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**OCTOBER 2023 /  
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# RELIGIOUS SERVICES

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6 - 7:30 p.m.**

Shabbat Service and  
Simchat Torah Celebration

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7**

9:30 a.m. - Torah Study  
10:30 a.m. – *Simchat Torah* Festival Shabbat Service  
Yizkor prayers will be read  
Torah Portion – Deuteronomy 33:1-34:12, Genesis 1:1-2:3

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13 - 7:30 p.m.**

Family Shabbat Service

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14**

9:30 a.m. – Torah Study  
10:30 a.m. - Shabbat Service  
Torah Portion – *B'reishit*, Genesis 1:1-6:8

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20 - 7:30 p.m.**

Shabbat Service  
Friday Night Live

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21**

9:30 a.m. - Torah Study  
10:30 a.m. - Shabbat Service  
Torah Portion – *Noach*, Genesis 6:9-11:32

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27 - 7:30 p.m.**

Shabbat Service

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28**

9:30 a.m. – Torah Study  
10:30 a.m. – Shabbat Service  
Torah Portion – *Lech L'cha*, Genesis 12:1-17:27



## *Simchat Torah*

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6 @ 7:30 P.M.  
SHABBAT SERVICE AND  
SIMCHAT TORAH CELEBRATION**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7 @ 10:30 A.M.  
SIMCHAT TORAH FESTIVAL SERVICE  
YIZKOR PRAYERS WILL BE RECITED**



## FROM THE RABBI... Sandford R. Kopnick

### SUKKOT TODAY

There are certain spots in big cities where people who experience homeless people. Some cities even have areas where people experiencing homelessness set up temporary dwellings, sometimes tents—sometimes even with large cardboard boxes. It feels like *Sukkot* is an appropriate holiday to connect with the plight of persons who experience housing insecurity.

To be sure, *Sukkot* is a holiday of Thanksgiving. We celebrate the conclusion of the harvest (hopefully the successful harvest) and give thanks for all we have while eating or dwelling in a temporary structure—a booth (*Sukkah*). The rules are clear—you can only use one wall of your *sukkah* that is shared with a permanent structure—the other three walls must be temporary. The roof of the *Sukkah* is to be see-through enough that you can see the sky. We shake the *Lulav* and *Etrog* inside the *Sukkah* to give thanks and proclaim God’s presence in every direction. It is fun. It is meaningful, and it is reason to celebrate.

Yet, the temporary structure has more than one significance. Generally connected to dwelling in the fields during a harvest, the *Sukkah* has us relate to our People’s journey to the “Promised Land.” Our wanderings remind us of the tenuous history of the original Israelites, and we remember our journey to freedom, our road to prosperity, and our gratitude for the blessings of life. There’s a lot to *Sukkot*.

Just as we’ve embraced those who are food insecure with our *Yom Kippur* Food Drive, we can also seek ways to help those who are experiencing homelessness. Usually through a donation to the Greater Cincinnati Homeless Coalition or a similar organization, helping to end homelessness in the US is important for us to promote.

I’ll always remember when I was first ordained, the drive to Temple on *Sukkot* morning passed an enclave of persons experience homelessness. The cardboard box shelters erected by some were in stark contrast to the beautifully decorated *Sukkah* at the Temple. I love creating the *Sukkah* and decorating it each year. I love that our tradition taught the world about Thanksgiving holidays. I love Judaism when it is joyful. And I also love the reminder to remember those in need, and do what we can to help.

Have a wonderful *Sukkot*!

Sandford R. Kopnick, Rabbi

# ROSH HASHANAH TOT SERVICE



**RELIGIOUS SCHOOL STILL  
ACCEPTING NEW FAMILIES!  
SEE YOU SUNDAY!**



**SHELANU HIGH SCHOOL  
BEGINS OCTOBER 15  
AT WISE CENTER**



# MEN'S CLUB

We had our summer picnic at Bechtold Park and it was truly an amazing time! A special thanks goes out to both Colin Nourie and Ari Buchwald- without their help this picnic would not have been possible.

We also want to thank all those who have volunteered to usher for the High Holy Days. Your help has been more than appreciated!

Please watch for an announcement for our next Men's Club Meeting. We would like you to all be there, sharing ideas on what we can do to make this year's Men's Club the absolute best yet.

Finally, we want to wish all members of the congregation a very happy and healthy new year!

Steve Deutsch & Dan Perlmutter  
Men's Club Co-Presidents



**Soup  
Kitchen  
October 15**

**Brownies  
can be dropped off  
at the Temple by  
Friday, October 13**

**Contact the Temple office  
for more information  
about volunteering**



Join sisterhood today send your 23-24 dues right now at <https://valleytemple.com/sisterhood/>

Rosh Hashanah was a great success for sisterhood. Not only did we have a great Honey sale in which we made quite a bit of money, we also distributed close to 150 Challah loaves. This shows that we are back to in-person participation at the High Holy Days. Thanks to all who helped make both events happen.

We are fleshing out Monthly meetings programs and hope that you can join us to participate in the fun (and business) of sisterhood.

October 8th: Fashion Through the Years  
November 12th: Linda Lazar, social action chair  
December 10th: Chanukah Exchange  
January 7th: TBD  
February 11th: Book Talk with other Sisterhoods  
March 17th: Cooking with Jaime C.  
April 14th: TBD  
May 19th: Brunch

## SAVE THE DATE

7th Cincinnati Mega Challah Bake: November 23, 2023  
We will have a VTS table again this year.  
If you have any questions, contact one of our co-presidents for the 23-24 year.

Co-Presidents: Sue Mantel ([mantelsp@ucmail.uc.edu](mailto:mantelsp@ucmail.uc.edu)),  
Robyn McCarrick ([mccarrick626@yahoo.com](mailto:mccarrick626@yahoo.com))

## KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS POINTS

PLEASE ALLOCATE your Kroger community rewards to Valley Temple Sisterhood (you still get all of your same personal rewards – they just allocate a donation to us based on your spending).

How do you do that? Simply follow this link <https://www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards>  
If you have an account – sign in; if not, create an account.

Then, click the link your shopper's card – 'Get Started' button

Under "organization name" choose Valley Temple Sisterhood (PP126).

That is it! – your purchases will start earning a donation for sisterhood.

We look forward to a great year with you participating in our activities.



# ADULT HEBREW

*BEGINS WEEK OF OCTOBER 9*

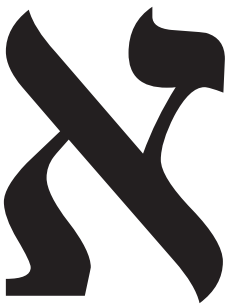
**MONDAYS AT 6:00 P.M.**

**HEBREW BET** - with Rabbi Sanford Kopnick  
FOR THOSE WHO CAN READ AND  
WANT TO LEARN ABOUT HOW THE LANGUAGE WORKS.



**TUESDAYS**

**5:30 P.M. - ADVANCED HEBREW** with Rabbi Kopnick  
For those who know vocabulary from Torah and the prayer book,  
and understand basics of Hebrew grammar



**6:30 p.m. - BEGINNING HEBREW** with Rabbi Kopnick  
No experience with reading Hebrew expected.  
Come one come all. It's fun!

**6:30 p.m. - HEBREW GIMMEL** with Rabbi Judith Spicehandler  
For those who want to read and translate Hebrew,  
but not spend too much time with grammar.





# HOT TOPICS WITH HOT TEMPLE COFFEE



Join Rabbi Kopnick or Rabbi Zoot at the Temple as we explore some of the topics of the day. Free Swill for those who dare—and lively discussion and learning. For everyone—including religious school parents!

**Sunday, October 29 at 11:00 a.m**

Judaism and the Value of Life.

**Sunday, November 19, at 11:00 a.m.**

What Happens when Science and Judaism Clash

**Sunday, December 3, at 11:00 a.m.**

*Chanukah* Refresher and Idea Sharing

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## **STOLPERSTEINE IN GERMANY:**

**Coming to terms with  
a family history  
of the Holocaust**

**With Ron Weitzenkorn, Temple member.  
Thursday, November 2 at 7:00 p.m.**

Literally a “Stumbling Stone”, the purpose of a Stolperstein is to remind us that a person was persecuted by the Nazis. We figuratively stumble across a memorial and our minds are jogged into remembrance. This evening we’ll learn about Ron Weitzenkorn’s recent trip to Germany on behalf of his father and uncle (currently in their 90s). We’ll learn about the program, the history of this interesting family, and the emotions that this event stirred.

## TIKKUN OLAM SEPTEMBER

The Tikkun Olam Committee organizes a variety of Social Action and Social Justice projects throughout the year. There are opportunities for volunteers of all ages and areas of interest, to engage in "repairing the world".

Blue Bin Donations:  
See box to the right for this month's donations.

Our *Tikkun Olam* committee has ideas for the other months of the year, including climate change actions, LGBTQ+ rights, and others, but we'd love to have more people join us, and bring your ideas and passions!

### SOCIAL JUSTICE ACTIVITIES:

We are working closely with RAC-OH throughout the year, to coordinate advocacy activities, such as letter-writing, calling on legislators, and education related to public policies that have been identified by the Union of Reform Judaism (URJ) and local congregations. We are currently engaged with Cincinnati Jewish community partners (Rockdale, Wise Temple, Temple Shalom, JCRC and Bend the Arc) on the Reproductive Rights initiatives in Ohio, and welcome more involvement in this!

Please check out the websites of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism or the Union for Reform Judaism for more information on these campaigns.  
RAC | Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism  
<https://rac.org>

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

For information about any and all Tikkun Olam projects, please call or email:

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ברוך אתה יהוה אלהינו מלך העולם  
אשר קדשנו במצותיו וצונו לרדוף צדק

Blessed are You, Adonai, our God,  
Ruler of the universe, who sanctifies us with  
*mitzvot* and commands us to pursue *tzedek*.

### THANK YOU FOR SPONSORING RECENT ONEGS

Kathie and Ivan Tamarkin in memory of Samuel Tamarkin

John and Greer Schneider

Dr. Michael and Janelle Gelfand  
in memory of Ruth Magnuson

Members of our congregation who helped to make our

## OCTOBER "BLUE BIN"

### TIKKUN OLAM DONATIONS BENEFIT

During October, we will be collecting donations for "HerCincinnati" (formerly Cincinnati Union Bethel). This agency helps to empower women to break the cycles of poverty, addiction, and human trafficking through their 3 programs: Cincinnati Scholar House, Off the Street, and Anna Louise Inn.

Please donate: Slippers (varying sizes and/or one size fits all) and Journals. These will be included in holiday gift bags for the women.

For this and other donations throughout the year, if delivering to the temple is not convenient, you can send a check to the Valley Temple Social Action fund and we will make sure it goes to the designated agency.

## MISHEIBERACH

Bernice Blatt  
Michael Gelfand  
Ron Kull  
Alberta Hemsley  
Peggy Barrett  
George Dilworth  
Margie Schneider  
Pam Levinson  
Barry Goldhoff  
Ricki Hodesh  
Dr. Larry Freeman

## MAZAL TOV

Judge Heather Stein Russell and Randy Russell on the engagement of their son, Graham, to Erin Murphy

### Thank you to our Friday Night Live Band for creating beautiful music at the 20th Century Theater on Erev Rosh Hashanah

*Ernie Waits, Jr., Dorian Naveh, Josh Knarr,  
Corrine Friedman, Tyler Friedman, Charlene Gubitz,  
Leslie Gubitz, Sue Mantel*

### THANK YOU TO OUR HIGH HOLY DAY MUSIC SPONSORS

*The Sass Family in memory of Helen & Robert Sass*

*Dolph & Nancy Berman in memory of Leon Cohen,  
Mae Cohen, Ces Berman and I.A. Berman*

*George Trenkamp and the Trenkamp / Ruskin Family in  
memory of Sue Trenkamp and Laurie Ruskin*



## SUSTAINING THE GENERATIONS

We gratefully acknowledge the following contributions:

### RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In memory of John Amber; *from Jenny Broh*  
In honor of Craig and Debbie Hoffheimer and Family;  
*from Daniel Hoffheimer*  
In honor of Susan and Jon Hoffheimer and Family;  
*from Daniel Hoffheimer*  
In honor of Rabbi Sandford and Nancy Kopnick's  
anniversary; *from Leon Silverman*  
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In memory of Minette Hoffheimer; *from Don, Janet, Emily,  
& Martha Falkenstein*  
In memory of Minette Hoffheimer; *from Peggy Markstein*

### RABBI/EDUCATOR DISCRETIONARY FUND

In memory of Minette Hoffheimer; *from Roger Rosenthal*

### LOUISE MARKS RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND

In honor of the birth of Sophie Zoot;  
*from Jody and Kent Finley*  
In honor of the birth of Sophie Zoot; *from Donna Goodman*  
In honor of the birth of Sophie Zoot; *from Ken and  
Diane Mitman*

### ALLEN & SELMA WIENER BERKMAN

#### SOCIAL ACTION FUND

In memory of John Amber; *from Sam and Laura Lobar*  
In memory of Edward Kimball; *from Linda and Jeff Lazar*  
In memory of John Amber; *from Stanley and  
Suzanne Sorensen*

### CAMP SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In memory of John T. Amber; *from George Renaudin*  
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Humana Management Team*  
In honor of the birth of Sophie Zoot; *from Brad and  
Melissa Singer*  
In memory of John T. Amber; *from Karin and Wes Powell*

### SASS FAMILY MUSIC FUND

In memory of Harold M. Rosenbaum &  
Mildred C. Rosenbaum; *from Jan Rosenbaum  
and Mark Sass*  
In memory of Minette "Mama" Hoffheimer;  
*from Melissa Hoffheimer*  
In memory of Minette Hoffheimer; *from Linda  
and Jeff Lazar*  
In memory of Minette Hoffheimer; *from Sam and  
Laura Lobar*  
In memory of Minette Hoffheimer; *from Sally and  
Gerry Korkin*  
In memory of Minette Hoffheimer; *from Jon Hoffheimer*  
In memory of Minette Hoffheimer; *from Jenny Broh*  
In memory of John Amber; *from Ken and Diane Mitman*  
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In memory of Minette Hoffheimer; *from Jody and  
Kent Finley*  
In memory of Ces and Dick Berman; *from Michael  
and Maryann (Berman) Sanders*

### VALLEY TEMPLE GENERAL FUND

In appreciation; *from Tom Steger*  
In appreciation; *from Leticia Baltes*

## A SPECIAL THANK YOU

Thank you to Bobbie Reckseit for her donation  
for the flowers for the Yom Kippur services  
in memory of Bernard "Reggie" Reckseit.

Consider honoring an event or memorializing a loved one...  
Go to [ValleyTemple.com](http://ValleyTemple.com) and click on "Giving"

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Scott Steinberg	10/01
Judy Levy	10/01
Diane L. Mitman	10/01
Austin Zoot	10/01
Phil Sawin	10/02
Henry Bernay	10/03
Steven Hecht	10/04
Joelle Luebbers Levine	10/04
Izar Spivak	10/05
Richard Blatt	10/06
Charles Steed	10/09
Connor McClelland	10/09
Jeffrey Marks	10/12
Zoe Nourie	10/13
Jennie Waits	10/15
David S. Levine	10/15
Ron Kull	10/17
Logan Fritsch	10/17
Carol Appel	10/17
Sara Naveh	10/20
Alex Kopnick	10/21
Ari Buchwald	10/21
Neil Bortz	10/21
Bette Sherman	10/22
Sandy Hatfield	10/23
Lillian Plum Gartenlaub	10/23
Judy Green	10/24
Max Kravitz	10/26
Micah Schneider	10/27
Cindy Pinsky	10/28
William Klein	10/29
Rebecca Klein	10/31
Donald H. Dornheggen II	10/31

## OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Mark & Ellen Kovacic	10/07/1979
David & Shannon Clark	10/12/2002
Marnie & Steve Hayutin	10/16/1994
Chad Munitz & Michelle Lightfoot	10/17
Ernie & Helen Waits, Jr.	10/19/1986
Daniel & Dedra Perlmutter	10/22/2000



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## NEW SEMINAR WITH OUR RABBINIC INTERN

### Women in the King David Saga

During these three sessions, we'll be taking a look at the women in the David Saga. Particularly, we will learn about Michal, Abigail, and Batsheva. We will explore how each of these women operated in the biblical text, especially in regards to how they are able to express their autonomy in a narrative that centralizes the masculine heroic figure of David.

**Tuesdays, October 10, 17, 24 at 7:30 p.m.**



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Adult Education  
opportunities  
on pages 4 & 5*