

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 7:30 p.m.

Shabbat Service
Music: Marilyn Zelcer and Steve Mason

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

9:30 a.m. Torah Study
10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service
Torah Portion – *Shof'tim*, Deuteronomy 16:18-21:9

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 7:30 p.m.

Family Shabbat Service
Music: David Snyder

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

9:30 a.m. Torah Study
10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service
Torah Portion – *Ki Teitzei*, Deuteronomy 21:10-25:19

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 7:30 p.m.

Shabbat Service
Music: Friday Night Live

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

9:30 a.m. Torah Study
10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service and Myles Connock, son of Steve and Laura Connock will become a *Bar Mitzvah*
Music: Charlene Gubitz
Torah Portion – *Ki Tavo*, Deuteronomy 26:1-29:8

SELICHOT

8:00 p.m. Selichot Adult Education
9:30 p.m. Grand Dessert Buffet
10:00 p.m. Selichot Service

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 7:30 p.m.

Shabbat Service
Music: Bob Pollack and Marilyn Zelcer

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

9:30 a.m. Torah Study
10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service
Torah Portion – *Nitzavim*, Deuteronomy 29:9-30:20

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

EREV ROSH HASHANAH

6:00 p.m. Rosh Hashanah Musical Experience
8:00 p.m. *Mishkan HaNefesh* Service

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

9:00 a.m. Family Service
10:15 a.m. Tot Service
10:45 a.m. *Mishkan HaNefesh* Service
Torah Portion: Genesis 22:1-19

Contemporary Musical Rosh Hashanah Early Service

With the Friday Night Live Band
Sunday, September 29, 6:00 p.m.
At the Temple



Musical • Informal • Creative

Selichot

Saturday, September 21

**ADULT EDUCATION AND SERVICE
TO WELCOME THE HIGH HOLY DAYS**

**JEWISH AND CHRISTIAN NARRATIVES
OF NOBLE DEATH**



Rabbi Matthew Kraus, Ph.D.
Associate Professor
Judaic Studies,
University of Cincinnati

Adult Education: 8:00 p.m.

Grand Dessert Buffet: 9:30 p.m.

Havdalah/Torah Cover Changing/
Selichot Service: 10:00 p.m.





FROM THE RABBI... Sandford R. Kopnick

Refreshingly positive...remember?

A few years ago, we embarked on a journey of self-reflection as a Temple. Our goal was to design a new logo, and come up with some “branding” that could share the essence of Valley in a phrase, thus helping those looking for a spiritual home to access Valley based on a few words, and the feeling they could achieve when looking at our logo.

The result was a Star of David, with an opening at the bottom, thus giving the understanding of an “open community.” The lower case lettering suggested an informality, and the slogan “a refreshingly positive Jewish experience” even had the word “Jewish” in lower case. The goal of the font, the phrase, and the way the type all intended to give off an approachable and non-stuffy vibe. Generally, I loved the process of discussing the “essence” of the congregation with the group that embraced this task, and I found great value in figuring out how we should be represented in all of our published communication.

A high school student was speaking with me at camp soon after the new logo and slogan were launched, and said, “what is that tag-line? An offputtingly positive Jewish experience?” Truth be told, I thought that was the funniest thing I heard in a long time. Yet, it really had me think.

As we approach the High Holy Days, I love our early service because it is both refreshing and positive. But I love the music that Marilyn Zelcer creates with her colleagues during our High Holy Days, too. *Rosh Hashanah* and *Yom Kippur* are not intended to be jovial celebrations. However, a positive approach can invite serious introspection—and if it does, then maybe it is another way of being refreshingly positive.

We live in a world where much of what we see on the news, the rise of Antisemitism, the way politics are conducted, and the on-going wonder of where the next mass shooting will occur can be relentless and dread-enducing. So what we do with our religion should inspire our positive approach to life—and to solving some of the world’s problems.

Religion is not intended to be an escape, it is intended to help balance the world which we cannot control with the world that is within our grasp to influence. When we gather as a community, we don’t need a service in a minor key with only messages of doom and gloom. Rather, we need a joyful sense of Shabbat, a serious look inward during the high holy days—but filled with joyful moments of community, inspiring melodies, and the message of God’s nearness. Sometimes just getting away from the noise of the world around us—and entering the warmth (or in our sanctuary—the awe-inspiring air-conditioning) of Valley can be refreshing. And while it is true that Judaism has some tough messages we need to hear—making sure they are presented in ways with positive outcomes in mind can help.

So, yes—Valley is a positive approach to Judaism. It is

refreshingly positive because we try diligently to be intentional about being positive whenever we can. And compared to the world around us—that may be very refreshing. I’ll look forward to seeing you soon—so you can tell me if it is—face to face.

L’shanah Tovah!

B’shalom,

Sandford R. Kopnick, Rabbi

Food Drive Benefits Valley Interfaith Community Resource Center



Bring non-perishable food items in a paper shopping bag to the Temple between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur to help feed the hungry. The custom is to bring a day’s worth of food for everyone in your household. Help us fill the lobby (and the shelves of the Valley Interfaith Community Resource Center) with bags of food!

**Volunteers will be needed to help
deliver the food to VICRC on
Thursday, October 10 at 4 p.m.**

DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION'S MESSAGE

Rabbi Judy Spicehandler

This past month, America lost a brilliant writer, Nobel Prize laureate Toni Morrison. While we can no longer hear her voice in person, her words will continue to inspire for generations. She wrote:

"I know the world is bruised and bleeding, and though it is important not to ignore its pain, it is also critical to refuse to succumb to its malevolence. Like failure, chaos contains information that can lead to knowledge - even wisdom. Like art."

~ Toni Morrison

These words inspire me as I approach the beginning of the school year.

It has been a difficult summer in America, and many of us are struggling to regain our equilibrium after the violence that has plagued our country. I am certain that we all feel some level of unease when we see the police standing in our doorway as we enter our building. Things are not as they were. We all know this, and we are not ignoring it. Our safety procedures are in place, and we are prepared. Our eyes remain open.

However, as Toni Morrison says, what remains critical, and in some ways harder, is the refusal to succumb to malevolence. We continue to fight for our children to live, not only in a safe place, but in a holy and joyful one. Judaism has survived times worse than these, and today we are the beneficiaries of the rich cultural heritage that grew, at least in part, out of that experience. The chaos of Egyptian slavery taught us how to be an ethical people, welcoming to the stranger and committed to social justice. Jews expelled, with great cruelty, from Spain in the 15th century helped to create an open and diverse America. Jewish refugees from Russian pogroms at the end of the 19th century fought for the fair treatment of working people in America, helping to pass laws that we continue to benefit from today. These are but a few examples. Throughout our long history, Jews have affirmed goodness in the face of evil, kindness in the face of cruelty, and hope in the face of despair. We have done so before and we can do so again.

As we approach the year 5780, and the start of the new school year, let's work together to teach our children all that is good and inspiring in our tradition. If we do, they will be able to use this knowledge and be strengthened by the wisdom of our tradition to avoid succumbing to malevolence, and, instead build a better, safer, kinder world for us all.

Happy New Year!

Rabbi Judy Spicehandler, Interim Director of Education

The Valley Temple



THE 1ST DAY OF RELIGIOUS SCHOOL IS SEPTEMBER 8!

ושנתם לבניך

Religious School Registration materials arrived in your email boxes last month. If you have not yet sent them in please do so. We need your forms to plan appropriately to welcome your children into the new school year!

If you did not get, or somehow missed seeing these materials please contact me at educator@valleytemple.org and I would be happy to send you another copy.

Thanks.

Rabbi Judy Spicehandler,
Interim Director of Education

GAN EMEK PROGRAM FOR BABIES/TODDLERS

WITH PARENTS OR GRANDPARENTS



For children under age 3 and parent/grandparent to introduce them to the magic of Judaism on Sunday mornings at Valley Temple

10 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Beginning in the Fall

Cost is \$110 for entire school year

(This program is subsidized by a grant from the Jewish Foundation)

Contact Rabbi Judy Spicehandler, Interim Director of Education:
educator@valleytemple.com or call 513-761-3555.

High Holy Day Information

5780



Family Services Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur Mornings at 9:00 a.m.

This service is geared for school-aged children through *Bar/Bat Mitzvah* and their families. A special prayer book, a mix of contemporary and traditional music, a story-sermon, and a full Torah service combine to create our kid-friendly service. A highlight of the morning is the family blessing, or what Rabbi Kopnick refers to as “hugging time.”

Tot Services Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur Mornings at 10:15 a.m.

Latke, Applesauce and the whole gang of Tot Shabbat puppets join Rabbi Kopnick and Charlene Gubitz on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur mornings at 10:15 a.m. in the Atrium Room for our lively Tot Service. Geared for those ages 0-6, the Tot Service has a lot of music, a story, and some basic High Holy Day themes.

Cemetery Services - Sunday, October 6

Rabbi Kopnick will lead a brief memorial service on Sunday, October 6 at the Montgomery, Walnut Hills, and Shachnez/Judah Torah United Jewish Cemetery locations:

Montgomery at 10:00 a.m.

Walnut Hills at 11:00 a.m.

Shachnez/Judah Torah in Price Hill at 12:15 p.m.

These services provide our members with an opportunity to honor the memory of beloved family and friends. After the brief service toward the entrance of the cemetery, Rabbi Kopnick joins families at individual gravesides to say Kaddish together.

PARKING

IMPORTANT NOTE: DUE TO THE CONSTRUCTION ON SPRINGFIELD PIKE, TRAVELING AND PARKING IS CHALLENGING. PLEASE LEAVE PLENTY OF TIME TO ARRIVE AT TEMPLE AS WELL AS TO FIND PARKING SPACES ON SIDE STREETS.

NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME

Do you know someone new to the community or who is unaffiliated? Call Rabbi Kopnick or Wendy at the Temple office so that we can invite them to share our High Holy Day services.

If it's time to affiliate, it's time to join Valley Temple!



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Laura Lobar

The Power of Positivity

...O' fill our minds with knowledge and our hearts with wisdom;...Remind us of the best within us.

~ The Miracle of Prayer
Gates of Repentance

The New Year brings a bombardment of thoughts. It is typically a time for reflection and assessment. We habitually are all too quick to reflect on what we did wrong, the various negatives of what we didn't accomplish, if we were ill, all the things that either went wrong or didn't go quite the way we wanted. Sometimes we may not have been quite so nice to others. All of these negatives leave us open to be vulnerable, heartfelt, and provide important telltale signs of what we want to change in the New Year. Is this the avenue we want to follow and how many years do we repeat the same mantra? Maybe the above lines have a place here, knowledge and wisdom?

WHAT IF this year we take a slightly different approach? Let's take a journey back over the year to self reflect on the positives, and only the positives. What were your successes? Were they singular, did they involve someone else, if you were, G-d forbid ill, were you able to find something in your life that you could be positive about, did you share your thoughts, insights, kindnesses? Hopefully we would be able to literally write out a list of all the wonderful things we accomplished this year. What could happen if we focused on the good of what we did? What items on that list do we want to repeat? Wouldn't these feel-good elements that brought a smile to your mind's eye and to your lips become contagious?

How many times did you hold open the door for someone just to be nice, what about smiling at a total stranger, paying it forward at a drive-thru, compliment a stranger on his or her outfit? Let's focus on how you felt inside, that wonderful intrinsic moment of helping someone just because. Maybe the above quote has a better place here? Knowing we made someone feel special or important fills our own hearts with a warmth and wisdom – reminding us of the best within us.

Positivity has overwhelming benefits for our emotional health and is very empowering. Being positive brings health benefits; it really is good for the ole ticker, reduces your heart rate and blood pressure and increases your immune response.

Our connection to The Valley Temple is truly a personal choice. Over this past year I have noticed that when times were most difficult, they become the most positive and if the situation is already positive it becomes happier. Our Rabbi, Sandford Kopnick, our administrator, Wendy Walsh, and our congregational community is one of the places where we are willing to be the most vulnerable, open, and willing

to share. That trust is the greatest gift that we give and receive at the same time. How is that not positive? How is that not contagious?

Did you volunteer somewhere? Did you volunteer your services to help keep Valley running smoothly either in person, financially or both – a positive. Did you enjoy the activities of Shabbat Services, High Holy Day Services, Sisterhood, Men's Club, Religious School, and the various other happenings here at Valley. All positive, satisfying, gratifying, and empowering.

This Rosh Hashanah allows us time to do all of the above. As we come to celebrate the holidays, we spend a great deal of time catching up with our community and rekindling the many friendships we have at Valley – yup, another positive. We once again realize the strength and importance of those bonds. The smiles and happiness warms our hearts. The law of energy states that it can be transferred from one object to another. The positive energy we share the more that transfers from person to person, just think of how we can change the world by assessing our positives and unleashing that beneficial power within.

I wish everyone a very happy, healthy, successfully positive, New Year.

La shana tova, tika tavu.

Laura Lobar
President, Board of Trustees

MEN'S CLUB

It's hard to believe that summer is already over and school is back in session. I hope you had a wonderful summer. The annual congregational picnic was held on August 25 and all who attended had a great time. I would like to thank Scott Steinberg for his help in planning the event!

Our next scheduled meeting is Dads and Donuts which will be held prior to Sunday School on October 27. Additional information will be sent as we get closer to the event.

We are always looking for men over the age of 18 to join us. If you are new to the temple or not already a member of the Men's Club and would like more information, please drop me a note at danperlmutter2@gmail.com. We would love to have you as part of the Men's Club!

Have a wonderful school year!

Dan Perlmutter
President, Men's Club

SENIOR DISCUSSION AND LUNCH

September 18
11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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

SUSTAINING THE GENERATIONS

We gratefully acknowledge the following contributions:

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In appreciation of Rabbi Kopnick; *from Rob Festenstein*
In honor of Logan Fritsch's Bar Mitzvah; *from Dianne and Kerry Rabe*
In appreciation of Rabbi Kopnick; *from Owen Smith*
In memory of Barbara Knowlen; *from Elliot & Helen Spieler*
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In appreciation of Valley Temple; *from Tom Steger*
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In memory of Mildred C. Rosenbaum;
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MAZAL TOV



Ernie and Sally Waxman on the marriage of their son,
Jeffrey to Keith Regensberg

Jeannie and Bob Hiller on the birth of their grandson,
Felix Morel Hiller

Laura and Steve Connock on their son, Myles,
becoming a *Bar Mitzvah*

MISHEIBERACH

We wish a speedy recovery to

EveIn Essig	Phyllis Bossin
Bernice Blatt	Nikki Sandor
Danny Stempler	Jill Amann
Sharon Kollasch	Dolph Berman

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.

- Rita and Bill Clark in honor of their granddaughters, Isabelle and Rebecca Clark becoming B'not Mitzvah
- Jon and Susan Hoffheimer in honor of the Board of Trustees

Rosh Hashanah Reception



Please bring homemade desserts to the Temple M-F 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. to be used for our Rosh Hashanah Reception following the service on Erev Rosh Hashanah, Sunday, September 29. Volunteers are needed to help "plate" in the morning on Sunday, September 29. Please call Amanda at the Temple office or email her at admin@valleytemple.com to say you will help. Thanks to Clare Deutsch for chairing this special event.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Keith Pennix	09/03
Charles Vordenberge, III	09/03
Sarah Sawin	09/04
Ronn Mervis	09/04
Martin Schragar	09/06
Zola Makrauer	09/06
Amy Frank	09/07
Neil Kravitz	09/07
Dolph Berman	09/07
Donald Dornheggen	09/08
Stephanie Kaufman	09/08
Anne Straus	09/09
Pamela Geller	09/09
Elaine Rosin	09/11
Wendy Walsh	09/12
Jay Levinson	09/13
Jerry Newfarmer	09/13
Nicole Menkhaus	09/14
Charles Frank	09/14
Alex Levinson	09/15
Aaron Levy	09/16
Bruce Walker	09/16
Nathan Berman	09/18
Amanda Stein	09/18
Matthew DelMauro	09/18
Brian Cusack	09/18
Ryan Gunyan	09/19
Sam Mantell, III	09/21
Meryl Goldman	09/21
Kelli Gleiner	09/21
Tony Capurro	09/22
Lucy Schragar	09/22
Sarah Weiss	09/22
Parker Levinson	09/23
Aron Schneider	09/23
Zoe Codd	09/23
Mark Sass	09/23
Donna Levi	09/24
Barry Pinsky	09/24
Debra Hoffheimer	09/25
Annaliese Levy	09/26
Sallie Berg	09/26
Susan Kahn	09/26
Ezra Gleiner	09/26
Joel Shulman	09/27
Sarah Mather	09/28
Sam Hecht	09/29
Ellen Siegel Kovacic	09/30

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Craig & Debby Hoffheimer	09/02/1972
Sandford & Nancy Kopnick	09/02/1990
Mark & Robin Miller	09/02/2001
Phyllis Bossin & Rob Strauss	09/04/2011
Julian & Carol Magnus	09/04/1956
Sarah & Ryan Mather	09/05/2015
Karen & Joe Frecker	09/05/1999
Leah & Steve Joos	09/05/2009
Amanda Stein & Tom Enneking	09/07/2003
Dr. Charles & Barbara Pierce	09/11/1994
Emily & Adam Brown	09/13/2011
Jan Goldstein & Chuck Frank	09/15/2007
Dolph & Nancy Berman	09/16/1961
Dave & Amanda Katz	09/17/1989
Ben & Karen Rosenfield	09/17/2000
Dorian & Cindi Naveh	09/22/2000
Bill & Barbara Klein	09/24/1972
Randi & Brian Kaplan	09/25/2005

SHABBAT MORNING TORAH STUDY



All Year Long
Saturdays, 9:30 a.m.

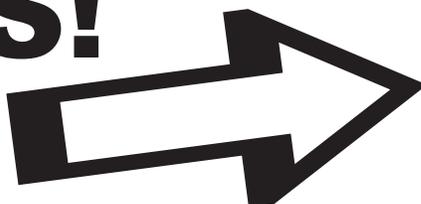
Followed by
Shabbat Service
at 10:30 a.m.

No experience necessary.



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CELEBRATION



Sunday, October 13
6:00 p.m. Dinner
7:00 p.m. Service

Monday, October 14
9:00 a.m. Festival Service



Sunday, October 20
7:00 p.m. Service

Monday, October 21
9:00 a.m. Festival Service

Simchat Torah

CELEBRATION