

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

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

Shabbat Service
Music: Friday Night Live
Oneg Shabbat hosted by Janet Zydney and Michael Mannheimer in memory of Barbara Zydney

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3

9:30 a.m. – Torah Study
10:30 a.m. – Shabbat Service
Torah Portion – *Chayei Sarah*, Genesis 23:1–25:18

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

Family Shabbat Service
Music: David Snyder

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10

9:30 a.m. – Torah Study
10:30 a.m. – Shabbat Service
Torah Portion – *Tol'dot*, Genesis 25:19–28:9

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 7:30 p.m.

Shabbat Service
Music: Marilyn Zelcer and Bob Pollack

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17

9:30 a.m. – Torah Study
10:30 a.m. – Shabbat Service
Torah Portion – *Vayeitzei*, Genesis 28:10–32:3

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

Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24

9:30 a.m. – Torah Study
10:30 a.m. – Shabbat Service
Torah Portion – *Vayishlach*, Genesis 32:4–36:43

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

Shabbat Service
Music: Marilyn Zelcer and Bob Pollack

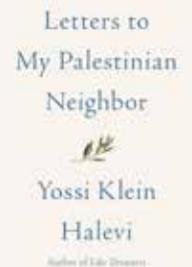
ADULT EDUCATION FALL 2018/5779

BIMAH BOOK CLUB

Letters to My Palestinian Neighbor By Yossi Klein Halevi

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

Facilitated by Rabbi Sanford Kopnick



The Surprising Addiction Epidemic and Attempts to Control and Manage

With Dr. Charles Pierce

Sunday, November 18 at 11:00 a.m.

This adult education program is also open to teens who attend with a parent.

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, Ph.D.
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.



FROM THE RABBI... Sandford R. Kopnick

Shalom!

Thanksgiving is an American holiday where we are expected to give thanks for all of the blessings in our lives. Truth be told, Judaism has us give thanks a lot more often than that. We celebrate Sukkot, to be thankful for the harvest and bounty. We celebrate Passover, where we are thankful for the freedom that led to the sacred covenant we share with God, and we celebrate Shavuot, where we are thankful for Torah, the gift of a Jewish way of life that keeps giving. So what are we Jews to do on Thanksgiving? Well give thanks, of course.

We can never say thank you enough. But Jews don't just say thank you, we are expected to act. Judaism is a "doing religion." It is never enough for us to simply pray, we are expected to "pay it forward." Here are a few suggestions for your Thanksgiving, that could enhance your experience:

1. Along with the prayers that your non-Jewish friends and family offer at the beginning of the meal, consider saying the *Motzi* and the *She-hechyanu*. You can even find me on YouTube, where I can help you do this.
2. Consider asking each person to state for what they are thankful prior to the prayers, and before the meal.
3. Maybe there is a food pantry or a soup kitchen in which you can volunteer either prior to or on the day of the holiday. Perhaps there is a way you can bring leftovers to a place that needs it more than your refrigerator.
4. Writing a check is good...consider writing a check to the Valley Interfaith Community Resource Center, the Over the Rhine Soup kitchen, or Mazon: The Jewish Response to Hunger. You can send these in, and we'll forward them on.
5. Go to the Red Cross website and see what types of supplies are needed to help the folks who are suffering from the Hurricane Michael storm.
6. Be sure that your neighbor, or isolated family friend has a place to be for Thanksgiving.
7. Spend a few hours off of screens – by playing a game in the yard, or getting a board game. Real interaction with loved ones is a great way to say thanks.
8. Bring your family or friends with you to a park and spend an hour cleaning it up a bit. Bring a rake with you, too.
9. Send a care package to the troops.
10. Drive to some of the corners where you know homeless folks are standing with signs asking for help, and give them a few dollars and a pair of gloves, or a hat, or a gift card for a meal, or a gift card from Kroger.

When we give each other a reason to give thanks, we then can give thanks for the opportunity to fulfill a *mitzvah*. May we all give thanks to God by figuring out a few ways to act like we're thankful.

Faithfully,

Sandford R. Kopnick
Rabbi

TIKKUN OLAM

The Tikkun Olam Team is very excited that we are going to be hosting the first of our series of house meetings where we will listen to each others' stories and build stronger relationships. Each meeting will have between 12 and 15 people and the conversation will be facilitated by a committee member to ensure everyone has time to tell their story and to hear one another. The goal here is not have a discussion, but to gather information and see the humanity in our fellows so that we can develop a project about which our whole community will be proud.

The first of these meetings will take place at the Kopnicks' house in Wyoming on November 19th at 7pm and the second will be at the Kaufmans in Pleasant Ridge on December 3rd at 7pm and December 10 at the Nouries, as well as a couple of more TBA. It's our goal to host these meetings in different areas of the city to reach as many people as possible.

Please let us know if you can join us at one of these meetings, or would like to host one of your own. The Tikkun Olam Team will facilitate and handle the logistics of the meetings.

TORAH STUDY Every Week – All Year



Saturdays, 9:30 a.m.

Followed by Shabbat Service at 10:30 a.m.

No experience necessary.

SENIOR DISCUSSION AND LUNCH



Wednesday, November 21, 11:30 a.m.

Bring your own lunch



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.

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



KUNDALINI YOGA AND VIBRATIONAL SOUND HEALING

with Susana Niedermann

December 13th from 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM

at The Valley Temple

Bring yoga mat, blanket, cushion, water bottle - class is free



WOMEN OF REFORM JUDAISM
stronger together

November 4th at 10:00 a.m. Sisterhood Meeting

In the boardroom. All are welcome.

November 11th at 10:00 a.m.

Sisterhood outing to Barre 3 class in Montgomery

November 11th at 1:00 p.m. Mah Jongg

At the home of Sharon Kollasch.

November 15, 7:00 p.m. Sisterhood Monthly Dinner

Join Sisterhood members for a dinner at a different restaurant each month. November 15th will be Parker's Blue Ash at 7:00 p.m. RSVP to Karen Rosenfield.

December 2nd at 10:00 a.m.

Sisterhood Chanukah Party in the boardroom
Bring a wrapped gift valued at \$15.

December 16th Sisterhood Soup Kitchen (Please note new date)

Collect for Homeless Women

Homeless women and girls need bras and feminine hygiene supplies. It's so easy to help!

No one should have to choose between a meal and a maxi pad! Help provide women and girls with dignity, increased self-esteem, and improved personal health and hygiene by donating your gently used and new bras and sealed feminine hygiene products

Valley Temple Sisterhood (and anyone who wants to) is supporting the Women of Reform Judaism Central District Mitzvah Project by collecting for this program, Support the Girls. Bring donations and spread the word about this grass roots initiative. Collection through November 7. Contact Jan Goldstein with questions or to help.

Other News

If you would like to receive the monthly Sisterhood Newsletter please email Allison Schneider or Wendy Walsh with your current email.

Please sign your Kroger card up to donate to The Valley Temple Sisterhood

DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION'S MESSAGE

Robyn Friend



This past month was filled with fun and exciting learning for both our students, as well as many of our parents. Kindergarten, First, Fourth and Sixth grades all participated in Family Ed programs where students were able to learn alongside their parents/grandparents. Kindergarten and First graders had a hands-on Torah lesson and discussed how their own family's guiding principles connects with the Torah. Fourth grade students and their parents had an engaging lesson with Rabbi Kopnick on Prophets. Sixth graders watched the thought-provoking movie "The Wave" and then participated in a parent-child discussion on the Holocaust.

In addition to Family Ed programs, the learning continued with special visitors, Adi Itscovich and Asaf Munk, our *Chaverim M'Israel* (Friends from Israel). The *Chaverim* are two wonderful 18 year old ambassadors from our Partnership city in Israel – Netanya. They are here for the year in our community making connections, teaching, and bringing Israel "alive" to our youth and families. Adi and Asaf will be visiting our school throughout the year and also joining us on our retreats. We have loved getting to know them!

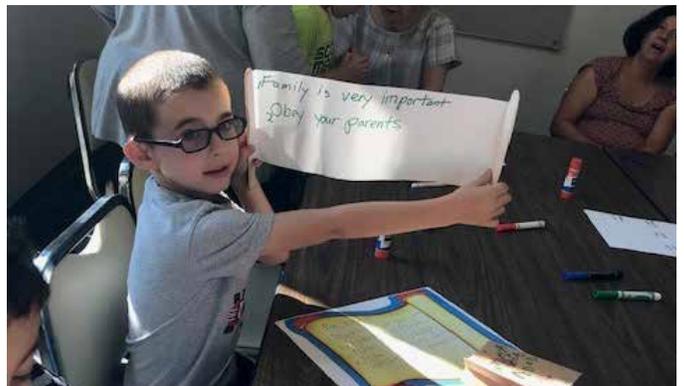
Other special highlights from the month include challah making in Nancy Kopnick's *Gan Emek* class and *Shema* pillowcases in Bette Ann's Pre-K class. Kindergarten and First grade students made their very own Shabbat set while Second and Third graders gained a deeper understanding of the Ten Commandments. Fourth graders continue to learn the *Havdalah* ceremony and Fifth graders made their own *mizrach* (ornamental wall plaque used to indicate the direction of prayer in Jewish homes). Sixth graders participated in an engaging World War II simulation and are delving deep into the Shabbat prayers. VTMC Seventh and Eighth graders met both online and at Valley to continue their conversations of God and *mitzvot*.

Coming up in November:

4th/5th/6th Grade Retreat at GUCI November 9th -11th
5th Grade Family Ed is November 18th at 10:00 a.m.

Robyn Friend

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Director of Education



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SIMCHAT TORAH

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| Charlyne Gaynor | 11/03 |
| Cheryl Hecht | 11/04 |
| Rae Nourie | 11/04 |
| Jennifer Pennix | 11/04 |
| Jonathan Kopnick | 11/06 |
| Pam Greenberg | 11/06 |
| Brad Greenberg | 11/06 |
| Sue DuCovna | 11/07 |
| Herb DuCovna | 11/07 |
| Rachel Habbert | 11/08 |
| Penina Gunyan | 11/08 |
| Ellen Schaengold | 11/09 |
| Ron Weitzenkorn | 11/09 |
| John Habbert | 11/10 |
| Ella Schlaeger | 11/11 |
| Sam Greenberg | 11/11 |
| Aleeza Schneider | 11/11 |
| Noah Festenstein | 11/11 |
| Alison Weikel | 11/13 |
| William Cusack | 11/14 |
| Doug Sandor | 11/15 |
| Sophia Pennix | 11/15 |
| Kathryn Beasley | 11/16 |
| David Feldstein | 11/16 |
| Randi Kaplan | 11/17 |
| Harvey Katz | 11/22 |
| Peggy Markstein | 11/26 |
| Ian Cronin | 11/26 |
| Ernest Waits, Jr. | 11/27 |
| Micki Springer | 11/27 |
| Jeannie Hiller | 11/28 |
| Amy Levy | 11/28 |
| Nancy Dornheggen | 11/28 |
| Charles Powers | 11/29 |
| Kenneth Mitman | 11/29 |
| Jacob Hodesh | 11/30 |
| Les Swift | 11/30 |

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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| Miriam & Jacob Hodesh | 11/03/2007 |
| Gila & Michael Naveh | 11/08 |
| Barbara & David Neman | 11/12/2000 |
| Bobby & Linda Denham | 11/17/1984 |
| Chad Munitz & Michelle Lightfoot | 11/17 |
| Lou & Margie Rauh | 11/21/1959 |
| Jeff & Laurie Marks | 11/22/1980 |
| John & Susan Frank, Jr. | 11/22/1997 |
| Linda Kean & Ronn Mervis | 11/26/1983 |
| Barry & Arlene Goldhoff | 11/27/1966 |
| David & Sharon Feldstein | 11/30/1985 |

MISHEIBERACH

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| Barry Essig | Bernice Blatt | Sam Lobar |
| Evelyn Essig | Barbara Swift | Sue Spohr |

MAZAL TOV

Mark Sass and Jan Rosenbaum Sass and Helen Sass
on the marriage of their son and grandson,
Jonathan to Rachel Christian

SUSTAINING THE GENERATIONS

We gratefully acknowledge the following contributions:

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In memory of Jack Kopnick; *from Ron & Alice Weitzenkorn*
In memory of Jack & Fern Kopnick; *from Alan & Margie Schneider*
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In memory of Joan Reckseit; *from Ken & Sue Dinwiddie*

ROBERT AND CHARLOTTE LANZIT ADULT EDUCATION FUND

In appreciation; *from Tom Steger*

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.

- Dr. Mark and Nancy Schwartz in honor of their granddaughter Ella Naveh becoming a Bat Mitzvah
- Brian and Valerie Meeron in honor of the naming of their son Jonah
- Jim and Pam Geller in honor of their son Drew becoming a Bar Mitzvah
- Sandy Hatfield and Aaron Hatfield in memory of Herbert B. Geltner
- Laurel and Marvin Fischbaum in memory of Jean Ehrle



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Chanukah Celebration



Friday, December 7, 2018

**6:30 pm – Dinner (Reservations Required) | 7:30 pm – Shabbat Service
(Includes Consecration of Students New to Our Religious School)**

**\$1–\$25 per person depending on what you wish to pay (half the amount for ages 3–11)
It costs around \$10 per adult. Please set your own dinner cost based on what you wish to pay!
Bring your family menorah!**

NAME(S) of those attending _____

_____ # of adults & children 12 & over _____ # of children age 3-11 _____ # of children under 3 (free)

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED FOR CHANUKAH DINNER: _____

Please let us know if you need a veggie meal or have other dietary restrictions: _____
