

# RELIGIOUS SERVICES

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 1, 9:00 a.m.**

Simchat Torah End of Festival Service  
*Yizkor* prayers will be recited



**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5, 7:30 p.m.**

Shabbat Service  
Music: Leslie Gubitz  
Oneg Shabbat hosted by Dr. Mark and Nancy Schwartz  
in honor of their granddaughter Ella Naveh becoming  
a *Bat Mitzvah*

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6**

9:30 a.m. – Torah Study  
10:30 a.m. – Shabbat Service  
Ella Naveh, daughter of Dorian and Cindi Naveh  
and granddaughter of Drs. Michael and Gila Naveh  
will become a *Bat Mitzvah*  
Torah Portion – *B'reishit*, Genesis 1:1–6:8

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12, 7:30 p.m.**

Family Shabbat Service  
Naming of Jonah Meeron, son of Brian and Valerie Meeron  
Music: Friday Night Live



Oneg Shabbat hosted by Brian and Valerie Meeron in honor  
of the naming of their son Jonah, and Jim and Pam Geller in  
honor of their son Drew becoming a *Bar Mitzvah*

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13**

9:30 a.m. – Torah Study  
10:30 a.m. – Shabbat Service  
Drew Geller, son of Jim and Pam Geller and grandson of  
Michael and Judy Green, will become a *Bar Mitzvah*  
Music: Charlene Gubitz  
Torah Portion – Noach, Genesis 6:9–11:32

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19, 7:30 p.m.**

Shabbat Service  
Music: Marilyn Zelcer and Bob Pollack

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20**

9:30 a.m. – Torah Study  
10:30 a.m. – Shabbat Service  
Torah Portion – *Lech L'cha*, Genesis 12:1–17:27

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26, 7:30 p.m.**

Shabbat Service  
Music: Marilyn Zelcer and Steve Mason

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27**

9:30 a.m. – Torah Study  
10:30 a.m. – Shabbat Service  
Torah Portion – *Vayeira*, Genesis 18:1–22:24

## Sisterhood New Member Brunch October 28th at 10:00 a.m.



At the home of Rabbi Sandford and Nancy Kopnick. Meet at  
the Temple entrance and walk over. Bring a dish to share. For  
more info, contact Kathy Schlaeger. Help us welcome the new  
members of Sisterhood.



## FROM THE RABBI... Sandford R. Kopnick

### A word about Hebrew....

The Valley Temple was founded as a reaction to another congregation's embrace of adding what our founders understood as too much Hebrew to the Reform worship service. They valued being Jewish, but were not interested in the trappings that came with a greater prominence of Hebrew. At the time, the movement was not as pro-Zionist as it became, and the parents were not interested in their kids learning Hebrew. This was the early 1950s.

When I arrived at Valley in 2001, I was approached by a long-time Valley member at a "get to know you" coffee session at the home of one of the Temple officers. There, the woman challenged me by saying, "if your service has too much Hebrew, I will join the Unitarian Church." I understood that our movement had abandoned our "classical Reform" members, and I was worried about being painted with the same brush. While our movement had clearly embraced far more Hebrew, the prayer books continued to maintain beautiful English interpretations, without which the service would feel diminished.

I assured her that there would be some Hebrew, but when she (and a few of her friends who were also members) were in attendance on a Friday night, we would be sure that the majority of the service is in English. But we also discussed that even though she was not given the opportunity to learn Hebrew back in the day, perhaps she would be open to trying now. And she did.

This year we have four different opportunities for adults to learn Hebrew. If you've never had the chance, perhaps this is the year that you'd like to learn the sounds and systems connected to our holy tongue. I love to teach beginning Hebrew to adults. We make no assumptions—and we realize that adults learning a language as adults is far more challenging than when kids learn. So no worries—mistakes are expected and encouraged—the best way to learn.

Our tradition teaches us that you can pray in any language. Prayer is about meaning what you say—not being sure that you say it in a particular language. However, Hebrew is "the noise of the Jewish people." So come and make some noise with us.

Have a great month!

Sandford R. Kopnick  
Rabbi

## SPECIAL HIGH HOLY DAY THANK YOU

FOR SPONSORING OUR HIGH HOLIDAY MUSIC

### NANCY AND DOLPH BERMAN

In memory of Leon Cohen,  
Ces Berman and I.A. Berman

### JAN AND MARK SASS AND HELEN SASS

In memory of Robert Sass

### GEORGE TRENKAMP

In memory of Sue Trenkamp and Laurie Ruskin  
for sponsoring our High Holy Day Music

### BOBBIE RECKSEIT

for her donation of the Yom Kippur flowers  
In memory of her beloved husband,  
Bernard (Reggy) Reckseit

### MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION

who helped to make the Rosh Hashanah reception a  
very special warm & welcoming event

### JENNY BROH AND SHARON KOLLASCH, CO-CHAIRS

And Members of the Congregation  
who made the Break the Fast another very special event

### OUR USHERS

Roy Heizer, Mark Sass, Aron Schneider, Scott Steinberg,  
Elizabeth Woolsley, Emmeram Morning

## ADULT HEBREW

Starts Tuesday, October 2

### Aleph – Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.

With Rabbi Sandford Kopnick

For those who don't know any Hebrew and are ready to have fun, learn, and make Jewish noise! No previous experience expected.

### Bet – Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.

With Rabbi Judy Spicehandler

For those who can read haltingly, have experience with Hebrew – even from a long time ago – and would like to start to understand how it works.

### Gimmel – Thursdays at 5:30 p.m.

With Rabbi Sandford Kopnick

A continuation of last year's Tuesday at 6:30 class –for those who know basic Hebrew grammar and are ready to fly!

### Adanced – Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

With Rabbi Sandford Kopnick

Reading and translating from Torah and the Prayerbook, with a little modern Hebrew thrown in for good measure.



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Laura Lobar

The abridged story: God decides to cause a flood that will destroy the world, sparing only Noah's family and the animals that gathers together on the ark (6:9-8:22)

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Blindly Noah believed in God and did as he was instructed. He built an ark, gathered his family and the animals. Noah cared for them all, watched them, fed them, and protected them.

How many times have we wanted that same trust and comfort— to blindly believe, have faith that everything is going to be all right. We have so many hardships and literally floods of information – from the cellular universe to the amount of paper, work, children's activities and commitments.

Noah isn't here with an Ark to rescue us. We do however; have Valley Temple where we can go in times of our own personal floods. We have faith and spiritual guidance to answer our questions, and the support of one another to see us through to the rainbows and beyond.

*Laura*

Laura Lobar  
President, Board of Trustees



## CREATE YOUR JEWISH LEGACY

When you look into your heart as the New Year begins, may you discover a new sense of possibility, a new belief in the gifts you have to share, and a renewed commitment to your dreams.

Be a part of Create Your Jewish Legacy and help us sustain a bright future for Valley Temple and our Jewish Community.

Thanks to Minette Hoffheimer for her commitment letter and to the Estate of Susan Trenkamp for establishing a Music Endowment in memory of Susan and her daughter, Laurie Ruskin.

If you have questions or wish to discuss this, please call Jon Hoffheimer, 321-3219, or pick up a brochure at the temple.



WOMEN OF REFORM JUDAISM  
*stronger together*

### Sisterhood Meeting October 7, 9:45 a.m.

### Mah Jongg October 21, 1–3 p.m.



Sunday, October 21 at the home of Sarah Mather. Please RSVP to Sarah so we have the correct number of games and chairs. All games run from 1-3 or 3:30. We want to play with the 2018 card, which will be good until next March. You can get one from amazon or <https://www.nationalmahjongleague.org/>

### Sisterhood Monthly Dinner Third Thursdays



Join Sisterhood members for a dinner at a different restaurant each month. October 18th will be El Rancho Grande in Mason at 7:00pm. RSVP to Karen Rosenfield.

### Donations of Plus Size Clothes are Needed

We are collecting clothing in sizes 16 and up to be donated to Reach Out Lakota. They are especially in need of work/interview clothes. Please contact Jenny Broh for more information or to arrange drop off of items.



### Women of Reform Judaism Central District Conference

November 9–11  
Beachwood, OH

Please email Allison Schneider or Jan Goldstein if you are interested in attending. We will try to arrange shared rooms and carpooling if desired.

# DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION'S MESSAGE

## Robyn Friend



As the high holidays come to a close and the new religious school year is in motion, I'd like to use these Bulletin articles to highlight the wonderful happenings throughout our school each month. If your children are anything like mine, they come home saying, "I don't know," when asked the age-old question of what they did at school. While this brief response may silence me momentarily, like the good Jewish mother I am, I always push to know more. Hopefully, the information included here can help bridge the gap between "I don't know" and what their exciting religious school journey actually looks like.

In addition to the grade specific highlights below, most days include music classes with either the fabulous Charlene Gubitz who travels from Louisiana to brighten our day with her talents, or by our wonderful resident music teacher, Grant Halasz who engages our students on a regular basis. Special thanks goes to our Music Madrich, Sam Steed, who stepped in at a moment's notice on opening day to lead each grade level with excitement and enthusiasm.

Our days at Valley Temple Religious School are vibrant and inspiring, and I'm so thankful to take part in it with your children. If you ever want to learn more, please feel free to ask me. I promise not to say, "I don't know". Enjoy highlights from this past month below.

### **Gan Emek**

Our youngest group started later in the month than the rest of us, but the wonderful Dr. Nancy Kopnick, acclimated them right away with creative and fun learning. These cuties, alongside their parents met *Mitzvah* Mutt, the lovable pup who will help them learn and play all year. He's helping this fun bunch learn about holidays, sing songs and practice *mitzvot*. If you know of a child under age three who would enjoy this fun way to connect with other youngsters, please have them contact me for more information.

### **PreK**

In between adorably shaking their sillies out and learning the Hebrew alphabet through yoga, these young students in Mrs. Bette Ann Sandor's Pre-K class are discussing *mitzvot*. Each Sunday, they identify a *mitzvah* they performed the week prior and learn new ways to perform *mitzvot* in the coming weeks. They proudly display these good deeds on the classroom's *mitzvah* tree and revisit them regularly.

### **Kindergarten/First Grade**

This intelligent group of boys in Rabbi Judy Spicehandler's class started the year off with a very interesting discussion about Rosh Hashanah, and what the "birthday of the world" might mean. Ideas ranged from God created the world to a scientific hypothesis as to how the earth came into existence, offered by one very smart little kindergartner. The boys also had the chance to test their lung capacity by blowing a *Shofar*. Fun continued with

the boys finding new ways to use apples, including eating them with honey in celebration of the New Year, using them to stamp personalized New Year's cards, and passing them around the circle to the Hebrew Alef Bet song. Mostly this sweet group is enjoying meeting new friends and reconnecting with old ones.

### **Second/Third Grades**

In the younger years, students largely focus on WHAT and HOW about the holidays. Now they start to think about WHY. Ms. Elizabeth Woosley's curriculum largely focuses on this question of "why," and she introduced the students to this concept right away. They regularly discuss the mitzvah of *Tzedakah*, and discuss all the good that can come of their generous giving. This small but lively group of kids read The Important Book, identified a few things that are truly important to them, and discussed what is of MOST importance and why. Check with your child to learn some of their enlightening responses.

### **Fourth/Fifth Grades**

Mr. Rob Gleisser, a rabbinical student and our 4th grade Judaic teacher and 5th grade Bet Hebrew teacher loves engaging his classes through music. He started this year off by teaching his class the first blessing of *Havdallah*. These fourth graders are beginning their study of Prophets and learning some of the biblical prophets' most interesting abilities. Rob's fifth graders are learning the *Shema*, and are breaking down what each word means in a number of creative ways including art and music.

Kara Schneider, our engaging 4th grade Alef Hebrew teacher and 5th grade Judaic teacher works hard to create dynamic lessons for her students. She started the year with fun activities to help the students acclimate with one another and create a comfortable classroom culture. These students are engaging in regular discussions about the Jewish life cycle and Israel. One of the ways they do this is through our Twinning program, where they establish an ongoing relationship with fifth graders at the Rabin School in Netanya, Israel. Our goals for this exciting program are for our students to learn more about Israel and Israeli culture by engaging with Israeli students, and also to compare and contrast the American and Israeli *bar* and *bat mitzvah* experience and preparation. Students form unique and special connections with each other and it is certainly a highlight of the fifth grade curriculum.

### **Sixth Grade**

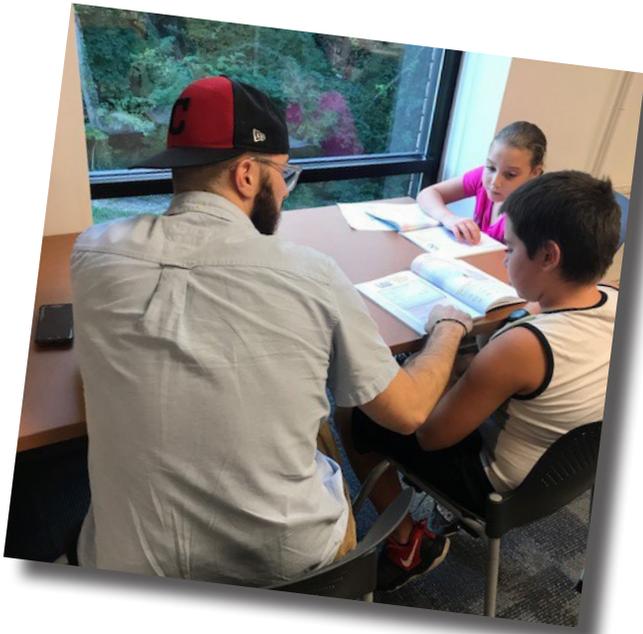
Brian Meeron, our sixth grade Judaic teacher, and Jenny Dapper, our Gimmel Hebrew teacher have been engaging our students for years. This year they started by asking the big question, "What role does God play in the world?" They continued in their discussion on the purpose of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. In Hebrew, they practiced key vocabulary words through fun games and flash cards and learned *Ein Kamocha* and *Avinu Malkeinu*.

### **Mitzvah Corps**

Our seventh and eighth graders started this year off with a bang at their opening retreat at GUCI with our rabbinic intern and VTMC teacher, David Reinhart as well as VTMC teacher, Rachel Stewart. They acclimated well as a group and started discussing this year's theme of God and mitzvot. They were accompanied by our wonderful *Chaverim*, two young Israeli ambassadors from our sister city of Netanya who will be spending the year in Cincinnati educating all our students on Israel.

*Robyn Friend*

Robyn Friend, Director of Education



# RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUN!



## High Holy Day Food Drive: Thank You!

Thank you to all who were so generous with your donations of food items for our High Holy Day Food Drive



Thank you to Trader Joes for providing the bags for our High Holy Day Food Drive. Thank you to all who donated all the non-perishable items and helped.

## SUSTAINING THE GENERATIONS

We gratefully acknowledge the following contributions:

### RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In memory of Jack & Fern Kopnick; *from Dolph & Nancy Berman*  
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In memory of Jack & Fern Kopnick; *from Sue Price & Family*  
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### ROBERT & CHARLOTTE LANZIT ADULT EDUCATION FUND

In memory of Joan Reckseit; *from Ernie & Helen Waits*

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## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Scott Steinberg	10/01
Judy Levy	10/01
Diane L. Mitman	10/01
Phil Sawin	10/02
Henry Bernay	10/03
Steven Hecht	10/04
Joelle Luebbers Levine	10/04
Izar Spivak	10/05
Richard Blatt	10/06
Madeline Marks	10/07
Charles Steed	10/09
Connor McClelland	10/09
Benjamin Perry	10/10
Jeffrey Marks	10/12
Zoe Nourie	10/13
Jennie Waits	10/15
Myles Connock	10/15
David S. Levine	10/15
Ron Kull	10/17
Logan Fritsch	10/17
Carol Appel	10/17
Sara Naveh	10/20
Alex Kopnick	10/21
Ari Buchwald	10/21
Neil Bortz	10/21
Jaden Shapiro	10/22
Bette Sherman	10/22
Sandy Hatfield	10/23
Lillian Plum Gartenlaub	10/23
Judy Green	10/24
Laura Connock	10/24
Max Kravitz	10/26
Micah Schneider	10/27
Cindy Pinsky	10/28
Julia Habbert	10/28
Paul A. Pappenheimer	10/28
William Klein	10/29
Rebecca Klein	10/31
Donald H. Dornheggen II	10/31

## OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Len & Suzanne Segal	10/02/2001
Mark & Ellen Kovacic	10/07/1979
Abraham & Olga Marchevsky	10/11/1956
David & Shannon Clark	10/12/2002
Chad Munitz & Michelle Lightfoot	10/17
Ernie & Helen Waits, Jr.	10/19/1986
Daniel & Dedra Perlmutter	10/22/2000
Jeff & Kathy Schlaeger	10/21/1994
D'Shon & Jon Shapiro	10/21/1995
John & Jean Amber	10/26/1962

## TORAH STUDY

Every Week – All Year



Saturdays, 9:30 a.m.  
Followed by Shabbat Service at 10:30 a.m.  
No experience necessary.



## MAZAL TOV



Dorian and Cindi Naveh and  
Drs. Gila and Michael Naveh on their daughter and  
granddaughter, Ella, becoming a *Bat Mitzvah*

Dr. Jim and Pam Geller and Mike and Judy Green on their  
son and grandson, Drew, becoming a *Bar Mitzvah*

Brian and Valerie Meeron on the naming of their son, Jonah

## MISHEIBERACH

Barry Essig	Bernice Blatt	Sue Spohr
Evelyn Essig	Barbara Swift	Joanne Cohen
	Sam Lobar	

## OUR SYMPATHY

Tim McCarrick on the death of his mother, Donna Millsaps

The family of Dr. Joan Reckseit

Jenny Dapper on the death of her grandmother, Fay Dapper

Rob Festenstein, and his sons Noah and Aaron on the death  
of his mother, and their grandmother Caryl Festenstein

## 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 to the following families for sponsoring a recent oneg, a wonderful way to celebrate the joy of the Sabbath.

- Craig and Deby Hoffheimer and Minetter Hoffheimer in memory of Arthur Hoffheimer, Jr.
- Craig and Deby Hoffheimer and Minetter Hoffheimer in memory of Philip Goldsmith





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# ADULT EDUCATION FALL 2018/5779

## TUESDAY NIGHT SEMINARS

### Jewish Words of Inspiration – Biblical, Rabbinic and Broadway!



Tuesdays, October 9, 16, 30  
at 7:30 p.m.

*With Rabbi Ken Kanter,  
Director Emeritus of the  
HUC-JIR Rabbinic Program*

Study our tradition (and be entertained a bit, too) with a great teacher. Rabbi Ken Kanter of HUC-JIR is a scholar on the topic of *Jews on Broadway*. Be with us as he combines this knowledge with pearls from our tradition.

## BIMAH BOOK CLUB

### Letters to My Palestinian Neighbor

by Yossi Klein Halevi

Tuesday, November 13 at 7:30 p.m.

*Facilitated by Rabbi Sandford Kopnick*

Letters to  
My Palestinian  
Neighbor



Yossi Klein  
Halevi

Author of *Like Dreamers*

### Jewish & Christian Amazing Questions About Christmas – Almost Never Asked, Let Alone Answered



Tuesdays, November 27,  
December 4 & 11 at 7:30 p.m.

*With Rabbi Michael J. Cook, PhD.  
Bronstein Professor of  
Judeo-Christian Studies  
Hebrew Union College-Jewish  
Institute of Religion, Cincinnati*

There is no scholar more qualified to help us understand this important Christian holiday from a Jewish perspective. Join us as Dr. Cook helps shine a light on Christmas.