

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6
9:30 a.m. Torah Study
10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service
Torah Portion – *D'varim*, Deuteronomy 1:1-3:22

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12, 6:00 p.m.
Please note time change;
No service at Valley Temple
Shabbat Service, Valley on the Road
Redtree Art Gallery & Coffee Shop
3210 Madison Road

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13
9:30 a.m. Torah Study
10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service
Torah Portion – *Va-et'chanan*, Deuteronomy 3:23-7:11

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20
9:30 a.m. Torah Study
10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service
Torah Portion – *Eikev*, Deuteronomy 7:12-11:25

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26, 7:30 p.m.
PROSPECTIVE MEMBER OPEN HOUSE
Shabbat Service
Friday Night Live

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27
9:30 a.m. Torah Study
9:45 a.m. Tot Shabbat
10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service
Torah Portion – *R'eih*, Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17

OPENING RELIGIOUS SCHOOL EVENT

Sunday, August 28
10:30 a.m. – noon
Watch for more info!

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL PICNIC

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 14
NOON**

BECHTOLD PARK

Bechtold Shelter #2, 4312 Sycamore Rd.



Sponsored by the Men's Club

We'll provide the hamburgers and hotdogs.
Bring your favorite family picnic side dish.
See old friends-greet new members!
Bring a prospective member!

RSVP admin@valleytemple.com or 513-761-3555

Please let us know if you request veggie hotdogs



PROSPECTIVE MEMBER OPEN HOUSE

AUGUST 26, 7:00 p.m.

Do you know someone who is looking for a new synagogue or who is new to town? Bring a prospective member, show them our beautiful building, and attend services on August 26. 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. As usual, our band will help us worship with a *ruach* (spirit) that is both inspiring and contagious. Bring a friend – help us welcome some new Temple members and let's celebrate Shabbat together.



FROM THE RABBI... Sandford R. Kopnick

What is your sacred text?

August is a month when some of us begin anticipating the High Holy Days. Aside from the introspection that comes with confronting our triumphs and failures of the previous year, we Reform Jews can take a few minutes to contemplate the place we've allowed Judaism to have in our lives during the past year. As we review where Judaism fits as an official influencer, the question should be asked: How do we regard Torah in our value system?

Recently, I had the honor of being selected for Jury Duty. I was asked to consider the law as it regarded the idea of finding whether someone was guilty of a crime. As a rabbi, my values are determined by the world I live in, the Torah, and the family that raised me. Usually, these three come nicely, but when deciding someone else's guilt, I find the Torah to be the prism through which I look at justice.

When I found myself profoundly disappointed that the Roe vs. Wade decision was invalidated by the current U.S. Supreme Court, I became even more worried that our country would embrace a different religion's definition of when life begins. The clear Jewish understanding of when life begins is when a baby draws a breath after it head appears during delivery. The status of a fetus, while important and to be valued, is lesser than the mother until the head appears.

As a member of a minority religion, I am used to disagreeing with a majority on any number of issues. However, I

am usually OK with that disagreement because I celebrate my right to practice my faith as I do. I love that Torah influences my decisions, my social and political views, and my world view. I also love that we Jews never fully agree on anything the Torah says, and always look forward to the opportunities when we can be together to learn about each other and our Torah.

I am very concerned that as we continue to be polarized in this country, we will not remember to value other ideas, while embracing Judaism. I am worried that political parties are being given the same status as Torah. I find Torah Divinely inspired—but I find politics (pick your party) to be uninspired most of the time, frequently cynical, and rarely timeless. My view of when life begins, self-defense as a justification for owning a firearm, valuing the stranger, and serving God with humility are timeless ideas—frequently reinterpreted for the times, but rarely ignored for political expedience.

I love our community and the values that we promote with each other. I hope you will take the opportunity to determine whether you feel that Torah informed you of how to think about the world enough. If the answer is it did—mazal tov! If you don't feel like you know enough about Torah, then come on in, the water's fine.

Hope to see you in-person (and vaccinated) soon!

L'shalom,

Sandford R. Kopnick, Rabbi

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.

Abortion Access and Reproductive Rights:

National Council of Jewish Women is hosting several upcoming events <https://www.73forward.org>

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>

Voting Rights:

URJ and RAC are engaged in "Every Voice, Every Vote" Campaign. Check out either website for more information. To volunteer to write postcards to voters, email Rabbi Michael Namath at mnamath@rac.org

Climate Change Initiatives:

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

This list is not comprehensive. Please check out the websites of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism or the Union for Reform Judaism under "Advocacy" for ways to be involved in all the issues above and more.

RAC | Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism
<https://rac.org>

URJ | Union for Reform Judaism
<https://urj.org>

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

Linda Lazar - lazarjl1@fuse.net

Helen Waits - bindywaits@gmail.com

*If we are not for ourselves, who will be for us?
If we are for ourselves alone, what are we?
If not now, when?*

- adapted from Hillel

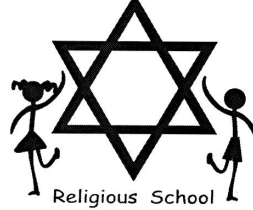


RABBI/EDUCATOR'S MESSAGE

Austin Zoot

We are just getting ready to start another academic year here at the Valley Temple, and we could not be more excited. For the past two years, we have been obligated to demonstrate profound creativity, adapting our program to meet the ever-changing needs of the pandemic and to create a learning environment that could change on a dime. And while “normal” feels like a thing of the past, we are very excited that this school year is going to begin to feel a little more like the Valley Temple Religious School program we know and love.

The Valley Temple



ועשנתם לבבך

Over the summer, we put together an excellent staff of teachers who are ready to bring their creativity, enthusiasm, and talent to our classrooms, and deliver Jewish content in ways that are relatable and accessible to each grade. We are returning to the grades-based classrooms of the past, rather than the larger “Katan” and “Gadol” experience of last year. And we are crafting a family education calendar that will create a holistic learning opportunity for the whole family, allowing the great work we are doing at the building on Sunday mornings to make its way into the rest of our lives as a larger community.

It has been a unique blessing for me to get the chance to continually imagine how we are going to make our program work in the evolving needs of our world. And this constant state of change has reminded me that, in every time in our school’s history, we are best served when we ask the big questions about the value of what we have to offer. What are our students encountering in their secular lives, and how can we best support that? What role can Judaism have in informing the way families have the important conversations that are part of the family unit? What is the right balance of fun and learning, and what activities and topics can we cover that can meet both of those needs? These questions not only help to make a Religious School environment that is far more fun, far more relatable, and far more impactful, but also creates a space where our families can feel comfortable knowing that their needs are our primary focus.

We are living at a time when there is more obligation put upon children and families than ever before. A child is expected to be building their collegiate resume from as early as the Gan Emek program. And in that regard, our job as your Jewish communal home is to help be as counter-cultural as possible. While the rest of the world is full of pressure, we are a space of kindness and compassion. While the rest of the world tells you that you have to produce more, give more, do more, we are here to tell you that we

love you just the way you are. It has been a treat getting to build a religious school experience for this year that is open, loving, compassionate, and constructive, and to help to teach our children that there is a space where they can engage in the fun of learning while also feeling as loved and cared for as possible. This has been the calling card of our school for the entirety of our history. The goal hasn’t changed, but the context has. It has been a pleasure crafting a Religious School environment that will allow our students to continue to cultivate the best version of themselves through a Jewish lens. And we can’t wait for school to start.

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.

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!

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

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, September 1

Cost is \$110 for entire school year
(This program is subsidized by a grant from the Jewish Foundation)

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REGISTRATION BEING SENT TO YOU

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.

Contact Rabbi Zoot at RabbiZoot@valleytemple.com or by calling him at the Temple, 513-761-3555 for any questions about Gan Emek, PreK or Religious School.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jody Finley

Hello to all,

As The Valley Temple's newest president, I am challenging myself to attend more temple functions. I hope you will consider doing it too. So far, the payoff has been wonderful! We had warm and engaging moments during two Valley Temple on the Road events at Listermann's Brewery and Summit Park. Children playing, songs, prayers, meeting new friends. What a great adventure!

We've also gotten to engage with some new readings at services as part of our transition to summer. This one, from our beloved *Mishkan T'Filah*, was a new one for me that I wanted to share (shortened for length):

May the doors of the synagogue be wide enough to receive all who hunger for love, all who are lonely for friendship.

May it welcome all who have cares to unburden, thanks to express, hopes to nurture.

May this synagogue be, for all who enter, the doorway to a richer and more meaningful life.¹

Ready for a richer, more meaningful life? Come join in!!

Best for now,

Jody Finley
President, Board of Trustees

1. From *Mishkan T'Filah*: a Reform Siddur, Central Conference of American Rabbis, New York, 2007



Sisterhood Meeting

September 11th (10 a.m. at Temple)

We will have our first meeting of the year on Sunday, September 11th. We hope everyone can join us in person, but if not, we will also have a zoom option (<https://bit.ly/VTSMeetings>).

Reunited & It Feels So Good

August 27 and 28

This year's WRJ Central District event is right here in Cincinnati. Join us for a great weekend of programming, food, dancing and friendship. All of that plus lodging at the Embassy Suites in Blue Ash is only \$99! If you don't have a roommate, don't worry! You can opt to be paired with someone and make a new friend. You can also choose to have a single room at a higher price or come for the day for \$79

Register online at: bit.ly/Reunited_Reg

YES Fund Auction - Donations Needed

Cincinnati is hosting the first in person Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ) Central District event in over two years August 27-28th. During the weekend there will be a Silent Auction to support the YES (Youth, Education, and Special Projects) Fund. Valley Temple Sisterhood (VTS) is donating a collection of items with the theme "HANDMADE." We already have a beautiful piece of fiber art from Barb Stewart. Please donate something handmade. Ideas are: knitted kippah, shawl or throw, cookie or cake of the season or month (shipping cost will be covered), canned peaches (or whatever), jewelry, macrame, painting. Whatever your special passion is, we want it.

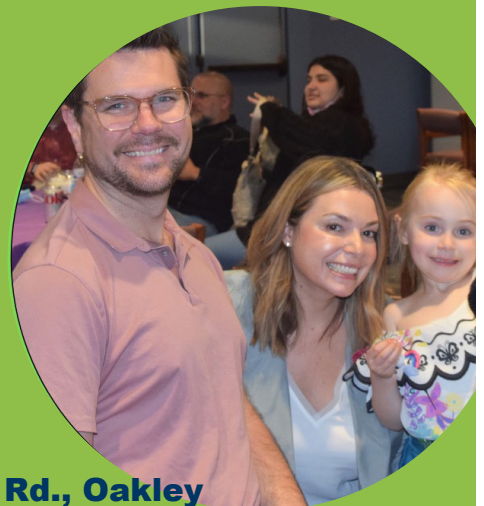
Please contact Jan Goldstein at jangoldstein1@gmail.com to arrange drop off or pick up of any items you can donate.

Shabbat at the art gallery!

Live music. Creative prayer.
All welcome.

Friday, August 12th at 6:00 p.m.
Red Tree Art Gallery and Coffee Shop • 3210 Madison Rd., Oakley

Our thanks to the Jewish Federation for a grant to make this special Shabbat possible.



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Stacey Spivak	08/03
Leslie Waltman	08/04
Jacob Lazar	08/04
Phyllis Bossin	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
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 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
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

WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Welcome to our newest Board members, Dr. Andrea Beck, Kara Schneider, John Schneider and Beth Schwartz who were elected at our recent Annual Meeting. We look forward to their service. Our thanks to retiring members, Laura Lobar, Marty Schrager, Lee Freedman, Barry Goldhoff and Allison Schneider. We very much appreciate their years of service to our congregation

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

OUR SYMPATHY

Carol Magnus, Nancy Magnus Kopnick (Rabbi Sandford Kopnick), Rick Magnus, and Jonathan, Danny and Alex Kopnick on the death of their husband and father and grandfather, Julian Magnus, Jr.

The family of Ellen Schaengold

Barry Goldhoff and Dedra Perlmutter (Dan) on the death of their wife and mother, Arlene Goldhoff

MISHEIBERACH

Bernice Blatt
Sarah Singer-Nourie
Michael Gelfand
Ron Kull
Minette Hoffheimer
Dolph Berman
Laura Beasley
Irving Harris

MAZAL TOV

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

Bruce Walker and Carol Kramberg-Walker on the birth of their granddaughter, Cole Natasha Hall

Buz and Barbara Stewart on the engagement of their daughter, Rachel, to Andrew Welch

SUSTAINING THE GENERATIONS

We gratefully acknowledge the following contributions:

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In memory of Sydney Cohen; *from Susan Fried*
In memory of Donna Levi; *from Susan Fried*
In memory of Miriam Colish; *from Lynn & Neil Kravitz*
In memory of Gary Walsh
from Dr. Jerrold & Judy Kirzner
from Diane & Ken Mitman
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In memory of Julian Magnus
from Diane Travis
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from Marcia & Denny Reynolds
from Laura & Sam Lobar
from Barry Goldhoff
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In honor of Aaron Hatfield's birthday; *from Sandy Hatfield*
In appreciation of Rabbi Kopnick; *from Sandy Hatfield*
In memory of Arlene Goldhoff; *from Jenny Broh*
In memory of Arlene Goldhoff; *from Barry Goldhoff and family*

RABBI/EDUCATOR DISCRETIONARY FUND

In appreciation of Rabbi Zoot; *from Josiah Dapper*
In memory of Julian Magnus; *from Scott Litwin*
In memory of Ethel Lazar; *from Linda & Jeff Lazar*
In memory of Arlene Goldhoff; *from*

ROBERT & CHARLOTTE LANZIT ADULT EDUCATION FUND

In appreciation of The Valley Temple; *from Tom Steger*
In memory of Alice K. Benjamin; *from Lois Benjamin*
In memory of Julian Magnus; *from Helen & Ernie Waits*

ALLEN & SELMA WIENER BERKMAN SOCIAL ACTION FUND

In memory of Curt Lovell; *from Linda & Jeff Lazar*
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In memory of Otto Warmbier; *from Linda & Jeff Lazar*
In memory of Marcie Hassel; *from Linda & Jeff Lazar*

VIDEO STREAMING FUND

In memory of Gary Walsh; *from BJ & Arthur Foreman*
In memory of Brooke Rehtin; *from Diane & Ken Mitman*

JANE MUNICK MEMORIAL GARDEN FUND

In memory of Julian Magnus; *from Bernice & Don Pollack*

CAMP SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In memory of Sadye Harris; *from Selma & Irving Harris*
In memory of Steven Buchwald; *from JoEllen & Bob Cohen*
In honor of Eli Pinsky's Bar Mitzvah; *from Diane & Ken Mitman*
In memory of Gilbert Linver; *from Michelle & David Steed*
In memory of Harry Schear; *from Ricki & Stuart Hodesh*
In memory of Marcia Greenblatt; *from Ricki & Stuart Hodesh*
In memory of James Steed; *from Michelle & David Steed*
In memory of Julian Magnus
from Ellen & Dr. Stewart Dunsker
from Helen & John Habbert
from Sharlene Stempler
from Linda & Jeff Lazar
from Sally & Ernie Waxman
from Sue Price
from Melissa & Brad Singer
from Jennifer Brown
from Sharon Kollasch
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from Bobbie Reckseit
from Kellie Smith, M.D.
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from Cheryl & Steve Hecht
from Tom Steger
from Ellyn Grober
from Louise & Judson Werbelow
from Susan & Ivan Zoot
from Michelle & David Steed
from Ned Lanzit
from Micki & Jerry Springer
from Craig & Debby Hoffheimer
from Minette Hoffheimer
from Sheila Fogel Cahnman
from Lisa & Dr. Mitchell Kopnick
from Amy Paul & Jerry Newfarmer
from Susan & Ivan Zoot
from Ricki & Stuart Hodesh
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CONGREGATIONAL CARE FUND

In memory of Donna Levi; *from Ronald Goret*
In memory of Gary Walsh
from Jenny Broh
from Laura & Sam Lobar
In memory of Julian Magnus; *from Robin & Andy Mandell*
In memory of Robert L. Sass; *from Jan Rosenbaum Sass & Mark Sass*

SASS FAMILY MUSIC FUND

In honor of the baby naming of Harriet Paige Sass;
from Laura & Sam Lobar
In memory of Nancy Rosenthal; *from Nancy & Dolph Berman*
In memory of Allison Frankel; *from Nancy & Dolph Berman*
In memory of Julian Magnus
from Lisa Sommer
from Josiah Dapper
from Andrea & David Knarr
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from Phyllis Bossin & Dr. Robert Strauss
from Dedra & Dan Perlmutter
from Nancy & Dolph Berman
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from Ellen & Mark Kovacic
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from Jean Zerges

BRYNA SCHWARTZ MEMORIAL ONEG & HOSPITALITY FUND

In honor of Wendy Walsh's Avodah Professional Award
from The Jewish Federation; *from Diane & Ken Mitman*
In honor of Wendy & Jim Walsh's
50th wedding anniversary; *from Diane & Ken Mitman*
In memory of Florence Mitman Rubin;
from Diane & Ken Mitman

FRANCIE BROWN MEMORIAL OFFICE FUND

In honor of Wendy Walsh's Avodah Professional Award
from The Jewish Federation; *from Laura & Sam Lobar*
In honor of Wendy & Jim Walsh's 50th wedding anniversary
from Jenny Broh
from Laura & Sam Lobar
from Robyn & Tim McCarrick
In memory of Julian Magnus; *from Madison Meredith*
(Cincinnati Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers)

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GUCI 2022 1st Session (top) and 2nd Session (bottom)



THE HELEN AND MARTY LEVY VOLUNTEER AWARD



Laura Lobar receives the Helen and Marty Levy Volunteer Award for her many years of dedicated service to Valley Temple.



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Austin Zoot, Rabbi/Educator
Wendy Walsh, Temple Administrator
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Jody Finley, President
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High Holy Day Services 5783 / 2022

Selichot, Saturday, September 17

8:00 p.m. - Adult Education

9:30 p.m. - Grand Dessert Buffet

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

Erev Rosh Hashanah, Sunday, September 25

Musical Experience at 6:00 p.m.

at 20th CENTURY THEATER IN OAKLEY

Mishkan HaNefesh Service at 8:00 p.m.

at THE VALLEY TEMPLE

Rosh Hashanah Morning, Monday, September 26

9:00 a.m. - Family Service

10:15 a.m. - Tot Service

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

Erev Yom Kippur, Tuesday, October 4

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

Yom Kippur, Wednesday, October 5

9:00 a.m. - Family Service

10:15 a.m. - Tot Service

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

2:45 p.m. - Afternoon Service

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

