

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

JUNE

FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 7:30 p.m.
Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, JUNE 6
9:30 a.m. – Torah Study
10:30 a.m. – Shabbat Service
Torah Portion – *Naso II*, Numbers 6:1-7:89

FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 7:30 p.m.
Family Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, JUNE 13
9:30 a.m. – Torah Study
10:30 a.m. – Shabbat Service
Torah Portion – *B'haalot'cha*, Numbers 8:1-12:16

FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 7:30 p.m.
Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, JUNE 20
9:30 a.m. – Torah Study
10:30 a.m. – Shabbat Service
Torah Portion – *Sh'lach L'cha*, Numbers 13:1-15:41

FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 7:30 p.m.
Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, JUNE 27
9:30 a.m. – Torah Study
10:30 a.m. – Shabbat Service
Torah Portion – *Korach*, Numbers 16:1-18:32

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SPECIAL THANKS TO SISTERHOOD

for their generous donations which subsidize our Temple dinners, Religious School and Youth Group Director as well as our Camp Fund. We are very grateful for these donations as well as all you do for Valley Temple.

SUMMER ADULT EDUCATION

**WITH RAND BURKE OUR
SUMMER RABBINIC FELLOW**



WHO SAYS JEWS DON'T...

**Tuesdays, June 23 & 30
7:30 p.m.**

Traditionally when we think of prominent professions that attract many Jews we think of law, medicine, academia, banking; however, there are many prominent Jews who have excelled in less “Jewish” fields such as farming, military service, bootlegging, and more. “Who Says Jews Don’t” will look into the less known stories of outstanding Jews who excelled in traditionally non-Jewish careers.

SO YOU THINK IT'S IN THE TORAH?

**Tuesdays, July 21 & 28
7:30 p.m.**

We may have grown up hearing the story of Abraham in his father's idol shop furious with the fact that his father sold idols and taking matters into his own hands to smash them. Stories like this may be so ingrained in our memory of Sunday School or schul that we might not even consider their source. We know the story, but where can we find it? “So You Think It's In The Torah” will look at some of the most prominent and well know Midrashim that you may have heard growing up. We will trace the source of these popular Midrashim and investigate how they became so embedded in our Jewish knowledge.



FROM THE RABBI... Sandford R. Kopnick

Why should I wear a mask? They are uncomfortable and make my glasses steam up. Why should I? What does Judaism teach about us putting on a mask? Here are some ideas from our tradition that inform me to don the mask, even though I would rather not:

- A. "To save a life as if you've saved the entire world." (Talmud)
- B. "Thou Shalt not murder." (Ten Commandments)
- C. "Love your neighbor as yourself." (Leviticus 19:18)
- D. "It wouldn't kill you to think of someone else for a change." (Fern Kopnick z"l)

It is true that masks are not mandated as law, but the custom should be employed whenever you are out and about. When you're among folks with whom you have not sheltered, you are at more risk, and so are they. So wear a mask.

But it brings up another question, are we our brother's and sister's keeper? Are we really responsible one for the other? I hope your answer is yes. Truth be told, it seems we have strayed from this idea before this virus has hit.

These last few months of sacrifices were significant. The virus robbed our graduates of commencement, our new rabbis of Ordination, mourners of funerals and shivas, and postponed weddings and *bnai mitzvah*, just to name a few. We have seen summer camp canceled and incalculable job losses. All of this was not to eradicate the virus, but to level the curve to allow those infected to be treated, and to give us time to learn how to live with the virus, rather than accelerate its spread.

While it is alarming that some find this to be a hoax, or that they are not at high enough risk to follow the guidelines Governor DeWine and Dr. Acton have issued, there are always a few.

We are expected to honor our parents (especially the elderly), to care about each other and to protect the common good. So when it is appropriate—wear a mask. And when you think it is not necessary—verify, think again, and be sure that your bare face is at least six feet away from everyone. This new normal isn't great—but it is needed to keep people as healthy as possible.

Have a great month! I'm going to miss summer camp for the first time in 42 years—as it should be.

Rabbi Sandford Kopnick

RELIGIOUS SERVICES CONTINUED

JULY

FRIDAY, JULY 3, 7:30 p.m.
Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, JULY 4
9:30 a.m. – Torah Study
10:30 a.m. – Shabbat Service
Torah Portion – *Chukat/Balak*, Numbers 19:1-25:9

FRIDAY, JULY 10, 7:30 p.m.
Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, JULY 11
9:30 a.m. – Torah Study
10:30 a.m. – Shabbat Service
Torah Portion – *Pinchas*, Numbers 25:10-30:1

FRIDAY, JULY 17, 7:30 p.m.
Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, JULY 18
9:30 a.m. – Torah Study
10:30 a.m. – Shabbat Service
Torah Portion – *Matot/Mas'ei*, Numbers 30:2-36:13

FRIDAY, JULY 24, 7:30 p.m.
Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, JULY 25
9:30 a.m. – Torah Study
10:30 a.m. – Shabbat Service
Torah Portion – *D'varim*, Deuteronomy 1:1-3:22

FRIDAY, JULY 31, 7:30 p.m.
Shabbat Service

SUPPORT GUCI AND LIVINGSTON



Even though summer camp has been canceled for the summer, the regional Jewish camps are in significant financial distress. If either Camp Livingston or Goldman Union Camp Institute have touched your lives in some way, consider going to GUCI or Livingston's websites and make a sustainability donation to help bridge the gap until next summer.

DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION'S MESSAGE

Rabbi Judy Spicehandler

We have come to the end of a very unusual school year, and yet, in some ways not so unusual at all. Despite the onset of the restrictions imposed by Covid 19, we had a joyous and inspirational year at Valley Temple Religious School. We created a caring community, with kind creative teachers and wonderful students, we learned Hebrew, and about Jewish values, history and lifecycle celebrations. We celebrated holidays together and studied Torah. We heard Jewish stories and made up some Jewish stories of our own. We played games together, created art projects and did research on Jewish heroes. And as we learned together we grew as people and as Jews.

I am very proud of our teachers for everything they did this year to make all this possible, and particularly how they rose to the challenge of the pandemic to ensure that our students would be able to finish the year together, albeit on Zoom! And I am proud of the students and their families who made the effort to adjust to a new way of learning and still were able to remain connected to our Valley family.

Thank you for the trust you have placed in me in allowing me to steer the ship during these challenging times. I am so excited to pass this responsibility on to Rabbi Zoot, and I will be working closely with him to help make the transition as smooth as possible. Valley Temple Religious School is such a blessing - I am grateful to have been able to be part of it, and I know that great things lie ahead. Have a wonderful summer, and I look forward to seeing you all back in the building as soon as it is safe to do so!

May we all stay healthy and strong-

Rabbi Judy Spicehandler

The Valley Temple



For election as officer of the Valley Temple for a 2-year term ending June, 2022

President

First Vice President & President Elect

Second Vice President – Financial

Treasurer

Secretary

Past President

Elliot Spieler

Jody Finley

Neil Berman

Marty Schragar

Linda Lazar

Laura Lobar

For election as Trustees of the Valley Temple for a first term ending June 30, 2023:

Jenny Dapper
Amanda Stein

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

This proposal was written specifically for Emergency Measures during catastrophic situations. Covid-19 brought forth the issue that played a role in the Board of Trustees' ability to function within the code's parameters. Quite simply, the board was not allowed to vote electronically, as currently, all voting is required in person. This proposal is to update the Code of Regulations, the by-laws of The Valley Temple. It is extremely important that it is understood that this does not change the requirement of the Board meeting in person under normal circumstances. This Proposed Amendment will allow for electronic voting during catastrophic situations only. Your vote is needed, in person on June 28, 2020 during the annual meeting in order for this proposal to be accepted and the Code of Regulations updated.

Article XXIV: Emergency Measures

Section 1. Attendance at all meetings prescribed in these Regulations must be in person unless an exception applies under this Article or Article IX.

Section 2. In the event of an emergency which, for purposes of these Regulations, is defined as a catastrophic event including, but not limited to, war, fire, pandemic, tornado, flood, or severe snow storm, preventing a quorum of the Board from being assembled in person, the emergency provisions in Section 3 shall become and remain effective until such time as it is safe and practicable for a normally constituted Board to resume in-person meetings.

Section 3. Pursuant to Section 2, any Trustee may participate in a meeting of the Board by means of a telephone conference, video conference, or similar communications equipment. Participation by such means shall constitute presence in person at a meeting provided that all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other at the same time and each Trustee can participate in all matters before the Board, including, without limitation, the ability to propose, object to, and vote upon a specific action to be taken by the Board.

Section 4. In the event of an emergency as defined in Section 2, the Board may vote to hold the annual meeting or special meetings of the Congregation using the remote procedures set forth in Section 3.

For election as Trustee of a second term of 3 years, ending June 30, 2023:

Linda Lazar

The Nominating committee appreciates the service of Jan Goldstein, Aron Schneider, and Jon Hoffheimer, who are leaving the Board after their terms.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Laura Lobar

As I enter the twilight of my 2-year term as President, I would like to take a moment to share my reflection of my time at Valley Temple. A community is only as good as its members. From the beginning, just over 30 years ago, Sam and I were welcomed by this special, wonderful, warm community.

Shortly after joining Valley, I was asked to sub as an 8th grade teacher just until another was found. Two years later, I was still teaching and co-directing the Religious School with Sam. I am not exactly sure how that happened, but it was incredible. I loved working with students, madrichim, teachers, and parents. WOW, did I learn a lot!

Somewhere in the midst, a Youth Group Director was needed. With a little direction and guidance, the students created an unbelievable and fun organization. WOW, did I learn a lot!

The Sisterhood is made up of the most remarkable women anyone would ever want to meet. They asked if I would assist, by becoming Sisterhood President, twice. The Sisterhood was a wondrous journey of meeting very special empowered women, spiritual growth, setting and achieving goals. WOW, did I learn a lot!

Throughout this spiritual adventure, I spent a great many years participating as a board member. There were so

SUPPORT OUR VIDEO LIVE-STREAMING

Since we won't be having Oneg Shabbats following services for a while, please consider sponsoring the video live stream in honor of someone's birthday, in memory of a loved one, or just because you wish to do so. Temple members who like our streaming of services are welcome to help support the cost with a donation of \$75 per service. Say thank you for this service by clicking on the **DONATE** button. Your donation will be greatly appreciated and will be acknowledged in the next bulletin following your donation.

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.

many impressive presidents. I admired them and their abilities. How they were able to lead the temple and board with such ease and grace. WOW, did I learn a lot!

I was truly honored when I was asked if I would become the Temple's President. I am very proud of the Board over these last two-years, we had many challenges and accomplishments. These accomplishments were only achievable by working with wonderful people such as Rabbi Kopnick, the Men's Club, Sisterhood and the awesome Board of Trustees and Wendy Walsh. WOW, are they incredible!

It is true what they say about volunteering. The more you give, the more you get. The gifts are new friends, lots of enjoyment and laughter, support, additional insights, and appreciation. WOW, I feel honored to be a part of this wonderful community.

I don't know how to say thank you for all that you have given me over these many years. I just hope that the temple is a little better off for my having been President. And now I will leave you in the very capable hands of Elliot Spieler.

Thank you again for making my family and me feel included and appreciated. I want to take one more moment to thank Sam, Matt, and Marcelle who have volunteered their time as well having been a huge support with all of my volunteer time spent with you. WOW, what a wonderful memorable experience.

Today Rabbah! B' Shalom,

Laura

HIGH HOLY DAY SCHEDULE 2020/5781

SELICHOT

Saturday, September 12

EREV ROSH HASHANAH

Friday, September 18

ROSH HASHANAH

Saturday, September 19

KOL NIDRE

Sunday, September 27

YOM KIPPUR

Monday, September 28

STARK COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND AVAILABLE FOR JUDAIC STUDIES

Any full-time college student is eligible for a \$500 grant from the Stark Family College Scholarship Fund if they take a Judaic Studies and/or Hebrew Class while at their college or university. The scholarship can be renewed once, and are awarded on a first come-first served basis. For more information, contact Rabbi Kopnick. Students are required to produce a registration document that shows their enrollment in the class. Our thanks to the Stark Family who provided this fund in memory of Kim Stark and Harry & Etta Stark.

MEN'S CLUB

I hope you are all healthy and staying safe. Despite the quarantine, the Men's Club was able to make May a social action month. On May 17, members of the Men's Club respected social distancing and placed flags at graves of Jewish veterans at the Montgomery Cemetery. This was part of an Eagle Scout project by an area Boy Scout who researched where Jewish veterans were buried in the Jewish cemeteries around Cincinnati. After the research was completed, he began working with the Jewish Cemeteries of Greater Cincinnati in order to place the markers and flags at the graves. Multiple members of the group had parents who were WWII veterans, making this event even more special. Once larger groups are allowed to meet, the Men's Club plans to assist with placing markers and flags at additional cemeteries around the Cincinnati area.

As always, the Men's Club is here to help you. If you or anybody you know needs any assistance, please contact me or any member of the Men's Club directly. Have a wonderful summer and I hope to see you soon.

Best regards,

Dan Perlmutter
President, Men's Club

GRADUATION 2020



SUSTAINING THE GENERATIONS

We gratefully acknowledge the following contributions:

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In memory of Pauline Kaller; *from Lynn & Neil Kravitz*
In appreciation of The Valley Temple; *from Tom Steger*
In memory of Gilbert V. Hemsley, Sr.; *from Alberta Hemsley*
In memory of Nathan Kaller; *from Lynn & Neil Kravitz*

CAMP SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In memory of Florence Bossin; *from Phyllis Bossin*
In honor of Logan Fritsch's *Bar Mitzvah*; *from Dianne and Kerry Rabe*
In honor of the *Bar Mitzvah* of Miles Spieler; *from Linda & Jeff Lazar*

SEINSHEIMER MUSIC FUND

In memory of Mae Cohen; *from Margie & Lou Rauh*

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In memory of Betty L. Bachman; *from Diane & Ken Mitman*

CONGREGATIONAL CARE FUND

In memory of Joel Kahn; *from Susan Kahn*

VIDEO STREAMING FUND

In appreciation; *from Judith Kanofsky*

JANE MUNICK GARDEN FUND

A gift from Peggy Barrett
In memory of Rick Field; *from Leo H. Munick & Alice Fegelman*

THE VALLEY TEMPLE

In appreciation of Cheryl Hecht's adult education presentation and in memory of Cheryl's father, David Hochstein; *from Jody Finley*

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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

Laura Lobar on the death of her Aunt, Estelle Goldberg
Erika Hecht on the death of her Father, John Drummond
The family of Rabbi Sigma Coran
Andrea Beck on the death of her Aunt, Cherry Lindner



MAZAL TOV



Helen and Elliott Spieler on their son, Miles, becoming a Bar Mitzvah

The new Sisterhood Board:

President: Sandy Hatfield
VP Fundraising: Stacey Spivak
VP Social Action: Helen (Bindy) Waits
VP Social Fun: Andrea Beck
Treasurer: Sue Mantel
Recording Secretary: Ellen Kovacic
Corresponding Secretary: Dianne Rabe
Chai Life: Julie Niemeier
Membership: Chrissy Knarr
Immediate Past President: Allison Schneider

High School graduates:

Shayna Codd
Sam Frank
Emmett Kaufman
Sara Naveh
Talia Raider-Roth
Alanna Schlaeger
Sam Steed
Anna Steinberg

Maddie Weikel on her college graduation

Rabbi Austin Zoot on his ordination

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Mark Kovacic	06/01
Nathan Sefferino	06/03
Daniel Davis	06/03
Rabbi Sandford Kopnick	06/06
Wendy Wasserman	06/07
Jessica Heines	06/08
Tessa Morris	06/08
Emily Brown	06/09
Simon Steinberg	06/09
Jenna Elgowsky	06/10
Marilyn Randman	06/10
Matthew Enneking	06/11
Peggy Barrett	06/11
Mary Stagaman	06/11
Helen Habbert	06/12
Danny Kopnick	06/13
Mark Weisman	06/14
Robyn McCarrick	06/14
John J. Frank, Jr.	06/15
Elana Berman	06/15
June Ridgway	06/15
Linda Denham	06/16
Alex Woosley	06/16
Scott Kaplan	06/16
Emmett Kaufman	06/18
George Trenkamp	06/19
Laura Lobar	06/20
Philip Kahn	06/21
Aaron Deutsch	06/21
Andy Stark	06/21
Jeffrey Levine	06/21
Jessica Deitsch	06/21
Samuel Steed	06/22
David Deutsch	06/23
Sarah Deutsch	06/23
Donna Freeman	06/24
Ivan Tamarkin	06/24
Kyle Fritsch	06/25
Adam McCarrick	06/26
Lynn Kravitz	06/27
Dr. Paul Bellet	06/28
Hannah Wagner	06/28

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Roy & Nancy Heizer	06/10/2006
Sam & Laura Lobar	06/14/1987
Neil & Lynn Kravitz	06/15/1980
Chuck & Ginny Myer III	06/15/1975
Les & Carol Appel	06/17/1973
John & Ronnie Shore	06/17/
Gil & Stephanie Kaufman	06/19/1999
Irving & Selma Harris	06/18/1950
Marvin & Laurel Fischbaum	06/20/1976
Herb & Sue DuCovna	06/22/1964
Ron Kull & Mary Stagaman	06/23/2002
Garrett & Susan Levy	06/24/1995
Wendy & Jim Walsh	06/25/1972
Susan and Mike Mantel	06/28/1986
Pamela & Jim Geller	06/27/
Ron & Alice Weitzenkorn	06/29/1986

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Fred Gartenlaub	07/01
Cynthia Cronin	07/01
Sarah Cronin	07/03
Michelle Steed	07/04
Elizabeth Woosley	07/04
Nancy Berman	07/05
Amanda M. Katz	07/05
Aaron Hatfield	07/06
Anna Schragar	07/06
Jenna Geller	07/06
Rachel Hodesh	07/09
Ryan Mather	07/10
Rose Apseloff	07/10
Evelyn Essig	07/11
Rob Festenstein	07/11
D'Shon Shapiro	07/12
Ronnie Shore	07/12
Jon Shapiro	07/13
Zayn Davis	07/13
Eli Neman	07/16
Charles Frank	07/18
Jody Finley	07/18
Sue Greenberg	07/18
Eris Barzman	07/19
Samuel Frank	07/20
Dr. Robert Maltz	07/21
Ross Spieler	07/21
Matthew Beasley	07/22
Daniel Blumenfeld	07/22
Jeff Schlaeger	07/24
Jeff Miller	07/26
Henry Freedman	07/26
Kayla Geller	07/26
Dr. Charles Pierce	07/26
Dr. Janet Zydne	07/27
Joshua Beasley	07/28
Michael O'Neill	07/30

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Fred & Anne Straus III	07/03/1960
Larry & Donna Freeman	07/04/1966
Steven & Cheryl Hecht	07/04/1971
Joel & Ann Shulman	07/04/1966
Ken & Diane Mitman	07/06/1986
Ernie & Sally Waxman	07/11/1965
Dr. Donald & Bernice Pollack	07/14/1963
Doug & Bette Ann Sandor	07/14/1974
Steven & Cindy Pinsky	07/20/
Jim & Pam Levinson	07/18/1981
Rob & Paula Rappaport	07/16/1978
David & Joelle Levine	07/21/1984
Sarah & Joel Davis	07/23/2009
Richard & Karen Blatt	07/26/2000
Bruce Walker & Carol Kramberg-Walker	07/27/1986
Barry & Marsha Pinsky	07/31/1977



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ANNUAL MEETING



ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND NEW TRUSTEES

CHANGE OF DATE JUNE 28 – NOON

**Due to Covid 19 restrictions, plan to vote in your cars
in the parking lot of the Temple**

Please attend – quorum is a must!