



RELIGIOUS SERVICES

FRIDAY, MAY 1, 7:30 PM

Friday Night Live
Music: Charlene Gubitz
Oneg Shabbat hosted by David and Michelle Steed in honor of Sam becoming a Bar Mitzvah

SATURDAY, MAY 2

9:30 am – Torah Study
10:30 am – Shabbat Service
Sam Steed, son of David and Michelle Steed, will become a Bar Mitzvah
Torah Portion: Acharei Mot-K'doshim, Lev. 16:1-2-:27

FRIDAY, MAY 8, 7:30 PM

6:00 pm – Tot Shabbat
7:30 pm – Family Shabbat Service
Service of Confirmation/Graduation
Music: Charlene Gubitz
Oneg Shabbat hosted by the families of the Confirmands/ Graduates and Henry and Kim Codd in honor of Shayna becoming a Bat Mitzvah

SATURDAY, MAY 9

9:30 am – Torah Study
10:30 am – Shabbat Service
Shayna Codd, daughter of Henry and Kim Codd, will become a Bat Mitzvah
Torah Portion: Emor, Lev. 21:1-24:23

FRIDAY, MAY 15, 7:30 PM

Shabbat Service
Music: Bob Pollack and Marilyn Zelcer

SATURDAY, MAY 16

9:30 am – Torah Study
10:30 am – Shabbat Service
Torah Portion: B'har-B'chukotai, Lev. 25:1-27:34

FRIDAY, MAY 22, 7:30 PM

Shabbat Service
Music: Bob Pollack and Marilyn Zelcer

SATURDAY, MAY 23

9:30 am – Torah Study
10:30 am – Shabbat Service
Torah Portion: B'Midbar, Num. 1:1-4:20

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**CONFIRMATION/GRADUATION
OF OUR 12TH GRADE STUDENTS
DURING SHABBAT SERVICE**

Friday, May 8, 7:30 pm



JOIN US FOR OUR BIG FUNDRAISER ...



SATURDAY, MAY 16 -- 6:30 PM - 10 PM
*BYOB Barbecue Dinner,
Silent Auction and Trivia Night*

Reservation form on back page of bulletin

SHAVUOT SERVICE

SUNDAY, MAY 24, 10:30 AM

*Festival Morning Service
Yizkor Prayers will be INCLUDED*





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

THE TIME HAS COME

The Torah teaches about building the Tabernacle. Apparently, when our People was freed from Egypt, we needed a sacred space in which to direct our thoughts, prayers, and actions. The Tabernacle allowed God a "dwelling place." We can debate whether God needs a space or whether we need a specific space in which to focus on God and our own sense of holiness. The Torah tells us we do, and who are we to defy Torah?

Back in the 1970s, after Rabbi Greenberg had been our spiritual leader for a few years, the Valley Temple was ready for its first permanent home. We were first in a house across the street. Then, when we outgrew that space, our small congregation built our current flexible and simple space, in many ways ahead of its time.

Our elders built our Temple space for as many uses as possible. It was among the first congregations to build a sanctuary for weekly use and not specifically for a few times a year. Moveable walls made for flexible classrooms. The original facility was small and taught the important lesson of building what was needed and what we can afford.

There have been some substantial changes on two different occasions in the last 40 years. The sanctuary was remodeled, the outdoor atrium was enclosed, a store room was added, the pre-school space on the tile floor on the west end of the sanctuary was enclosed from the existing patio, and the kitchen was remodeled. The front board room became the lobby, the storeroom near the sanctuary became the board room, and more. The main HVAC system was supplemented a few times, and the ceiling, roof, and windows have all been redone. The building has been well maintained and the congregation has been fastidious in working to continue to have the facility we need in order to create sacred moments in sacred space.

A few years ago, we raised over \$1.2 million in endowment. Now it is time to remodel the space we have, and add a small addition to our congregation in order to further our relationship with Judaism. Just a few days ago, the trees on the west side of the building were cleared to make room for our new addition. We are clearing out the storeroom, the library, and the religious school office to allow for remodeling. After Denim and Diamonds, the rest of the building will become a construction zone, too.

When contemplating this project, we all agreed that the sanctuary's 1990s update brought beautiful bimah furniture, and the artwork created by Andrea Knarr more recently and complemented with new paint made our sanctuary even more beautiful. As a result, only the carpeting will change in the sanctuary.

June and July will likely be challenging for our congregation. We will be holding services in remote locations, to allow for a total rehab of the main restrooms.

We will announce in the coming weeks our summer locations for services. The office will remain open during construction, and the website will be maintained to provide accurate accounting of how to reach us and how to join us for services.

Thankfully, we start the project with a budget that does not exceed the pledges from our recent capital campaign. We also made the commitment to our future that we would take this moment to add another \$200,000 to our endowment. Our tradition teaches us two important phrases that have guided the process: "asoo li mikdash, v'shochanti b'tocham: Make for me a Sanctuary, that I may dwell among them." (Exodus) And a Talmudic phrase that says without sustenance, there is no Torah. Our goal has always been to not build space for our own aggrandizement, but to build a space that allows for increased programming for our sacred task of perpetuating Judaism, in a way that we can afford.

I think you'll be pleased with the result. So put on your hard hat, here we go!

Faithfully,

Sandford Kopnick
Rabbi

P.S. I have been asked to remind those who pledged to consider making your 2015 capital campaign payment as soon as possible to allow us to finance as little as possible. Since most pledges are spread over three years, most will not complete their gift until 2016. The more cash on hand, the less we will need to finance on a short term loan(with interest).

Day 1 --
Clearing the Land



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SUNDAY, MAY 24, 10:30 AM

Shavuot Service

Torah Portion: Exod. 19:1-8, 20:1-14

FRIDAY, MAY 29, 7:30 PM

Shabbat Service

Music: Bob Pollack and Marilyn Zelcer

SATURDAY, MAY 30, 9 AM

HUC Ordination Service at Plum Street Temple

NO TORAH STUDY OR SHABBAT SERVICE AT VALLEY TEMPLE

Torah Portion: Naso, Num. 4:21-7:89

TEMPLE CONFIRMATION / GRADUATION – FRIDAY, MAY 8

MAZAL TOV TO OUR CONFIRMANDS/GRADUATES AND THEIR FAMILIES



JOSHUA BEASLEY

son of
Rick & Laura Beasley, grand-
son of Jim & Cindi Miller (and
Sandy Miller,
of blessed memory)



COREY DENHAM

son of
Linda & Bobby Denham
grandson of
Ellen Bamberger



RACHEL SPOHR

daughter of
Sue & Andy Spohr



MONICA VALENTINI

daughter of
Beth Schwartz
& Enzo Valentini

The Valley Temple Confirmation/Graduation Service will be held May 8, 2014 at 7:30 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.

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

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

With Rabbi Sanford Kopnick

Continues on Tuesday, May 5 at 7:30 pm

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 at noon...

Valley Temple - May 11

Downtown - May 18

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

A MUSLIM-JEWISH-CHRISTIAN DIALOGUE SERIES

Thursday, May 7, 7:30 PM

at Valley Temple

**One session in a series to discuss different topics,
helping us to appreciate our similarities and
differences. All are welcome to attend.**



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN RELIGIOUS SCHOOL?

As we finish the year in Religious School, I am grateful for all of the effort our teachers and madrichim put in each week to create wonderful experiences for your children. The teachers plan activities hoping your children will leave with enduring understandings about Jewish holidays and traditions, history, values, Torah, Hebrew, and what it means to be part of a learning community. It is my hope that your children are sharing their excitement at home. The names of the teachers are printed here as a small token of recognition. Please know that each week, they gather your children into their care and I am amazed at their energy and their insight as we process and reflect on their teaching.

Thank you to: Bette Ann Sandor, Nancy Kopnick, Matt McCarrick, Erica Denham, Elizabeth Woosley, Jenn Maggin, Kara Schneider, Brian Meeron, Jenny Dapper, Brian Nelson, and Jessie Wainer.

The madrichim are at Religious School each week to help guide your children through lessons not only about Jewish content, but also about community. They wake up early on Sunday mornings (no easy task) and choose to spend time with your children. They are wonderful role models in the classroom and also spend time with me thinking about their experience and how they can improve their support and teaching.

Thank you to: Josh Beasley, Monica Valentini, Adam McCarrick, Ashley Schlaeger, Adrian Niedermann, Steven Elgowsky, Rachel Spohr, Maddie Weikel, Danny Niedermann, Alex Woosley, Brady McClelland, Alex Kopnick, and Eli Neman.

Barry Essig and Suzanne Shallat continue their work and are important parts of our community. Special thanks to Kathie Tamarkin and Eli Neman for working on our library collection.

SUNDAY DATES:

May 3*, 10, 17

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

TUESDAY HEBREW DATES:

May 5, 12

IMPORTANT MEETING

May 17 at 10:30 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.

B'Shalom,
Alison

Alison

END OF RELIGIOUS SCHOOL PICNIC
Hosted by the Sisterhood
Sunday, May 17
Watch for more info

DAN NICHOLS CONCERT DURING RELIGIOUS SCHOOL





WOMEN OF REFORM JUDAISM
stronger together

I hope everyone is enjoying the warmth!

May 16 will be Denim & Diamonds, which is a fun evening of trivia and auctions! Contact Kathy Schlaeger if you would like to donate towards the auction or help in other ways.

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!

May 17 is our last meeting of the year and the last day of Religious School. We will host the annual picnic -- watch for more information due to the construction. Hope to see you there.

Susan

Susan Elgowsky
Recording Secretary

GIFT CARDS ARE AVAILABLE

Purchase gift cards for hundreds of stores and restaurants through Sisterhood for your gift giving needs for graduations, weddings, Bar and Bat Mitzvahs and just because.

You will be participating in a fundraiser WITH NO ADDITIONAL MONEY out of your pocket and helps Sisterhood support temple dinners, Religious School, and camp scholarships.

Contact Sue Spohr to place an order

MEN'S CLUB HAPPENINGS



Congrats to Men's Club for their first place finish on March 25 -- Join with them for monthly trivia on Wednesday nights at Buffalo Wings & Rings, 8377 Winton Road

Congrats to Jeff Schlaeger who won first place in the first annual Men's Club NCAA Tournament Bracket Challenge.



Men's Club attend Dan Nichols concert

THANK YOU FOR SPONSORING 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 for sponsoring a recent oneg, a wonderful way to celebrate the joy of the Sabbath.

Sam Mantel, III and the Mantel family in memory of Dr. Samuel Mantel, Jr.
Peggy Barrett in memory of Nancy Slagle and Alvin Lindenberg



MAZAL TOV

Michelle and David Steed on their son, Sam,
becoming a Bar Mitzvah

Kim and Henry Codd on their daughter, Shayna,
becoming a Bat Mitzvah

Randi and Alan Solomon on the birth of their
grandson, Wyatt Alan Solomon

Our Confirmands/Graduates and their families:

JOSHUA BEASLEY

son of Rick and Laura Beasley, grandson of Jim and
Cindi Miller (and Sandy Miller, of blessed memory)

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MISHBERACH

CRAIG HOFFHEIMER

NANCY SHAYESON

SUE TRENKAMP

KATIE BEASLEY

COREY DENHAM

JUDGE HEATHER STEIN RUSSELL



OUR SYMPATHY

Davine and Amy Levy on the death of their hus-
band and father, Sanford

Rabbi Bradley Levenberg on the death of his
father, Jeffrey

Joanne Steinberg on the death of her sister, Ar-
lene Benswanger

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Jennifer & Keith	Pennix	05/01/2000
Jay & Cherie	Brandt	5/06/1999
Robert & Alison	Weikel	05/08/1993
Tim & Robyn	McCarrick	05/08/1993
Simon & Char	Lyon	05/14/1983
Paul & Anne	Lucky	05/19/1972
Buzz & Barbara	Stewart	05/22/1982
Randy & Heather	Russell	05/26/1985
John & Hank	Rosenthal	05/26/1968
Judy & Brian	McKinney	05/26/1996
Kerry & Dianne	Rabe	05/27/1979
Rick & Laura	Beasley	05/28/1990
Brad & Pam	Greenberg	05/28/1994
Jim & Cindy	Cronin	05/28/1995
Susan Marmo & Neil	Berman	05/28/2000
Stuart & Ricki	Hodesh	05/29/1969
Fred Gartenlaub & Andrea Beck		05/29/2005
Martin Schrager & Kathy Klein		05/30/1998

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Minette Hoffheimer	05/01
Kathie Tamarkin	05/01
Fay Stein	05/01
Dave Katz	05/02
Madeline Weikel	05/02
Davine Levy	05/03
Arlene Herman	05/03
Kerry Rabe	05/03
Ricklie Vordenberge	05/04
Jim Levinson	05/04
Hank Rosenthal	05/04
Jan Goldstein	05/05
Ellye Steinberg	05/06
Kevin Spieler	05/06
Graham Russell	05/07
Sam Pennix	05/07
Andrea Knarr	05/07
Miles Castle Spieler	05/08
Kara Schneider	05/08
Kim Codd	05/08
Suzanne Segal	05/09
Ellen Bamberger	05/10
Cindi Naveh	05/10
Paul Lucky	05/11
Allison Schneider	05/11
Julius Saslow	05/12
Julian Magnus	05/12
Charles Myer III	05/12
Ron Stern	05/13
Carol Magnus	05/13
Tyler Sefferino	05/14
Louis Rauh	05/15
Julia Fritsch	05/15
Helen Sass	05/16
Ben Rosenfield	05/16
Rachel Denham	05/16
Peter Hecht	05/16
Eli Rosenfield	05/18
David Clark	05/18
Dorian Naveh	05/20
Aviel Paige Shapiro	05/21
Thomas H. Green	05/22
Philip Schneider	05/22
Irving Harris	05/23
Ernest Waxman	05/24
Dawn Schwartzman	05/25
John Schwab	05/26
Heather Stein Russell	05/26
Jason Knarr	05/27
Matthew McCarrick	05/28
Oz Abram Knarr	05/28
Selma Harris	05/30
Bradley McClelland	05/30
Karen McClelland	05/30
Matthew Lobar	05/30
Laura Beasley	05/31
Stephen Berg	05/31
Aron Schneider	05/31

THANKS FOR A GREAT SEDER

Thanks to the following for their hard work to make our Passover Seder another terrific Valley Temple event: Chrissy Knarr, Kathie Tamarkin, Kathy and Jeff Schlaeger and family, Kara and Aron Schneider and family, Sandy Hatfield, Peggy Barrett, Jenny Broh, Sharon and David Feldstein, and Wendy Walsh. And a very special thanks to Jody Finley for coordinating the Seder.

Reciting the Four Questions



Looking for and finding the Afikomen



Sustaining the Generations ...

We gratefully acknowledge the following contributions:

CAMP SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In memory of Charlotte Lanzit; *from Bernice & Don Pollack*
In honor of Alberta Hemsley's birthday; *from Bernice & Don Pollack*

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

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In memory of Jack Kramberg; *from Carol Kramberg-Walker & Bruce Walker*

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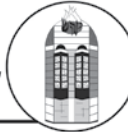
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Denim & Diamonds

**BYOB Barbeque Dinner,
Silent Auction and Trivia Night**

**Saturday, May 16
at The Valley Temple**

6:30 pm - 10 pm

\$25

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

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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