

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

FRIDAY, MAY 4, 7:30 p.m.

Shabbat Service

Music: Marilyn Zelcer and Steve Mason

SATURDAY, MAY 5

9:30 a.m. – Torah Study

10:30 a.m. – Shabbat Service

Torah Portion –*Emor*, Leviticus 21:1–24:23

FRIDAY, MAY 11, 7:30 p.m.

Shabbat Service

Music: Orin Reynolds

Service of Confirmation/Graduation

Oneg Shabbat hosted by the families
in honor of this special occasion

SATURDAY, MAY 12

9:30 a.m. – Torah Study

10:30 a.m. – Shabbat Service

Torah Portion –*B'har - B'chukotai*,
Leviticus 25:1-26:2 / 26:3-27:34

FRIDAY, MAY 18, 7:30 p.m.

Shabbat Service

Music: Bob Pollack and Marilyn Zelcer

Oneg Shabbat hosted by Ben and Karen Rosenfield in honor of
their son, Eli Rosenfield, becoming a *Bar Mitzvah*

SATURDAY, MAY 19

9:30 a.m. – Torah Study

10:30 a.m. – Shabbat Service

Eli Rosenfield, son of Ben and Karen Rosenfield
will become a *Bar Mitzvah*

Music: Orin Reynolds

Torah Portion –*B'midbar*, Numbers 1:1–4:20

SUNDAY, MAY 20

10:30 a.m. – *Shavuot* Morning Service

Music: Orin Reynolds

Brunch follows service

FRIDAY, MAY 25, 7:30 p.m.

Shabbat Service

Music: Bob Pollack and Marilyn Zelcer

SATURDAY, MAY 26

9:30 a.m. – Torah Study

10:30 a.m. – Shabbat Service

Torah Portion –*Naso*, Numbers 4:21–7:89

ADULT EDUCATION: SEEKING GOD IN A BROKEN WORLD - PRACTICAL JEWISH MYSTICISM

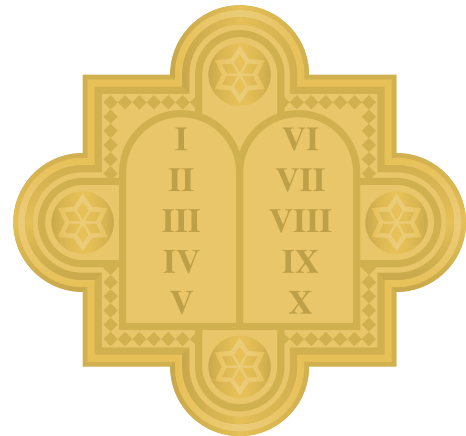


Tuesdays May 8, 15 and 22 at 7:30 p.m.

With Rabbi Judy Spicehandler

We will look at classic texts and stories from the tradition of Jewish mysticism including Kabbalist and Chasidic texts (in English translation), as well as the writing of some contemporary teachers. The focus of our discussions will be on how we can use these texts to enrich our own experience of God in the 21st century, and enhance our spiritual lives today.

SHAVUOT



Sunday, May 20

**10:30 a.m.
Morning Service**

Brunch for all following the service
Please RSVP on the back page.



FROM THE RABBI... Sandford R. Kopnick

Fifty Years....

Recently, we commemorated the 50th *yahrtzeit* (anniversary of the death) of Martin Luther King, Jr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was a beacon of hope for the African American community in a way that few others were, or could be. His non-violent approach to change was heroic, and his violent death was not ironic, it was tragic.

We are in the interim days between Passover and Shavuot. Passover marks our liberation as a people, and Shavuot signals the receiving of the Torah and the acknowledgement of the covenant (Brit) that we accepted with God. "We will do, and we will obey." As Reform Jews, we have some autonomy in our Judaism—and opting out of the covenant is not what is meant by religious autonomy. Rather, it is up to all of us to figure out in what ways we live to fulfill the covenant that links us as Jews, and links us to God.

Dr. King's dream of a more equitable world where racism was eliminated is far from a reality. And while we can all be thankful that progress has been made in fifty years, I am fearful that the progress is more legal than it is personal.

It is not enough that people legally have the right to live in certain neighborhoods, attain certain offices, or attend certain schools. You and I have to believe that people different than we are welcomed, not just allowed.

This is not easy. We naturally gravitate to those with whom we have a lot in common. However, when we see injustice, we should all feel commanded to seek justice where it is absent or ignored. That is a way we accept our covenant with God.

When we sense discrimination or prejudice, it is not enough for us to be confident that we would never treat someone poorly, but we need to show less tolerance for such bias among our friends and coworkers. Reducing the space in which discrimination is tolerated is another way we accept our covenant with God.

Dr. King understood that walking with Priests and Rabbis was a way to make civil rights not a "Black thing," but a "human thing." It led famed Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel remark that he was "praying with his feet" when he would seek justice in a march or a rally.

Last month, three of our high school seniors attended the March for the Living program. They traveled to Poland and toured historical sites where our people were gassed and destroyed in the Holocaust. They later traveled to Israel to mark the 70th Anniversary of the state of Israel's founding. This very emotional trip screamed at them about what it means to be the victim, and what can happen when too many are bystanders.

As we mark the recent *yahrtzeit* of Dr. King, and arrive at the Festival of Shavuot, I pray that we all will figure out the ways that we can be part of the dream where all are equal. I pray that

we will figure out ways to not just be kinder to one another, but also to understand our positive acts for right and justice as not just the appropriate thing to do, but a way to fulfill our covenant with God.

Have a great month!

Sandford R Kopnick, Rabbi

Lunch and Learn: Judaism Confronts Contemporary Issues

Monday, May 14 at Noon at the Temple

A lively discussion trying to understand our modern world through Jewish eyes. Join us! Feel free to bring your lunch.

SAVE THE DATE! VALLEY BIKE RIDE



June 10 at The Loveland Bike Trail

Meet at 10 a.m., start biking at 10:30 a.m., return to eat around 12:30 p.m.

SENIORS LUNCH AND DISCUSSION GROUP



Seniors Lunch & Discussion Group at Valley: 3rd Wednesday of the month, **May 16th; 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

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



Thank you to all the members of the congregation who have submitted their LOI's and commitments 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

There is a lot going on in the world. The “news” is all around us. We can't entirely get away from it. Ouch!

Immigration. Most talk seems to be about kicking people out. Who should go? Illegals? Children illegals? DACAs can be another category. There are all kinds of permits. Work permits. School permits. Spousal permits. Relative permits. Some places, if you pay enough money, or have an important enough job, money permits.

Walls. China had a wall that worked for a while. Israel has a wall now. How long will it work? We have a partial wall now. The President wants more of a wall.

It can be easy to be against. What shall we be for? Who and how many people should we let in? Who talks about that?

Guns. Much of the talk seems to be against. Kick out the 2nd Amendment. Not permitting certain people to have weapons (of course, we permit young people to have access to automobiles, which kill daily). Already, we have opinions about limiting guns, limiting kinds of weapons, limiting who may have them, how many may one person have. Most of the children who have shot others have used guns they did not own, just had access to. Hmm.

It can be easy to be against. What shall we be for?

Integration of the Races. In the abstract this one is not easy to be against. Yet in the specific it seems to still be easy to avoid. Most of our neighborhoods are segregated. Inaction is easy. What shall we be for? Are there positive actions positive we can take?

Assisting the Poor. Giving to the Jewish Federation and to the United Way is a start, only a start. Are there positive actions we can take?

Respect and Acceptance of Others. We do not have trouble integrating ourselves with the secular and Christianized world because that is where we live. Should we seek more relationship with the Moslems in our community?

What about other Jews? Should we seek more relationship with the more traditionally observant Jews in our community?

Lots of questions. Lots of us have different answers. Lots of us have different facts. I say it is not enough to be against (although maybe it is okay to be against murder and such). Sometimes the general philosophy seems simple.

The approach need not be only political. What does our tradition say? How can we apply the principles of Torah and of subsequent writings to the problems of today?

If we think about what the prayers actually say, if we think about what Torah says, if we listen to our Rabbi, we will find there are suggestions available, if not answers.

We are individuals. We also are members of the Valley Temple community. As such, we can learn from each other and perhaps come up with some approaches to working on these societal issues. We have joined Valley. Even more than we have already, we need to join together to see what we may accomplish.



WOMEN OF REFORM JUDAISM
stronger together

Hello Valley Temple Women! The Sisterhood calendar is winding down, but there are still lots of ways to help out our temple community, the greater community, and also ways to get together just for fun!

Sisterhood Needs You!

We are looking for a chair (or two co-chairs) for this year's Rummage Sale. This is an important annual fundraiser—and a packet of tips, a to-do timeline, and other materials is prepared for you!

May 6

Volunteers are needed for the Flying Pig, Sunday May 6, from 9:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m. About 30 volunteers are needed to help pass out bags to race participants at the finish line, near Smale Riverfront Park. Sisterhood will receive a donation for helping out. Check the Sisterhood Facebook page or contact Stacey Spivak for details.

May 16

Dinner out with Sisterhood! 7:00 at Oriental Wok, the restaurant at The Regency at the corner of Madison and Dana. Look for the e-vite!

June 16

Sisterhood Pasta Making Class at Chef Jaime Carmody's Out of Thyme Kitchen Studio 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm. This is a hands-on pasta making event, \$45 per person.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING



Friday, June 1

7:00 p.m. Meeting
8:00 p.m. Shabbat Service

Election of Officers and New Board Members
We need a quorum – please plan to attend.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Minette Hoffheimer	0 5 / 0 1	Louis Rauh	0 5 / 1 5
Kathie Tamarkin	0 5 / 0 1	Julia Niemeier	0 5 / 1 5
Gila Naveh	0 5 / 0 1	Helen Sass	0 5 / 1 6
Dave Katz	0 5 / 0 2	Ben Rosenfield	0 5 / 1 6
Madeline Weikel	0 5 / 0 2	Rachel Denham	0 5 / 1 6
Davine Levy	0 5 / 0 3	Peter Hecht	0 5 / 1 6
Arlene Herman	0 5 / 0 3	Eli Rosenfield	0 5 / 1 8
Kerry Rabe	0 5 / 0 3	Freeman Miller	0 5 / 1 8
Ricklie Vordenberge	0 5 / 0 4	David Clark	0 5 / 1 8
Jim Levinson	0 5 / 0 4	Dorian Naveh	0 5 / 2 0
Hank Rosenthal	0 5 / 0 4	Aviel Shapiro	0 5 / 2 1
Jan Goldstein	0 5 / 0 5	Thomas H. Green	0 5 / 2 2
Ellye Steinberg	0 5 / 0 6	Philip Schneider	0 5 / 2 2
Kevin Spieler	0 5 / 0 6	Irving Harris	0 5 / 2 3
Graham Russell	0 5 / 0 7	Dan Yeazell	0 5 / 2 3
Sam Pennix	0 5 / 0 7	Ernest Waxman	0 5 / 2 4
Andrea Knarr	0 5 / 0 7	Nancy Heizer	0 5 / 2 4
Linda Kean	0 5 / 0 7	Judge Heather Stein Russell	0 5 / 2 6
Miles Spieler	0 5 / 0 8	Jason Knarr	0 5 / 2 7
Kara Schneider	0 5 / 0 8	Matthew McCarrick	0 5 / 2 8
Kim Codd	0 5 / 0 8	Oz Knarr	0 5 / 2 8
Ellen Bamberger	0 5 / 1 0	Selma Harris	0 5 / 3 0
Cindi Naveh	0 5 / 1 0	Brad McClelland	0 5 / 3 0
Paul Lucky	0 5 / 1 1	Karen McClelland	0 5 / 3 0
Allison Schneider	0 5 / 1 1	Matthew Lobar	0 5 / 3 0
Julian Magnus	0 5 / 1 2	Helma Appel	0 5 / 3 0
Charles Myer III	0 5 / 1 2	Laura Beasley	0 5 / 3 1
Ron Stern	0 5 / 1 3	Stephen Berg	0 5 / 3 1
Carol Magnus	0 5 / 1 3	Aron Schneider	0 5 / 3 1
Chrissy Knarr	0 5 / 1 4	Fred Ross	0 5 / 3 1
Tyler Sefferino	0 5 / 1 4	Paula Rappaport	0 5 / 3 1
Naomi Capurro	0 5 / 1 5		

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Jennifer & Keith Pennix	0 5 / 0 1 / 2 0 0 0	Rick & Laura Beasley	0 5 / 2 8 / 1 9 9 0
Jay & Cherie Brandt	0 5 / 0 6 / 1 9 9 9	Brad & Pam Greenberg	0 5 / 2 8 / 1 9 9 4
Tim & Robyn McCarrick	0 5 / 0 8 / 1 9 9 3	Jim & Cindy Cronin	0 5 / 2 8 / 1 9 9 5
Paul & Anne Lucky	0 5 / 1 9 / 1 9 7 2	Susan Marmo & Neil Berman	0 5 / 2 8 / 2 0 0 0
Buzz & Barbara Stewart	0 5 / 2 2 / 1 9 8 2	Stuart & Ricki Hodesh	0 5 / 2 9 / 1 9 6 9
Randy & Heather Russell	0 5 / 2 6 / 1 9 8 5	Fred Gartenlaub & Andrea Beck	0 5 / 2 9 / 2 0 0 5
John & Hank Rosenthal	0 5 / 2 6 / 1 9 6 8	Jackie & Dan Yeazell	0 5 / 2 9 / 2 0 0 5
Judy & Brian McKinney	0 5 / 2 6 / 1 9 9 6	Martin Schrager & Kathy Klein	0 5 / 3 0 / 1 9 9 8
Kerry & Dianne Rabe	0 5 / 2 7 / 1 9 7 9	Sarah and Tony Capurro	0 5 / 3 0 / 2 0 1 5

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.

- Peggy Barrett in memory of Alvin Lindenberg, Jr. and Nancy Slagle
- Cheryl and Don Moeller, in honor of their son, Jake, becoming a *Bar Mitzvah*
- Linda and Jeff Lazar in honor of their 40th anniversary

SUSTAINING THE GENERATIONS

We gratefully acknowledge the following contributions:

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In memory of Fay Stein; *from Jenny Broh*

In memory of Ruth Goldhoff; *from Barry & Arlene Goldhoff*

In appreciation of Rabbi Kopnick; *from Cindi Miller*

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In memory of Jay Hatfield; *from Jenny Broh*

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MISHEIBERACH

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MAZAL TOV



Karen and Ben Rosenfield on their son, Eli,
becoming a *Bar Mitzvah*

Amy Levy and Davine Levy on the birth of their
grandson and great grandson, Paxton Ira Badanes.

Our Confirmands/Graduates and their families

Matthew Berman, son of John and Lisa Berman,
grandson of Dolph and Nancy Berman

Devon Brandt, son of Jay and Cherie Brandt

Ian Cronin, son of Jim and Cindy Cronin

Steven Elgowsky, son of Len and Susan Elgowsky

Marcelle Lobar, daughter of Sam and Laura Lobar

Rae Nourie, daughter of Colin Nourie
and Sarah Singer-Nourie

Aviel Shapiro, daughter of D'Shon and Jon Shapiro

Sam Smith, son of Chris Smith and Cindy Rosen (of blessed
memory), grandson of Jon and Susan Hoffheimer

OUR SYMPATHY

Sandy Hatfield on the death of her former husband and
Aaron Hatfield on the death of his father, Jay Hatfield

Aron Hatfield on the death of his uncle, Don Hatfield

Judge Heather Russell on the death of her mother, Fay Stein

Bernice Pollack on the death of her sister,
Frances Levy Wheat

Sue Price on the death of her husband and
Jamie Levinson and Stacey Spivak
on the death of their father, Jay Price



Thank You!

Shelly and Emmeram Morning, OTR Improv Sponsors
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Laugh-In Committee, Sarah & Ryan Mather - Chairs
OTR Improv

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN RELIGIOUS SCHOOL?

If you are reading this in May, Valley Temple Religious School will have completed another wonderful year, and celebrated the end of the year with an inspiring Dan Nichols concert. The religious school year may be over, but the work of educating our next generation of Jews does not end on April 30. Our inspirational teaching staff is beginning a well deserved break, as they turn the reins over to our families for the summer. Jewish education is a year round endeavor, and now it is our parents turn to make sure that their children experience their Jewishness in a positive, nurturing way.

What can you do? First, remember Valley Temple does not abandon you over the summer. Shabbat services happen all summer long. A warm family Shabbat dinner, and a family outing to sing Shabbat prayers together at Valley Temple services is a wonderful way to keep your children connected, even when Religious School is on vacation. And for our youngest members, check the calendar for Tot Shabbat sessions and join Rabbi Kopnick for puppets and Shabbat fun. Another great way to continue to learn over the summer is to encourage students to read Jewish children books, and to choose Jewish books to read together at bedtime. Our Valley Temple library is well stocked with books for kids of all ages. Many of these books can inspire some interesting projects to do with your children.

For further inspiration, turn to the internet. PJ Library has a wonderful website with Jewish Family Craft ideas, some of which are linked to Jewish children's book, and some which you can do just for the fun of it! You can find these at www.pinterest.com/pjlibrarydc/jewish-crafts-and-family-ideas/. For students who could use some practice with their Hebrew reading, the Berman House Online Learning Center has some free Hebrew practice activities at www.behrmanhouse.com/PlayLearn. Of course, a quick google search will reveal many other sites to explore for Jewish activities online.

If you are looking for real time Jewish activities to do in the summer, in addition to our Valley Temple opportunities remember to check out the Jewish Community Center and watch for community events. This summer would be a great time to check out the Skirball Museum at Hebrew Union College. Until

June 3 you can still see the Israel at 70 exhibit, which tells the history of Israel in paintings, photographs and sculpture by Israeli artists. It would make a wonderful complement to the sessions our third - sixth graders have had this year with the Chaverim, young educators from Israel who have enriched our learning about Israel during the school year. If you are traveling as a family this summer, make sure to check out Jewish historical sites in the places you visit. It is a great way to teach your kids that Jews thrive all over the country and the world.

Of course, Jewish camping is a wonderful way to extend Jewish learning into the summer. Our camp of choice is Goldman Union Institute (GUCI) in Zionsville Indiana. Rabbi Kopnick serves as staff Rabbi there for a few weeks every year, and many of the Valley students attend every summer. Having so many Valley kids at camp ensures that the exuberant Jewish spirit that pervades the camp flows back into our school every fall.

I wish you all a wonderful summer of Jewish family exploration and look forward to coming together as a school community in August. Enjoy your summer!

Rabbi Judy Spicehandler
Interim Director of Education



Fun in Gan Emek!



Passover 2018 – 2nd Night Seder



2018/5778

CONFIRMANDS/GRADUATES

The Valley Temple Confirmation/Graduation Service will be held Friday, May 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the Greenberg Sanctuary. Seniors will be confirmed in our annual service combining Confirmation and Graduation.

Students will lead 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.



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Berman, Grandson of
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Shavuot Brunch • Sunday, May 20

Following Shavuot Morning Service

NO CHARGE

RSVP by May 16th

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

Please send RSVP to Valley Temple, 145 Springfield Pike, Cincinnati, OH 45215