



Dan Nichols Musician-in-Residence

FRIDAY, APRIL 17 - SUNDAY, APRIL 19

Friday, April 17

7:30 pm - *Shabbat Service Musical Experience*

Saturday, April 18

10:00 am - *Tot Shabbat with Dan Nichols*

10:30 am - *Shabbat Service with Dan Nichols*

7:30 pm - *Havdalah & Adult Evening with Dan Nichols*

in an informal setting at the Temple. Bring a dessert to share

Sunday, April 19

10:00 am - *Religious School Open House*

11:00 am - *Family Concert*

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



RELIGIOUS SERVICES

FRIDAY, APRIL 3

First Night of Passover

NO SHABBAT SERVICE AT VALLEY

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

9:30 am – Torah Study

10:30 am – Shabbat Service & Passover Service

Torah Portion: Pesach, Exod. 12:37-42, 13:3-10

6:00 pm - Congregational Passover Seder (for those with reservations)

FRIDAY, APRIL 10

9:00 am - Passover Festival Service

Yizkor prayers will be recited

7:30 pm - Family Shabbat Service

Music: David Snyder

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

9:30 am – Torah Study

10:30 am – Shabbat Service

Torah Portion: Sh'mini I, Lev. 9:1-10:11

(Service schedule continued on page 2)

FIRST PASSOVER SEDER

Friday, April 3



PASSOVER AND SHABBAT SERVICE

Saturday, April 4 at 10:30 am

CONGREGATIONAL PASSOVER SEDER

Saturday, April 4 -- 6:00 pm

**HAVE YOU RESERVED
YOUR SEAT AT OUR TABLE?**

Reservations are needed



*Plan to join us for
this very special Temple event*

Sisterhood Shabbat

Friday, April 24 - 7:30 pm





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

NEXT YEAR IN JERUSALEM?

It is difficult, sometimes, to separate the political from the spiritual. We read at Pesach of the difficult plight of our people—and the tyrannical rule of Pharaoh. The recent Israeli elections received much more press than usual—and the portrayal of the Likud leader seemed to infuriate many—both Jewish and non-Jewish. Some even wondered if the victor’s rhetoric went a bit too far.

When we say, “Next year in Jerusalem,” at the Seder, some have trouble assigning a straight forward spiritual meaning to the phrase. We are blessed to be able to physically fulfill this phrase—after all, we can travel to Israel. But that line which climaxes the Seder should be assigned as much spiritual consideration as possible. A pilgrimage to the holy land can be what it means—with all the politics surrounding it, but when “Next year in Jerusalem” is symbolic of freedom over oppression, it should motivate us to work for peace, and ensure peace for ourselves and our people.

It is too easy to criticize Israeli politicians for being so concerned about security that they are willing to appear unjust. It is similarly too easy to justify Israel’s policies as practical and not political. And while many Passover tables will feature a lively debate about Israeli politics, I pray that the Seder will not.

Let’s not be so weary about the situation in the Middle East that that we are willing to de-emphasize the hope that “Next year in Jerusalem” symbolizes. Some may wish the Palestinians easier access to Jerusalem while others may wish Jews safer passage. Some may think about French Jews and the need for Jerusalem as a haven, while others are thinking about anyone who is oppressed. Others may even think about the horrible human trafficking situation that makes “Next year in Jerusalem” a phrase that prays for the reunification of these victims with their parents and families.

Regardless of our politics, we wish the Israelis well, for that is what family does. If we don’t like policies, we should productively voice them, and if we are in agreement with what goes on, we should similarly voice our support. Passover, on the hand, is more timeless and more spiritual. Allow yourself an evening without politics in order to be thankful for our freedom, and hopeful for the freedom of others. When we do, we will remember our covenant which includes working for a peaceful world.

Have a great Passover!

B’shalom,

Sandford R. Kopnick, Rabbi

FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 7:30 PM
Shabbat Service
Artist in Residence Dan Nichols

SATURDAY, APRIL 18
9:30 am – Torah Study
10:00 am - Tot Shabbat with Dan Nichols
10:30 am – Shabbat Service with Dan Nichols
Torah Portion: Sh’mini II, Lev. 10:12-11:47

FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 7:30 PM
SISTERHOOD SHABBAT
Shabbat Service
Music: Jessie Wainer

SATURDAY, APRIL 25
9:30 am – Torah Study
10:30 am – Shabbat Service
Torah Portion: Tazria-M’tzora, Lev. 12:1-15:33



**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!



Join family and friends
as Emily Walsh and Ari Fox
celebrate their aufruf
during Shabbat Services
Saturday, April 18 - 10:30 am
Valley Temple
145 Springfield Pike
Cincinnati, Ohio
Light Kiddush Luncheon to follow
RSVP wendy@valleytemple.com
or 513-761-3555

ADULT EDUCATION -- SPRING 2015

Judaism, the Right to Live, and the Right to Die

How we can understand Judaism's high standards
for saving a life?

With Rabbi Sandford Kopnick

Tuesdays, April 28 and May 5 at 7:30

Judaism has long held the value that if we save one life, it is as if we've saved the entire world. With our population living longer and longer, many have developed living wills that stipulate when to "pull the plug" or under what circumstances a "do not resuscitate" order is allowed.

We will look at many Jewish texts to talk about a variety of Jewish ethical dilemmas when confronting abortion, end of life, and more.



Judaism Confronts Contemporary Issues

Join Rabbi Kopnick as we discuss Jewish views on
issues from the news, bio-medical ethics, when
religion and science intersect, and more!

No previous experience expected

Mondays ...

Valley Temple - April 13, May 11

Downtown - April 20, May 18

at office of Jon Hoffheimer,
414 Walnut Street, 12th floor



A movie about Cincinnati's Frieder Family

Tuesday, April 14 at 7:30 p.m.
at The Valley Temple

A discussion will follow the screening
No Charge! Free Popcorn!



ADULT HEBREW CONTINUES...

Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.

*Beginning Hebrew with Brian Nelson
A basic understanding of the alef-bet.*

*Level Bet Hebrew with Jessie Wainer
Able to read with limited understanding*

*Level Gimme! with Rabbi Kopnick,
Able to read with greater understanding*

Thursdays at 6:00 p.m.

*Advanced Hebrew with Rabbi Kopnick,
Able to read and translate prayer book*

אבגד הוזה
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Rabbi Kopnick's Ordination Class then



and at the celebration of 25 years in the Rabbinate

MAZAL TOV ON THIS SIGNIFICANT OCCASION

PASSOVER 2015

Let All Who Are Hungry Come and Eat!

A Few Readings Which May Grace Your Passover Seder

First Seder – *Friday, April 3*

Excerpted from the Passover Haggadah edited by Rabbi Solomon T. Greenberg

Introduction to the Seder

The special meal we are about to eat is a commemoration of a religious - historical rite which is over 3000 years old.

The meal itself is referred to as a Seder. The word Seder means “order” and is so applied because it follows a strict ritualistic pattern or order.

At the Seder, one is directed to use the various symbols of the Passover Season.

We eat Matzah (the unleavened bread), for example, because our ancestors had to leave Egypt in haste and had no time to allow their bakery provisions to rise naturally. Also, Matzah is said to be the “Bread of Affliction” and we eat it to remind us of the hard times our ancestors had when they were in bondage as slaves.

Further we drink wine, or grape juice as a symbol of the joy of freedom. Traditionally, four cupfuls are to be consumed as each one represents a form of deliverance mentioned in the book of Exodus of the Bible.

Passover, for Jews, is a very happy holiday. It is a festival at which we give thanks for all the blessings of life we enjoy. Most particularly it is a time when we especially consider and appreciate the blessing of freedom. It is a time when we not only prayerfully offer our gratitude but consciously strive to secure freedom for all people.

Finally, as we begin our service, I know I speak for us all when I say that we are truly grateful for the religious freedom we enjoy in this great country and for the privilege to observe together this holy season of Passover and Easter. “Be-hold, how good and how pleasant it is for all of God’s children to dwell together in unity.”

The Four Sons

An interpretation by Rabbi Sanford Kopnick inspired by the *Family Participation Haggadah: A Different Night*

We are now at the section of the service called the Four Sons. In a moment we will read about the four types of children identified by our Haggadah: the Wise, the Wicked, the Simple and “The One Who Does Not Know What to Ask.”

While many of us seek to identify our children in one of these ways, the Haggadah is reminding us that all of our children learn differently. The Haggadah and the Seder, therefore, must address the needs of all of our children: the academic and the academically challenged; the disabled and the able - bodied; the mild and the extremely active. It’s not about giving our children labels, but rather understanding that the story is important enough to embrace all learning styles - not just the easiest to teach.

And so it is with all that we want to impart to our children. May we always remember that allowing our children to learn according to their gifts enables learning, while forcing a particular style upon them, might only communicate our impatience or lack of respect for the wonderful people they are. May we take the essence of this Haggadah passage to heart when we help our children find their voice as people and as Jews. Amen

APRIL 3-10, 2015

READING (to be read prior to the final page which ends “next year in Jerusalem”)

I have a dream that my children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.

I have a dream today.

I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plains, and the crooked places will be made straight, and the glory of God shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.

This will be the day when God’s children will be able to sing with new meaning.

“My country ‘tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing. Land where my parents died, land of the pilgrim’s pride! From every mountain - side, let freedom ring.”

So let freedom ring from the prodigious hilltops of New Hampshire!

Let freedom ring from the mighty mountains of New York!

Let freedom ring from the heightening Alleghenies of Pennsylvania!

Let freedom ring from the snowcapped Rockies of Colorado!

Let freedom ring from the curvaceous peaks of California!

But not only that, let freedom ring from Stone Mountain of Georgia!

Let freedom ring from every hill and mole hill of Mississippi.

From every mountainside, let freedom ring.

When we let freedom ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up the day when all of God’s children, black and white, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of that old Negro spiritual. “Free at last, free at last! Thank God Almighty. we are free at last!”

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Washington, 1963

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Passover and Shabbat Service
Saturday, April 4
Congregational Seder - Saturday, April 4 6:00 pm
Make your reservation now!
Passover Festival Service - Friday, April 10, 9:00 am
Yizkor prayers will be recited*



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN RELIGIOUS SCHOOL?

Location, location, location. As many of you know I am a transplanted New Yorker. This month marks fifteen years that my family has been living in Cincinnati, and although I miss my family and friends on the east coast, I have grown to love Cincinnati, and more specifically, The Valley Temple as the place where I live, work, create my Judaism, and help others find their connections.

Pirkei Avot, the Ethics of our Fathers says, "Find yourself a teacher and get yourself a friend (2:6)." How fortunate that my family and I have found *many* teachers and friends at Valley. There have been committee members, co-chairs, and co-presidents, parents of our children's classmates wrestling with the same issues with which we struggled, contemporaries celebrating *simchas* like consecration, bar and bat mitzvah, and high school graduation and confirmation, and people with whom we rolled up our sleeves and volunteered in *tikkun olam* projects. We've been to countless religious school picnics, Shabbat services, and holiday celebrations.

Rabbi Kopnick, who just celebrated his 25th year in the rabbinate, certainly stands out as a teacher and friend. He is a wonderful mentor and partner in Religious School, who listens to my ideas and always challenges me to make things better. Wendy Walsh is also a teacher and a friend. She knows everything and everyone and her devotion to Valley and its members is unshakable. Over the years as she has supported me as I grow in the job as director she has also become a treasured friend.

It would be easy to stay in the friendly bubble that is The Valley Temple, but over the years that I have been involved in the education program at Valley, I have seen Cincinnati's Jewish community grow its support of synagogue schools. The Jewish Federation of Cincinnati's generous S.E.E.D. (Synagogue Education Excellence Directive) grant makes my job possible. S.E.E.D. workers meet a few times a year to share ideas and programs. It is no wonder that the Federation funds this vibrant and creative group of educators. I leave each meeting fortified with energy and ideas for our program.

A generous educational grant from the Jewish Foundation of Cincinnati has allowed us to enhance our program in many ways. We have been able to buy supplies for classrooms, include an artist-in-residence on our 4th-5th-6th grade retreat, and take a group of high school students on a trip to Jewish New York.

The Federation's *shlichah* (emissary) and *Chaverim M'Israel* (friends from Israel) programs have enhanced our congregation's interaction with and understanding of Israel.

It is my hope that you and your children are

finding teachers and friends at Valley. Our faculty and madrichim are wonderful role models and I am grateful for their efforts each week to elevate their practice and reflect on the growth of your children. If you are feeling like *you* need to strengthen *your* connection... come to services, Torah Study, Family Education, Adult Education, a holiday celebration. Valley has so much to offer... most notably the people!

B'shalom,

Alison

Alison Weikel
Director of Education

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Pre-School through 8th Grade

Sunday, April 19 -- 10:00 am

Brief intro to our school,
how things work, and a look into a few of our
classes as they engage in the morning's activities

Big Family Concert with
Dan Nichols, our Musician-in-Residence, will follow

Invite your friends who are looking for a
Sunday morning experience next year!



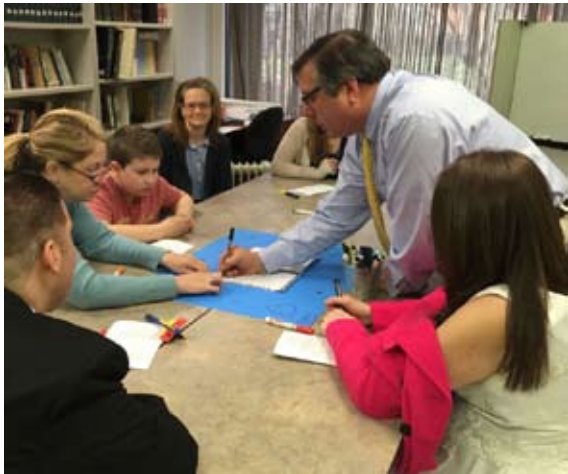
FAMILY EDUCATION DATES

April 12- 11:00-12 Noon- 2nd grade

April 26- 11:00-12 Noon – 1st grade

Come learn alongside your children!





Deidra and Dan Perlmutter
are married (again)
during Fifth Grade Family Education
Mazal tov!!!



WOMEN OF REFORM JUDAISM
stronger together

Spring has (almost) sprung!

March 1 was the much anticipated Hamantaschen baking, but Old Man Winter had other plans! There are not enough thanks to give to Clare Deutsch, her family, and a handful of volunteers who braved the elements to be sure that 1100 Hamantaschen were rolled, filled and baked in time for our Purim celebrations! Thank you is not enough!

Keep the date: May 16 will be Denim & Diamonds! Contact Kathy Schlaeger if you would like to help!

Sue Spohr has numerous gift cards available for purchase, the proceeds of which go towards Sisterhood. Please contact Sue if you are interested.

A reminder - you can choose Valley Temple Sisterhood for the Kroger Rewards program. Just register at krogercommunityrewards.com and help Sisterhood support Valley Temple programming just by doing your shopping! You will see at the bottom of your receipt that you are supporting Sisterhood...this may take a few weeks to show up after registering. Please contact Chrissy Knarr with any questions.

Sisterhood uses all funds raised to help support the Temple and Youth and Educational interests.

Sisterhood's Facebook page is looking to increase members; by being a member of our page, you will be updated on any news or events that are happening! Please let me know if you would like an invite, and I will add you on!

Upcoming meeting dates are April 19 and May 17 (last day of Religious School & picnic!). Hope to see you there!

Susan

Susan Elgowsky
Recording Secretary

MAZAL TOV

Dr. Marty Fritzhand on his marriage to Christine Decaudaveine

Sue and Arn Bortz on the engagement of their son, Sam to Kara Hardy

MISHEBERACH

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OUR SYMPATHY

To the family of Charlotte Lanzit

KROGER SHOPPERS!

It's time to re-enroll (or sign up for the first time!) in the Community Rewards program.

Did you know that you can help support Valley Temple Sisterhood just by doing your regular grocery shopping?



When you link your Plus Card to the Sisterhood, every time you swipe your card (or enter your alternate ID), Sisterhood receives a portion of the sale.

Just go to the website and follow the prompts to update or create an account. Once signed in you can enroll or update your Community Rewards under your Account Settings.

www.kroger.com/communityrewards

You can tell that you are enrolled by checking the bottom of your receipt - it will say "Valley Temple Sisterhood."

Many thanks from your Sisterhood!

MEN'S CLUB

donuts
& DADS

SUNDAY, APRIL 26 - 9:15 AM

Dads and Granddads invited to enjoy donuts, and coffee/milk/juice with their kids/grand-kids prior to Religious School - then stay for the general meeting which is open to all male Temple members 18 years of age and older.

Come learn about Men's Club and help plan for a great 2015-16!

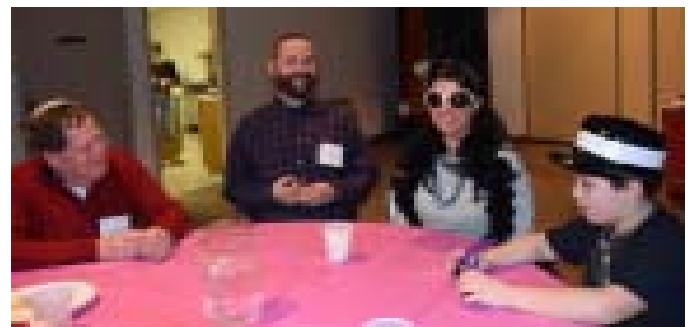
SPECIAL THANKS TO

Clare Deutsch, the Deutsch Family and Craig and Debby Hoffheimer for stepping in during our major snow storm and making approximately 1000 hamantaschen for the Purim dinner and Carnival. They were delicious and your efforts are deeply appreciated!

PURIM CELEBRATION



2015 Purim Schpiel and Band





When: Saturday, May 16, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

Where: The Valley Temple located at 145 Springfield Pike, Wyoming, OH 45215.

What: Denim & Diamonds is Valley Temple's community evening including dinner, auction and a trivia night.

Why: Denim & Diamonds provides funding for support for the programs and work of Valley Temple.

A portion of the night's proceeds will be donated to HelpHOPELive, to assist with the medical expenses of 14-year-old Ethan Kadish who faces years of rehabilitation after a lightning strike caused him to suffer a brain injury. Join Team Ethan at jointeamethan.org

HOW CAN YOU HELP:

Attend the event - Join us for a wonderful evening.

Sponsor the event - Denim sponsorship is \$75; Diamonds sponsorship is \$125 and Denim & Diamonds sponsorship is \$175.

Donate to the event - Donate items or services for the Silent Auction -- gift cards, items, services. Ask businesses where you shop to donate as well.

More information: Kathy Schlaeger at kschlaeger17@gmail.com or the

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Bette Ann Sandor	04/01
Jake Moeller	04/02
Anna Steinberg	04/03
Zachary Segal	04/03
Mark S. Miller	04/03
Philip Hoffheimer	04/03
Len Segal	04/04
Alberta Hemsley	04/04
Robin G. Miller	04/04
Leah Moeller	04/04
Sarah Moeller	04/04
Margie Schneider	04/05
Jared Dornheggen	04/06
Alfred Straus III	04/06
David Knarr	04/06
David Steed	04/07
Brady McClelland	04/09
Adrian Niedermann	04/10
Sophie Greenberg	04/10
Amy Paul	04/10
Brian Meeron	04/11
Steven Levine	04/11
Jim Geller	04/12
Tim McCarrick	04/12
Susan Katz	04/13
Matthew Berman	04/14
Jaime Carmody	04/14
Larry Wolf	04/14
Andrea Frieder	04/14
Ginger Friedberg	04/15
Daniel Stewart	04/15
Susan Marmo	04/15
James M. Miller	04/17
Henry Codd	04/17
Sylvia Maltz	04/18
Neil Berman	04/19
Marcelle Lobar	04/19
Leo Bernay	04/20
Rick Beasley	04/20
Linda Lazar	04/21
Michael Naveh	04/22
Ashley Schlaeger	04/24
Emma Bernay	04/24
Cherie Brandt	04/25
Joe Frecker	04/25
Brian McKinney	04/25
Daniel Niedermann	04/26
Aaron Bernay	04/27
Sarah Ran	04/27
Bobby Denham	04/27
Len Elgowsky	04/28
Kathy Klein	04/30
Eliza Gruenhagen	04/30



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Elliot & Helen	Spieler	04/02/2000
Stephen & Sallie	Berg	04/11/1976
Jaime & Jaramy	Carmody	04/14/2003
Dan & Ginger	Friedberg	04/24/1961
Linda & Jeff	Lazar	04/28/1978
Izar & Stacey	Spivak	04/30/2011
Steven & Nicole	Deutsch	04/30

Sustaining the Generations ...

We gratefully acknowledge the following contributions:

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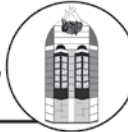
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Denim & Diamonds

BYOB Barbeque Dinner,
Silent Auction and Trivia Night

Saturday, May 16
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6:30 pm - 10 pm

\$25

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Join Team Ethan at jointeamethan.org

RSVP for The Valley Temple Denim & Diamonds 2015

Name(s): _____

\$25 per person / Amount Enclosed \$ _____

I'd like to be a sponsor. Please include me on the sponsor list.

Denim \$75 _____ Diamond \$125 _____ Denim & Diamond \$175 _____

Seating Request: *(Seating preferences will be accommodated as reservations are received.)*

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