

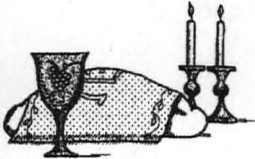
THE VALLEY TEMPLE NEWS

NOVEMBER, 2000
CHESHVAN, KISLEV 5761

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Jeremy Barras, Rabbinic Intern, Youth Programs
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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES



*SHABBAT IS A TIME FOR ENRICHMENT OF THE MIND AND SPIRIT
SPEND SHABBAT AT THE VALLEY TEMPLE*

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 7:30 PM

SHABBAT SERVICE. Learner's Shabbat. Oneg Shabbat hosted by Helen and Marty Levy will follow the service. This service is designed for adults to inform them about aspects of the service and to allow time for questions to be asked regarding the prayers or anything relating to Judaism.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 7:30 PM

SHABBAT SERVICE led by the Sixth Grade Religious School Class. Oneg Shabbat hosted by the class and their families will follow the service.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 7:00 PM (NOTE EARLY TIME)

FAMILY SHABBAT SERVICE. Oneg Shabbat hosted by Laura and Rick Beasley will follow the service. Designed for families with young children. Rambunctious toddlers are encouraged to attend!

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 7:30 PM

SHABBAT SERVICE. Oneg Shabbat hosted by Sharon and Ron Ran will follow the service.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL SERVICES

Mornings when Religious School is in session:

11:15 AM – PreK-3rd grade

11:30 AM – 4th grade through 8th grade

(NOTE: All parents and grandparents are invited and encouraged to attend the Religious School services.)



**ANNUAL CHANUKAH CELEBRATION WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY
EVENING, DECEMBER 15 (prior to the start of Chanukah so that Winter
break will not interfere). A RETURN ENGAGEMENT OF JOSS MOSS AND
THE CINCINNATI KLEZMER PROJECT WILL ENTERTAIN US. WATCH FOR
MORE INFORMATION AND PLAN TO ATTEND THIS ANNUAL EVENT.**

MAZAL TOV

The Temple family shares in the happiness of its members and we are thankful for the blessings they enjoy. We congratulate the following:



ERNIE AND SALLY WAXMAN on the marriage of their daughter, JILL to MICHAEL AMANN

LOIS BENJAMIN on the marriage of her son, TOM to KAREN ELIZABETH BENJAMIN

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OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

When cherished ties are broken, our burden of sadness is made lighter by the sympathy and comfort of friends. May the precious memories that you cherish comfort you in your grief. The congregational family extends its sympathy to:

ZOLA MAKRAUER, on the death of her Mother, JANET MAKRAUER

THE FAMILY OF ROBERT FRIEDMAN



SANDY MILLER, LAURA BEASLEY AND MATTHEW AND JOSHUA BEASLEY on the death of their Mother, Grandmother and Great Grandmother, BESS OSCHERWITZ

BRUCE WALKER on the death of his Mother, PATRICIA WALKER

BOB HILLER on the death of his Step Father, JOSEPH STEUER

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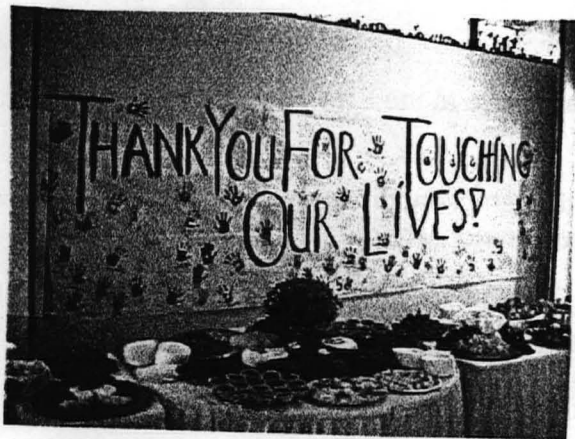
PLEASE HELP – Should you know of someone in any of the hospitals that the Rabbi should visit, please notify the Temple office. We want to know what's happening with you. Thank you.



CONGREGATION HONORS RABBI SOL GREENBERG

How do you say goodbye and thank you to a person who has devoted his life to our congregation???? Approximately 200 people gathered at The Valley Temple on a Sunday afternoon to wish Rabbi Greenberg well in his retirement. Family, friends and congregants gave speeches and remembrances and a proclamation by the Mayor was read. He was given a travel voucher as a gift to say thanks for his many, many years of devoted service to the congregation. We will miss him, but wish him well. Our thanks to Andrea Heines who organized this event with help from Mark Sass, Laura Lobar, Margie Schneider, Fran Cohen and Dian Robinson. It was a special day.

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MESSAGE FROM MARK SASS, PRESIDENT, BOARD OF TRUSTEES ...

(Editor's note: This is an edited version of the message that Mark Sass gave at the Erev Rosh Hashonah service.)

Typically, I don't begin each New Year planning to deliver a state-of-the-temple address. But this year, it seemed smart to use this time, when we're all together, to update everyone on where things are and where they're going.

It's not possible to face the departure of someone after 32 years of leadership without significant anxiety. It's even tougher when that rabbi has been a close friend and advisor to so many of us. Since learning earlier this year that we would face the daunting task of replacing Rabbi Greenberg, the leadership of Valley has had to come to terms with several issues.

First, what happens during the period between Sol's departure and his successor's arrival? Second, how do we identify what we're looking for in our next rabbi and conduct such a search? And third, what can we be doing now so that Sol's successor assumes leadership of a thriving, involved, and enthusiastic congregation?

Tonight, I'll explain where we are regarding each of these issues. As an aside, I realize that I could be doing a better job of regularly keeping everyone up-to-date on our progress. Going forward, I can't promise more correspondence but I can promise that if anyone contacts me with questions or concerns, they'll find me extremely attentive and responsive.

To the first issue...what happens during the period between Sol's departure and his successor's arrival? This has involved making several decisions, some immediate, some over time. Many temples consider hiring a full-time, interim rabbi. There are pros and cons to this approach but there was broad agreement that David Kaufman, Valley's current senior rabbinic intern, represented our best choice for interim rabbinic leadership. David, who is in his final year at HUC, was already familiar with Sol's rabbinic style and the workings of Valley, and known to many in the congregation. Thanks to David, along with our intern for youth programs, Jeremy Baras who is a 4th year HUC student and former teacher in our Sunday school, the religious responsibilities of the temple have been met, uninterrupted.

The decisions over time have been more complicated. Do we ignore the perspective David brings as someone trained in the most current Reform thinking? Said differently, do we stay frozen in time while waiting for our next rabbi?

It comes down to a choice, not between changing or staying exactly the same but rather, between what I'd describe as "constant improvement" vs. "delayed perfection." In theory, both get you to the same place. Nevertheless, we've chosen constant improvement and I think right now, that sends the right message, both to the temple membership as well as to rabbinic candidates who might consider Valley as their next home. It says that we recognize change as inevitable and that we're ready to approach it confidently and enthusiastically. So to that end for example, the religious school, guided by Laura Beasley, has moved forward on an exciting and innovative curriculum, one designed to substantively improve the Jewish education of our children of all ages and in all grades. And yes, there *have* been a few changes in the scheduling and content of Shabbat services. But as with the direction of Reform Judaism itself, these are evolutionary, not revolutionary changes.

With that said, I should add that Valley Temple has, to some degree, always danced to it's own music. I suspect we always will. But that doesn't mean we can't update some of the songs every twenty or thirty years. It seems sensible then that during this time of transition, Valley recognizes and begins to embrace, *within reason*, some of these changes.

Next, how do we identify what we're looking for in our new Rabbi and conduct such a search? Well, speaking from a personal perspective, you form a search committee representing as wide a cross-section of temple membership as possible, you gather wisdom and guidance, not to mention a ton of paperwork from the UAHC and the Central Conference of American Rabbis, and you get comfortable with the fact that at every step in the

process, you're bound to annoy someone. The good news though, is that the process seems to be going smoothly. It began with a detailed application that asked a number of provocative yet critical questions. The search committee and board spent numerous evenings pondering and occasionally debating the answers to these questions.

One asked about our temple's core values. Another asked simply, what we were looking for in a rabbi. I thought that tonight, I'd share the answers to both of these, since they provide excellent insight into what we believe Sol's successor must understand and support. First, as to core values, we identified four:

1. To function as a small, intimate congregation where all members can have a close personal relationship with each other and the Rabbi.
2. To serve as a Jewish home for all congregants including interfaith families.
3. To be a source for Jewish literacy and education for all members of all ages.
4. Dedication to a Reform Jewish philosophy that's progressive, tolerant, and embracing.

And in a rabbi, we're looking for ...

--A leader with multi-generational appeal with the personality and drive necessary to establish great "chemistry" and energize the congregation to be more committed and responsive.

--A teacher/educator and spiritual leader/counselor.

--An individual accepting and embracing of Interfaith families/comfortable with a diverse congregation.

In keeping with long-established procedure, our opening was formally posted in the CCAR newsletter beginning in early Spring. This is a national publication that reaches virtually every ordained reform rabbi in the U.S. To give you some perspective, we are one of over 50 congregations nationwide currently engaged in such a search.

And even more challenging right now, the overall number of congregations exceeds the number of available rabbis. Nevertheless, we are well into the process, having spoken with several candidates, and it looks like a clearer picture should emerge before Thanksgiving. As you've probably observed, this process is very long and very involved. Realistically, whomever we hire will probably not be in place before June of next year. We have little control over this due to the contractual obligations most rabbis have with their existing congregations as well as the fact that *our* gain is another congregation's loss. Accordingly, they require 4-6 months notice while they initiate their *own* search.

If I'm to leave you with any final impression about where things stand however, it's that the task of replacing Rabbi Greenberg is being taken very seriously by an extremely dedicated search committee and board and that we are very optimistic about reaching a successful outcome.

Third and finally, what can we be doing now so that Sol's successor assumes leadership of a thriving, involved, and enthusiastic congregation? As background, I have felt for some time that the success and vitality of Valley Temple rests as much on the congregation as it does on the quality of our next rabbi. And the timing now is *especially critical*...keep in mind that courtship works both ways. Prospective candidates are evaluating *us* as much as we're evaluating *them*. They want to know what they're getting into. Is the culture one that's moving forward, backward, or standing still? Is participation in services, events, and activities reasonably broad or limited to just a few congregants? Are there enough members willing to serve on the board and guide the affairs of the temple? And when the office needs volunteers to help get things done at peak periods, are there members willing to get involved?

Frankly, I think it's the answers to these questions that will determine our future. I said last year that the tasks related to staging and running various temple events and activities continue to fall on the shoulders of just a handful of members.

Unfortunately, that's still true. In fairness, it's *also* true that virtually no one here is sitting around with a lot of spare time. So, what do we do? Well, building on an idea from a New Jersey congregation as well as something that already is circulated by our sisterhood, you'll be receiving a letter from me sometime in the next 8 weeks. In it, I'm going to describe different areas of need at the temple, the time that might be involved, and present you with opportunities to perform what we'll call "Millennium Mitzvahs". Some may involve just an hour or two once during the year. Others, like board service, might require a couple of hours a month. This isn't a contract, just a way to identify where you *might* be willing to participate. Then, when we *do* need some extra help in the office, when we are looking for new board members, when we *do* need assistance at a holiday dinner, we know where to turn.

This not only assures a bright future for Valley, it sends a clear and unmistakable message...that this entire congregation plays an active role in making this temple what we believe it is., an intimate congregation where we all know each other, a Jewish home for all members, a source of Jewish literacy and education, and a model for everything Reform Judaism strives to be.

If you ask me, *that* sounds like a place the *very best* reform rabbis in America will want to lead.

MEN'S CLUB

There will be a Men's Club planning meeting on November 12 at 9:30 AM at the home of Ivan Tamarkin, 312 Burns Avenue, Wyoming. Juice, bagels and cream cheese will be served. Several new ideas for participation by the Men's Club will be discussed. Please join us as we make plans for the year. RSVP, Ivan, 761-5993.

WEB SITE NEWS ...



Be sure to check our website – ValleyTemple.com for current events. You will also find links to goods and services, which you may regularly use including Amazon.com, Davka.com and others. The links will take you to the company websites for you to browse through the products on-line and then select the appropriate items for everyone on your gift list. You can purchase gifts, or gift certificates without the hassle of the holiday shopping, and Valley Temple will receive a commission from the purchases made online by people who access the companies through ValleyTemple.com website.



Project TLC: Caregivers Together in Learning & Coping

Caring for a spouse, a parent, or other older adult is often stressful and lonely. Caregivers trying to find support and information will now have easier access to those services through a new program called Project TLC: *Caregivers Together in Learning & Coping* Introduced by Jewish Family Service as a program of the Older Adult Department and funded by a grant from the Ohio Department of Aging, this innovative new project follows a national movement focusing on caregivers' needs. Project TLC: *Caregivers Together in Learning & Coping* offers three areas of support to caregivers:

- + Peer support by pairing together caregivers that share similar caregiving experiences and interests.
- + Internet support that includes interactive "chat" rooms, professional advice, and information.
- Education on issues related to aging and caregiving, including information on community resources.

The heart of Project TLC: *Caregivers Together in Learning & Coping* is the peer support relationship among caregivers. Caregivers are paired with another person who shares common interests and, most importantly, is in a similar caregiving situation. The peer relationship is a mutually supportive relationship that allows the caregiver an emotional connection to someone who truly understands the experience of caregiving. This relationship, along with the educational programs and Internet support that Project TLC offers, enables caregivers to access the support and information they need more readily and at their convenience.

If you are interested in learning more about Project TLC: *Caregivers Together in Learning & Coping*, contact Robyn Lymangrover by phone at 469-1188 ext. 103 or by email at rlymangrover@jfsncinti.org. Also, additional information about Project TLC is available on the Internet at www.jfsncinti.org/projecttlc.asp.

SisterhoodNEWS

November 2000

Sisterhood Meeting

Tuesday, November 14th, 7 pm in the temple board room

This is an important meeting because we will be forming new committees (Executive, finance, fundraising, gift shop, events/activities, volunteering, etc.) so please plan to attend!

SISTERHOOD HAPPENINGS

It's only November but the Sisterhood has already been busy with many exciting projects! This is why the Sisterhood is looking for new women to spearhead some important projects/events. You can act as a committee chairman or be a part of a committee working on a specific project. The choice is yours and rest assured if you get involved you will have lots of support so you won't be getting in over your head. If you would like to become a more active member please attend the November 14th meeting. If you can't make the meeting, please call Laura Lobar at 851-9383.

Sisterhood's annual Honey & Challah gift to congregants at Rosh Hashonah was again a huge success. Thanks to Sue Trenkamp for heading up this project and to Jeannie Hiller, Barbara DelMauro, Helen Waits, Marty and Helen Levy and Karen Cranfield who assembled the gifts.

The Sisterhood was extremely proud to present to the temple a beautiful Congregational Tallit at Rosh Hashonah services. Barbara Stewart, a master quilter, did a fabulous job assembling the quilt for the Sisterhood. This was Carmen Kovarsky's brilliant idea and we thank her for organizing and bringing this project to fruition. Thanks to all others who gave their help along the way. The quilt is a piece that will give beauty to the temple for years to come.

The Sisterhood New Member Brunch was again a good time had by all! New temple members were presented with a welcome basket filled with challah, shabbat candles and an invitation to this year's

Hannukah dinner. The food was delicious and overflowing. Thanks to all who helped to make the brunch a success.

Kroger/Jungle Jim gift certificates are a great way to support the Sisterhood and the Temple! We are currently looking for new participants. Also, Barb and Ellen have done an outstanding job chairing this activity for the past three years. They are currently looking for someone to take over their duties along with Anne Sterner. To find out more about the certificates or to volunteer, contact Barb Stewart at 931-9054 or Ellen Kovacic at 521-8588.

The Valley Temple Gift Shop is open with a great selection of Judaica and books available. This year Valley Temple Sisterhood members will receive 10% off all gift shop items.* Also, on sale now are a beautiful selection of Y.E.S. cards which can be used for all occasions. These cards help fund UAHC high school and college programs, rabbinic scholarships and innovative projects within Sisterhood. They can also serve as a tribute to the individual who is honored. So please stop in and see what the gift shop has to offer. *excluding sale items.

Just a reminder...it's not too late to send in your Sisterhood membership packets and join the Sisterhood. Interested in Learning more about The Valley Temple Sisterhood? Have any questions about upcoming events or membership? Please contact Laura Lobar at 851-9383 or Diane Powers at 398-6972.



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- For your Manicurist
- For Children
- For Parents
- For Employees



Kroger and Jungle Jim Gift Certificates are the answer! They are available in ANY DENOMINATION. Join other Temple members who have simplified their gift list by purchasing your coupons. It may seem early to be thinking about this, but in order to have your certificates in plenty of time for gift giving, please send your order in by **November 20** with your check (payable to Valley Temple Sisterhood.)

Save time and the hassle of shopping for gifts
by purchasing gift certificates!!

Your participation in this program will benefit the Temple. For questions or orders, contact:

BARBARA STEWART
264 Hilltop Lane
Cincinnati, OH 45215
931-9054

ELLEN KOVACIC
408 Flembrook Ct.
Cincinnati, OH 45231
521-8558

Name

Address

Phone No. (Specify day or evening)

Payment enclosed

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Kroger Certificates



Mail your order to Barbara or Ellen at the above address. Remember your purchase benefits the Temple. However, IRS regulations require us to state that this is not a tax deductible fundraiser.

Great Programs Offered Here!

Now that we have taken the time to review our year, let's start making plans for this coming year. Already on the agenda is The Joint Reform Temple Retirees Luncheon. Valley Temple's own Dawn Schwartzman will be speaking about Feng Shui. If you don't know what Feng Shui is, come and find out, it is not for retirees only. We are also looking for people to volunteer to help serve lunch, please contact Helen Levy at 513-851-1021. If you would like to attend, please fill out the reservation form found elsewhere in the bulletin.

Jewish Family Service (JFS) has offered to The Valley Temple a couple of great programs. Active Jewish Parenting and Teen Parenting. Active Jewish Parenting is designed to give parents of elementary school-age children support for their parenting challenges, help sharpen overall skills and provide a Jewish context for parenting – find out how to really talk to your kids. Active Teen Parenting classes will teach you how to build self-esteem in your teens, help them develop responsibility, encourage better behavior, address critical problems such as drugs, sexuality and violence while using Jewish teaching to assist in your parenting. We are very fortunate to have these programs offered to us at Valley and we need one volunteer to coordinate with JFS. All this volunteer needs to do is run the ad in the bulletin (an ad already prepared – just make sure Wendy Walsh, aka: the bulletin wizard, receives a copy), accept the RSVP's and class cost, and coordinate with JFS. JFS will take care of the rest. Personally, I can't wait to take the Active Jewish Parenting; I would love the chance to get **1 step in front** of Matt, rather than my usual of 3 steps behind. If you are interested in organizing this event, please call me, Laura Lobar at 513-851-9383.

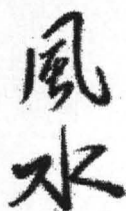
Valley Temple has a great many families with students who grew up in the congregation that are now in college or military. Just because they are not physically here, I think it would be great if they knew how much the congregation missed them. It will also keep them active with the Jewish holidays and Judaism. This is a project that will need several volunteers and some funding. The packages we send don't have to be large; the students and military personnel just need to be able to receive something in their mailboxes. There are plenty of Jewish holidays and opportunities for us to say, "Shalom, you are not far from our thoughts." If you have a student(s) in school (military), please call Wendy Walsh at the temple (513-761-3555) with their address(es).* If you would like to volunteer your time and/or donate money, please contact Renee Buckingham at 513-459-1544 or Jean Amber at 513-573-9334.

Judy McKinney has been extremely dedicated to running the Soup Kitchen, and now we are giving her time off for good behavior. Judy has the Soup Kitchen activities organized down to a science. Honestly, the Soup Kitchen is only 4 times a year and only for few hours. The work is easy and extremely satisfying. Also, if we can get two volunteers to organize the kitchen for this year, it would mean only 2 Sunday mornings a year, plus a couple of phone calls. Judy will teach and provide you with all the tools of the trade, and she is only a phone call away. Please contact Judy McKinney at 859-331-5028 or Laura Lobar at 513-851-9383.

Most importantly we are reorganizing the Sisterhood. We have voted to create committees for the various projects that arise. We felt it would be easier to join a committee for one project/event and not feel as though you have to participate in every event. So, please join in for whichever venture interests you most, but do feel free to join in as many activities you would like.

Yours truly,
Laura Lobar

(**or return form found
elsewhere in the bulletin)



The Valley Temple Sisterhood

presents



The Joint Reform Temple Retirees Luncheon

Wednesday, December 6, 2000 (Noon)

JOIN US TO LEARN ABOUT FENG SHUI

Valley Temple's own Dawn Schwartzman is the co-owner of Interior Services Incorporated, and she will explain Feng Shui to us. Feng Shui is the art of arranging your outside and inside living spaces to add energy and harmony to your life. Learn how to make your front door more auspicious and how to arrange your bedroom to balance all nine life areas.

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NAME _____

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TEMPLE AFFILIATION _____

RSVP BY NOVEMBER 30, 2000

Please make checks payable to Valley Temple Sisterhood and mail to Heather Stein Russell, 1695 Pheasant Hills Drive, Loveland, Ohio 45140. The cost is \$7.50 per person. Call Heather with questions at 683-6181.



New Year Begins With Violence

Happy New Year to all and Shalom.

I wish that I could bring you all tidings of joy and peace, news of a ratified peace agreement between Israel and the Palestinians. Unfortunately, as we enter the New Year, 5761, Israel is once again embroiled in violence. Since the end of September, Palestinians have begun what they are calling the Al-Aksa Intifada, an uprising over a perceived violation of the sanctity of the Temple Mount, which is known to Muslims as Haram Al-Sharif, Noble Sanctuary. Palestinians contend that the visit of Israeli politician Ariel Sharon in a demonstration of Israeli sovereignty over the site caused the Palestinians to revolt.

I say "contend" because there is so much misinformation and propaganda being put forth on both sides that truth has been largely subjugated. When Sharon visited the Temple Mount, he was accompanied by a large contingent of police, not as a show of force, but simply to ensure his safety. This fear of harm was reinforced when upon entering the Temple Mount complex, the group found large piles of stones waiting to be thrown at Israeli police and worshippers at the Western Wall. In other words, this revolt was planned well before the events of that day, may have occurred that day regardless of Sharon's visit, and intending violence, Sharon's safety was in question.

Yassir Arafat continues to argue that the Palestinians are not inciting violence, that the stone throwing and assaults upon Israeli border policemen are spontaneous acts resulting from pent up anger, yet these actions are largely being instigated and directed by the Tanzim, a guerilla unit connected to Yassir Arafat's own Fatah movement. Furthermore, not only Palestinian Muslim clerics throughout the world, but even the official Palestinian radio and television stations continue to call for violence, to call for an intifada, until Jerusalem is in Palestinian hands. The terrorist group Hamas, which does not take direction from Yassir Arafat, is calling for a Jihad, a holy war against not Israel, but against Jews and Americans around the world.

The Palestinians contend that the Israelis are using undo force to subdue protesters. Yet though they are being attacked by mobs of hundreds of Palestinians shooting M-16s, throwing Molotov Cocktails and hurling stones not only with their hands, but with potentially deadly high powered sling shots, and small numbers of Israeli troops have found themselves under siege by a thousand or more people armed with these weapons, relatively few people have been killed on either side.

Palestinian mothers are actively sending their children to zones of conflict in order that they might become "holy martyrs" of the people. This has been going on for more than two weeks. Though it is horrible that dozens of Palestinians have been killed, including several under 16 (two 12), and numerous Israeli's as well, it is a testament to the extreme restraint used by the Israelis that we are not looking at hundreds of Palestinian dead.

Following the gruesome and barbaric lynching of Israeli soldiers by a mob of Palestinians in Ramallah on Oct. 12, the details of which are too sickening to print here, this is particularly true.

Where two months ago we hoped for a lasting peace, now we only hope for a temporary one, a cease-fire, so that we may once again begin to talk of lasting peace. At this time when propaganda and lies are so widespread, let us not be quick to condemn Israel for its actions. We must stand strongly behind Israel, particularly at a time, when even in New York, Palestinian protesters chant not against the state of Israel, nor call for peace, but instead chant, "Kill the Jews, Kill the Jews, Kill the Jews." At this time, when Jews everywhere are threatened by violence, synagogues firebombed around the world (Paris and Buffalo recently), we recall the words that have comforted the Jewish people for generations, "Oseh Shalom Bim'ro'mav, Hu Ya'aseh Shalom, Aleinu v'al Kol Yisrael. V'imru Amein." May the one who makes peace on high, make peace descend upon us and upon all of the people Israel. And let us say, Amen.

David Kaufman, Senior Rabbinic Intern

SHALOM CHAVARIM (HELLO FRIENDS) ...

Help us stay in touch with our students who have gone off to college or the military. Send us their names and addresses so that Sisterhood can let them know how much they are missed. Please fill out the form below and send to the Temple office, 145 Springfield Pike, Cinti, OH 45215. A reminder, too, that volunteers and donations are needed for this project.

NAME OF STUDENT _____

ADDRESS (PLEASE INCLUDE ZIP CODE) _____

NAME OF STUDENT _____

ADDRESS (PLEASE INCLUDE ZIP CODE) _____

PLEASE LIST ANY ADDITIONAL NAMES AND ADDRESSES BELOW:



____ I would like to volunteer for this project

Your name _____

Thank you for your support of this new project.



SOCIAL ACTION PROJECTS

VALLEY INTERFAITH FOOD AND CLOTHING CENTER

HIGH HOLYDAY MITZVAH BAG PROJECT

Our grateful thanks to all those who made such generous donations to the High Holyday Mitzvah Bag Project. We receiving the following thank you from John R. Campbell, Interim Director, "The generous contribution of groceries and toiletries from your Yom Kippur Drive is greatly appreciated by the volunteers at VIFCC. You should be proud of the response you've received from your members." We are indeed proud and in addition to those who made donations, we thank Dawn and Michael Schwartzman for the use of their company's truck (Interior Services, Inc.) and their driver, Jeannie Hiller for coordinating the volunteers and helping load and unload the truck, Dean and Cody Hiller, Alan and Scott Solomon and Wendy and Jim Walsh for helping to unload the truck. See pictures -- **We filled a whole room at the Center with our donations !!**

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BACK TO SCHOOL PROGRAM

Thanks to the help of volunteers, donations from our congregation and others and supporting organizations, the "Back to School" program was successful again this year. Over 800 children were provided with shoes, school supplies and clothing and personal care items. Sincere thanks to those who participated.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The Center is now preparing for another of their major programs of the year, the Christmas program. It's that time of year when you can help the Food and Clothing Center help others have a warm and joyful Christmas holiday. The Center needs:

- People to work a few hours at the Center during the month of December
- "Adopt" a family for whom you can purchase and deliver food and new gifts
- Donate gifts (new or barely used toys, new books, small gift items) to be dispensed at the Center
- Donate money that the Center can use to purchase food and necessities (such as electric heaters) for the less fortunate.

If you can help out in any of these areas, please call the Center at 821-3233 and they'll answer your questions or direct you to someone who can.

Helping the Valley Interfaith Food and Clothing Center is a great way to make the holiday season ever more meaningful.

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IMPORTANT NOTE: DUE TO THE DEATH OF BOB FRIEDMAN, WE ARE IN NEED FOR A NEW LIASON TO THE VALLEY INTERFAITH FOOD AND CLOTHING CENTER. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE CALL JEANNIE HILLER, SOCIAL ACTION CHAIRPERSON, 398-1721. THANK YOU, BOB FOR ALL OF YOUR GOOD WORK – YOU ARE MISSED!



blanket man collection continues . . .

Don't forget -- it's that time of year again. Once again we (the social action committee) are collecting blankets and towels for the needy. The Blanket man, on behalf of the Valley Temple, has received much praise over the years from Bethany House, the recipient of those donated towels and blankets. The hundreds of blankets donated in the past have been appreciated, but many more are needed. Cold weather is ahead; we sometimes do not realize how fortunate we are here at Valley. Please remember those blankets and towels; let's make this winter a little warmer for those in need.

There will be a marked barrel for the blankets. If you can not find it just ask someone.

Thank You

Kerry D. Rabe 563-9783

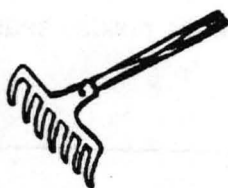
Alias "Blanket Man"

**Valley Temple joins
PEOPLE WORKING COOPERATIVELY
For a Day of City-Wide Raking**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2000

Meet at Valley Temple @ 9:00 am
(Work as long as you can)

Bring rakes, brooms, and gloves
Wear appropriate attire



Contact person:
Jeannie Hiller, 398-1721

HELP THE ELDERLY, LOW-INCOME AND DISABLED

"HAKSHEEVU – HAKSHEEVU" -- ATTENTION, ATTENTION !!!!
Hebrew Classes Planned



MID WEEK HEBREW

We are now offering a Hebrew program for 5th-7th graders on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 –8:30 PM. If you are interested in having your children attend, please contact Wendy at the Temple office so that we might determine how many teachers we will need for those classes this semester. All 5th-7th graders intending to become a Bar or Bat Mitzvah are greatly encouraged to attend.

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SIX WEEK LONG BEGINNING HEBREW CRASH COURSE

Senior Rabbinic Intern David Kaufman will teach a Hebrew crash course starting with the basics, letters, vowels, etc... This course, for adults, will be held on Sunday mornings from 9:45 AM – 11:15 AM on Nov. 5, 12, 19, Dec. 3, 10, 17.

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SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS TO TRAVEL TO ISRAEL AVAILABLE

You may remember that last year the Jewish Foundation made a multi-year commitment to send students to Israel. This is the second year of that program and they have already received over 40 students signed up for the Jewish Foundation's Israel Experience for the year 2001 (they can accept 115); they also have 16 college students signed up for the year 2001 (they can accept 60).

A high school Israel Trip Fair is planned for November 5 at Rockdale Temple at 5:30 PM. Students can learn about the various programs as well as receive literature from many of the Israel Experience providers. If you have a student either high school or college age that may be interested in traveling to Israel with Foundation grants, please urge them to attend this fair and sign up promptly.

If you would like to have a grant application, please contact Noga Maliniak, Community Shalicha, 985-1520 or Barbara Miller, 985-1528. Last year the Foundation sent over 100 students from this area to Israel. (For many these grants made it possible for students to have this wonderful experience at very little cost to their families.) This continues to be a wonderful opportunity. Call now – don't be left out!

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OF THE ABOVE
SCHOLARSHIPS**

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11/01, JACK GUGGENHEIM
 11/01, ELIZABETH HORN LEVICK
 11/01, A.J. RANDMAN
 11/02, JOANNE SHUCK
 11/03, CHARLYNE GAYNOR
 11/03, MICHELLE SCHWARTZ
 11/04, JUDY MCHENRY
 11/06, PAM GREENBERG
 11/06, PETER LEVICK
 11/07, HERB DUCOVNA
 11/07, JEFFREY L. LAZARUS, JR.
 11/07, AMBER SILVERMAN
 11/07, ELYSE SILVERMAN
 11/08, RACHEL EMMA HABBERT
 11/08, ARTHUR HOPFHEIMER, JR.
 11/09, RON WEITZENKORN
 11/10, JOHN H. HABBERT
 11/10, STEPHEN J. LEWETCH
 11/12, TOM BENJAMIN
 11/12, ALAN SOLOMON
 11/13, CARMEN KOVARSKY
 11/14, BARBARA SUTTER
 11/14, WILLIAM CUSACK
 11/15, ANDREW MOREIRA
 11/15, MARCIE ROSIN
 11/15, BENJAMIN UNGER
 11/16, BRYAN ERIC LIEBERMAN
 11/17, JOHN BERMAN
 11/17, SAMUEL J. MANTEL
 11/17, TAYLOR REED BUCKINGHAM
 11/17, ZACHARY AMANN
 11/19, ANN FISCHOFF
 11/19, MARY ROSENFELD
 11/20, LILY WAISSBLUTH
 11/22, NORMAN WOLFE
 11/23, MARILYN ALTMAN
 11/23, JAMES MICHAEL MCMANUS
 11/24, MICHAEL ALAN SCHNEIDER
 11/26, IAN CRONIN
 11/27, ANDREA ABIGAL AMBER
 11/27, KITTY FRANK
 11/27, PAMELA K. LEVY

 11/27, MICKI SPRINGER
 11/27, ERNEST WAITS, JR.
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 11/28, NANCY DORNHEGGEN
 11/28, JEANNIE HILLER
 11/29, MURRAY B. LEVINE
 11/29, KENNETH MITMAN
 11/30, JACOB IAN HODESH
 11/30, SCOTT HELLER SOLOMON

NOVEMBER



ANNIVERSARIES

11/01/86 MR. & MRS. DAVID WEINBERG	JEANETTE
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 anniversary, or other special occasion.
 Call Wendy at the Temple office,
 761-3555

Celebrates

November 2000

THE VALLEY TEMPLE

November 2000							December 2000						
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			November 1	2	3	4
					7:30pm Learner's Shabbat Service	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Adult Hebrew Religious School 9:00am ABC's of Aleph Bet 9:00am Hebrew 9:00am Student Leadership Program 7:00pm Cinti Ref Jewish HS		7:00pm Midweek Hebrew			7:30pm 6th Gr RS Shabbat Service	
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Adult Hebrew Religious School 9:00am ABC's of Aleph Bet 9:00am Hebrew 9:00am Student Leadership Program 9:30am Men's Club Meeting 7:00pm Cinti Ref Jewish HS		7:00pm Sisterhood Meeting 7:00pm Midweek Hebrew			7:00pm Shabbat Service-Family Shabbat	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Adult Hebrew Religious School 9:00am ABC's of Aleph Bet 9:00am Hebrew 9:00am Student Leadership Program 7:00pm Cinti Ref Jewish HS		7:00pm Midweek Hebrew 7:30pm Board Mtg		Thanksgiving	7:30pm Shabbat Service	
26	27	28	29	30		
		7:00pm Midweek Hebrew	CHANUKAH CELEBRATION FRIDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 15			

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