



**140TH ORDINATION OF RABBIS
AT ISAAC M. WISE PLUM STREET TEMPLE**

MAZAL TOV TO THE CLASS OF 2023
 Rebecca Gabrielle Benoff • Anna Meyers Burke
 Matthew Derrenbacher • Ashley Catrina Englander
 Remy Farrah Liverman • Benjamin Andrew Rosen
 Edith E. Yakutis

MAY 20, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

FRIDAY, MAY 5, 7:30 P.M.

Shabbat Service
 Oneg Shabbat will be hosted by the Family of
 Evie Buchwald in honor of her becoming a *Bat Mitzvah*

SATURDAY, MAY 6

9:30 a.m. - Torah Study
 10:30 a.m. – Shabbat Service
 Torah Portion - *Emor*, Leviticus 21:1–24:23
 Evie Buchwald, daughter of Ari Buchwald and
 Tracey Buchwald, will become a *Bat Mitzvah*

FRIDAY, MAY 12, 7:30 P.M.

Shabbat Service with Graduation/Confirmation
 Music: Leslie Gubitz
 Oneg Shabbat hosted by the Families of the Graduates/
 Confirmants in honor of this special occasion

SATURDAY, MAY 13

9:30 a.m. – Torah Study
 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service
 Torah Portion – *Behar-Bechukotai*, Leviticus 25:1-27:34

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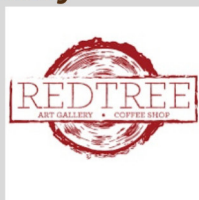
ON THE ROAD

*Special Shabbat services to
 encourage new members.*

COHatch, Mason
 June 9th, 6pm



RedTree Gallery, Oakley
 July 7th, 6 pm



Alcove, OTR
 August 11th, 6pm



SUMMER
 2023
 the valley temple

VALLEY TEMPLE
 GOES TO
**The
 Ballpark!**

MAY 23RD, 6:40 PM
 GREAT AMERICAN
 BALLPARK
 \$13 PER PERSON
 EMAIL RABBI ZOOT TO
 CONFIRM





FROM THE RABBI... Sandford R. Kopnick

Israel at 75

I remember a TV special when Israel turned 25. It concluded with Barbra Streisand singing *Hatikvah*, Israel's national anthem. There was such a feeling that even though Israel had survived war, terrorism, and the profound aggressive hatred of its neighbors, Israel survived. Most of American Judaism's reluctance to embrace Israel's importance to Jewish identity had ceased, and a sense of unifying religious pride in Israel's accomplishments and survival was common. Even though the situation in Israel is so different now that Israel is 75, I find that when I remember my personal relationship with Israel, I am inspired to remember that Israel's existence and on-going importance matters to me, and I hope to you, too.

I remember....

...being in religious school when the music teacher told us about the 1973 *Yom Kippur War* and the worry the "adults" had about whether things were going to be OK.

...I remember the 1972 Munich Olympics, and hearing my grandmother's anger when Jim McKay announced the murder of the Israeli team.

...I remember my first trip to Israel as a high school senior and the relentless recruiting of Israelis from America who wanted nothing more than all of us to "make *Aliyah*" and move to Israel.

...I remember my year in Israel when I began HUC and I thought I asked a bakery owner for "warm doughnuts" (during *Chanukah*) when, in fact, I asked for "wise tomatoes." Later, when I returned and proclaimed that I didn't get what I asked for, we both laughed and he said to me, "had I corrected you, you would have never spoken Hebrew to me again."

...I remember showing a few hundred people over the years Israel for the first time, and their profound reactions to both the spiritual moments we shared, and the heightened awareness of the geography that makes easy solutions to the issues of where everyone in the region lives so difficult.

...I remember the special feeling of purchasing Judaica from *Yad L'kashish*, a remarkable place that allows elderly the dignity of working at their crafts well into retirement, and profiting from the sales of their artistry.

...I remember the horrific behavior of ultra traditional nationalists who shot up a mosque, assassinated Yitzchak Rabin, and provoked Palestinians in ways so very contrary to Jewish values.

...I remember learning about the haven so necessary that it inspired Theodore Herzl, David Ben Gurion, Golda Meir, and so many others to transform their lives in ways that allowed Israel to be established and ultimately become a viable and sustainable country even though the majority of

the land was crude and inhospitable to settlement.

...I remember the remarkable Israeli ingenuity that developed agricultural systems, high-tech industry standards, medical advances, and so much more.

...I remember standing at the Western Wall with rabbinic colleagues and celebrating an egalitarian Torah reading together as we struggled for religious rights for the progressive approaches to Judaism.

...and I remember the worry that I live with today, as Israel struggles to figure out how to move forward as a long-established country with real problems and real possibilities.

And while I pray that Israel's issues will be resolved in ways consistent with how I understand Judaism, today I celebrate the miracle that is still the state of Israel. At the end of World War II, when our people were at our lowest, it was the promise of Israel that allowed us to be revived and move forward. May Israel find its promise to be more compelling than the immediacy of politics, and return it to a place filled with "hope" for everyone. Next Year in Jerusalem, indeed.

Sandford R. Kopnick
Rabbi

SERVICES CONTINUED

FRIDAY, MAY 19, 6:00 P.M. (NOTE EARLIER TIME)

Shabbat Service
Ordinees of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion will be honored
Oneq Shabbat in honor of the HUC Ordinees

SATURDAY, MAY 20 - NO SERVICE AT VALLEY

Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion Ordination
AT PLUM STREET TEMPLE
Rabbi Gary P. Zola will speak
Torah Portion – *Bamidbar*, Numbers 1:1-4:20

THURSDAY, MAY 25

6:00 p.m. – Dinner (Reservations Required)
7:00 p.m. – *Shavuot* Service

FRIDAY, MAY 26

9:00 a.m. – *Shavuot* Morning Service with *Yizkor* prayers

7:30 p.m. – Shabbat Service
Music: Michael and Serenity Ronstadt

SATURDAY, MAY 27

9:30 a.m. – Torah Study
10:30 a.m. – Shabbat Service
Torah Portion – *Nasso*, Numbers 4:21-5:31



RABBI/EDUCATOR'S MESSAGE

Austin Zoot

It may come as a surprise, but May is one of my favorite months in my working calendar. No, it isn't because Religious School is out for the majority of the month (our last day is May 7th). Or, at least not entirely. What I love about the month of May is that we spend it strategizing for the future.

The Valley Temple



ושנתם לבניך

It's hard to make changes to the school's program during the academic year. Once the bus starts moving, it is awfully hard to slow down long enough to change out the tires. But May allows us enough of a pause to really reflect on what has been successful in the past year, and where we might want to make strategic changes in order to better accomplish our goals. May is the perfect time to daydream about what the next iteration of our school could be, and what steps we need to take to get there.

This year, we returned to full-time in-person learning for the first time since 2020. It was a beautiful return to normalcy, and my first experience actually doing the job I was expecting to do when I signed my contract three years ago. I loved having the chance to find a rhythm with our students, and to begin to do some of the experimenting that made this year such a hit. A few of the highlights from the year include:

- Opening the year at the Cincinnati Museum, exploring the Pixar exhibit and learning about storytelling as a Jewish value.
- Continuing the Pixar encounter with three family education opportunities, including a movie day to watch Soul and an exploration of prayer centering around Inside Out.
- A field trip to the zoo to celebrate the Torah portion talking about Noah, in partnership with Rockdale Temple and Temple Sholom.
- Musicians all year long, from regulars Cyle Ginsburg and Charlene Gubitz, to special guests Dan Nichols and Charlie Blumer.

This is just the tip of the iceberg, not only of the amazing things that happened this year, but the beginning of so many more exciting and interesting ways that we are going to continue to bring Religious School to life. But the greatest highlight for me has been getting to know our students on a deeper level. I love being able to get to know what makes each of your kids unique and interesting, to learn what they love to do and how they see the world. We have the privilege of running a school that is intimate enough for everyone to know everyone, and to truly be able to make every morning feel like a communal experience.

This month, I'm excited to think back on all the great things we tried, and all the new things we should try next. And to do that best, I want your help: if you have ideas about how we can do better, please reach out and share them with me. After all, this program is all about deepening relationships and benefiting our students, and who knows how to do that better than the parents who make all of this learning possible. So I look forward to hearing what you've loved, what you want to skip next time, and what you want to see us try in the future. Because this school has been a highlight of our congregation for years, and I'm so fortunate to get to continue stewarding us into a very bright future for our children.

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.



SOUP KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS

WELCOME MICHELLE LATSHANG

Welcome to Michelle Latshang, our new Administrative Assistant. Michelle has joined the Valley Temple team and will be answering the phone, and working on various administrative tasks in the temple office. Please welcome her when you speak with her and/or meet her.

PASSOVER 2023





valley temple
SISTERHOOD

SUMMER RUMMAGE SALE

The Rummage sale June 9th and 11th. Please save items you would like to donate. Contact valleytemplesisterhood@gmail.com to volunteer, for more information or if you need items stored until this summer. Did we mention **WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR THIS FUN EVENT.**

Drop Off and Volunteer Times

Sunday, May 28 9 a.m. - noon
Wednesday, May 31 5 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, June 5 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Tuesday, June 6 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Rummage Sale and Volunteer Times

Friday, June 9 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Sunday, June 11 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
12:30 p.m. - 4 p.m.

COOKING WITH SISTERHOOD

Seriously, Back By Popular Demand!! Lemor Wasserman is a fun, creative cook who will teach us to make a delicious meal, easily and quickly. Look for more information in the June/July bulletin.

THANK YOU

We will be electing new board members in May. Thank you for the phenomenal creativity and leadership (for many years) to (alphabetically) Jan Goldstein, Kathy Schlaeger, Stacey Spivak and Sue Spohr. With the other members of the board, they have provided fun, innovative, programming and fund raisers for the past two+ years.



**END OF THE YEAR
RELIGIOUS SCHOOL PICNIC
May 7 at 12 p.m.**

Drinks, chips and hot dogs will be provided.

Bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Please contact valleytemplesisterhood@gmail.com to volunteer.



**YOU ARE INVITED TO
BRUNCH
FOR ALL WOMEN OF VALLEY TEMPLE
SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2023
10:00-NOON
505 OLIVER COURT
WYOMING, OH 45215
HOSTED BY OUR SISTERHOOD
PLEASE RSVP ONLINE AT bit.ly/VTSBrunch2023
OR CALL LAURA 513-659-8560**

MAZAL TOV TO OUR GRADUATES/ CONFIRMANDS AND THEIR FAMILIES

JACOB CLARK



Son of David and Shannon Clark

ELLA NAVEH



Daughter of Dorian and Cindi Naveh
Granddaughter of Michael and Gila Naveh

MATTHEW ENNEKING



Son of Amanda Stein and Tom Enneking

MICAH NOURIE



Son of Colin Nourie and
Sarah Singer-Nourie (of blessed memory)

JACOB MOELLER



Son of Cheryl and Don Moeller

ELLA RENEE SCHLAEGER



Daughter of Kathy and Jeff Schlaeger

SUSTAINING THE GENERATIONS

We gratefully acknowledge the following contributions:

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In honor of Rachel and Andrew's wedding;
from Barb & Buz Stewart
In memory of Leslie Waltman; from Kim Gaines
In memory of David Scher; from Barry Goldhoff
In honor of Megan and Ben Crane's wedding;
from Laura and Sam Lobar
In appreciation of Rabbi Kopnick;
from Rachelle Weiss and Paul Crane

RABBI/EDUCATOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In honor of Sam Lobar's birthday;
from Diane and Ken Mitman
In honor of Linda and Jeff Lazar's 45th Anniversary;
from Laura and Sam Lobar
In honor of Helen and Elliot Spieler's 23 Anniversary;
from Laura & Sam Lobar

BRYNA SCHWARTZ MEMORIAL ONEG & HOSPITALITY FUND

In memory of Edward Mulloy;
from Kathie and Ivan Tamarkin

IRVIN & JANET MAKRAUER MEMORIAL RITUAL FUND

In memory of Jenifer Lee Hornstein;
from Diane and Ken Mitman

CAMP SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In honor of Helen and Elliot Spieler's 23rd Anniversary;
from Linda and Jeff Lazar
In honor of Megan and Ben Crane's wedding;
from Linda and Jeff Lazar
In memory of Albert Harris and Anna Zussman Schottenstein;
from Selma Harris
In memory of Jay Price; from Sue Price

VIDEO STREAMING FUND

In memory of Eric Waits; from Helen and Ernie Waits

ALLEN & SELMA WIENER BERKMAN SOCIAL ACTION FUND

In honor of Linda and Jeff Lazar's 45th Anniversary;
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ROBERT & CHARLOTTE LANZIT ADULT EDUCATION FUND

In honor of Lynn Wertheimer's birthday; from A. Perlich
A Gift from Tom Steger

SASS FAMILY MUSIC FUND

In memory of Dorothy Hodesh and Ilene Hodesh;
from Ricki and Stuart Hodesh

L'CHAYIM FUND

In memory of Leslie Waltman; from Joan & Danny Isser

Thank you to our recent Oneg Shabbat Sponsor:
Helen and Ernie Waits in memory of Eric Waits

Consider honoring an event or memorializing a loved one...
Go to ValleyTemple.com and click on "Giving"



Special Young Adult Program

YOUNG ADULT COUPLES SHABBAT
FRIDAY, MAY 19, 6:30 – 10 P.M.
SATURDAY, MAY 20, 1 – 6 P.M.

FOR COMMITTED PARTNERS WHO WANT TO CELEBRATE SHABBAT
BUILD COMMUNITY
EXPLORE JUDAISM AND YOUR RELATIONSHIP

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH RABBI JEN GUBITZ
MODERN JEWISH COUPLES
WWW.MODERNJEWISHCOUPLES.COM

May's "Blue Bin"
Tikkun Olam Donations Benefit:

Caracole

Caracole is an AIDS service organization providing comprehensive HIV prevention, housing, & case management.

To help support the many people they serve, please donate:



MAY BIRTHDAYS

Kathie Tamarkin	05/01
Gila Naveh	05/01
Dave Katz	05/02
Sharlene Stempler	05/02
Davine Levy	05/03
Arlene Herman	05/03
Ricklie Vordenberge	05/04
Jim Levinson	05/04
Hank Rosenthal	05/04
Jan Goldstein	05/05
Ellye Steinberg	05/06
Kevin Spieler	05/06
Graham Russell	05/07
Drew Barzman	05/07
Sam Pennix	05/07
Andrea Knarr	05/07
Linda Kean	05/07
Miles Spieler	05/08
Kara Schneider	05/08
Kim Codd	05/08
Ethan Barzman	05/09
Lily Barzman	05/09
Cindi Naveh	05/10
Dr. Paul Lucky	05/11
Allison Schneider	05/11
Charles Myer III	05/12
Carol Magnus	05/13
Chrissy Knarr	05/14
Tyler Sefferino	05/14
Naomi Capurro	05/15
Louis Rauh	05/15
Julia Niemeier	05/15
Ben Rosenfield	05/16
Peter Hecht	05/16
Dahlia Barzman	05/16
Eli Rosenfield	05/18
David Clark	05/18
Dorian Naveh	05/20
Deena Abernathy	05/21
Philip Schneider	05/22
Dan Yeazell	05/23
Ernest Waxman	05/24
Judge Heather Stein Russell	05/26
Jason Knarr	05/27
Oz Knarr	05/28
Selma Harris	05/30
Bradley McClelland	05/30
Karen McClelland	05/30
Laura Beasley	05/31
Aron Schneider	05/31
Paula Rappaport	05/31

MISHEIBERACH

Bernice Blatt
 Michael Gelfand
 Ron Kull
 Minette Hoffheimer
 Alberta Hemsley
 Peggy Barrett

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Jennifer & Keith Pennix	05/01/2000
Jay & Cherie Brandt	05/06/1999
Tim & Robyn McCarrick	05/08/1993
Dr. Paul & Dr. Anne Lucky	05/19/1972
Buzz & Barbara Stewart	05/22/1982
Randy & Judge Heather Russell	05/26/1985
Rick & Laura Beasley	05/28/1990
Judge Bradley & Pam Greenberg	05/28/1994
Jim & Cindy Cronin	05/28/1995
Susan Marmo & Neil Berman	05/28/2000
Stuart & Ricki Hodesh	05/29/1969
Fred Gartenlaub & Dr. Andrea Beck	05/29/2005
Jackie & Dan Yeazell	05/29/2005
Rachael & Myron Katz	05/29/2011
Martin Schrager & Kathy Klein	05/30/1998
Sarah and Tony Capurro	05/30/2015

MAZAL TOV

Ari Buchwald and Tracey Buchwald on their daughter, Evie, becoming a *Bat Mitzvah*

Sarah and Ryan Mather on the birth of their son, Ezra Irwin

Judy Levy on the birth of her granddaughter

Rabbi Sol and Sue Greenberg on the birth of their great granddaughter, Estelle daughter of Ben Joseph and Cara Chayet

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**APRIL 15,
2023**



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Women of Reform Judaism
Ari Buchwald, President, Men's Club

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SHAVUOT

THURSDAY, MAY 25, 6:00 p.m.

Dinner 6:00 p.m. | Service 7:00 p.m.

\$16 per person (includes salad and entrée)

RSVP by May 18

DINNER & EDUCATION

Main Entrée Choices (+ Mixed Greens Salad)

Spinach + Feta Quiche (Green Beans)



Spaghetti w/ Grilled Veggies + Creamy Avocado Basil Sauce)



Name(s) _____

of dinners @ \$16 per person _____ Total amount included _____

Mail with your check to Valley Temple, 145 Springfield Pike, Cincinnati, OH 45215

SAVE THE DATE: ANNUAL MEETING - JUNE 2 @ 7 P.M. / SHABBAT SERVICE @ 8 P.M.