for helping to sponsor this event.

WEEKLY TORAH STUDY WITH RABBI KOPNICK AND BRIAN NELSON

EVERY SATURDAY AT 9:30 AM



Each week's Torah portion is studied with an eye toward modern relevance and traditional understanding. No prior experience is expected. There's a reason why we are the people of the Book!

Judaism Confronts Contemporary Issues

Monday, November 10 at noon
at Valley Temple

Monday, November 17 at noon
at Law Offices of
Jon Hoffheimer Mercantile Library
Bldg. 12th Floor - 414 Walnut Street



A lively discussion right out of the news, or the Rabbinic Responsa Committee of issues ranging from biomedical ethics, business ethics, Israel, or Jewish ritual. Feel free to bring your lunch

SHARE SHABBAT AS A FAMILY FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14



TOT SHABBAT
6:30 PM
Puppets, prayers,
songs and a story
for children
birth to 6

FAMILY SHABBAT
7:30 PM
Service designed for
grade school children



JEWISH HISTORICAL BUS TOUR RESCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER



7 10 AM

With Rabbi Abie Ingber, Xavier University

Join us as we board a school bus with the 6th grade Family Ed class and tour Jewish Cincinnati with Rabbi Ingber, Limited number of seats, so reserve yours now!

CHANUKAH DINNER, SERVICE, AND CONSECRATION OF OUR STUDENTS NEW TO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19

SAVE
THE
DATE!

ANNUAL SUKKOT CAMPFIRE AND SERVICE



Following the decorating of our Sukkah and dinner, our Sukkot service was around our campfire site where we roasted our traditional s'mores.

Our thanks to Bill Clark for his amazing campfire and to Andy Spohr for preparing the site, making sure it was lovely and ready for this special event.



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN RELIGIOUS SCHOOL?

WHY WE DO THIS WORK

When you filled out your Religious School registration, you wrote your address, your child's allergies, and emergency contact information. I read those papers, taking note of the information that is vital to have on file for your children's safety, and then I eagerly turned to page two... where you wrote about your child's strengths, interests, challenges, and goals you have for your children in Religious School.

Why do you bring your children to Valley on Sundays and Tuesdays? If we know this, we can be deliberate about setting up the classroom environment, planning programming, and knowing how to assess what we do each week.

The overwhelming majority of your answers to the goals question were:

- "to learn about Jewish culture and traditions"
- "to make Jewish friends"
- "to be part of a Jewish community"

I recently asked our teachers and madrichim, in their weekly reflection, to write about why the work we do is important to them. You will see that your goals line up beautifully with the "why" for our teachers and madrichim.

"I want to help launch Jewish journeys... I think about my own Jewish memories and experiences in Hebrew school, not always good or engaging and I love trying my best so that these children will have better experiences... I hope to create a fun and safe atmosphere where children can connect with their Judaism younger than I did."

"Providing different modes of learning is important for students ... it allows them to discover how they learn and what works best for them."

"It brings the community together."

"I know that teaching is my work. Being with the kids, learning with them, teaching them, helping them... it is important because they need to know about who they are, where they come from, and where they are going. And they need to be able to feel good about themselves, to feel that they have accomplished something special, learned something important. I want them to connect to Judaism in a way that is uniquely their own."

These glimpses into why you bring your children to Religious School and why the work is important to the people who are putting in the time to make it happen show

me that we are moving forward in the same direction with your children at the center of our journey. It is an honor and a privilege to do this work and I encourage you to partner with us by communicating with us and by attending Family Education programs, Shabbat services and other holiday celebrations. In a future article, I will take a look at how we attempt to know if we are meeting your goals and fulfilling your expectations.

Thank you for the opportunity to do the work we do!

B'shalom,

Alison

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL IN THE SUKKAH

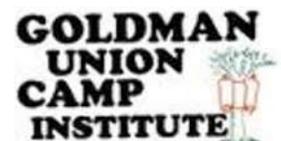


JEREMY KLOTZ NEW G.U.C.I DIRECTOR WILL VISIT NOVEMBER 16



Our very own Jeremy Klotz has been named the new Director of Goldman Union Camp Institute, in Zionsville, IN. He will visit Valley to talk about camp on Sunday, November 16 at 11 AM. Please come and congratulate him and learn more about the camp program.

URJ Goldman Union Camp Institute is a Reform Jewish summer camp in Zionsville, IN serving children in the Midwest entering grades 3 to 12. GUCI is a place where children grow and mature into responsible, knowledgeable young Jewish adults. For info about scholarships, contact Rabbi Kopnick.



**MEN'S CLUB
BREAKFAST WITH JERRY (SPRINGER)**

The Valley Temple Men's Club will be having breakfast with congregant, Jerry Springer on Sunday November 9 from 10-12 AM at the law office of Cornetet, Meyer, Rush, and Kirzner located at 123 Boggs Lane, 45246. (Office of Ryan Kirzner.) Please note this location has stairs.



This event is open to members of the Men's Club who are current with their dues payment; dues of \$36 may be paid at the event. Please RSVP by Wednesday, November 5 to Scott Steinberg: scottydoc6@zoomtown.com or 513-324-4487.

MAZAL TOV

Bob Levinson on the birth of his great granddaughter, Olivia Rubenstein

Steven and Cindy Pinsky and Marsha and Barry Pinsky on the birth of their daughter and granddaughter, Alexandra Sue.

Cindi and Dorian Naveh and Gila and Michael Naveh on their daughter and granddaughter, Sara becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

MISHEBERACH

RHEDA HARRIS

OUR SYMPATHY



Carol Kramberg-Walker on the death of her nephew, Aaron Schirgin

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

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 for sponsoring a recent oneg:

Sandy Hatfield in memory of Herbert E. Geltner

THANKS FOR YOUR DONATIONS ...

Our thanks to all who contributed food items during our High Holy Day food drive. We helped to fill the shelves of the Valley Interfaith Food and Clothing Center with 2,299 items. Thanks to our volunteers who helped fill the vans and deliver the items, and to Randy Newman for helping us with his van and to the Valley Interfaith Food and Clothing Center for use of their van.



NEW AND GENTLY USED

TOY DRIVE

150 CANS OF GREEN BEANS NEEDED



to benefit the Valley Interfaith Food & Clothing Center

DONATIONS ACCEPTED IN THE TEMPLE LOBBY
NOW THROUGH DECEMBER 19

Helping our Neighbors in Need



WOMEN OF REFORM JUDAISM
stronger together

Happy New Year!

Sisterhood held their annual New Member Brunch on October 19, and what a lovely time! Special thanks to Dedra Perlmutter for working hard on putting it together and HUGE thanks to Rabbi Sandford and Nancy Kopnick for graciously opening their home to us again! We had a great group of "Sisters" attend and got to meet new members! Welcome to the family!

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.

The WRJ Central District Biennial Convention is in Columbus, OH on November 6-9 this year. This is a great opportunity to meet and bond with women from other Sisterhoods!

This year we are providing an opportunity to thank our Sisterhood leadership for the work they have done and will do for us all by creating an ad for this beautiful book, which will be distributed at the convention. Ads can also be written to brag about your own Sisterhood, thank and/or recognize your Sisterhood board and officers, send a shout-out to your Deborah Award honoree, promote your business, etc... For information, call or email Laura Lobar or Jan Goldstein.

Amanda Stein is working hard to coordinate Chai Life events: the next event is November 16, when the children of our congregation, along with adults, get to create Chanukah cards! Cost is \$5 per child for pizza, not to exceed \$10 per family. Sign your child up for Chai Life & join the fun! Please RSVP to Amanda.

We will be holding one of our favorite Fundraisers, holiday gift wrapping, on December 24th, at various

locations of Joseph Beth and Barnes & Noble. Thanks to Jan Goldstein for coordinating this! Have a blast while wrapping with old and new friends, and oh, by the way, it's a fundraiser. It's a win-win. Please volunteer.

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

Some upcoming meeting dates are November 16, December 14 and January 11. Hope to see you there!

Susan
Susan Elgowsky
Recording Secretary

SISTERHOOD BRUNCH



CHAI LIFE

Making Cards for Chanukah

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16

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



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Ryan & Golda	Kirzner	11/02/2003
Miriam & Jacob	Hodesh	11/03/2007
Gila & Michael	Naveh	11/08
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
Linda Kean & Ronn Mervis		11/26/1983
Barry & Arlene	Goldhoff	11/27/1966
Sidney & Joanne	Cohen	11/28/1985

MAZAL TOV

Sustaining the Generations ...

We gratefully acknowledge the following contributions to the **RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND**
 In memory of Harvey Price; from Sue and Jay Price
 In honor of grandson Ashton's participation in Yom Kippur service; from Adele Nagler
 In memory of Samuel L. Harris and Samuel S. Roberts; from Bob and Rheda Harris
 In appreciation for the bimah honor given on Yom Kippur; from Barry Goldhoff
 In appreciation to Rabbi Kopnick for his profound dedication to Valley, to the Jewish Community and to "our" children; from Aron and Kara Schneider and Family
 In memory of Patrica Keppen Walker; from Bruce and Carol Kramberg-Walker

SEINSHEIMER MUSIC FUND
 In memory of Jean Ehrle; from Marvin and Laurel Fischbaum, Emily and Aaron Ehrle
 In appreciation of the High Holy Days; from Donna Goodman

VALLEY TEMPLE
 In honor of the High Holy Days; from Helen Sass
 In appreciation of sharing the High Holy Days with Valley Temple; from Gail and Gary Shottenstein
 In appreciation of sharing the High Holy Days with Valley Temple; from Carol, Les and Helma Appel
 A gift from Jenny Broh

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.



Valley Temple's Panel at the JCC's Community Sukkah



The Valley Temple



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SIMCHAT TORAH CELEBRATION



Ashley Schlaeger plays with Dan Nichols as congregants march around the sanctuary during our Simchat Torah celebration

