

SHABBAT SERVICES RETURN TO VALLEY TEMPLE
ON FRIDAY AUGUST 7 - 7:30 PM FOR SHABBAT SERVICE
AND SATURDAY, AUGUST 8 - 9:30 AM - TORAH STUDY, 10:30 AM SHABBAT SERVICE

Share Shabbat With Us and See the Progress of Our Building

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1 at HUC-JIR

9:30 AM – Torah Study
 10:30 AM – Shabbat Service
 Torah Portion – Va-et'chanan, Deut. 3:23-7:11

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7 at VALLEY TEMPLE, 7:30 PM

Shabbat Service
 Music: Bob Pollack and Marilyn Zelcer

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8 at VALLEY TEMPLE

9:30 AM – Torah Study
 10:30 AM – Shabbat Service
 Torah Portion – Eikev, Deut. 7:12-11:25

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14, 7:30 PM

Family Shabbat Service
 Music: David Snyder

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

9:30 AM – Torah Study
 10:30 AM – Shabbat Service
 Torah Portion – R'eih, Deut. 11:26-16:17

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 7:30 PM

Shabbat Service
 Music: Bob Pollack and Marilyn Zelcer

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

9:30 AM – Torah Study
 10:30 AM – Shabbat Service
 Torah Portion – Shof'tim, Deut. 16:18-21:9

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28 - Open House

7:00 PM -Tour
 7:30 PM - Shabbat Service
 Music: Friday Night Live

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

9:30 AM – Torah Study
 10:30 AM – Shabbat Service
 Torah Portion - K.Teitzei. Deut. 21:10-25:19

**PROSPECTIVE MEMBER
 OPEN HOUSE**

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28



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

TRIP TO ISRAEL



**See page 2
 of the bulletin**



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL
 PICNIC IN THE PARK
 AUGUST 23 - 2 PM
 AT SHARON WOODS PARK
 FERN HOLLOW SHELTER
 HOSTED BY MEN'S CLUB

We provide hamburgers and hotdogs.
 Bring a side dish. See old friends-greet
 new members! Event is free, but the
 park requires a \$3/per car pass for the
 day. Bring a prospective member. RSVP
 wendy@valleytemple.com or 513-761-3555





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

I am weary of people who quote the Bible as a reason to disapprove of homosexuality. These people love to quote the sections of Leviticus that have male homosexuality as an abomination punishable by death. It is fascinating to me, however, that these same folks refuse to offer a goat for the sin offering, as Leviticus also commands.

Our Torah teaches us how to build a community. Our history as Jews understands that the Torah is the foundation for our faith and practices as we evolve from a primitive people. Our religion and our Torah are not intended to be outgrown, but rather to be reinterpreted as we learn and develop. So when we learn about the science of homosexuality—namely that sexual orientation is not generally a choice, but part of someone’s physical makeup, our tradition and history demand that we incorporate what we know about our world into what we are commanded.

The Torah states that humanity is created in God’s image. That means that the rainbow of peoples, the variety of sexual orientations, and those in the disability community—everyone is created in God’s image. When Leviticus talks about the prohibition against gay behaviors, it is important to look at the context.

Leviticus 18 and 20 teach about God’s requirement that our community have standards about sexuality and behaviors related to it. Many of the issues raised would remain on the list. The ultimate concept is likely that our sexual behavior promote procreation. Until recently, same-sex relationships could not anticipate the blessing of children to their families.

The spirit of the laws of Leviticus 18 and 20 is that deviant sexual behavior is not allowed. That is still our standard. As we understand more and more about sexual orientation, we learn that homosexuals and heterosexuals can misbehave, but being a homosexual is not, in and of itself, unacceptable.

The U.S. Supreme Court recently extended rights to the GLBT community that allow civil marriage to be legal. Rabbis have been embracing same sex unions and marriage ceremonies that honor

both the couple and our tradition. We Jews have been interpreters of God’s word as written in our Torah for 2000 years. When we study and learn what’s right, we are allowed to (encouraged, even) to look through that lens when we read our sacred texts.

Thank God we’ve learned enough about sexual orientation to de-stigmatize an entire community and to encourage more people to find a home in our synagogue and our community. It’s about time.

B’shalom,

Rabbi Sandford Kopnick

TORAH STUDY
continues in August
Saturdays, 9:30 am
followed by Shabbat Service at 10:30 am
August 1 at HUC-JIR
August 8, 15, 22,29 at Valley Temple

**Cincinnati Congregation
and Community Trip to Israel**
July 18 to July 28, 2016
Join the Valley Bus and
Let’s Celebrate our Cincinnati Community
in the Holy Land
Significant subsidies provided for first-timers
by the Jewish Foundation of Cincinnati

For more information,
contact Rabbi Sandford Kopnick

Next year In Jerusalem sounds pretty good,
no?





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

RESTOCKING THE TOOLBOX

On a recent business trip to New York, my husband, Rob, stayed at my parents' house for a night. They were not home, but my mother had left his favorite cookies from the local bakery and notes around the house, including one warning that the shower door was broken. Rob investigated the potential repair situation, but ultimately was unable to fix the door because he discovered that they have not restocked their toolbox since they had a garage flood earlier this year. (Note to self: Purchase Home Depot gift card for Mom and Dad.)

Summer is the time when I restock *my* toolbox for Religious School. I have been fortunate to be able to attend seminars that challenge and inspire me to bring both content and process back to Valley's teachers and students.

In June, I traveled to Chicago to join a cohort of forty-five learners at the Mandel Teacher Educator Institute. Over the next two years, thanks to grants from the Mandel Foundation and the Jewish Foundation of Cincinnati, I will be studying with an amazing group of teachers and learners to plan and implement professional development for Valley's teachers that will infuse our program with creativity and enhance the experience for our students.

In July, I was in Cleveland at the Siegal Summer Institute for Jewish Teaching and Learning. I studied Philosophical Inquiry, a purpose-driven, meaning-seeking method of teaching students to ask deep questions when they interact with the texts and stories from Jewish tradition.

I am grateful for the opportunity to restock my toolbox. This summer has been about reconsidering paradigms, refreshing my knowledge, and renewing my commitment to innovation and creativity. I am looking forward to sharing what I have learned as our Religious School faculty reconvenes at the end of this month. Stay tuned for details about the beginning of Religious School. Opening Day will be September 27!

B'shalom
Alison

Alison Weikel

Religious School Opening Day
September 27.
Registration coming soon!
Contact Alison Weikel for details.
alison@valleytemple.com

**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



**THE VALLEY TEMPLE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL
CALENDAR OF CLASSES 2015-2016/5776
Pre-K-Sixth Grades**

**SUNDAYS
9:45 a.m. – Noon**

- September 27
- October 4, 11, 18, 25
- November 1, 8, 15, 22
- December 6, 13
- January 10, 24, 31
- February 7, 21, 28
- March 6, 13, 20
- April 10, 17, 24
- May 1, 7*, 15

*May 7 is Shabbat School on Saturday.

**TUESDAYS
(grades 4-5-6)
6:30 – 7:30 p.m.**

- September 29
- October 6, 13, 20, 27
- November 3, 10, 17
- December 1, 8, 15
- January 5, 12, 19, 26
- February 2, 9, 16, 23
- March 1, 8, 15
- April 5, 12, 19, 26
- May 3, 10



Hello and Happy Summer from Sisterhood!

This summer has brought some wonderful opportunities for the Valley Temple Women of Reform Judaism to connect with one another, and there are more to come!

On June 16th we had the opportunity to join women from area Sisterhoods at a lovely event hosted by the Women of Rockdale. The evening included a wine tasting, dinner, and a wonderful program led by Rockdale's Assistant Rabbi, Meredith Kahan. The program, titled Kol Isha, translated "every woman" or "woman's voice" (depending on the Hebrew spelling), stressed the importance that women's voices have, and have always had, in Judaism. We learned a little about the role of the WRJ in supporting rabbinic education, promoting youth engagement both here and in Israel, and working on issues of social justice. We also joined one another in song and a little bit of dancing!

Mark your calendars for some fun upcoming events!

Sunday, August 16th: Pool Party! -- 11:00 am

Come celebrate summer and sisterhood! Located in the Water's Edge subdivision in Mason. Bring drinks, a dish to share, and of course your swimsuit! For more details and to RSVP, check the e-vite on the temple e-mail. You can also contact Dedra Perlmutter or Amanda Stein at 859-802-8323

Saturday, August 29th: Sushi-making Girls' Night Out! at Sushi Cincinnati, 130 W. Pike Street, Covington, KY 513-335-0297

<http://www.sushicinti.com/>
doors open 6:30, party begins at 7:00
Join your Sisterhood pals for a demonstration, then make (and eat!) your own sushi rolls!
Cost is \$25 per person plus tax, and BYOB
Check the weekly temple email for the e-vite, or contact Amanda Stein, 513-335-0297

If you are interested in attending, you will need to call and schedule your own reservation

and pay for yourself over the phone. Ask to be seated with the Valley Temple Sisterhood and they will make sure we are all together! :) Hope you can join us!

August 30th: Sisterhood Meeting! 10:00 to noon - Jenny Broh has graciously offered to have the meeting at her Wyoming home. Check the temple bulletin for the address.

A little farther out, but please keep in mind...

- We will need help getting challah ready for passing out to the congregation at Rosh Hashanah.
- The Annual Sisterhood Brunch - watch for details!

Please remember that you can support the Valley Temple Sisterhood through the Kroger rewards program. By registering at www.kroger.com/communityrewards and swiping your Plus card, Kroger will donate a portion of the sales to our group, which we use to help support things such as temple dinners, the Religious School, and camp scholarships. Please contact me with any questions about this important fundraiser.

Enjoy the rest of your summer. We hope to see you soon!

Chrissy

Christine Knarr

OUR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN ISRAEL



MAZAL TOV

Wendy and Jim Walsh on the marriage of their daughter, Emily to Ari Fox

Shelly Eizyk and Emmeram Morning on their marriage

Brian Meeron and Valerie Buza on their marriage

MISHBERACH

ALBERTA HEMSLEY

RHEDA HARRIS

SUE SPOHR

DANI STEMLER



OUR SYMPATHY

Kathy Schlaeger on the death of her aunt, Judie Bzibziak and on the death of her father, Lou Csoka

Ernie Waxman on the death of his brother, Dr. Harvey Waxman

Michelle Steed on the death of her father, Gilbert Linver

David Feldstein on the death of his brother, Ric Fields

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.

Jon and Susan Hoffheimer in memory of Janet S. and Herbert Hoffheimer

Sandy Hatfield in memory of Jacob Hatfield

Sandy Hatfield in honor of Aaron's 21st birthday

Women of Reform Judaism
in honor of our annual meeting
and newly elected Officer and Board members



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

*If you have questions, call the
Temple office, 761-3555*

CONGRATULATIONS ...

Peggy Barrett, Sharon Feldstein and Andy Spohr were awarded the Helen and Martin Levy Volunteer Award which is given to members who exemplify the spirit Helen and Marty Levy (of blessed memory) showed over the years. Peggy, Sharon and Andy have shared their love of gardening and yard work along with their love of the Temple to ensure that our grounds always look lovely. We are very grateful to them for their dedication and send them a well-deserved mazal tov for their dedication.



WELCOME BOARD MEMBERS

Welcome to Elliot Spieler, new Board member, who will serve as Treasurer, and Board members- at -large, Gail Lewin, Laura Lobar and Neil Berman who were elected at the annual congregational meeting held in June.

We also thank retiring members Linda Denham, Michelle Steed, Scott Silverstein and Helen Waits for their years of dedication and service

**OUR STUDENTS
AT GOLDMAN UNION CAMP INSITUTUTE**

**Camp Kallah Alef
(First Session)**



**Camp Kallah Bet
(Second Session)**



Our grateful thanks to Women of Reform Judaism, donations to the Camp Scholarship Fund and the Jewish Federation for providing scholarships to help these students attend camp!

Sustaining the Generations ...

We gratefully acknowledge the following contributions:

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In memory of Miriam Colish; *from Lynn and Neil Kravitz*
 In memory of Paul Sleines; *from Nora Moreira and Joseph Co-
 chran*
 In memory of Kathy Schlaeger's Father; *from Jenny Broh*
 In memory of Robert L. Sass; *from Mark and Jan Sass*
 In memory of Florence Mitman Rubin; *from Diane and Ken Mit-
 man*
 In memory of Doris Moskowitz and Freeman Maltz; *from Rob-
 ert and Sylvia Maltz*
 In memory of Charles Levinson; *from Ron and Barb Stern*
 In memory of Eric Bamberger; *from Ellen Bamberger*
 In memory of Harry Bossin; *from Phyllis and Robert Strauss*
 In appreciation of Rabbi Sandford Kopnick; *from Mrs. Dorean
 Levenberg*
 In appreciation of Rabbi Kopnick; *from John and Helen Habbert*

ROBERT LANZIT ADULT LEARNING FUND

In memory of Charlotte Lanzit; *from Judy & Brian McKinney*

JANE MUNICK MEMORIAL GARDEN FUND

In honor of Jane Haffer's graduation from high school; *from
 Judy & Art Simon*

**BRYNA SCHWARTZ MEMORIAL ONEG & HOSPITALITY
 FUND**

In honor of Linda Rothman's significant birthday; *from Judy &
 Marty Young*
 In memory of Alice Kuhn Benjamin; *from Lois Benjamin*
 In memory of Janet S. Hoffheimer and Herbert Hoffheimer;
from Jon and Susan Hoffheimer

CAMP SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In memory of Irwin Hodesh; *from Stuart and Ricki Hodesh*
 In memory of Robert Sass; *from Helen Sass*
 In memory of Kathy's Father and Aunt; *from Sam and Laura
 Lobar*
 In honor of Rabbi Kopnick's Honorary Doctorate from Hebrew
 Union College:
from Jim and Pam Levinson
from Phyllis Bossin and Robert Strauss

LOUISE MARKS RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND

In memory of Michelle Steed's Father; *from The Geller Family*

SEINSHEIMER MUSIC FUND

In memory of Marc S. Buff; *from Dr. Jan Rosenbaum Sass & Mark
 Sass*
 In memory of Florence Goodman; *from Donna Goodman*

FRANCIE BROWN MEMORIAL OFFICE FUND

In honor of the marriage of Emily Walsh and Ari Fox; *from Jan
 Goldstein and Charles Frank*

**ALLEN AND SELMA WEINER BERKMAN SOCIAL ACTION
 FUND**

In appreciation of Rabbi Kopnick; *from John and Helen Habbert*

OUR GRATEFUL THANKS



RENOVATION GALA

Saturday, October 10, 2015

Join us for a star-studded evening of elegant food, music and celebration in honor of the Temple's newly renovated facility

Watch your mailbox for more details

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Philip & Melissa	Hoffheimer	08/02/2008
Larry & Mara	Wolf	08/04/1985
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
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	08/29/1998
Scott & Gail	Silverstein	08/29/1998



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	
Les Appel	08/08	
Stuart Hodesh	08/08	
Susana Niedermann	08/09	
Juddy Solomon	08/11	
David Deutsch	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	
Kevyn Carmody	08/25	
Marcia Deitsch	08/25	
Adam Heines	08/25	
Michael Blumenfeld	08/25	
Monroe Blatt	08/26	
Jackie Yeazell	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	



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2015 HIGH HOLY DAY SERVICES

SELICHOT SERVICE

☆ Saturday, September 5

Adult Education 8:00 p.m.
featuring Cantor Aviva Katzman
Grand Dessert Reception 9:30 pm.
Havdalah/Torah Cover Changing/Selichot
10:00 p.m.

ROSH HASHANAH

☆ Sunday, September 13, 6:00 pm

Musical Experience

☆ Sunday, September 13, 8:00 pm

Gates of Repentance Service

☆ Monday, September 14, 9:00 am

Family Service

☆ Monday, September 14, 10:15 am

Tot Service

☆ Monday, September 14, 10:45 am

Gates of Repentance Service

CEMETERY SERVICES

☆ Sunday, September 20

Jewish Cemetery of
Greater Cincinnati

☆ Montgomery - 10:00 am

☆ Walnut Hills - 11:00 am

☆ Shachnez in Price Hill-
12:15 p.m.

YOM KIPPUR

☆ Tuesday, September 22, 8:00 pm
Kol Nidre

☆ Wednesday, September 23, 9:00 am
Family Service

☆ Wednesday, September 23, 10:15 am
Tot Service

☆ Wednesday, September 23, 10:45 am
Morning Service

☆ Wednesday, September 23 2:45 pm
Afternoon Service

☆ Wednesday, September 23, 4:15 pm
Memorial-Concluding Service

