

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

SHABBAT SERVICES

Friday Night
7:30 p.m.
Saturday Morning
10:30 a.m.



SHAVUOT FESTIVAL SERVICE

Friday, May 29 at 10:00 a.m.
Yizkor prayers will be recited.

**Streaming at
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DO YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE CONSIDERING THE VALUE OF JOINING A CONGREGATION?

Someone who wants to meet and
connect with like-minded people?
Let's talk! We'd love to extend them a
special invitation to meet us.

Please email Dorian Naveh at
dorian.naveh@gmail.com or call Wendy
at the Temple office, 513-761-3555.

Gary Zola to Speak on Isaac Mayer Wise



May 19 and 26 at 7:30 p.m.

Join us for two sessions discussing Isaac Mayer Wise and his remarkable contribution to the formation of Reform Judaism. Dr. Zola, the director of the American Jewish Archives, returns to Valley to teach about this iconic figure--and some of the lesser known facts about one of Reform's founders.

The classes begin at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays May 19 and 26, and are open to all. The adult education sessions are sponsored by the Valley Temple's Lanzit Adult Education Fund.

We hope you'll join us! We will inform everyone by e-mail should we be allowed to meet in person otherwise, check the weekly e-mail for the Zoom link.

WE NEED YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS



Have you been wondering whether the Temple has had anything going on? Well--wonder no more...we've had a very full schedule. We have been blessed with classes, meetings, and gatherings on Zoom via the internet. We added Saturday services to our streaming, too. Every Monday or Tuesday, we send out an e-mail with the week's links. If you're not getting these, please e-mail Wendy@valleytemple.com so we can put you on our e-mail list.



FROM THE RABBI... Sandford R. Kopnick

When looking at the Torah for how to think about disease in the community, we find ourselves drawn to the Torah portion that we try not to assign to children for their *b'nai mitzvah*. In Leviticus we read about leprosy, moldy walls, and other forms of gunk and icki-ness that can afflict an Israelite. And while we hope to assign a portion that teaches our kids better words and ideas, there is a public health aspect to this portion that is worth studying.

Leviticus teaches us that one with certain types of skin rashes are to be inspected, and if need be, sent out of the community for a period of time. There is an inspection by the priest after requisite quarantine has passed, and if the illness abates, the priest can allow them to re-enter the community. I've referenced this text to understand the AIDS epidemic of the 1980s and 1990s--and one of our Board members found insights for the current pandemic in a recent *d'var Torah* at one of our board meetings. We are taught about how one afflicted with leprosy is to be taken out of the camp, tested, and then, when the afflicted have recovered, they can be reintroduced to the community. Embracing the good for the community can mean being quarantined, socially distanced, or more.

While Governor DeWine and Dr. Acton have done a marvelous job trying to help save lives and teach us gently how to be responsible for one another, the test comes now. As we enter this time when the economy will be opened up some, the need to keep the community safe and healthy has NOT diminished. We learn from the Torah portion that we are obligated to allow for the hierarchy of the community to help us remain healthy. It may be inconvenient or restrictive, but—ultimately—the goal is to keep the infections down, and to promote the good health of as many as possible.

At the end of this month, I will celebrate my 30th anniversary as a rabbi. Each year, something happens that makes me wonder if I've finally seen everything that this position can hurl at me. I remember that day in May, 1990 as one of the greatest days of my life. I am so saddened that the moment of ordination must be altered for this year—as have *b'nai mitzvah*, high school graduations, board meetings, and more. God willing, we will get back to these group celebrations soon—but in a way that promotes life and does not require more risk than is recommended.

In the meantime, let us continue to be resolved that we are responsible to protect the public health as individuals. Our Torah makes it clear that we are responsible one for the other—and it is important to treat each other's health with care—even if it means being quarantined until the danger is to the rest of the community has abated.

Until next time we are together in person, let us continue to be together via Zoom, streaming, and the good old phone. *Mazal Tov* to our graduates; to Alicia Harris and Austin

Zoot on becoming rabbis; and to you all for promoting our mutual good health.

May God grant us all good health, and a chance to be together in person, soon.

Sandford R. Kopnick, Rabbi

MAZAL TOV TO ALICIA HARRIS ON BECOMING A RABBI

We have been blessed for five years to have Alicia Harris in our midst. She taught in our religious school, served as substitute rabbi from time to time, and spent two years as a rabbinic fellow. Alicia's skills have been heard in our Friday Night Live band for the last three years, and she has also helped us fashion our current approach to social justice programming. She has shown us the love and compassion that is so a part of her soul, and we have been very fortunate to have her in our midst.

We had hoped to dedicate our final Friday Night Live service to Alicia—and to have her deliver a sermon that night. Watch the weekly e-mails to see if we're able to figure out the technology—in order for her to be either live on the *bimah* or remote via Zoom for a final sermon—even though there is no Friday Night Live until the fall.

Mazal Tov, Alicia, for arriving at this accomplishment. May God grant you a lifetime filled with good health, joy in your work, and God's ongoing blessing as you serve our sacred faith and people.

RAND BURKE TO BE OUR SUMMER RABBINIC FELLOW

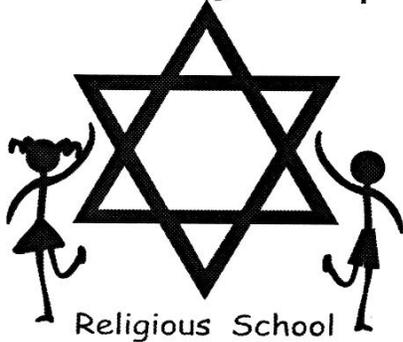


You may soon see our Rabbinic Fellow, Rand Burke on the Zoom classes, Torah study, *b'nai mitzvah* tutoring, and even on the *bimah*. Rand is a rising fourth year rabbinic student who is doing military chaplaincy in addition to his rabbinic studies. Rand is our new Jewish Foundation Rabbinic Fellow, and will work at Valley during the end of May, June, and July.

DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION'S MESSAGE

Rabbi Judy Spicehandler

The Valley Temple



Religious School
ושׁננתם לבניך

I hope this bulletin finds everyone well and safe in their homes.

It has been an unusual ending to the school year in these very unusual times. Our last school day before “social distancing” took over was enhanced by a wonderful Fifth Grade wedding in which Erin and Ben renewed their vows and all of the fifth grade students played important roles, making the ketubah, and rejoicing with the “bride” and “groom.” Unfortunately, the day of our Purim carnival was cancelled but everyone did get a chance to celebrate on Purim itself before our building shut down.

Now, after Spring Break, our students are participating in classes at home on Zoom. I want to thank all of our Hebrew and Religious School teachers for rising to the task of learning how to teach remotely in record time. I have been dipping in and out of Zoom classes and have been impressed by our teachers’ creativity and dedication. I believe that this will be an important Jewish memory for our children. They will know that in stressful times, their Valley Temple teachers cared about them and did not abandon them. This is an important lesson about community and caring. School will continue on Zoom until the regularly scheduled last day of school on May 3. Parents should be on the lookout for Zoom invitations from Sunday teachers and Hebrew teachers, as well as special song sessions with Rabbi Kopnick and Charlene.

I look forward to seeing all the students in person and being able to give everyone a hug. In the meantime, happy Shavuot. Stay healthy and stay safe.

Rabbi Judy Spicehandler

MAZAL TOV, GRADUATES

Join us as we stream a service in honor of our graduates on Friday, May 22 at 7:30 p.m.



SHAYNA CODD



EMMETT KAUFMAN



SARA NAVEH



TALIA RAIDER-ROTH



ALANNA SCHLAEGER



SAM STEED



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Laura Lobar

We are certainly living in one of what will be the most historic periods of our time. History remembers such significant events and plagues are written about and talked about timelessly. This one is different, it is ours. It is real, it is daily, and there is nowhere to hide. We may feel cut off, closed in with all of our restrictions. Yet, there are many freedoms and choices abound.

The key is to be able to adjust our perspective and look at the positives. The super heroes of today belong to everyone who is working and putting their life on the line to serve the greater population. Gratitude continues with all of the many volunteers who are helping to provide sustenance, protective wear, and doing whatever they can to assist a neighbor, friend, and stranger. You know who you are, pat yourself on the back. You deserve it.

The positives continue with Valley. Valley has reached out to let every congregant know that you are our first and foremost a concern – you are our extended family. It is expected that our educational and spiritual needs be taken care of by our congregational leaders, but we are also checking to make sure that you are okay – physically and emotionally – please let us know if there is anything we can do for you. It is this pulling together as a community that will make it so that we all pull through this together, better and stronger.

Speaking of leadership, our congregation is incredibly fortunate to have such strong and dedicated leadership. In every “origamic” way possible Sanford, Austin, Judy, and the teachers have pulled together to continue to teach our children as well connect with with us all via Zoom/stream Friday/Saturday Shabbat Services, Saturday morning Torah Study, Prayer Seminar, adult education, and Friday noontime check in with the Rabbi. Let’s not forget the amazing Passover Zoom and stream Seder along with help from some incredible volunteers and dinner provided by Jaime Carmody’s Out of Thyme catering service was really quite remarkable.

They say that history repeats itself. It is currently the counting of the Omer. The Omer is the counting of the 49 days from Passover to Shavuot, which includes the traditions of restrictions of no haircuts/shaving, no celebrations or even events with music. Which is technically where we are currently. In the 2nd Century CE, there was a plague occurring during the Omer killing 24,000. However an historical turning point happened on the 33rd day of the counting of the Omer, hence, Lag BaOmer, was that the plague, which had killed many of Rabbi Akiva’s students, seceded. On that day, the 33rd day was recognized as a day celebration. I guess even then, they recognized the importance of celebration, that even when life is most grim, the only way forward is to take time to be positive and celebrate life. Wouldn’t it be stunning to have our Covid-19 plague end on the same day as Lag BaOmer, May 11 at sundown

through evening May 12, so that we too can take time to celebrate life in all of its glory. It may not happen, totally, but I think by May 12 we hopefully be able to celebrate a “light” at the end of a long tunnel.

The world has lost all too many lives. With each life is a generation lost. Covid-19 has cost us personally, economically, and emotionally. Yet we are developing a new normal. We are showing that we are stronger together and together we will persevere and weather the storm. We will be here and be able to enjoy each other’s company again at Valley, soon. Until then, be strong and strengthen one another.



SEDER TO GO

A special thanks to Jody Finley who worked with Jaime Carmody, Valley Temple member and owner of Out of Thyme Kitchen Studio for thinking “outside the box” to enable us to have Seder-To-Go boxes during the COVID-19 shelter-in-place for our congregational Passover Seder. Our thanks also to volunteers including Alex Woosley, Sam and Laura Lobar, David Finley, Austin Zoot, and Cheryl Moeller for helping to pass out the dinners in a drive-thru atmosphere and Linda Lazar for making the masks for the volunteers so that everyone could pick up their order and stay safe. Thanks to Rabbi Kopnick for his very special service which was streamed and on Zoom so that we could celebrate Passover together as a community.

MEN'S CLUB

Chag Sameach! Whether you had a small family seder or a virtual seder I hope you had a wonderful Passover. The Men's Club is stronger than ever and continues to grow. As with everyone else, the Men's Club has been meeting via online sessions. However, we haven't stopped discussing projects.

On February 29, the Men's Club and Sisterhood combined to plan a dinner and game night. Twenty-seven adults and five children met at the temple for an evening of food and fun. After the adults enjoyed a dinner from City Barbecue, the participants split into groups to play games while the children enjoyed LaRosa's and played their own games. The event was filled with laughter and many in attendance requested a second game night later in the year!

Thank you to Ari Buchwald, Allison Schneider, Andrea Beck and Sandy Hatfield for their assistance with the planning and Rainie Perlmutter and Zoe Buchwald for babysitting.

After everything is back to normal the Men's Club is ready to place markers at graves of Jewish veterans, help with the temple picnic and assist with projects around the temple, only to name a few items in the works.

We are here to help all members of the temple; if we can assist you in any way, please let us know.

Please stay healthy and strong. I look forward to seeing you again around the temple and at future Men's Club events.

Dan Perlmutter
President, Men's Club



PURIM 2020



SUSTAINING THE GENERATIONS

We gratefully acknowledge the following contributions:

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MISHEIBERACH

We wish a speedy recovery to

Eveyln Essig

Andy Stark

Bernice Blatt

Hank Rosenthal

Nikki Sandor

Debby Hoffheimer

Jill Amann

Nancy Berman

Betsy Cusack

Taylor Russell

Ellen Schaengold

OUR SYMPATHY

Nancy Berman, John and Lisa Berman and Nathan and Matthew Berman on the death of their Mother, Grandmother, and Great Grandmother, Maebelle Cohen

Marcia Deitsch, Marc Deitsch, and Michael and Jess Deitsch on the death of their Mother and Grandmother, Sarah Weiss



Please remember The Valley Temple with a gift in your will, trust, retirement or life insurance policy. Contact Sam Lobar or Wendy in the office for more information. What will your legacy be?

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Kathie Tamarkin	05 / 0 1
Gila Naveh	05 / 0 1
Dave Katz	05 / 0 2
Davine Levy	05 / 0 3
Arlene Herman	05 / 0 3
Kerry Rabe	05 / 0 3
Ricklie Vordenberge	05 / 0 4
Jim Levinson	05 / 0 4
Hank Rosenthal	05 / 0 4
Jan Goldstein	05 / 0 5
Ellye Steinberg	05 / 0 6
Kevin Spieler	05 / 0 6
Graham Russell	05 / 0 7
Drew Barzman	05 / 0 7
Sam Pennix	05 / 0 7
Andrea Knarr	05 / 0 7
Linda Kean	05 / 0 7
Miles Spieler	05 / 0 8
Kara Schneider	05 / 0 8
Kim Codd	05 / 0 8
Ethan Barzman	05 / 0 9
Lily Barzman	05 / 0 9
Cindi Naveh	05 / 1 0
Paul Lucky	05 / 1 1
Allison Schneider	05 / 1 1
Julian Magnus	05 / 1 2
Charles Myer III	05 / 1 2
Carol Magnus	05 / 1 3
Chrissy Knarr	05 / 1 4
Tyler Sefferino	05 / 1 4
Naomi Capurro	05 / 1 5
Louis Rauh	05 / 1 5
Julia Niemeier	05 / 1 5
Helen Sass	05 / 1 6
Ben Rosenfield	05 / 1 6
Rachel Denham	05 / 1 6
Peter Hecht	05 / 1 6
Dahlia Barzman	05 / 1 6
Eli Rosenfield	05 / 1 8
Freeman Miller	05 / 1 8
David Clark	05 / 1 8
Dorian Naveh	05 / 2 0
Aviel Shapiro	05 / 2 1
Philip Schneider	05 / 2 2
Irving Harris	05 / 2 3
Dan Yeazell	05 / 2 3
Ernest Waxman	05 / 2 4
Nancy Heizer	05 / 2 4
Judge Heather Stein Russell	05 / 2 6
Jason Knarr	05 / 2 7
Matthew McCarrick	05 / 2 8
Oz Knarr	05 / 2 8
Selma Harris	05 / 3 0
Bradley McClelland	05 / 3 0
Karen McClelland	05 / 3 0
Matthew Lobar	05 / 3 0
Helma Appel	05 / 3 0
Laura Beasley	05 / 3 1
Stephen Berg	05 / 3 1
Aron Schneider	05 / 3 1
Paula Rappaport	05 / 3 1

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Jennifer & Keith Pennix	05/01/2000
Jay & Cherie Brandt	05/06/1999
Tim & Robyn McCarrick	05/08/1993
Paul & Anne Lucky	05/19/1972
Buzz & Barbara Stewart	05/22/1982
Randy & Heather Russell	05/26/1985
John & Hank Rosenthal	05/26/1968
Judy & Brian McKinney	05/26/1996
Kerry & Dianne Rabe	05/27/1979
Rick & Laura Beasley	05/28/1990
Brad & Pam Greenberg	05/28/1994
Jim & Cindy Cronin	05/28/1995
Susan Marmo & Neil Berman	05/28/2000
Stuart & Ricki Hodesh	05/29/1969
Fred Gartenlaub & Andrea Beck	05/29/2005
Jackie & Dan Yeazell	05/29/2005
Rachael & Myron Katz	05/29/2011
Martin Schragger & Kathy Klein	05/30/1998
Sarah and Tony Capurro	05/30/2015



MAZAL TOV



To our Graduates and Their Families:

SHAYNA CODD

Daughter of Kim and Henry Codd

EMMETT KAUFMAN

Son of Stephanied and Gil Kaufman

SARA NAVEH

*Daughter of Cindi and Dorian Naveh
Granddaughter of Gila and Michael Naveh*

TALIA RAIDER-ROTH

Daughter of Mark Raider and Miriam Raider-Roth

ALANNA SCHLAEGER

Daughter of Kathy and Jeff Schlaeger

SAM STEED

Son of David and Michelle Steed

ANNA STEINBERG

Daughter of Scott Steinberg

Nina Loftspring and Lee Honig on the
birth of their daughter, Isla Shoshana Honig.
(Nina is the director of Kulanu)

Barbara and Harvey Katz on the engagement of their
granddaughter, Ariel Baltis to Ryan Ciaramella



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