



**MARCH 2018/
ADAR 5778 - NISAN 5778**

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

FRIDAY, MARCH 2, 7:30 p.m.

Shabbat Service

Music: Bob Pollack and Marilyn Zelcer

SATURDAY, MARCH 3

9:30 a.m. – Torah Study

10:30 a.m. – Shabbat Service

Torah Portion – *Ki Tisa*, Exodus 30:11–34:35

FRIDAY, MARCH 9, 7:30 p.m.

Shabbat Family Service

Music: David Snyder

Oneg Shabbat hosted by Colin Nourie and Sarah Singer-Nourie in honor of their son, Micah, becoming a *Bar Mitzvah*

SATURDAY, MARCH 10

9:30 a.m. – Torah Study

10:30 a.m. – Shabbat Service

Music: Orin Reynolds

Micah Nourie, son of Colin Nourie and Sarah Singer-Nourie, will become a *Bar Mitzvah*

Torah Portion – *Vayak'heil-P'kudei*, Exodus 35:1-40:38

FRIDAY, MARCH 16

6:00 p.m. – Tot Shabbat

7:30 p.m. – Shabbat Service

Music: Charlene Gubitz

SATURDAY, MARCH 17

9:30 a.m. – Torah Study

10:30 a.m. – Shabbat Service

Torah Portion – *Vayikra*, Leviticus 1:1–5:26

Music: Charlene Gubitz

FRIDAY, MARCH 23, 7:30 p.m.

Shabbat Service

Music: Bob Pollack and Marilyn Zelcer

SATURDAY, MARCH 24

9:30 a.m. – Torah Study

10:30 a.m. – Shabbat Service

Torah Portion – *Tzav*, Leviticus 6:1–8:36

FRIDAY, MARCH 30, 7:30 p.m.

No Shabbat Service, First Night of Passover

SATURDAY, MARCH 31

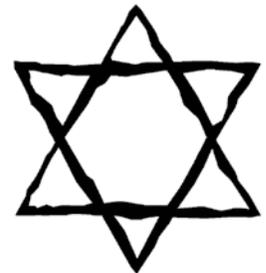
9:30 a.m. – Torah Study

10:30 a.m. – Passover Festival Service

Torah Portion – Exodus 12:37-42, 13:3-10



PASSOVER AT VALLEY



PASSOVER FESTIVAL & SHABBAT SERVICE
SATURDAY, MARCH 31 AT 10:30 AM

2ND NIGHT COMMUNITY SEDER - SATURDAY, MARCH 31 AT 6:00 PM

MAKE YOUR RESERVATION NOW - SEE BACK PAGE FOR FORM

ENDING FESTIVAL MORNING SERVICE - FRIDAY, APRIL 6 AT 9:00 AM

YIZKOR PRAYERS WILL BE RECITED



FROM THE RABBI... SANDFORD R. KOPNICK

“Remember you were a stranger...”

One of the most compelling lines in the *Haggadah* (and in all of Torah) commands us to “remember the stranger, for we were strangers in the land of Egypt.” The commandment to remember a difficult experience—even if we are heirs to that experience, is an important Jewish idea.

In Exodus we are commanded to tell the story of *Pesach* as if we, ourselves, were there. Developing this level of empathy for an experience is certainly difficult, but it is also commanded. The experience of the “other” is truly our experience, even if we, at the moment, don’t feel like strangers.

We live in a country with unprecedented freedom. The establishment of the state of Israel as a viable option for Jewish refugees has made “next year in Jerusalem” a totally different signature line to our *seder* than was likely the case 75 years ago.

Some Jews in this modern age feel challenged to find Judaism to be relevant. Even though we enjoy freedom in the U.S. and safe haven in Israel, “remembering the stranger” is as relevant today as it ever was. During times of oppression, we were not allowed to be only for ourselves, for we were commanded to remember the strangers. How much the more so in good times are we challenged to put ourselves in others’ shoes.

Among the rituals that you may choose to observe, including *seders*, eating *matzah*, abstaining from bread-products, and other customs to help us embrace the themes of the holiday, consider adding a ritual to remember the stranger. Whether this is to volunteer to help those less fortunate, giving *tzedakah* to a “stranger” specific type cause, or showing hospitality in a way that may challenge your comfort zone, please find something.

There is a lot going on in this world. There is a lot that challenges us to remember the stranger, for we were strangers in the land of Egypt. This has nothing to do with whether the stranger considers us. Passover reminds us, and the Torah commands us to take the high road, so that no one needs to feel “enslaved in Egypt” anymore.

Here’s to a great and safe *Pesach*!

Rabbi Sandford R. Kopnick

2ND NIGHT COMMUNITY SEDER
 Donations of Passover desserts are needed. Volunteers will be needed to help set up.
 Contact the Temple Office to say you can help.

YOUTH GROUP



Winter Kallah at Hebrew Union College was more than just a chance for us to connect with past friends and make new ones, it gave us the opportunity to further develop our position on social issues and develop plans for social action. While there, the college students presented us with their projects related to Judaism; from how prohibition affected Jewish ritual and life to the fact that Jews have been on the forefront of social action throughout our history in the United States. Being able to interact with the students and gain insight to their perspectives was truly inspiring.

During this event, there was an extremely moving and eye-opening presentation given on implicit bias. We discovered how deeply ingrained prejudices are in our society. Through a series of quizzes, we realized we all harbor prejudices but it is how we choose to behave in light of those feelings that determine who we are as a person.

There are few opportunities to gather with a group of friends who are interested in similar topics and have a similar background as you. The experiences at Winter Kallah help us to grow as friends, build a Jewish community, and recognize the issues we face today while actively working to bring about change. Connecting at this NFTY event brought the light of friendship and knowledge into the dark of winter.

TORAH STUDY EVERY WEEK - ALL YEAR

Saturdays, 9:30 a.m.

Followed by Shabbat Service at 10:30 a.m.
No experience necessary.



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN RELIGIOUS SCHOOL?

March is a short month in the Religious School, but it is also a busy month. The month begins with joyous *Purim* festivities (on March 4) and ends with Passover (beginning during Spring Break on March 30). It is a time of celebration in the Jewish calendar year, and a time for much fun at Religious School. As the weather changes, and spring begins to make an appearance, our students seem to come to life and we have the opportunity to see them blossom as they assimilate the teachings of the school year into their daily lives. Everywhere there are signs of growth and change. The Aleph Hebrew class is finishing the Aleph Bet and the other two classes are mastering their allotted parts of the liturgy. The 6th grade class has begun an in-depth study of the Holocaust, building on the historical perspective they acquired in their first semester class. The 5th grade, in addition to creating a new bond with a class at the Rabin School in Israel, has progressed in their study of the Jewish life cycle, and in March will celebrate a Jewish wedding, inviting their parents to come and join in the festivities. The 4th grade has moved from discussing the prophets to delving deeply into different concepts of God, and the 3rd grade is building on their study of the Ten Commandments to extend their understanding of *Mitzvot* and how the *Mitzvah* system helps guide us in making the world a better place. Our youngest students are becoming more familiar with the Five Books of Moses, and the stories that help to frame our Jewish sense of justice.

March is a time for moving forward and consolidating our learning. One important theme in Religious School this year has been Social Action, which we call *Tikkun Olam*, repairing the world. We began the school year with a picnic in Sharon Woods where this theme was introduced with the rabbinic text: "The world is sustained by three things: Torah, Worship, and Good Deeds." Each of these three pillars of Jewish learning has a place of honor in our school. Torah is the foundation of our curriculum. We worship together on holidays, sing prayers in music class, and study them in Hebrew School. Finally, this year, our school-wide celebrations, led by our Rabbinic Fellow Alicia Harris, have focused on Good Deeds. The final *Tikkun Olam* school-wide session will be held on March 18, and will focus on the connection between Passover and *Tikkun Olam*. We have come a long way since our opening picnic in Sharon Woods.

- Rabbi Judy Spicehandler
Interim Director of Education



ADULT LEARNING AT THE VALLEY TEMPLE

Basic Judaism

on Sundays,
all at 10:00 a.m.
for an hour

March 11 – Antisemitism
& the Holocaust

April 22 – Zionism & Israel

All classes last one hour and assume NO PRIOR knowledge. Classes will be held in Rabbi Kopnick's study and will be taught by Rabbi Kopnick or David Reinhart, rabbinic intern.



Lunch and Learn

March 12 at Noon at the Temple

Lively discussion about Judaism and modern life. We take issues about ritual and observance, Israel, science and religion, and even world events and discuss them from a Jewish point of view. Discussion is encouraged. Bring your own lunch; we'll provide the coffee!

SENIORS LUNCH AND DISCUSSION GROUP

Seniors Lunch & Discussion Group at Valley: 3rd Wednesday of the month, March 21st; 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Bring your own lunch. You are welcome to ask others to join us.



Thanks to our members for their commitments and letters of intent to the Create Your Jewish Legacy program.

Please remember The Valley Temple with a gift in your will, trust, retirement or life insurance policy. Contact Bob Hiller or Wendy in the office for more information. What will your legacy be?

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

JON HOFFHEIMER

Do you or someone in your family have a big birthday, an anniversary, a graduation, or a significant event coming up? Are you having trouble deciding what to give? We have the perfect gift. Sponsor an Oneg (the reception following Shabbat Services). The cost is only \$100.00 and your special person will have his/her name written in the Bulletin and also the Sabbath Announcement sheets.

Would you like to have something more permanent? For \$180.00 you can purchase a plaque on our Tree of Life in the hallway.

Feel free to contact Wendy at the Temple office to make these arrangements.

Are you interested in an evening of comedy and fun? Save Saturday evening, April 21 at 6:30 p.m. for The Valley Temple Laugh-In. The announcement with details will be out shortly. Mark this date on your calendar now.

**Or you can honor the memory of a loved one.*



WOMEN OF REFORM JUDAISM
stronger together

Monthly Sisterhood Meeting

March 11, 9:45 a.m.

March 11- Sisterhood Meeting

Monthly Mah Jongg

March 11, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Contact Susan Hoffheimer to RSVP or for more information.

Help Needed

We are looking for someone to be the liaison between Sisterhood and the Religious School. Contact Allison Schneider.

We are looking for two women to co-chair the Rummage Sale - contact Julie Niemeier.

We are looking for someone to chair the volunteer opportunity for the ATP tennis tournament in August - contact Julie Niemeier.

Keep An Eye Out...

We will soon begin a collection of pet food and related items which will be donated to Cincinnati area Senior Services.

There are opportunities to help the League of Women Voters at upcoming Naturalization Ceremonies! Contact Alberta Hemsley if interested.

More information to come about opportunities to help with the Interfaith Hospitality Network.

SUSTAINING THE GENERATIONS

We gratefully acknowledge the following contributions:

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In memory of Fan Colish; *from Neil & Lynn Kravitz*
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In memory of Sondra Ross; *from Don & Bernice Pollack*
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In memory of Alan Solomon; *from Jenny Broh*

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In appreciation of Valley Temple; *from Tom Steger*

ESTELLE WIGSER FLOWER FUND

In memory of Herbert Bronster; *from Rabbi Sol & Sue Greenberg*

THANK YOU!

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Pam Levinson	03/01
Karen Rosenfield	03/02
Bernice Blatt	03/02
Dr. Joan Reckseit	03/02
Barbara Neman	03/03
Michael Gelfand	03/04
Dr. Lawrence C. Freeman	03/06
Beth Schwartz	03/06
Anne Weitzenkorn	03/06
Avery Frank	03/08
Greer Schneider	03/08
Kathryn Miller	03/08
Andrew Enneking	03/10
Rainie Perlmutter	03/11
Jenny Dapper	03/11
Barbara Pierce	03/11
Robert E. Levinson	03/12
Helen Waits	03/12
Samuel Lobar	03/13
Nicole Deutsch	03/13
Phillip Levinson	03/14
Michelle Lightfoot	03/14
Ann Shulman	03/14
Cheryl Moeller	03/15
Richard Magnus	03/19
Nicole Sandor	03/20
Karen Frecker	03/21
Carl Gehr, Jr.	03/22
Sharon Ran	03/22
Leah Joos	03/22
Ella Naveh	03/23
David Neman	03/23
John Shore	03/23
Lynn Wertheimer	03/25
Mike Wagner	03/25
Bradley Mannheimer	03/25
Max Pennix	03/26
Marjorie Rauh	03/26
Noah Seltzer	03/28
Dr. Martin Fritzhand	03/28
Sharon Kollasch	03/28
Avi Schneider	03/30
Don Moeller	03/30

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

John & Greer Schneider	03/18/2000
Michael & Janelle Gelfand	03/24/1973
Mike & Judy Green	03/25/1964



MAZAL TOV



Colin Nourie and Sarah Singer-Nourie on their son,
Micah, becoming a *Bar Mitzvah*

OUR SYMPATHY

Randi Solomon on the death of her husband, Alan

MISHEBEIRACH

Ken Mitman	Evelyn Essig
Nikki Sandor	Bernice Blatt
Dr. Joan Reckseit	Craig Hoffheimer
Jay Price	Ellen Bamberger
Barry Essig	

SPONSORING AN ONEG SHABBAT

Sponsoring an Oneg Shabbat (the reception following services) is a lovely way to celebrate a special occasion, honor the memory of a loved one or "just because." Please help us maintain this tradition by calling Wendy at the Temple office.

For sponsoring a recent Oneg, thank you to:

- Kathy Klein and Marty Schrage in honor of their daughter, Lucy, becoming a *Bat Mitzvah*

REMKE & KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS



When you link your shopper card to either the *Kroger Community Rewards Program* or to the *Remke Caring Neighbor Program*, every time you swipe your card or enter your alternate ID at the checkout, a portion of the sale goes to Sisterhood, which in turn helps to support Valley Temple programming.

Questions? Please contact Chrissy Knarr.

For Remke:

<http://www.remkes.com/community.aspx>
Options to sign in or register are at the top right corner of the webpage.

For Kroger:

<https://www.kroger.com/communityrewards>
Click to sign in or create an account.

PASSOVER 2018

Let All Who Are Hungry Come and Eat!

A Few Readings Which May Grace Your Passover Seder First Seder – Friday, March 30

TEMPLE SEDER - SATURDAY, MARCH 31 AT 6:00 PM

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 Sandford 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

MARCH 30-APRIL 6, 2018

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

Passover Delivery Project

Collection dates are now through April 8



Valley Temple is collecting monetary donations to purchase much needed food items for the 19th Annual Dr. Samuel Rockwern Passover Delivery Project of Jewish Family Service. Volunteers will deliver to Jewish families in the Cincinnati area on Sunday, March 25th, 2018. Feel free to drop checks made payable to Jewish Family Service in mini barrel located in the front lobby through April 8.

Dr. Samuel S. Rockwern Passover Delivery of Jewish Family Service was adapted from a tradition that began hundreds of years ago to help those less fortunate observe Passover. Today, there is a great need in our own Cincinnati Jewish community.



CARNIVAL
Sunday, March 4, Noon
(FOLLOWING RELIGIOUS SCHOOL)

PURIM *at* VALLEY

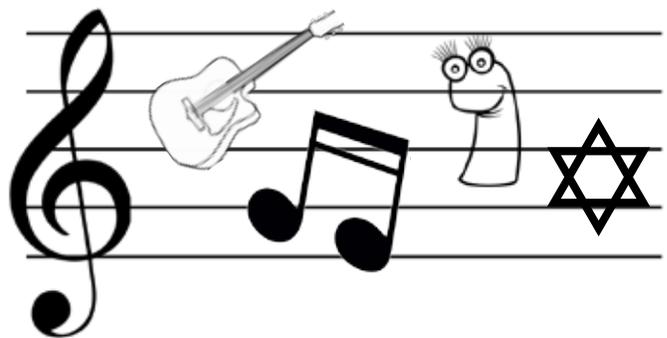
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Tot Shabbat

FRIDAY, MARCH 16

6:00 p.m. – Tot Shabbat
Music: Charlene Gubitz

Join us for puppets, prayers, songs and
a story for children birth to age 6.
Parents and grandparents welcome!



April 21, 2018

6:30 PM at The Valley Temple
\$40 / INDIVIDUAL OR \$280 / TABLE OF 8

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Desserts by The Sisterhood • Split-the-Pot • BYOB • Mixer Bar Provided

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**2nd Night Community Passover Seder:
Saturday, March 31 @ 6:00 pm**

Let Us Reserve a Place for You! | Second Night of Passover

\$25 / adult \$12.50 / child (ages 3-12)

RSVP IMMEDIATELY

It is imperative that we receive your reservation so we can let our caterer know!

Name(s) (Please list names of all who will attend, including children):

No. Adults @ \$25 ____ No. Children (3 - 12) @ \$12.50 ____ No. Children under 3 (free) ____

Please consider adding 3% of the cost of your dinner to Mazon to feed the hungry.

of Vegan/Vegetarian/Gluten-free Meals (Adult) ____ (Children) ____ (circle appropriate response)

Amount Enclosed _____ (I am/We are including _____ for Mazon.)

Please send with check payable to Valley Temple, 145 Springfield Pike, 45215

If you need financial assistance to attend, please call Rabbi Kopnick for a confidential conversation.