



June/July 2022  
Sivan/Tamuz/Az 5782

**RELIGIOUS SERVICES**

**JUNE**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 3, 8:00 p.m. Please note time change due to Annual Meeting at 7:00 p.m.**

Shabbat Service

Music: Friday Night Live with Charlene Gubitz  
Oneg Shabbat hosted by Erin & Ben Pinsky in honor of their son, Eli Pinsky becoming a *Bar Mitzvah* and Sue Mantel in honor of her becoming a Jew by Choice

**SATURDAY, JUNE 4**

9:30 a.m. Torah Study

10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service; Eli Pinsky, son of Erin & Ben Pinsky and grandson of Barry & Marsha Pinsky and Kathie & Ivan Tamarkin will become a *Bar Mitzvah*

Music: Charlene Gubitz

Torah Portion – *B' midbar*, Numbers 1:1-4:20

**SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 10:30 a.m.**

Shavuot Service and Study with Dairy Lunch (RSVP required)

Music: Charlene Gubitz

**FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 6:00 p.m.**

Shabbat Service, Valley Temple On The Road

Listerman Brewing Company

1621 Dana Avenue, Norwood

**NO SERVICE AT VALLEY TEMPLE**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 11**

9:30 a.m. Torah Study

10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service

Torah Portion – *Naso*, Numbers 4:21-7:89

**FRIDAY, JUNE 17, 7:30 p.m.**

Shabbat Service

**SATURDAY, JUNE 18**

9:30 a.m. Torah Study

10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service

Torah Portion – *B'haalot'cha*, Numbers 8:1-12:16

**FRIDAY, JUNE 24, 7:30 p.m.**

Shabbat Service

**SATURDAY, JUNE 25**

9:30 a.m. Torah Study

10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service

Torah Portion – *Sh'lach L'cha*, Numbers 13:1-15:41  
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**VALLEY ON THE ROAD**

Celebrate Shabbat at Special Locations

6:00 p.m.

**(NOTE EARLY TIME)**

Join us and bring friends to share  
The Valley Temple community with them!

**Friday, June 10**

**Listermann Brewing Company, Norwood**

Live music, free drinks  
and great conversation

**Friday, July 8**

**Summit Park, Blue Ash**

Games, songs and more on the lawn

Please note: There will be no services at  
Valley Temple on these dates

*Our thanks to the Jewish Federation for a grant to make  
these special Shabbats possible*



see page 5  
for more information

**MEN'S CLUB MEETING**

Sunday, June 12, 10:00 a.m.

at the Temple



**CINCINNATI REDS GAME OUTING**

Tuesday, June 7 at 6:40 p.m.

RSVP to Rabbi Zoot  
rabbizoot@valleytemple.com  
Cost of the event is \$25 per person.



## FROM THE RABBI

SANDFORD R. KOPNICK

“You all shall be holy, for I, Adonai your God am holy.” Seems pretty straight forward. But, when looking at the Hebrew text, we learn that the word “You” is actually plural. I like to translate it as “Y’all shall be holy....” Frankly, this idea of communal holiness resonates with me more now than ever.

Among the most difficult issues that Covid forced upon us was our inability to safely gather. Through the miracle of Zoom, streaming, and the internet, we were able to host services in our sanctuary, even if you all had to stay home. We were so pleased that so many of you found our services online, and remained connected to our sacred space and our service during such a difficult point in our history.

Now it is time to rebuild our community.

We are so grateful that our Temple membership remained loyal and connected during the pandemic’s worst moments—with so many finding us for adult education, religious school, and services. Seders and a Purim *schpiel* all found their way to streaming and Zoom, as well as a bunch of *b’nai mitzvah* and even a few weddings and namings. Yet, the convenience of the streaming opportunities does not make up for the feeling of community that occurs when we are physically in each other’s presence. It is time to come back and help us re-establish our sense of intentional community.

I hope that you’ll consider finding a few Friday nights this summer that will include your presence at Shabbat services. Whether you come for Valley on the Road (an initiative to bring our services to a few other venues once a month in the summer), or here in the building, we hope you will also invite unaffiliated folks that might find Valley a good fit for their expression of Judaism.

It is no secret that we have been blessed with a few new families during the pandemic, but many were inhibited from seeking out a new synagogue if they were new to town—because they just streamed with their former Temple. Let’s work at encouraging folks who are part of our neighborhoods to be part of Valley, too. Just invite them to join you.

The only way we can fulfill the communal command to be holy is to be a community—not just virtual—but in person, seeing each other and getting the all important hugs that were missing these last few years.

I hope that our camp kids have a wonderful summer—and that you will, too. May God grant us all strength, great health, and the ability to link ourselves with one another as we go from Covid to strength to strength.

Faithfully,

Rabbi Sandford Kopnick

## JULY RELIGIOUS SERVICES

**FRIDAY, JULY 1, 7:30 p.m.**  
Shabbat Service

**SATURDAY, JULY 2**  
9:30 a.m. Torah Study  
10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service  
Torah Portion – *Korach*, Numbers 16:1-18:32

**FRIDAY, JULY 8, 6:00 p.m.**  
Shabbat Service, Valley Temple On The Road  
Summit Park in Blue Ash  
**NO SERVICE AT VALLEY**

**SATURDAY, JULY 9**  
9:30 a.m. Torah Study  
10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service  
Torah Portion – *Chukat*, Numbers 19:1-22:1

**FRIDAY, JULY 15, 7:30 p.m.**  
Shabbat Service

**SATURDAY, JULY 16**  
9:30 a.m. Torah Study  
10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service  
Torah Portion – *Balak*, Numbers 22:2-25:9

**FRIDAY, JULY 22, 7:30 p.m.**  
Shabbat Service

**SATURDAY, JULY 23**  
9:30 a.m. Torah Study  
10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service  
Torah Portion – *Pinchas*, Numbers 25:10-30:1

**FRIDAY, JULY 29, 7:30 p.m.**  
Shabbat Service

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



## RABBI/EDUCATOR'S MESSAGE Austin Zoot

When you think about your Jewish experience, where are some of the places that ring most significant? Obviously, our Valley Temple building is the spiritual home that is front-of-mind for most of us. Many of us also have strong memories of creating meaningful Jewish moments at home, whether in our own houses or at parents' and grandparents' homes. Some of us find the most connection in nature, at camp, or at youth group locations. But what about a beer garden? What about a park? What about an art gallery?

Over the course of the summer, our Valley Temple engagement team has been working on a series of Shabbat celebrations that will help to bring a new and fresh way of engaging with Judaism, all while delivering our usual brand of warm, welcoming community. On June 10<sup>th</sup>, we will be celebrating Shabbat at Listermann Brewery in Evanston, with live music, free drinks, and plenty of pleasant conversation. On July 8<sup>th</sup>, we will take our party to the lawn as we enjoy Summit Park in Blue Ash, including games, songs, and more. And on August 12<sup>th</sup>, we will close out the series at Red Tree Coffee and Art Gallery in Norwood, where we will be able to enjoy a drink, view and make our own art, and celebrate the end of a busy week together. Our thanks to Jewish Federation for a grant which will make these special events possible.

These events are our attempt to bring the joy and peace of Shabbat into spaces that might not be inherently Jewish. We get the chance to go to areas of Cincinnati beyond our four walls and make our community as accessible as possible. It has been one of our greatest sources of pride

that the Valley Temple is inviting to anyone who wants to participate, from interfaith families to new Jews to families of all sizes. These events will be an opportunity to share what makes us great and to do it with as wide a net as possible.

To do this, though, we need your help. The single greatest form of outreach is free: it is the word-of-mouth that comes from congregants sharing their own positive experiences at our synagogue with the people in their lives. Now is the time for you to look around your group of friends, to look around the other families at school or in your sports league, and figure out how to invite them to these events. We want to see you there celebrating Shabbat in these fun and interesting locations, and we want to see you showing off the truly beautiful community vibe we've built.

This summer is going to be an exciting and vital one for our congregation. We have so many events, these Shabbat experiences included, that are meant to deepen our larger connection to our Judaism and one another. We have so many opportunities to show what it looks like to live a meaningful Jewish life, and to do so alongside friends and neighbors walking the same road.

Life is complicated. Judaism helps to make it more meaningful. And we do that as well as anywhere I have ever seen. Our job know is to be loud and proud about how well we do our work, and to share it with as many people as possible.

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.*





**PRESIDENT'S  
MESSAGE**  
Elliot Spieler

This is my final bulletin message as President of Valley Temple. At midnight on June 30<sup>th</sup>, I will officially pass the baton to our current First Vice-President, Jody Finley.

The last two years have been very different from how I had imagined they would be. In some ways covid made my job easier, as there were frankly less things to do. In other ways it made it harder, in that we needed to remain engaged and connected to each other when the default was to be unconnected.

During my tenure, we observed Rabbi Kopnick's twentieth anniversary with our congregation. In normal times, we would have had a big party. While circumstances made it so the party didn't happen, we were all aware of the anniversary and how fortunate we are at the Valley Temple. I have enjoyed working closely with Sandford. Over the years he has been a teacher, a mentor and a friend.

My two-year term has coincided with the first two years of Rabbi Zoot's tenure with Valley in his capacity as Rabbi/Educator. Austin's presence here has brought fresh perspectives and a great deal of energy to our congregational mission.

Wendy Walsh remains the nexus of our congregation and is truly our institutional memory reservoir. Recently we celebrated her fortieth anniversary here! So much of what we are and what we have accomplished is due to Wendy. Leadership at a congregation is by nature a collective endeavor. To the Executive Board, all the members of the Board of Trustees, committee chairs and volunteers: Thank you!

A special shout-out to my immediate predecessor Laura Lobar and my penultimate predecessor Jon Hoffheimer for ideas, support and having been role models.

A big thank-you to the Sass family for the generous gift of our new Torah! It was very moving to stand on the bema as we dedicate the Torah.

And thanks to all the members and friends of Valley Temple. It has been my pleasure to serve you. And I'm not going anywhere!

I look forward to supporting and working with Jody as she assumes the presidency.

B'Shalom,

Elliot

**ANNUAL MEETING**

**Friday, June 3, 7:00 p.m.**

ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS  
AND MEMBERS OF THE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES



**SHAVUOT CELEBRATION**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 10:30 a.m.**

Study /Service /Dairy Box Lunch \$10/per person

**SPEAKERS INCLUDE:**

Dr. Andrea Beck

Josiah Dapper

Dr. Jan Katzew, HUC Torah Scholar

Benjamin Crane, Rabbinic Intern

**SHAVUOT LUNCH RSVP**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ # of box lunches @ \$10 per box

Total amount included \_\_\_\_\_

Mail with your check to Valley Temple,

145 Springfield Pike, Cincinnati, OH 45215

*Our thanks to a Friend of The Valley Temple for their donation to help make this event possible*



Mazal tov to Wendy Walsh for receiving the Harris and Alice Weston Avodah Senior Professional award from Jewish Federation for serving as Administrator at Valley Temple for 40 years.

## 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.

Contact Rabbi Kopnick or call Wendy at the Temple office, 513-761-3555.

## MAZAL TOV

Sue and Andy Spohr on the graduation of their daughter, Rachel from the University of Findlay with a doctorate in Occupational Therapy

Ben and Erin Pinsky on their son, Eli becoming a *Bar Mitzvah*. Congratulations also to grandparents, Ivan and Kathy Tamarkin and Barry and Marsha Pinsky

Jeff and Linda Lazar on the engagement of their son, Jacob to Lorna Fletcher

Nathan Sefferino, Stefan Arostegui and Rae Nourie on their graduations.

## MISHEIBERACH

Sarah Singer-Nourie

Michael Gelfand

Ron Kull

Minette Hoffheimer

Laura Beasley

Irving Harris

Julian Magnus

Susan Kahn

Josiah Dapper

## OUR SYMPATHY

Jim Walsh (Wendy) on the death of his brother, Gary Walsh

Sue Spohr on the death of her cousin, Iris Goodman

## Honey Jars

The Sisterhood is once again selling Honey Jars for Rosh Hashanah. You can buy the gift of honey for your friends and family and they will be shipped directly to your recipients of choice, so there is no work for you!

Available June - July

\$13 a jar



Contact valleytemplesisterhood@gmail.com with questions



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**SISTERHOOD**

The school year may be over and summer is here, but the Sisterhood still has some events and opportunities for all! So take a peek at what we have in store below and we hope to see you!

Honey Jars for Rosh Hashanah are back again this year. We will be selling in June and July. Be on the lookout for more information!

**June 15 at 6:30 pm** - Virtual Cooking with Sisterhood

This month we'll be learning how to make stuffed grape leaves. Delicious!

**June 24 from noon to 4:00 pm** - Estate Sale

**June 26 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm** - Rummage Sale

If you would like to volunteer to help set up or work at the Estate or Rummage Sale you can do so online at <https://bit.ly/VTSRummage2022>

Drop off for any donations you would like to make towards the sales can be made at the dates and times below or anytime the temple is open and staff are in the office 2 weeks before the sales.

Sunday, June 12 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Thursday, June 16 from 9:00 am to noon

Thursday, June 23 from 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm

**July 24 from noon to 3:00 pm** - Sisterhood Pool Party @ Waters Edge Clubhouse in Mason

In May, we voted on our new board so we would like to welcome Laura Beasley, Cindy Cronin and Dedra Perlmutter aboard and we are all looking forward to another fantastic year with your help. We also need to thank Sharon Feldstein for her wonderful work as Recording Secretary this past year and of course, a huge thank you to Jan Goldstein for her tireless work as Co-President. She will be transitioning to her new role as Immediate Past President and we are glad she will still be with us to guide us. We look forward to Sue Mantel serving as our new Co-President. Thank you to all of the amazing women that keep our small community fun and meaningful.

Stacey Spivak

Sisterhood Co-President

Thank you to Sisterhood for their recent donations which help subsidize our Oneg Shabbats, Youth Group Director, Religious School activities and provide Camp Scholarships. Your continuous support of Temple programs is greatly appreciated!



**JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

Nathan Sefferino	06/03
Daniel Davis	06/03
Rabbi Sandford Kopnick	06/06
Wendy Wasserman	06/07
Jessica Heines	06/08
Emily Brown	06/09
Simon Steinberg	06/09
Jenna Elgowsky	06/10
Marilyn Randman	06/10
Kandice Wainer	06/11
Matthew Enneking	06/11
Peggy Barrett	06/11
Mary Stagaman	06/11
Helen Habbert	06/12
Luis Doblado	06/12
Danny Kopnick	06/13
Robyn McCarrick	06/14
Michael Waterman	06/14
John J. Frank, Jr.	06/15
Elana Berman	06/15
June Ridgway	06/15
Linda Denham	06/16
Alex Woosley	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
Kevin Crowell	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
Ron & Alice Weitzenkorn	06/29/1986

**JULY BIRTHDAYS**

Fred Gartenlaub	07/01
Cynthia Cronin	07/01
Sarah Cronin	07/03
Carol Wolf	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
Rob Festenstein	07/11
Ronnie Shore	07/12
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
Daniel Blumenfeld	07/22
Jeff Schlaeger	07/24
Jeff Miller	07/26
Henry Freedman	07/26
Kayla Geller o	7/26
Dr. Charles Pierce	07/26
Dr. Janet Zydney	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
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



## SUSTAINING THE GENERATIONS

We gratefully acknowledge the following:

### RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In memory of Pauline Kallek; *from Lynn & Neil Kravitz*  
In memory of Frances Wolpo; *from Toniann & Glenn Markle*  
In appreciation of Rabbi Kopnick; *from Jennifer Bard*

### RABBI/EDUCATOR DISCRETIONARY FUND

In appreciation of Rabbi Zoot; *from Liza & Ben Moskowitz*  
In appreciation of Rabbi Zoot; *from Robyn & Tim McCarrick, Toby Ruben & Eli Shupe*  
In appreciation of Rabbi Zoot; *from Jennifer Bard*

### CAMP SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In memory of Steven Buchwald; *from Laura & Sam Lobar*

### ALLEN & SELMA WIENER BERKMAN SOCIAL ACTION FUND

In memory of Edward Spieler; *from Helen & Elliot Spieler*  
In honor of Buzz & Barb Stewart's 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary;  
*from Helen & John Habbert*

### FRANCIE BROWN MEMORIAL OFFICE FUND

In honor of Wendy Walsh's Avodah Professional Award from the Jewish Federation; *from Jenny Broh*

### SASS FAMILY MUSIC FUND

In memory of V. Elizabeth Gray; *from Mark Sass & Jan Rosenbaum Sass*  
In honor of the baby naming of Harriet Paige Sass; *from Jody & Kent Finley*  
In appreciation of the Sass Family for their donation of Valley's new Torah; *from Jody & Kent Finley*

### LOUISE MARKS RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND

In appreciation of Dan Nichols & Valley Temple's Livestream;  
*from Kay Magilavy*

### CONGREGATIONAL CARE FUND

In memory of Frances Wolpo; *from Linda & Jeff Lazar*  
In honor of the birth of Emmanuel Wolf Friedman; *from Laura & Sam Lobar*  
In memory of Ilene Hodesh; *from Laura & Sam Lobar*  
In memory of Frances Wolpo; *from Laura & Sam Lobar*

### BRYNA SCHWARTZ ONEG FUND

In memory of Dolph and Bob Broh; *from Jenny Broh and children*  
In honor of Sadie Munitz becoming a Bat Mitzvah; *from Chad Munitz & Michelle Lightfoot*  
In honor of the Confirmants/Graduates; *from their families*

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### THANKYOU, THANKYOU



A special thanks to the Sass Family for their very generous donation of a new Torah which was dedicated at a recent Shabbat Service. Megan Sass was our musician in residence and their granddaughter, Harriet Paige, was named. The Holocaust Torah will be retired for use on very special occasions.

## VALLEY TEMPLE TIKKUN OLAM

There are many opportunities to join with fellow congregants, members of the community, and other partners to help repair the world we live in during these very challenging times.

As you read through these consider whether you'd be interested in participating as an individual, with other Valley Temple members and/or with our community partners.

### Ukraine:

- Jewish Federation Ukraine Relief Fund provides community support for refugees and asylum seekers.  
<https://jewishcincinnati.givingfuel.com/jewish-federation-of-cincinnati-ukraine-relief-fund>

- Matthew 25 Ministries is shipping humanitarian aid and conflict relief to Ukraine and the surrounding region for distribution to refugees and other people affected  
<https://m25m.org>

### Social Justice Reforms:

- Death Penalty Abolition in Ohio: We are actively working with RAC-Ohio (Religious Action Center) and OTSE (Ohioans to Stop Executions). To find out more about this issue and how to have a voice in government reform check out: RAC-Ohio.org and OTSE.org

### Racial Justice:

- Faith perspectives on racial justice.  
EquaSion Interfaith: <https://www.equasion.org/>

### Climate Change Initiatives:

- Faith Communities Go Green -  
<https://greenumbrella.org/faith>  
For information on how to start a green team at your congregation – email Joanne joanne.gerson@earthlink.net

If you are interested in working on these issues or have ideas of other avenues to pursue, contact:

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*"There's no way to get from here to there except by joining hands, marching together"*





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