



**SEPTEMBER 2022 /
ELUL 5782 - TISHREI 5783**

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 7:30 p.m.

Shabbat Service

Music: Marilyn Zelcer

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

9:30 a.m. Torah Study

10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service

Torah Portion – *Shof'tim*, Deuteronomy 16:8-21-9

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Shabbat Family Service

Music: Leslie Gubitz

Oneg Shabbat hosted by Julie and Kyle Niemeier and Aaron and Janet Fritsch in honor of Kyle Fritsch becoming a *Bar Mitzvah*

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

9:30 a.m. Torah Study

10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service; Kyle Fritsch, son of Julie and Kyle Niemeier and Aaron and Janet Fritsch will become a *Bar Mitzvah*

Music: Leslie Gubitz

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 7:30 p.m.

Shabbat Service

Music: Marilyn Zelcer

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

9:30 a.m. Torah Study

10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service

Torah Portion – *Ki Tavo*, Deuteronomy 26:1-29:8

SELICHOT

8:00 p.m. *Selichot* Adult Education

9:30 p.m. Grand Dessert Buffet

10:00 p.m. *Selichot* Service

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 7:30 p.m.

Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

9:30 a.m. Torah Study

10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service

Torah Portion – *Nitzavim*, Deuteronomy 29:9-30:20

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SELICHOT

**CANTOR
YVON SHORE
RETURNS TO
VALLEY
ONE NIGHT
ONLY!**



Join us for *Selichot* on **Saturday, September 17, 2022** at 8:00 p.m. for an Evening with Cantor Yvon Shore, Director of Liturgical Arts, at HUC-JIR. She will teach our adult education session at 8:00 p.m.

After the Adult Ed session, we will enjoy some community time with various desserts and coffee/tea.

Cantor Shore will also be our Cantor in Residence for the solemn and spiritual *Selichot* service. The hour begins with the Changing of our Torah covers and *Havdalah*.

*Cantor Shore's visit is sponsored
by the Lanzit Adult Education Fund of the Temple.*



The Valley Temple
presents

Marilyn Price

puppets, storytelling, and fun

Friday, September 9 | 7:30 P.M.
Family Shabbat Service

Sunday, September 11 | 9:45 A.M.
Marilyn joins us for the first day of Religious School
Grown-ups are invited to a performance at 11:00 A.M.



FROM THE RABBI... Sandford R. Kopnick

Again, with the High Holy Days....

We Jews check in on various values on a yearly basis. When we suffer a loss, we observe a *yahrtzeit* on the anniversary of a death—and, hopefully, can see how we've progressed in our mourning since the intensity of our emotions at the time of our loss. At Passover, we check in on our freedom, our faith, and even the cleanliness of our home, as we prepare for and observe the festival of our freedom. And on the High Holy Days, we are asked to review our year, and see where we have done well, and where we have fallen short.

The last few years, the Covid-19 situation has clouded our annual review. When we are supposed to be filled in self-reflection, some of us found ourselves simply wondering if connecting with our community in-person at Valley was going to be too risky. Rather than being introspective, we may have been self-conscious about masking, keeping the proper distance, and more. It is time to get back to observing the holidays more intentionally.

Rosh Hashanah celebrates our Jewish new year. We reflect on whether we have been present for our community, our families, and ourselves. We reflect on what we can celebrate and what we can improve. We begin the process of reflection so that we can make *Yom Kippur* meaningful.

Yom Kippur, our Day of Atonement, allows us to access our liturgy which highlights God's role as Judge and Arbiter. While this is not (by any stretch) all that God is, we seek to connect with our Creator and determine which of the Commandments we've embraced, which we've appropriately determined irrelevant, and which we've simply ignored. We also seek forgiveness for sins which we committed, whether on purpose or unintentionally. And while *Yom Kippur* doesn't substitute for actual repentance for sins done between ourselves and other people, the power of the day can help us move forward for errors of judgement that made us feel we "dialed it in," or were not the best versions of ourselves. We embrace *Yom Kippur* as a time to retool, re-energize, and move forward from the excuses that kept us at home rather than engaged and involved.

It is time we see each other. Some of you are appropriately going to continue to join us online—for your health warrants continued vigilance. However, for those who find it "easier" to cook dinner and watch services, or not make the 20 minute drive, or have scheduled some non-High Holy Day appointment too close to the time of services, please consider breaking this habit, and rejoining our community. In fact, bring friends.

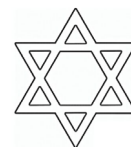
I hope that you are as vaccinated as you're able to be. I hope you're as intentional as your health demands, and I hope you're as careful as you can be. And I hope you're here.

I look forward to seeing you for our annual check-in. Remember, it's not that you come once a year to Temple, it is that you take this season as your annual review, reset, and push to improve. When we do it together, the energy helps.

L'shanah Tovah!

Sandford R. Kopnick, Rabbi

A TASTE OF JUDAISM RETURNS TO VALLEY!



Join Rabbi Kopnick for three sessions on September 6, 13, and 20 at 6:30 p.m. for ***A Taste of Judaism, Are You Curious?*** This three-session 6-hour course gives participants an overview of Jewish thought and practice. Based on a curriculum developed by our Union for Reform Judaism, this class is open to anyone—including non-Temple members and your non-Jewish friends.

Please let us know that you'll be attending by emailing Amanda at admin@valleytemple.com, or calling us at 513-761-3555. For parents of religious school students who are coming for Hebrew, it is OK if you need to leave after the first hour of each session.

If you know of someone we should invite to the program, please let us know by emailing Wendy or Rabbi Kopnick. This opportunity is especially helpful for families who have not yet connected with a synagogue or are a multi-faith family where the family wants to know more about Judaism.

Be curious no more, join us!

RELIGIOUS SERVICES CONTINUED

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 EREV ROSH HASHANAH

6:00 p.m. Rosh Hashanah Musical Experience
with Friday Night Live

Off-site at 20th Century Theater,
3021 Madison Road in Oakley

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 ROSH HASHANAH

9:00 a.m. Family Service

10:15 a.m. Tot Service

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

Torah Portion – *Yom Rishon shel Rosh Hashanah*,
Genesis 22:1-19



RABBI/EDUCATOR'S MESSAGE Austin Zoot

This past week, a group from our Religious School went to the Pixar exhibit at the Cincinnati Museum Center to kick off our Family Education curriculum for the year. The exhibit is amazing; we got to see all of the different people who go into making a Pixar movie, from the writers and actors who get our attention most of the time, to the designers, artists, mathematicians, computer scientists, physicists, hairdressers, and more who go into the making of the final product. So many human hours of investment, and dedication go into creating the 90 minute film we watch in the theater, and it was so cool to get to pull back the curtain and see how that magic happens.

Of course, the reasonable question is: why did our Religious School go to this exhibit? It is certainly a cool experience, but what does it have to do with Judaism? Well, the beauty of our congregation and our religion is that, just like a Pixar movie, there are so many unique characters who come together to create our beautiful community. It is one of the things I love most about the Valley Temple: each of us brings a unique set of skills, a unique personality, that helps to make us the best version of ourselves. We wouldn't be this incredible family without the kindness and compassion and thoughtfulness and logistics management and knowledge and wisdom that everyone provides.

Like the movies, Judaism is all about taking what makes us each special and building a shared story that helps to move us forward. Everyone comes together in that shared narrative, in order to understand what it is that we are doing. I love to have the Valley Temple Religious School Mission Statement on my desk, and I keep it in mind as often as I can. Because our mission is, in short, to help our students "weave Jewish ideals into the rest of their lives." The Pixar exhibit helped to demonstrate what it looks like to take all of our unique talents and interests and compile them together to create a rope of strands. We help to weave that rope into a lifeline that can help our families navigate a world that is constantly changing and evolving. Just as Pixar movies take the life that we live and explore it from different angles, using different characters and situations to help us understand ourselves and what we care about, so too can the language of our people help to guide us as we navigate the complexities of life.

Throughout this year, we will be using Pixar as a way to explore important conversations within the family encounter with our tradition. We will get the chance to talk about how

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to tell a story in short clips and quotes. We will watch a movie that helps us to process the big dreams we have in life and the ultimate purpose of our time on earth. And we will explore how emotions and prayer help us to process what we encounter on our way. It should be an exciting, relatable, accessible way of framing our sacred work: coming together to make meaning and build connection in a place that makes us feel safe and loved.

May this start of our educational year bring us wisdom, creativity, and a desire to continue to grow into the best version of ourselves.

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.

HIGH HOLY DAY SERVICES 5783



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



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jody Finley

Hello to all!

I am NEVER, EVER ready for the High Holidays! Every year I think, "I am going to use the High Holidays as an opportunity to consider the previous year, to suss out what I think I did well, what brought joy to others and myself, and take a hard look at where I failed. I am going to read sources on how to enhance the High Holiday experience. I am going to pray and consider. I am going to think and do Jewishly."

And then what do I do? – I go to work, I eat dinner, I watch too much useless television. Then it's *Erev Rosh Hashanah* and I haven't done any of the life-enhancing things I planned to do. Time for Jewish guilt.

So let's say I follow my usual pattern but end up taking 24 hours to try to do some engaging with the High Holidays. What do I do?

- Get the Torah and read "The Binding of Isaac" (Genesis 22, 1- 19). The story of the *Akedah* is a central moment in the High Holiday experience. There is always more meaning to take from it.
- Go to ReformJudaism.org. ReformJudaism.org offers a wealth of content that is easily accessed, all from a Reform perspective.
- Honor the Sabbath. *Rosh Hashanah* starts the evening of Sunday, September 25. Take the Sabbath before as a day to detach. Have dinner with the family. Find a Sabbath activity that's meaningful to you.
- Count your blessings. You may have engaged in this activity earlier this year based on a mailing from the Temple. What better way to start the year 5783 than with a considered exercise in gratitude.
- Check if any pre-Covid dress clothes fit. Enough said.

I hope we all can gather together in the Sanctuary this year and reconnect. And I hope you find ways to connect with the spirit of the High Holidays in ways that are meaningful to you.

Best for now,

Jody

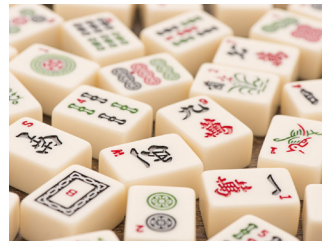
Jody Finley



Sisterhood Happenings

It is exciting that the new year is about ready to start! Sisterhood has a full calendar of events for the year – including general meetings (in-person at temple, with a virtual option), Picnics and events, and Mahjong (for beginners and advanced players).

MAHJONG



We will be hosting Mahjong this year including instruction for novice players and more advanced play for those who have been playing for a while. The first Mahjong event will be September 11 after the sisterhood meeting (2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.).

Future dates: Oct. 23, Nov. 13, Dec. 11, Jan. 8, Feb. 5, March 19, April 16, and May 7.

RSVP to Susan Hoffheimer via email: shoffheimer@gmail.com.

ALL TEMPLE PICNIC: Sunday September 11th

Sign up to help at: <https://bit.ly/VTSPicnic>

Sisterhood Meetings

Where: IN-PERSON AT VALLEY TEMPLE

OR Remote option: <https://bit.ly/VTSMeetings>

Time: 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. (dates listed below)

Generally, our meetings will take part in two sections:

10 am. - 11 a.m.: General meeting

11 a.m. - 12 p.m.: Programing (TBA)

Sept. 11, 2022 – First Sisterhood Meeting:

10 am. - 11 a.m.: General meeting

11 a.m. - 12 p.m.: Planning and Committees

Additional Events:

12 pm. - 1 p.m.: ALL TEMPLE Picnic

hosted by Sisterhood & Men's Club

2:30 p.m.: Mahjong (see above for details)

Future meeting dates:

Oct. 23, 2022

Nov. 13, 2022

Dec. 11, 2022

Jan. 8, 2023

Feb. 5, 2023

Mar. 19, 2023

Apr. 16, 2023

May 21, 2023

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

ANNUAL HIGH HOLY DAY FOOD DRIVE



Donations to the Valley Interfaith Resource Center are more important now than ever. Bring nonperishable food items when you come for services or the week in between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

MEN'S CLUB

**MEETING: Sunday,
September 11 at 10 a.m.**

FISHING EXPEDITION!



We are goin' a fishin' on the edge of Walton, KY! Craig Hoffheimer has invited us down for a day of camaraderie and carp on September 18th.

Boone Lake Club Is the location Private and exclusive, his property allows us access without needing licenses. It will be shore fun fishing. We'll be cooking out since a big catch is not guaranteed.

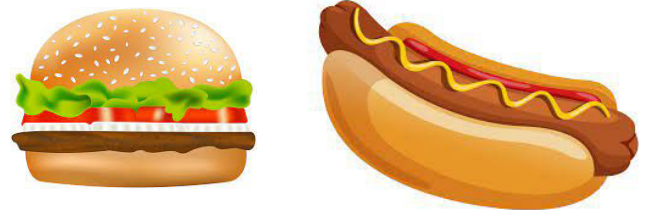
Any temple member can RSVP with the Men's Club or the temple office. For more information, email mensclub@valleytemple.com or call 513-348-9120.

ALL TEMPLE PICNIC

Rescheduled for:
**Sunday September 11th
(12:00 noon at Temple)**

Sponsored by Men's Club and Sisterhood

The entire congregation is welcome
to come for 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

Sign up to help at: <https://bit.ly/VTSPicnic>

SUSTAINING THE GENERATIONS

We gratefully acknowledge the following contributions:

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In appreciation of Rabbi Kopnick; *from Cindy & Steven Pinsky*
 In memory of Bernard Jay Alper; *from Cara & Rob Alper*
 In memory of Saul Schottenstein; *from Selma & Irving Harris*
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 In memory of Julian Magnus; *from Kathleen & Ivan Tamarkin*
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 In memory of Diane Bongard; *from Kathleen & Ivan Tamarkin*

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In memory of Julian Magnus; *from Marcia Coble*
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In memory of Rosemary Bloom; *from Nancy & Dolph Berman*
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 In memory of Diane Bongard; *from Laura & Sam Lobar*

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In honor of the Jacob Lazar's engagement to Lorna Fletcher; *from Jody & Kent Finley*
 In honor of Wendy Walsh's Avodah Professional Award from the Jewish Federation; *from Jody & Kent Finley*

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Tot Shabbat - 27 Aug | 9:45 am - 10:30 am

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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Keith Pennix	09/03
Charles Vordenberge, III	09/03
Sarah Sawin	09/04
Tyler Friedman	09/04
Ronn Mervis	09/04
Martin Schrager	09/06
Zola Makrauer	09/06
Amy Frank	09/07
Neil Kravitz	09/07
Dolph Berman	09/07
Donald Dornheggen	09/08
Stephanie Kaufman	09/08
Anne Straus	09/09
Pamela Geller	09/09
Wendy Walsh	09/12
Rabbi Gerry Walter	09/12
Jay Levinson	09/13
Jerry Newfarmer	09/13
Nicole Menkhaus	09/14
Charles Frank	09/14
Aaron Levy	09/16
Bruce Walker	09/16
Nathan Berman	09/18
Amanda Stein	09/18
Brian Cusack	09/18
Sam Mantell, III	09/21
Meryl Goldman	09/21
Kelli Gleiner	09/21
Tony Capurro	09/22
Lucy Schrager	09/22
Parker Levinson	09/23
Aron Schneider	09/23
Zoe Codd	09/23
Mark Sass	09/23
Barry Pinsky	09/24
Debra Hoffheimer	09/25
Annaliese Levy	09/26
Susan Kahn	09/26
Ezra Gleiner	09/26
Sarah Mather	09/28
Sam Hecht	09/29
Ellen Siegel Kovacic	09/30



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Craig & Debby Hoffheimer	09/02/1972
Rabbi Sanford & Nancy Kopnick	09/02/1990
Mark & Robin Miller	09/02/2001
Phyllis Bossin & Dr. Rob Strauss	09/04/2011
Sarah & Ryan Mather	09/05/2015
Karen & Joe Frecker	09/05/1999
Leah & Steve Joos	09/05/2009
Amanda Stein & Tom Enneking	09/07/2003
Dr. Charles & Barbara Pierce	09/11/1994
Emily & Adam Brown	09/13/2011
Jan Goldstein & Chuck Frank	09/15/2007
Dolph & Nancy Berman	09/16/1961
Dave & Amanda Katz	09/17/1989
Ben & Karen Rosenfield	09/17/2000
Dorian & Cindi Naveh	09/22/2000
Bill & Barbara Klein	09/24/1972

OUR SYMPATHY



Ken Mitman (Diane) on the death of his sister,
Diane Bongard

Sandy Hatfield on the death of her aunt, Jackie Cohen

Colin, Rae, Zoe, and Micah Nourie on the death of their
wife and mother, Sarah Singer-Nourie

MISHEIBERACH

Bernice Blatt
Michael Gelfand
Ron Kull
Minette Hoffheimer
Laura Beasley
Irving Harris

MAZAL TOV

Julie and Kyle Niemeier and Aaron and Janet Fritsch on
the *Bar Mitzvah* of their son, Kyle Fritsch



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Austin Zoot, Rabbi/Educator
Wendy Walsh, Temple Administrator
Solomon T. Greenberg, Rabbi Emeritus
Jody Finley, President
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