

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

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

Shabbat Service

Music: Marilyn Zelcer & Roberta Whitley

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7

9:30 a.m. Torah Study

10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service

Torah Portion – *Re'eh*, Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17

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

Family Shabbat Service with Camp Reunion

Music: Leslie Gubitz

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14

9:30 a.m. Torah Study

10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service

Torah Portion – *Shoftim*, Deuteronomy 16:18-21:9

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

Shabbat Service

Music: Marilyn Zelcer & Roberta Whitley

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21

9:30 a.m. Torah Service

10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service

Torah Portion – *Ki Teitzei*, Deuteronomy 21:10-25:19

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

PROSPECTIVE MEMBER OPEN HOUSE

Shabbat Service

Music: Friday Night Live

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28

9:30 a.m. Torah Study

10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service and Jenna Geller, daughter of Jim & Pam Geller will become a Bat Mitzvah

Torah Portion – *Ki Tavo*, Deuteronomy 25:1-29:8

10:00 p.m. Selichot Service

Judge Heather Stein Russell will describe CHANGE Court, an Ohio Supreme Court certified specialty docket where she and her team address the issues of trauma, addiction and homelessness for sex trafficked persons who commit crimes.

Judge Russell has received the following awards for creating CHANGE Court: UC College of Law Distinguished Law Alumna, Cincinnati Enquirer Woman of the Year, Ohio Victims of Crime Services' Model of Justice, and the Cincinnati Bar Association's Women's Committee's Judge Julia Stautberg award for exemplary profession.



FRIDAY, AUGUST 27 • 7:00 p.m.

Bring a prospective member, show them our beautiful building, and attend services on August 27. The open house will begin at 7:00 p.m., followed by a service featuring the Friday Night Live Band at 7:30 p.m.

The Friday Night Live Band welcomes back Charlene Gubitz, who along with our regulars, will help us worship with a *ruach* (spirit) that is both inspiring and contagious.

Help us sign up some new Temple members and celebrate Shabbat together on August 27.

PREPARING FOR THE HIGH HOLY DAYS

Selichot

**Saturday, August 28
ADULT EDUCATION AND SERVICE
TO WELCOME THE HIGH HOLY DAYS**

8:00 p.m. - Adult Education
A CHANGE in the Wind Brings
Restorative Justice
with Judge Heather Stein Russell



9:30 p.m. - Grand Dessert Buffet



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

Join us for a wonderful evening of learning and preparation for the *Yamim Noraim* — the Days of Awe.



FROM THE RABBI... Sandford R. Kopnick

Return to Community

Shalom!

It is time to come back. I pray that all of you who have been cleared by your doctors to be vaccinated have done so. As a result, your presence is requested at the Valley Temple. Even if you weren't a "regular" service attender, I am asking you to come to services at least once before the High Holy Days.

Our concept of community has been changed during the pandemic. Some have tuned in to services on Facebook or through valleytemple.com's streaming. Some of you attended our adult education online. In fact, when there was no "in-person option," the turnout to some services and programs was great! All this means that the content we were providing through the "gift" of the internet helped many of you have a sense of connectedness that could not have happened even 5 or 6 years ago.

So why not just continue this way? Because it is not community. Being a consumer of a synagogue is great—we need that—but we need more. Our tradition does not take the idea of a *minyan*—a prayer community lightly. In fact, even in the height of the infection rates, some rabbinic authorities were advocating that in-person services was still the only option. I didn't agree—and still don't. However, now that it is safe enough to come back, we all need to adjust our understanding of community.

Services were never intended that you sit and take, and

then leave. Our worship model asks that you show up, sit near each other to provide the warmth of community, and notice those around you. Who is in mourning? Who mentions the name of a loved one in need of healing? Who is celebrating something wonderful? Who is sitting alone? Who may shed a tear?

Our worship model invites you to sing along at various moments, and to allow the music to take you to a place where you wish to listen and not sing along. The interaction between the service leaders and the congregation is so important to the prayer experience, too. Even the message about the Torah portion or a sermon is influenced by the reactions of those present.

It is time to come back. It is time to bring friends. It is time to celebrate Shabbat with devotion as we have—but with community in person. It is time to notice each other, sing together, laugh and consider, pray and react. It is time to have an oneg in order to reconnect, and to share ideas and impressions. Let's go from being consumers to participants. Let's invest again in the human-ness that being present creates. Let's return (or recommit) to building our sacred community. And when we do, bring a friend who's temple shopping along! We can't wait to be with you.

Faithfully,

Sandford R. Kopnick, Rabbi

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REGISTRATION BEING SENT TO YOU

The Valley Temple



Plans are underway for a great religious school year with a wonderful and experienced faculty already set. Watch your email for Religious School registration materials sent via email. If you wish it to be sent via U.S. Mail, please contact the Temple office. Don't forget that we're always looking for new students, and are looking forward to welcoming your family and friends to another great year.

LEVY AWARD



*Delivered at the virtual Annual Meeting
by President Elliot Spieler, in June 2021*

Every year since 2004, the Valley Temple has presented the Helen and Marty Levy Award to that member who has gone above and beyond to help the congregation, who best personifies the spirit of volunteerism that continues to make us great. This year's Levy Award winner has been a member of Valley for several years. She and her husband are regulars at services and Torah study. She is currently serving as both Secretary and *Tikkun Olam* Chair. She manned the office as a volunteer during Religious School before the pandemic made that go virtual. She went out of her way to contact Temple members to assure they had the ability to schedule vaccination appointments. And, this individual took on the role of guardian angel to our beloved accompanist, Bob Pollack, shopping for him, taking him to doctor's appointments, and just taking care of him. It gives me great pleasure to present this year's Levy award to my good friend Linda Lazar, a true *mensch* and a huge asset to the Valley community. Thanks Linda for all you do!



RABBI/EDUCATOR'S MESSAGE

Austin Zoot

There are times when the Jewish calendar lines up almost perfectly with the secular one. As Summer turns to Fall, there is a mutual sense of anticipation, excitement, and purpose. For many, this is a time to think about getting back into a classroom, beginning the amazing process of learning new things. And for all of us, it is a time to prepare for the High Holy Days, that time where we stop what we're doing to reflect on the year that was, the year that will be, and who we have become along the way.



In preparation for this time of year, we experience the Hebrew months of *Elul*, the final month of preparation before *Rosh Hashanah*. *Elul* is used as a time to take stock of ourselves and see how we are feeling during the period of transition. What have we done well that we are proud of? Where have we erred that we can improve? How can we be thoughtful about the year that is coming, in order to do our part to engage in *Tikkun Olam*, the process of repairing the world?

This is a beautiful sentiment for us to bring into our learning community of all ages. This past year, we have creatively learned in so many diverse settings. We have had the chance to engage with our Judaism and with one another online, through streaming, outside, masked, and unmasked. We have constantly adapted to the changes that the world threw at us, and did so with enthusiasm and compassion. We have so much to be grateful for in our period of reflection during this month leading into our sacred days.

Yet, we also have so much that we have learned about ourselves. We learned about where our strength lies, where we can better support those we love. We learned the best settings in which we learn new information, and where we struggle. We learned our limits, and how to be our best selves in the hardest settings.

We are starting the process of getting ready for a new school year and a new Jewish year. And this is a season that is full of promise. The parallelism of this is fascinating. The weather is getting colder, the days are getting shorter. But our people are perpetual optimists, even in times of apparent darkness. We see the excitement of more opportunities for learning, more chance to get together and deepen our understandings of one another and ourselves. And we see the anticipation of a fresh slate, a chance to annually reinvent ourselves, knowing that we will be different versions of ourselves when we arrive at this time next year.

At Valley Temple, our religious school has gone through the process in recent months of self-reflection and evaluation. We have engaged in our own work to find the best things about ourselves and lift them up, in order to best express our values. This Fall is going to be an incredible chance to see our community come together, in all the forms that are possible; we are going to learn from the year we've had and be creative about where, how, and when we do our best work. And best of all, we will continue the relationships we have created to this point, to ever strengthen our ability to make learning fun, meaningful, and engaging.

May this season of *Elul*, of Back-to-School, be one that is filled with excitement, anticipation, and joy. May we learn together, grow together, and find the best version of ourselves. And may this season fulfill its promise.

Rabbi Austin Zoot
Rabbi/Educator



We are grateful to the Jewish Federation of Cincinnati's S.E.E.D. Program, The Jewish Foundation of Cincinnati and an anonymous donor for their support in funding this position.

GAN EMEK

For children under age 3 and parent/grandparent to introduce them to the magic of Judaism on Sunday mornings at Valley Temple with Nancy Magnus Kopnick
10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Beginning Sunday, Sept. 19

Cost is \$110 for entire school year

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

Contact Austin Zoot, Rabbi/Educator at
RabbiZoot@valleytemple.com
or by calling him at the Temple, 513-761-3555.

IS YOUR CHILD READY FOR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL?

Attention 3, 4 & 5 year olds. . .
You are old enough to join us on Sunday mornings in our PreK class!

Contact Rabbi Austin Zoot
(RabbiZoot@valleytemple.com)
to find out more about our wonderful PreK and Kindergarten programs in Religious School:

- holidays • songs • art • movement
- stories • building • cooking
- making friends • Jewish values



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Elliot Spieler

I hope everyone is having a good summer.

Since I've been president, most of my bulletin messages have just been short encouraging blurbs. Frankly, these messages are hard to write and it's just easier to write short insubstantial greetings. But today I wanted to write something more substantive and personal.

This may surprise some people. My family and I have been members of Valley for nineteen years. I've been on the board for five years and president for one. But, I decided that it's time for me to come out as a Reform Jew. As many of you know, I was raised in a Conservative environment. I still have a fondness for some of the melodies of that tradition, if not the lengthiness and repetition of the services.

Obviously, I have been at home here for the last two decades. Still, I have generally resisted the label of Reform Jew, having always preferred to just call myself a Jew. And that is still an important sentiment, that we as Jews have a commonality with all Jews, of all stripes.

So, why is it important for me to say this now?

Needless to say it's been, and is, a turbulent time. Our movement embraces those who have not always been embraced. Religions, ethnic and cultural minorities of all sorts. The LGBTQ community. The intermarried. And we recognize that there is an economic side to justice. Our movement embraces our traditions, but they don't own us. We uphold our beliefs and pursue the actions we pursue without guilt, without hypocrisy. Our movement approaches the world, our place in the world, our relationships with each other, the world, and God, in a way that seeks truth without dogma.

Some have suggested our movement is, or has become, political. I really don't see it that way. While our members may certainly be political, our movement seeks justice and *tikkun olam*, not a specific political ideology.

I'll leave the rabbinics to the rabbis and I'll get back to the personal.

I'm writing these two days after my son's return from four wonderful weeks at GUCI. We'll be signing him up for next year as soon as registration opens up. After a year and a half of dislocation and trauma, he got to spend four weeks of fun in the company of other joyful Reform Jews.

So, perhaps belatedly, I am accepting the label of a proud Reform Jew.

Hope to see everyone around soon!

Elliot Spieler



WOMEN OF REFORM JUDAISM
stronger together

SISTERHOOD NEWS

As the summer starts to come to a close, the Sisterhood is ramping up so that we can bring you a year of fun and meaningful programming as well as social action and volunteering opportunities.

This year we are very excited to start up our very own Sisterhood *Rosh Chodesh* group. The focus of this group will be to have discussions, learn new skills, and bond with our fellow sisters. Our first *Rosh Chodesh* program will be on Saturday, August 7th starting at 7 pm. We hope you will join us to kick off this new program with a *Havdalah* service followed by some time to get to know each other.

We will also be hosting another edition of Zoom Cooking with Sisterhood on Wednesday, September 1st starting at 6:30 pm. This time we will be focusing on food associated with Rosh Hashanah.

These events are just a taste of what is to come; you can hear even more if you join us at our first Sisterhood meeting on September 26th. We are going back to having our meetings at 10 am during Religious School. We are trying to switch up the format just a bit by keeping the meeting to the first hour and then offering some fun programming for the second hour. In fact, after our first meeting, we will be having a presentation with a service dog!

We also want to remind you that Snag-a-Bag will be back this November, so please save any handbags or costume jewelry you would like to donate. More details on donations and the event will follow.

Finally, we want to give a big thanks to everyone that participated in Honey Jars this year. We were so glad we could bring back this fantastic community-building fundraiser this year. Our congregation is why we do what we do and why we CAN do everything we do, so thank you.

Stacey Spivak
Sisterhood President

WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Welcome to our newest Board members, Leah Joos and Lee Freedman, who were elected at our recent Annual Meeting. We look forward to their service.

Our thanks to retiring members, Gail Lewin and Dorian Naveh. We very much appreciate their years of service to our congregation.

GAN EMEK SUMMER FLING AT HOME OF NANCY AND RABBI SANDFORD KOPNICK



FIRST SESSION GUCI



SECOND SESSION GUCI

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Stacey Spivak	08 / 03
Leslie Waltman	08 / 04
Jacob Lazar	08 / 04
Phyllis Bossin	08 / 06
Marcelo Niedermann	08 / 06
Eli Shupe, Jr.	08 / 06
William Pinsky	08 / 07
Norman Wasserman	08 / 07
Sarah Capurro	08 / 07
Gail Lewin	08 / 08
Les Appel	08 / 08
Stuart Hodesh	08 / 08
Susana Niedermann	08 / 09
Juddy Solomon	08 / 11
David Deutsch	08 / 11
Buz Stewart	08 / 11
GINNY MYER	08 / 15
Mike Mantel	08 / 15
Jay Brandt	08 / 16
Shannon Clark	08 / 16
Robert Deutsch	08 / 16
Barbara Katz	08 / 17
Marvin Fischbaum	08 / 17
Daniel Friedberg	08 / 18
Barbara Guggenheim	08 / 18
Cody Blatt	08 / 18
Naomi Codd	08 / 19
Laurel Fischbaum	08 / 20
Sandra Green	08 / 21
Jamie Price Levinson	08 / 22
Rachel Cusack	08 / 22
Susan Mantel	08 / 22
Michael Deitsch	08 / 22
Adam Brown	08 / 23
Joanna Forsha	08 / 23
Craig Hoffheimer	08 / 24
Barry Goldhoff	08 / 25
Kevyn Carmody	08 / 25
Marcia Deitsch	08 / 25
Adam Heines	08 / 25
Michael Blumenfeld	08 / 25
Lee Freedman	08 / 26
Monroe Blatt	08 / 26
Jackie Yeazell	08 / 26
Monya Brandt	08 / 28
Mark Apseloff	08 / 29
Steven Elgowsky	08 / 29
Sharon Feldstein	08 / 30
Alan Schwartz	08 / 30
Hildie Reynolds	08 / 30
Sarah Davis	08 / 30

ALL CAMPERS FROM GUCI AND LIVINGSTON...

Friday, August 13 at 7:30 p.m.

All campers from GUCI and Livingston who attended camp this summer are invited to participate in our welcome home service August 13 at 7:30 p.m. Chocolate Cream Pie will be featured at the Oneg. Bring your service part.

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Phillip & Jaimie Levinson	08 / 02 / 2015
Larry & Mara Wolf	08 / 04 / 1985
Chrissy & Josh Knarr	08 / 05 / 2006
Michael & Karin O'Neill	08 / 06 / 2000
Aaron & Emma Bernay	08 / 08 / 2004
Bob & Jeannie Hiller	08 / 11 / 1979
Mark Raider & Miriam Raider-Roth	08 / 13 / 1989
Mark Sass & Jan Rosenbaum Sass	08 / 17 / 1980
Tom & Bette Sherman	08 / 17 / 1969
John & Helen Habbert	08 / 18 / 1974
Donald & Nancy Dornheggen	08 / 18 / 1978
Ivan & Kathie Tamarkin	08 / 20 / 1977
Bob & Sylvia Maltz	08 / 24 / 1958
David & Andrea Knarr	08 / 24 / 1966
Katie & Lee Freedman	08 / 31 / 2014



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This is a wonderful way to help Valley Temple raise some extra dollars without you spending anything additional! Recently Valley Temple received a check for approximately \$70 as a donation for members who shopped at Amazon Smile and selected Valley Temple as their charitable organization! Think how much more we could get if everyone participated!

How to select a charitable organization to support when shopping on AmazonSmile:

On your first visit to AmazonSmile, you need to select Valley Temple to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. This will be saved and then every eligible purchase you make through AmazonSmile will result in a donation to Valley Temple. AmazonSmile will occasionally contact you about donation amounts disbursed to your chosen charity or about the program.

SUSTAINING THE GENERATIONS

We gratefully acknowledge the following contributions:

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In appreciation of Rabbi Kopnick; *from Doug & Bette Ann Sandor*
In memory of William Magnus; *from Jenny Broh*
In honor of Rabbi Kopnick's birthday; *from Peggy Barrett*
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RABBI/EDUCATOR DISCRETIONARY FUND

In memory of William Magnus; *from Laura & Sam Lobar*
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In memory of James Steed; *from Michelle & David Steed*
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CAMP SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In honor of Jamie & Evie Buchwald; *from Janice Ash*
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from Ricki & Stuart Hodesh

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In memory of William Magnus; *from Ida Schwartz*
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In memory of Estelle Wigser; *from Rabbi Sol & Sue Greenberg*

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In appreciation of The Valley Temple; *from Tom Steger*
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In appreciation of The Valley Temple; *from Tom Steger*

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In memory of Marcy Hassel; *from Anne Lovell*
In appreciation of Valley Temple's streamed services;
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In memory of Curt Lovell; *from Linda & Jeff Lazar*

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MAZAL TOV



Jim and Pam Levinson and Bob Levinson
on the marriage of their son and grandson,
Jay to Alexis Bishop

Marvin and Laurel Fischbaum on the marriage
of their son, Aaron to Megan Stratham

Jim and Pem Geller on their daughter,
Jenna becoming a *Bat Mitzvah*

Sandy Hatfield on the marriage of her son,
Aaron to Kierstin Greene

OUR SYMPATHY

Toby Ruben and Robyn McCarrick on the death
of their sister and aunt, Phyllis Gallatin

Josiah Dapper on the death of
his grandfather, James C. Dapper

Austin Zoot on the death of his uncle, Jordan Zoot
and good friend, Kip Lenhart

Linda Lazar on the death of her aunt, Evelyn Solgan

Jan Goldstein on the death
of her good friend, Peggy Crawford

Michael Gelfand on the death of his brother, David

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High Holy Day Services 5782/2021

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9:30 p.m. - Grand Dessert Buffet

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

Erev Rosh Hashanah, Monday, September 6

Musical Experience at **6:00 p.m.**

Mishkan HaNefesh Service at **8:00 p.m.**

Rosh Hashanah Morning, Tuesday, September 7

Family Service at **9:00 a.m.**

Tot Service at **10:15 a.m.**

Mishkan HaNefesh Service at **10:45 a.m.**

Erev Yom Kippur, Wednesday, September 15

Kol Nidre Service at **8:00 p.m.**

Yom Kippur, Thursday, September 16

Family Service at **9:00 a.m.**

Tot Service at **10:15 a.m.**

Mishkan HaNefesh Service at **10:45 a.m.**

Afternoon Service at **2:45 p.m.**

Yizkor/Concluding at **4:15 p.m.**

