

## RELIGIOUS SERVICES

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

Shabbat Service  
Music: Leslie Gubitz

**SATURDAY, APRIL 6**

9:30 a.m. Torah Study  
10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service  
The son of a member will become a *Bar Mitzvah*  
Music: Leslie Gubitz  
Torah Portion – *Tazria*, Leviticus 12:1-13:59

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

Family Shabbat Service  
Music: David Snyder

**SATURDAY, APRIL 13**

9:30 a.m. Torah Study  
10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service  
Torah Portion – *M'tzora*, Leviticus 14:1-15:33

**FRIDAY, APRIL 19**

First Night of Passover  
**NO SHABBAT SERVICE AT VALLEY TEMPLE**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 20 –  
FIRST DAY OF PASSOVER**

9:30 a.m. Torah Study  
10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service &  
Passover Festival Morning Service  
Torah Portion – *Yom Rishon shel Pesach*,  
Exodus 12:37-42, 13:3-10

**FRIDAY, APRIL 26**

9:00 a.m. Passover Festival Concluding Service with *Yizkor*  
7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service  
Music: Friday Night Live

**SATURDAY, APRIL 27**

9:30 a.m. Torah Study  
10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service  
Music: Charlene Gubitz  
Torah Portion – *Acharei Mot I*, Leviticus 16:1-17:16



# Passover at Valley



Passover Festival & Shabbat Service

Saturday, April 20 at 10:30 a.m.

Second Night Community Seder – Saturday, April 20 at 6:00 p.m.

Make your reservation now – See back page for form

Ending Festival Morning Service – Friday, April 26 at 9:00 a.m.

*Yizkor* prayers will be recited



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

What does “next year in Jerusalem” mean when we say it at our *Pesach Seder*? We live in a promised land, and modern day Israel is a promised land. When our ancestors were kicked out of Jerusalem as the Temple was being destroyed—we quickly developed the idea of “next year in Jerusalem.” This concept included the Jewish messiah coming and heralding the “return of the exiles.”

As Reform Judaism developed, the concept of “the messiah as a person” gave way to the idea of a “messianic age.” This means that we no longer expect an actual person to declare himself (tradition has it that the messiah would be a man) the messiah. Rather, we all are expected to work toward a time that would feel like a messiah would come—because the divisions that separate humanity from each other, war, bloodshed, acrimony, and other types of strife would cease. We would all be the best versions of ourselves.

Some think of “next year in Jerusalem” as a symbol of creating the type of world where all would be so happy, content, productive, kind, compassionate, and charitable that it would be as if we could be gathered. Others still wait for an actual messiah. And some hold the promise of Jerusalem as the haven for persecuted Jews throughout the world. This last year has some wondering whether Jerusalem is more than just a symbol, but a necessary alternative to a world seeming to be more intolerant of Jews.

Many Jews in America find the United States to be a more promised land than Jerusalem ever would be. As a result, we celebrate our American found freedom with a joy and religiosity that would have been thought impossible by European Jews before the 1800’s. So many of our ancestors found their way to this country, escaping economic, religious, and social prejudice. Jerusalem was not really an option for many of them as they fled Nazis and intolerant regimes in other European countries. We also know that the promise of America was not available to some of our people, many of whom were ultimately killed in death camps because they could not get here fast enough.

As we move into the celebration of our first liberation—*Pesach*, we are challenged to make our seder celebrations relevant. We should all confront our own vision of what “remembering the stranger, for we were strangers in the land of Egypt” and “next year in Jerusalem” should mean. We are Jews. This is an issue as basic as *Shema Yisrael*. These values require our heartfelt response. I’ll be interested to hear what you come up with. *Chag Samayach!*

Sandford R. Kopnick  
Rabbi

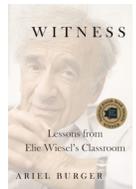
## ADULT EDUCATION

### Witness: Three Lessons of Elie Wiesel

with Rabbi Sandford Kopnick

**Tuesdays, April 9, 16, 23  
at 7:30 p.m.**

We will exam three of the lessons compiled from Elie Wiesel’s Boston University classroom.



### Jewish Poetry

**Mondays, April 29 and May 6  
at 7:00 p.m.**



What is Jewish poetry? Dr. Norman Finkelstein of Xavier University will explain!

Norman Finkelstein is a poet, literary critic, and Professor of English at Xavier University, where he has taught since 1980.

## DAN NICHOLS WEEKEND



# DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION'S MESSAGE

## Robyn Friend



The Valley Temple Religious School has had such an exciting month. All throughout the school students have been learning about Purim. Huge thanks to Clare Deutsch and her family for creating a fun filled *Hamantaschen* baking experience for our Religious School kids. Additionally, thanks to everyone who helped the Deutsch family in baking several-thousand *Hamantaschen*. Hopefully you had a chance to taste them at the Purim Carnival where the Youth Group's hard work certainly showed!

Elizabeth's 2nd and 3rd grade class also used these Purim treats when creating *Mishloach Manot* during their Family Ed program. *Mishloach Manot* are Purim baskets meant to ensure everyone has enough food to eat on Purim and to increase love and friendship among Jews and their neighbors. Together with their parents, the 2nd and 3rd graders learned about this *mitzvah* and assembled and decorated these bags to be given to congregants who are ill or in need.

Other highlights from the month include the 4th grade Family Ed program where students and their parents continued their discussion with Rabbi Kopnick on prophets. Kindergarten and First grade families joined Rabbi Judy for a Saturday night program where they experienced first-hand the *Havdallah* ceremony they had been learning about in class.

Students in grades K-6 also had a visit from our *Chaverim* (friends from Israel), where they learned all about how Purim is celebrated Israeli-style. The fun-filled month was topped off with a wonderful Dan Nichols concert where the kids and Rabbi got to show off their impressive dance skills. It was truly a vibrant month at Valley, and we are looking forward to all the exciting events coming in April.

### Coming up in April in the Religious School:

**April 7th** - Sunday School resumes after Spring Break

**April 14th** - 5th Grade Life Cycle Event Family Ed - Please have at least one parent/caregiver accompany your child to Weil Funeral Home instead of Valley at 10:00 a.m.

**April 14th** - 6th Grade Holocaust and Humanity Center Field Trip - Parents are welcome to accompany your child to the Cincinnati Museum Center for this 1.5 hour guided tour of the new Holocaust Museum

**April 28th** - PreK Family Ed - Please have at least one parent/caregiver join your child's class at 11:00 a.m.

*Robyn Friend*

Robyn Friend, Director of Education





# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Laura Lobar

## What is CYJL?

What does the word cherish mean to you? Does it bring your family close to mind? Did you get a rush of thoughts of when you were young or when your child/dren were little? What about a *bar/bat mitzvah*, a wedding, did a smile cross your face at the memories? How frequently do you think about the special people in your life that have passed? What positive, special, impact did they have in your life and lives of those close to you?

We, as Jews, religiously, focus on life, the living. As parents we guide, support, and protect our families. That is our love and our "jobs" if you will. There are innumerable ways in which we strive to take care of our families but I am going to zip ahead in time to discuss something a little uncomfortable for a lot of us. We generally like to make sure our families are taken care of after our death; we take pride in our responsibility to be able to take care of our families in our will.

We should take care of our families first and foremost. After that, we should start to look around to see where and what have helped shaped our lives and those of our children. One of those places just may be The Valley Temple. The education provided, the special life cycle events; baby namings, *bar/bat mitzvah*, consecration, confirmation, graduation, the many holidays, weddings, community and support have all played a prominent role in our lives. Valley Temple, this wonderful institution, needs to be supported for our lifetime and those of our children and grandchildren. *L'dor vador* – generation to generation and strength to strength.

Create Your Jewish Legacy, CYJL, is a program designed to help us secure the current life and future life of our treasured Valley Temple. Your will, which means you have the power to decide how you want your wishes fulfilled... What legacy do you want to leave?... you have the will to take care of your family first, then places like Valley not only to keep them going, but to keep them strong.

There are several people who personally impacted Valley for so many years with their involvement and who have already made such wonderful legacy gifts to Valley. Our appreciation to those who are participating. Wouldn't it be a tremendous gift to give our children, grand children, and future generations the gift of The Valley Temple with all of its educational, spiritual, and religious life? What will your legacy gift be?

Laura Lobar, President



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*stronger together*

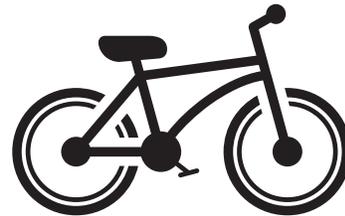
- Next meeting April 7th
- Dinner out April 18th at 7:00 p.m.
- Please bring desserts to the temple fundraiser April 13th – drop off Friday April 12th or after 12 p.m. on April 13th
- Lots of volunteers needed on May 5th for Flying Pig marathon, year end religious school picnic and Create a Care Package.

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## THANK YOU FOR THE HAMANTASCHEN!!

Thank you to Clare Deutsch and her committee for the delicious hamantaschen they baked for the Purim Carnival, dinner and bags to send to members in need of cheer. They were amazing!

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## VALLEY BIKE RIDE MAY 19 at Miami Whitewater

Meet at 10 a.m., start biking at 10:30 a.m., return to eat around 12:00 p.m. Come bicycle and picnic with the VT bike crew; no age restrictions. Meet at Miami Whitewater around the Visitors Center, 9001 Hope Road, before or no later than 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, May 19. You have a choice of bike trails - 1.4 or 7.8 miles. We will meet back about 12:00 noon and then go for a picnic lunch at the High Plains Shelter.

If you want the picnic lunch, you must make a reservation with Jon Hoffheimer no later than Friday, May 17, and it will cost \$5.00 per person.

If you want a T-shirt, you must make advise Jon Hoffheimer at no later than May 1 at a cost of \$10. Let Jon know the size: S, M, L, XL, XXL (they run small).

No cost for the biking EXCEPT you must wear a helmet. Please let Jon Hoffheimer know if you are coming so that we can be on the lookout for you.

# Passover 2019

**Let All Who Are Hungry Come and Eat!**

**A Few Readings Which May Grace Your Passover Seder  
First Seder – Friday, April 19**

**TEMPLE SEDER - SATURDAY, APRIL 20 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 Sanford 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.

## SUSTAINING THE GENERATIONS

We gratefully acknowledge the following contributions:

### RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In appreciation of Rabbi Kopnick; *from Myron & Rachael Katz*  
 In appreciation of Rabbi Kopnick; *from Richard & Joanne Guttman*  
 In memory of Toby Cohen; *from Jeff & Linda Lazar*  
 In memory of Jim Hoffheimer; *from Jeff & Linda Lazar*  
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 In memory of Robert Harris; *from Donna Levi*  
 In memory of David Scher; *from Arlene & Barry Goldhoff*  
 In memory of Nathan Kaller; *from Lynn & Neil Kravitz*  
 In memory of Gilbert V. Hemsley Sr.; *from Alberta Hemsley*

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In honor of Jenny Broh; *from Chuck Frank & Jan Goldstein*  
 In memory of Jim Hoffheimer; *from Jenny Broh*  
 In memory of Jim Hoffheimer; *from Sally & Gerry Korkin*  
 In memory of Jim Hoffheimer; *from Laura & Sam Lobar*  
 In honor of the birth of Olivia Jane Spivak; *from Laura & Sam Lobar*  
 In honor of the birth of Jonah Meyer; *from Laura & Sam Lobar*

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A Chanukah Gift; *from Kerry and Dianne Rabe*

### ROBERT AND CHARLOTTE LANZIT

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### BRYNA SCHWARTZ MEMORIAL

#### ONEG & HOSPITALITY FUND

In memory of Bob Harris; *from Irving & Selma Harris*  
 In memory of David Waxman; *from Ernie and Sally Waxman*

## 2ND NIGHT COMMUNITY SEDER SATURDAY, APRIL 20

Donations of Passover desserts are needed. See list below for other items that are needed. Volunteers will be needed to help set up. Contact the Temple Office to say you can help.

(Please list the quantity of your donation.)

Jars of prepared horseradish \_\_\_\_\_  
 Boxes of Matzah \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bottles of kosher red wine \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bottles of kosher grape juice \_\_\_\_\_  
 Jars of Gefilte Fish \_\_\_\_\_  
 Passover desserts \_\_\_\_\_

## SENIOR DISCUSSION AND LUNCH

**April 10**  
**11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

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



Saturday, April 13 at 6:30 p.m.

Featuring a night of MYSTERY!  
 Presented by The Murder Mystery Co.

Silent Auction • Appetizers • Dinner • Desserts  
 Split-the-Pot • BYOB • Mixer Bar Provided  
 \$40 / individual • \$280 / table of 8

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40\* x = \_\_\_\_\_ or  \$280\* / table of 8

I would like to give an  
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Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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1. Send your RSVP with a check to The Temple
2. Send your RSVP for non-table reservations and pay at the door
3. RSVP through Eventbrite:  
[www.dinneranddeception.eventbrite.com](http://www.dinneranddeception.eventbrite.com)\*

**RSVP ASAP!!**

\*For \$40 tickets, the fee is \$4.06; and for the table of 8 the fee is \$18.67

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Bette Ann Sandor	04/01
Jake Moeller	04/02
Anna Steinberg	04/03
Mark S. Miller	04/03
Alberta Hemsley	04/04
Robin G. Miller	04/04
Sadie Munitz	04/04
Leah Moeller	04/04
Sarah Moeller	04/04
Margie Schneider	04/05
Jared Dornheggen	04/06
Alfred Straus III	04/06
David Knarr	04/06
David Steed	04/07
Jeff Lazar	04/07
Zoe Buchwald	04/08
Brady McClelland	04/09
Adrian Niedermann	04/10
Sophie Greenberg	04/10
Amy Paul	04/10
Brian Meeron	04/11
Steven Levine	04/11
Dr. Jim Geller	04/12
Tim McCarrick	04/12
Susan Katz	04/13
Matthew Berman	04/14
Jaime Carmody	04/14
Larry Wolf	04/14
Andrea Frieder	04/14
Ginger Friedberg	04/15
Daniel Stewart	04/15
Susan Marmo	04/15
Ellie Spivak	04/15
Henry Codd	04/17
Sylvia Maltz	04/18
Neil Berman	04/19
Marcelle Lobar	04/19
Leo Bernay	04/20
Rick Beasley	04/20
Linda Lazar	04/21
Nancy Neiman	04/21
Michael Naveh	04/22
Ashley Schlaeger	04/24
Emma Bernay	04/24
Cherie Brandt	04/25
Joe Frecker	04/25
Brian McKinney	04/25
Daniel Niedermann	04/26
Aaron Bernay	04/27
Sarah Ran	04/27
Bobby Denham	04/27
Calvin Miller	04/27
Len Elgowsky	04/28
Evie Buchwald	04/28
Sydney Schneider	04/28
Kathy Klein	04/30

## APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Linda & Jeff Lazar	04/02/1978
Elliot & Helen Spieler	04/02/2000
Stephen & Sallie Berg	04/11/1976
Jaime & Jaramy Carmody	04/14/2003
Dan & Ginger Friedberg	04/24/1961
Izar & Stacey Spivak	04/30/2011
Steven & Nicole Deutsch	04/30/



## MAZAL TOV



Izar and Stacey Spivak on the birth of their daughter,  
Olivia Jane. *Mazal tov* also to Grandmother, Sue Price.

Phillip and Jamie Levinson on the birth of their son,  
Jonah Meyer. *Mazal tov* also to Grandparents, Jim and Pam  
Levinson and Sue Price and Great Grandfather, Bob Levinson.

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## OUR SYMPATHY

The family of Robert Harris

Minette Hoffheimer and Craig Hoffheimer on the death of  
their son and brother, Jim Hoffheimer

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## MISHEIBERACH

Barry Essig  
Barbara Swift  
Linda Lazar  
Eveyn Essig  
Bernice Blatt  
Sue Spohr  
Danny Stempler  
Judy McKinney  
Sharon Kollasch  
Joyce Reide  
Phyllis Bossin

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## 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.

- Sandy Hatfield and Aaron Hatfield in memory of Howard Schwartz
- Peggy Barrett in memory of Alvin Lindenberg, Jr. and Nancy Slagle

