

THE VALLEY TEMPLE NEWS

DECEMBER, 2001
KISLEV, TEVAT, 5762

SERVICES FOR DECEMBER

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 30, 2001—7:30 P.M.

Guest Speaker: Dr. Steve Carr, author: Hollywood and Anti-Semitism Professor Carr will speak during the service.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 1, 2001

9:30 a.m. Torah Study
10:30 a.m. Informal service

FRIDAY DECEMBER 7, 2001 7:30 P.M.

Service Leader: Binah Wing

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2001

No Saturday Morning Service

FRIDAY DECEMBER 14, 2001

6:30 p.m. Congregational Chanukah Dinner
(Reservations Required)

7:30 p.m. Chanukah Family Service
led by Rabbi Kopnick, Jeremy Barras, and
the youth group. Music: David Snyder, Guitar

SATURDAY DECEMBER 15, 2001

9:30 a.m. Torah Study
10:00 a.m. Tot Shabbat
10:30 a.m. Informal Service

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2001—7:30 P.M.

Rabbi Kopnick will speak

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2001

9:30 a.m. Torah Study
10:30 a.m. Informal Service

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2001—7:30 P.M.

Rabbi Kopnick will speak

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2001

No Torah study or service

CHANUKAH CELEBRATION

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2001

Dinner -- 6:30 pm

Family Service -- 7:30 pm

Dinner including Latkes, Menorah Lighting,
Chanukah Celebration

PLEASE BRING YOUR FAMILY MENORAH
TO LIGHT THE CHANUKAH CANDLES

CHANUKAH DINNER
Reservation Form



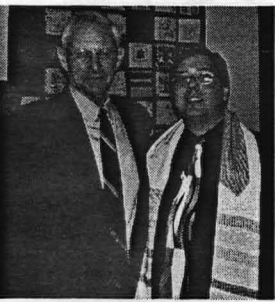
Name(s) of those attending

# of adults @ \$15.00	_____
# of children @ \$8.00 (12 & under)	_____
# of children under 3 (free if not eating a meal)	_____
TOTAL AMT. ENCLOSED	_____

Send your reservation with your payment to the Temple office by Monday, Dec. 10 so that we can reserve a place for you! It is important that you make your reservation early so that we can make arrangements with our caterer. Our thanks to Women of Reform Judaism/Sisterhood for helping to sponsor this event.



FIRST NIGHT OF CHANUKAH --
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9
CONGREGATIONAL CHANUKAH
CELEBRATION - FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14



WHAT A BEAUTIFUL NIGHT ...

THE FOLLOWING WERE
RABBI SOLOMON

GREENBERG'S REMARKS AS HE INSTALLED
RABBI SANDFORD KOPNICK AS VALLEY
TEMPLE'S NEWEST SPIRITUAL LEADER.

Sandford -- not only it is an honor, but a pleasure to be a part of this unique and very meaningful ceremony of installation:

FIRST: To be a part of the Magnus family's lifetime involvement with Valley Temple --as your in-laws, Carol, and especially Julian -- was a significant fact in y being hired here -- and guiding me as a young rabbi -- and serving as President and instigator and proder in the building of this facility.

SECOND: To be a part of your life on a personal level -- from your camping days at GUCI, through your HUC days, your marriage to Nancy in this sanctuary and now --

THIRD -- To be a part of the Rabbinic continuity of this very special congregation -- a congregation that is open minded, accepting, inclusive and respectful.

The ancient Europeans have a belief that the touch or laying on of the hands by one who was of Royal decent could actually heal a sick person. And this is what gave rise to the idea of the divine right of kings. Since God gave the King power not just to rule, but to heal -- which was a practical and visible proof of God's transference of Power.

In our Bible (Numbers 27:18) when Moses knew he was about to die -- he prayed to God to send a successor -- and so, when Joshua came forth -- Moses placed his hands on Joshua - and by this act of laying on of hands -- leadership was transferred.

Dear Sandford -- I'm not royalty -- and I'm certainly not Moses -- and surely I'm not worthy of transferring God's power-- But, I am one who has been blessed to have seen a friend, and colleague become an outstanding Rabbi. In these worrisome times, we need good rabbis. Sandford -- you are sensitive, intelligent, caring, warm, knowledgeable and have a wonderful sense of humor and you will be up to the task. You are a

good husband, father -- a good son -- a most importantly A REAL MENSCH -- it is my honor to place my hands upon you and pass the spiritual leadership of the Valley Temple to you.

RABBI SANDFORD KOPNICK'S RESPONSE

It is a very humbling experience to have so many of my teachers present at this wonderful occasion. Tonight is a night where one you call rabbi is formally placed here, and yet it is on the shoulders of many rabbis that I stand tonight, accepting your good wishes but challenged by the example they have set.

That we could have so many from the Hebrew Union College community, is indeed, a very special and somewhat frightening honor. That Rabbi Sam Joseph, my trusted friend and confidant and teacher could both represent them and connect with you this night is very special.

The last time two very important teachers named Rabbi Ron Klotz and Rabbi Sol Greenberg and I were on this bimah together, Nancy was the main attraction--my radiant bride. They did great work that night, for they helped us seal a bond that has only grown since that moment to a wonderful journey of love, laughter, and parenthood--and, therefore, more laughter.

Ron, thank you for being here--and for being such a wonderful friend. You are a rabbi to thousands, and have led the greatest insurance policy to a Jewish future in the mid-west for more than 25 years. Your rabbinate is a marvel.

Rabbi Greenberg, Sol, myself included, have missed your presence on this bema. This will always be your bema--and as tonight it is formally made our bema; please know that you are always welcome here, to share, to celebrate, and to continue to teach. Your rabbinate has been highlighted by the remarkable relationships you have made with so many--the help you have given them and the hope of a Jewish future. That Nancy and I can both be counted among your students who have been inspired by your love of Jews and Judaism is a pleasure we will always cherish. That I could stand on the shoulders of such a tremendous talent and caring rabbi is, indeed, very humbling and a profound challenge. They tell you when changing jobs to follow a jerk, but they're wrong. I'd prefer to follow a beloved rabbi like you, whose kindness and love are examples to so many.

Tonight we are all blessed by our musicians. Bob, Charlene, and Tom. I truly appreciate your

presence here, your on-going help with this transition, and how you graciously share the musical opportunities with my friends from Fort Wayne.

There are many here tonight whose presence touches us deeply. My parents are here tonight to share, as they always have, in a wonderful moment for our family. But the presence of the Hazemir choir of Fort Wayne is filled with past presidents, religious school teachers and committee chairs, the director of education, the national president of the guild of Temple musicians, members of the ritual committee, past and present chairs of that committee, and wonderful friends, all of them. They are among my rabbis, to be sure. I said during our first high holy days in Fort Wayne was that the best part of the Hazemir choir is that they give of their soul to the music they interpret in prayer. They give voice to the psalmist when he said, "come before God's presence with singing." Leaving Fort Wayne was not easy, and tonight, your presence here tonight is testament to the graciousness that you showed as you allowed this transition to occur. For that and so much more I will always be grateful.

This sanctuary is also filled with many more of my teachers. My prayer is that tonight you will feel that you have another person from whom to learn, celebrate, mourn, and laugh—that is me. But I also pray that you will be my teachers, helping me to know your needs, teaching me from your experiences, and allowing us to share this wonderful journey we call Judaism. As the psalmist says, "*zeh hayom asah* Adonai, this is truly the day that God has made," and with your help we can finish the phrase—*nagilah v'nismecha vo*—let us be glad and rejoice in it. Shabbat Shalom.

LUNCH N' LEARN ON THE RUN ...

BLUE ASH -- Thursday, December 13, noon - at Office Suites Plus, 11427 Reed Hartman Highway in Blue Ash. Contact David Feldstein at 618-6412 for directions.

DOWNTOWN -- Thursday, December 20, noon - at 36 E. 4th Street, Suite 1210, Corner of 4th and Walnut. Contact Phyllis Bossin at 421-4420 for directions.

Join us in the Conference room for "Judaism Confronts Contemporary Issues." We will take the work of the CCAR Responsa Committee -- where they are asked to comment on modern situations and dilemmas and deliver an opinion rooted in Jewish sources and tradition. Always from a Reform perspective, our discussions will talk about medical ethics, evolving religious ideas and much more. Bring your lunch! We always end on time!

CHECK OUT TORAH STUDY!

Most Saturday mornings, our Temple sponsors a 9:30 a.m. Torah Study followed by an informal Shabbat Service. The Torah study uses our weekly Torah portion as a jump-off point for lively discussions about events of the day, how to incorporate Torah into our active day, and what does the Torah mean when it says....

No previous experience is expected. Rabbi Kopnick and Jeremy Barras lead the discussion—and you need not have been the week before in order to get meaning and enjoyment out our timeless Torah. Be a part of the group and join us!

POSTERS FOR PEACE FAMILY ED ON DECEMBER 2

Children in grades 5-8 and their parents will participate in a special program called Posters for Peace on Sunday, December 2, 2001 at 11:00 a.m. Dr. Steve Sunderland, a professor in the Department of Psychology at the University of Cincinnati will facilitate the program with our own Helen Habbert.

Dr. Sunderland has been asking people to make artistic posters to depict their thoughts and feelings regarding the riots in Cincinnati and the September 11 terrorist attacks. The groups have ranged from school groups to college kids to adults. The results have been remarkable. This program is intended for children and their parents—and will hopefully be helpful in processing the difficult events of the last few months. Rabbi Kopnick and Jeremy Barras will also be on hand to present some Jewish roots to the program.

For more information, call Rabbi Kopnick at 761-3555

TEMPLE YOUTH GROUP ACTIVE

Elyse Silverman has been elected President of Valley Temple Youth Group. Our youth group recently sponsored a trip to the Bengals Game—where they lost incidentally!!

The youth group will write and participate in December's Chanukah Shabbat Service and has plans for social action programs, the Rabbi's bowling challenge, and more.

For more information about our wonderful youth group, please contact our Rabbinic Intern, Jeremy Barras at the Temple or at home at 871-2029.

SO PROUDLY WE HAIL...

A hearty Mazal Tov to:

HEATHER STEIN RUSSELL on recently being elected Judge in Hamilton County.

BRAD AND PAM GREENBERG on the birth of their son, SAMUEL HENRY. Sam's proud grandparents are RABBI SOL AND SUE GREENBERG, AND BRYNA AND ALAN SCHWARTZ. Proud great grandma is ESTELLE WIGSER

BETTE AND TOM SHERMAN on the marriage of their daughter NANCI to MICHAEL VESIO

CRAIG AND DEBBIE HOFFHEIMER on the marriage of their daughter TERRI TO SETH CAMPBELL. Terri's proud grandparents are MINETTE AND BUD HOFFHEIMER

THINKING OF YOU DURING YOUR RECUPERATION

MARTY LEVY -- Special note: For those of you who don't know, Marty Levy, our Shofar Blower and friend had major surgery in Milwaukee. He is recuperating, but at a very slow rate. His wife, Helen, is, of course by his side. They have already received numerous get well wishes and notes and these have been extremely important to them during this time. Since their time away from home is still uncertain, they would appreciate continuing to hear from us. Cards and notes can be sent to them c/o St. Mary's Hospital, 2323 Northlake Drive, Milwaukee, WI 53211. May he be blessed with R'fua Shlema -- complete healing.

OUR SYMPATHY TO



SIMON LYON on the death of his Aunt, FLORA BRESS

WELCOME

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

GARRETT AND SUSAN LEVY AND
THEIR CHILDREN, ANNEISE AND AARON
BRITTIE AND BRIAN WILES
NANCI AND MICHAEL VESIO

We welcome Marsha Kuhr who is joining the Temple staff as administrative assistant. Marsha will be working with Rabbi Kopnick and our Administrator Wendy Walsh in the mornings at the Temple. Welcome aboard, Marsha!

REFORM JEWISH HIGH SCHOOL ENDING SEMESTER

The Cincinnati Reform Jewish High School will end its first semester this month. Valley Temple has a record 28 students enrolled in the High School this year. Aside from our large freshman class, we have five seniors currently in the program.

Rabbi Kopnick is in his first semester back at the High School since 1988, when he coordinated the Madrichim (teacher aid) program and the Senior Seminar. Currently, Rabbi Kopnick is teaching our Confirmation Class and a class focusing on Jewish responses to contemporary issues.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL COMMITTEE DISCUSSING EVENING HEBREW AND MAJOR CHANGES IN SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADE CURRICULUM

At the meeting held on November 19, the religious school committee considered a proposal to significantly change the way the seventh and eighth grade programs are conceived. Both in response to space considerations and the needs of our students, the proposal has various alternative meeting times and places. The curriculum will focus on God, Social Action, Comparative Religion, and Mitzvah. Students will be asked to attend two retreats (one in the fall and one in the winter) for a weekend, a few Friday after services programs, a few extended sessions on Sunday mornings, and a few Saturday morning teaching services, one of which has students invite their non-Jewish friends in order to promote better understanding of Judaism.

In addition, a proposal is on the table to include a monthly chat-room with Rabbi Kopnick and a few guest participants—some in anticipation of their visit to the Valley Temple to work with the program in person.

Our Hebrew program will be moving to Tuesdays and Sundays as of next fall. The program will be on Tuesdays, with optional pizza dinner at 6:00 p.m. and an hour long class for all students in grades 4-6 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. In addition, those studying in seventh and eighth grades for Bar/Bat Mitzvah will attend a Bar Mitzvah class on Tuesdays at the same time. There will be consideration to those families where car pools cannot be arranged, or educational considerations warrant an alternative approach.

DETROIT AREA YOUTH GROUP TO VISIT DURING SHABBAT MORNING ON DECEMBER 15

60 members of the confirmation class of Temple Israel of West Bloomfield, Michigan will accompany their rabbi, Joshua Bennett to Cincinnati as part of their confirmation class trip. The students will have a program at the Temple at 9:00 a.m. and then join in a creative service at 10:30 a.m. at the Temple. David Snyder will be on hand to lead music for the 10:30 service. Valley Temple students studying for B'nai Mitzvah and Confirmation are encouraged to attend with their families—a good way to get service credits!

PRESIDENT AND RABBI GO TO BOSTON FOR UAHC BIENNIAL

President Mark Sass and Rabbi Sandford Kopnick will represent the Valley Temple at the Biennial Meeting of the Union of American Congregations in Boston, MA. Workshops on synagogue management, education, Judaic studies, and much more will be offered to the participants. Rabbi Kopnick will lead a workshop on creating a youth program for small congregations and will attend meetings in his capacity as chair of the Central Conference of American Rabbis Youth Committee chair. The Convention is December 5-9, 2001.

JEREMY BARRAS ON MISSION TO ISRAEL

Jeremy Barras, our Rabbinic Intern, will travel to Israel the week of December 2, 2001 as part of the Cincinnati Jewish Federation Mission to Israel. Jeremy will be in Israel for a week. Upon his return, Jeremy will brief us at Shabbat Services regarding the situation as he saw first hand. N'siyah tovah—travel safely!



REMEMBER TZEDAKAH CAUSES AS THE TAX YEAR ENDS

The events of September 11 have made it difficult to focus on the larger community when making charitable donations. As the enormity of September 11 is put into some perspective, we hope that you will remember those organizations and tzedakah funds that have benefited from your support and largesse prior to the recent tragedy.

Those working in Heart Disease, AIDS, Lung Disease, Cancer research, and more still need our

generous support. The Jewish Federation, our Temple funds, and other Jewish organizations need to hear from you, too. We are commanded as a people to support our community, to help those in need, and to save lives when we can.

SPACES STILL AVAILABLE ... APPLY TO CAMP NOW!

Entering 3rd through 10th grade children from synagogues across the Midwest are currently being enrolled for the coming summer program at our regional U.A.H.C. camp, The Goldman Union Camp Institute. DON'T LET YOUR CHILD MISS THIS CHANCE TO JOIN IN THE FUN AND FRIENDSHIP of G.U.C.I. A four-week session (a two week session is offered for entering 3rd and 4th graders) at Goldman Camp is a unique experience. Campers participate in a full range of sports, arts, and Jewish programs, all offered within the exciting and motivating atmosphere of a Reform Jewish community of young people. THERE IS SIMPLY NO OTHER EXPERIENCE LIKE IT.

Rabbi Kopnick will be on faculty at the camp the second two weeks of the first session. There, the children will interact with him and more than 250 Jewish campers going in to grades 3-10. Camp is a wonderful experience and fills up quickly—so get applications in soon. The Sisterhood has given a boost to those contemplating a session at Goldman Union Camp Institute in Zionsville, Indiana this summer. \$4,000.00 in scholarship money has been set aside to help those who want to attend GUCI camp this summer. Our thanks to Sisterhood! For scholarship information, contact Rabbi Kopnick at the Temple.

Find out more about this wonderful opportunity for your child by picking up a 2002 Goldman Camp Brochure from the Temple office, speaking with Rabbi Kopnick personally or call the camp directly (317) 873-3361. You can e-mail the camp at GUCIOFFICE@aol.com.

MEN'S CLUB NEWS

MEETING -- The next meeting of the Men's Club is Sunday, December 2 at 10:30 am at the home of David Lieberman, 241 Hilltop Lane, Wyoming. We are planning many new activities -- come join us and be a part of this exciting new year.

HOCKEY GAME -- We will get together for a Hockey Game on Saturday evening, December 8 at 7:30 pm. For more information, call Ivan Tamarkin, 761-5993.



Chanukah

December 9-17, 2001

Blessings...

On the first night, place one candle on the far right of the Chanukiyah (menorah for Chanukah), let the Shamash (helper candle), light the candle and recite all three blessings. On nights 2-8, place the candles in the Chanukiyah from right to left and light the candles from left to right, and say only the first two blessings after all of the candles are kindled.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוֵּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר
שֶׁל חֲנֻכָּה.

Baruch atah Adonai, Elohienu melech ha-olam, asher kidshanum b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu lahadlik nehr shel Chanukah.

Praised are you, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe, who sanctifies us with commandments, and commands us to kindle the light of Chanukah.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם בַּזְּמַן
הַזֶּה.

Baruch atah Adonai, Eloheinu melech ha-olam, sheh-asah nisim la'avoteinu, bayamim ha-heym, bazman hazeh.

Praised are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe, who made miracles for our ancestors in their days and now!

On the first night include:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁהַחַיֵּינוּ וְקִיְּמָנוּ וְהַגִּיעָנוּ לַזְּמַן הַזֶּה.

Baruch atah Adonai, Eloheinu melech ha-olam, she-hechyanu, v'kiymanu, v'higiyanu lazman hazeh.

Praised are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe, for giving us life, for sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach this very special time.

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About Chanukah...

Chanukah is an eight day festival that we don't find mentioned in our Bible. The word Chanukah means re-dedication and commemorates the victory of Judah the Maccabee and his followers over the forces of the Syrian king, Antiochus IV. When Judah and his brothers recaptured the ancient Temple in Jerusalem in 165 B.C.E., their eight-day rededication ceremony was the first Chanukah. The story is told in the First and Second Books of the Maccabees, which form part of the Apocrypha--sacred literature of Judaism that is post-Biblical. The Temple had been Hellenized--transformed from uniquely Jewish practices to heavy Greek influence. The Maccabees cleaned house, rededicated the Temple and brought back the Jewish customs. It is this we celebrate at Chanukah.

There is a legend that in rededicating the Temple, a cruz of oil could only be found to last for one night--but it miraculously lasted for eight nights, and that is why Chanukah is celebrated for eight nights. While most love this story, other theories of why we celebrate for eight nights surround the festival of Sukkot, which was thought to be the festival used (albeit late) for the rededication of the Temple service.

Light is a symbol of most holidays that are found in the middle of winter. Light is associated with God's presence, and the lights of the festival help us bring God's presence into this ceremony. Gift giving is a borrowed custom, not originally associated with the holiday. In fact, in the state of Israel, this holiday is minor and subtle.

I have a little Dreidel...

Dreidel is a wonderful game of chance that uses a four-sided top with four Hebrew letters. Each person "anties" a piece of chocolate gelt (coin) or peanuts. Upon spinning the Dreidel, the player must respond to the letter upon which the Dreidel lands.

נ nun=nothing changes, don't put more in, don't take more

ג gimmel=take all ה hay=take half ש sheen=put one in



VALLEY VOLUNTEERS ... Social Action News

Jeannie Hiller, Social Action Chairperson

First, I would like to recognize and give a huge thanks to those who gave a hand with two recent projects. On October 28 we served brunch at Bethany House. Gail Lewin, Margie Schneider, Itzel Lieberman and Jeannie Hiller prepared and serve the meal, followed by arts and crafts with the children by Margie, Itzel and Gail. Thanks also to all those who contributed personal, toiletry items. They are always in need and very much appreciated. (There is a box in the Temple lobby for donations.)

The second project, 2001 PWC Rake day, is now history. Thanks so much to all the families who participated and made this day a success; namely, Jeremy & Jodi Barras; Chuck, Diane, Evan & Jeremy Powers and friend, Zach; Sam, Laura, Matt & Marcel Lobar; Gail Lewin; Sarah Ran and friend, Elyse; Ellen & Steven Kovacic; and Jeannie & Dean Hiller and friends, Zach, David and Drew. We had a light year with only two yards to rake, but no one complained!! Thanks for your hard work.

An upcoming event is the Christmas Mitzvah in conjunction with the other reform temples in the city. This mitzvah project is helping out at various hospitals with specific errands or jobs on Christmas Day so many of the employees may spend the holiday with their family. We are asked to fill specific time slots, as follows:

Bethesda North Hospital	9:30 – 12:00
	12:00 – 4:00
	4:00 – 8:00
Christ Hospital (Dec. 24 & 25)	4:30 – 8:30
Deaconess Hospital	12:00 – 3:00
Good Samaritan Hospital	11:00 – 1:00

Anyone having an interest in helping with this project, please give Jeannie Hiller a call at 398-1721. Thanks for all your help!

HELP NEEDED FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON

The following was received from Pat Wakim, coordinator for the Over the Rhine and Walnut Hills 'soup' Kitchen's. She asked me to pass it along. If you are interested in participating in this very nice program, please contact Pat directly. If you do participate, I would appreciate hearing back from you so I can get an idea of our level of support. Thank you. Allen Miller, Soup Kitchen Liason/Coord AllenMiller@prodigy.net

HOLIDAY TIME IS HERE AGAIN

CHRISTMAS & THANKSGIVING

AT THE OVER-THE RHINE & WALNUT HILLS KITCHENS

We are requesting your assistance in providing our Kitchens with Turkeys this year. You can help us in one of the following ways:

- a) Donate A Cooked Turkey
 - *de-bone
 - *freeze (dark & light meat together)
 - *strain & freeze drippings
 - *please use throwaway containers
- b) Volunteer To Cook A Donated Turkey
- c) Donate A Turkey (check made payable to Over-The-Rhine Kitchen @2631 Gilbert Avenue Cinti., Ohio 45206)

ALL DONATIONS MUST BE DELIVERED PRIOR TO THE HOLIDAYS!

Please contact Pat at 791-2692 indicating your Gift, arranging a time for delivery and the holiday in which you will be participating. You may leave a message and your call will be returned. Thank You!

YOU ARE PARTAKING IN THE TRUE SPIRIT OF THE HOLIDAYS!

There is no real way to Thank You for this kind deed. Our Friends who will be dining with us on Thanksgiving and Christmas never seem to forget to remind us how grateful they are that we took the time to prepare a meal for them. However, we always let them know that they have many friends who remembered Them - YOU!

VALLEY TEMPLE SENIOR MEMBERS

Please mark your calendars for the joint Reform Retiree's Luncheon on December 12, 2001 at 12 noon, which our Temple will host. Our program will include "Chanukah: For Adults Only" presented by Rabbi Kopnick.

Send your luncheon reservation by check in the amount of \$7.50 to Valley Temple Sisterhood at the Temple. Sisterhood members will be assisting with transportation for those of our Temple members who would not otherwise be able to attend. Please call Jean Amber at 573-9334 for questions or if you need a ride.

SISTERHOOD NEWS

On Sunday October 28th, the Sisterhood held its annual Member Brunch and Officer Installation Ceremony. Nancy Apfel, President, District 10, Women of Reform Judaism was in attendance and Rabbi Kopnick officiated. Twenty Sisterhood members were in attendance and three new members were recognized. Many thanks to all who helped make this year's Brunch a success.

The Sisterhood held its second business meeting of the year on Sunday, November 11, 2002. Fourteen members were in attendance.

The Sisterhood will meet the Second (2nd) Sunday of each month at 10 am in the Rabbi's Study. Please mark your calendars and join us!

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KROGER/JUNGLE JIM GIFT CERTIFICATES -- Did you know that the Kroger and Jungle Jim Gift Certificate Program is the Sisterhood's primary fundraising activity? Certificates can be purchased in small or large denominations and make great holiday gifts. Please consider participating in this important program. For more information, please contact Carmen Kovarsky at 825-0744.

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BOOKS FOR MARY ANN'S KIDS -- Please Help Provide Books for Cincinnati's Children -- This is our third year supporting the good works of Mary Ann Lederer, a member of the Reform Jewish community and disabled artist.

Every holiday season she collects books and distributes them to the children in the housing project where she lives. Many of these kids assist her throughout the year with small tasks she cannot perform for herself. Mary Ann sees this is as a way of paying them back and ensuring a more positive future for them.

Please bring your gently used children's books to the Temple. Look for the collection box near the Gift Shop. New books and cash donations are also welcome. Call Helen Marks Waits at 242-0066 with any questions. Thank you!

INTRODUCTION TO JUDAISM CLASS OFFERED

An Introduction to Judaism Class co-sponsored by the Midwest Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the Reform Rabbis of Cincinnati will be held at Hebrew Union College-Jewish

Institute of Religion, 3101 Clifton Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45220.

The sessions will be from January 9, 2002 through May 1, 2002 on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. The enrollment fee is \$125.00 per registration (single or couple) and includes materials and books. Any individual wishing to take the course must be referred by a Reform rabbi from one of the local Reform congregations. (Please contact Rabbi Kopnick if you wish to take this course.)

Many students who enroll in the course do so for the ultimate purpose of conversion, but both Jews and non-Jews who simply wish to enhance their knowledge of Judaism are welcome to attend. While completion of the course does not constitute conversion, many rabbis require the course as partial fulfillment of their conversion requirements.

Fourteen sessions will cover the basic elements of Jewish history, theology and practice. Individuals wishing additional information should contact a local Reform rabbi or HUC-JIR (513) 221-1875.

Sustaining the Generations...

We gratefully acknowledge the following contributions to our Temple Funds...

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

A gift from Jon and Susan Hoffheimer

In honor of Rabbi Kopnick's Installation
Doris W. Fogel

In Memory of Esther Fields
David T. Feldstein

To make a donation to one of our Temple Funds to help celebrate someone's special simcha (joyous event) or to memorialize a loved one, please send your donation to:

*The Valley Temple Funds
145 Springfield Pike
Cincinnati, OH 45215*

Please specify which fund you would like your generosity to benefit!

OUR GRATEFUL THANKS

HANUKKAH SALE
VALLEY TEMPLE SISTERHOOD
GIFT SHOP
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2
 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon



COME TO THE TEMPLE GIFT SHOP ON AND SAVE 25% OFF
 ALL HANUKKAH MENORAHS.



WE HAVE A HUGE SELECTION OF HANUKKAH CANDLES,
 MENORAHS, DECORATIONS, GELT, AND GIFTS



VISIT US FOR ALL YOUR HOLIDAY NEEDS!!!!!!!!!!!!

entertainment.

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Buy One for Yourself and

One for a Gift

\$35.00 Each

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 12/1 Tricia Gold
- 12/2 Rae Marie Markstein
- 12/3 Corey Jacob Denham
- 12/3 Adam Schimberg
- 12/4 Michael R. Bluestein
- 12/4 Randy Russell
- 12/5 Emily Isaacs
- 12/5 Jon Lieberman
- 12/6 David Austin
- 12/6 Jessica Dreskin
- 12/7 Laurie Marks
- 12/7 Judy Silverman
- 12/9 Rachel Ran
- 12/10 Martha Schimberg
- 12/10 Nanci Vesio
- 12/11 Barbara Ensel
- 12/11 Dylan Matthew Plummer
- 12/12 Barbara Stewart
- 12/13 Suzanne Firestone
- 12/15/ Rachel Stewart
- 12/16 Andrew Furman
- 12/17 Jean Amber
- 12/17 Dianne Rabe
- 12/18 James H. Walsh
- 12/19 Sally Waxman
- 12/21 Joanne Wolf Cohen
- 12/21 Fred Friedman
- 12/22 Jewel Schaen
- 12/23 Daniel Bass
- 12/23 Donna Kaufman
- 12/25 Jacob Lyon
- 12/26 Lily Liebman
- 12/27 Alan Schneider
- 12/28 Sydney Dornheggen
- 12/28 Carol Spritzer
- 12/30 Mae Cohen
- 12/31 Leah Beth Reynolds

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 12/16/1951 Fran and Stanley Cohen
- 12/18/1965 Margie and Alan Schneider
- 12/22/1979 Arn and Sue Bortz
- 12/23/1983 Tom and Alison Youkilis
- 12/26/1965 Jim and Eileen Chalfie
- 2/27/1973 Rich and Donna Edell
- 12/30/1979 Leon and Judy Silverman

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						December 1 9:30am Torah Study 10:30am Informal Shabbat Service
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9:00am RS Hebrew & Aleph Bet 9:45am Religious School 10:30am Men's Club Mtg 4:00pm Sisterhood Pottery 7:00pm Cinti Ref Jew HS		NO ADULT ED CLASS 6:30pm Adult Hebrew	UAHC Biennial in Boston	UAHC Biennial in Boston 7:30pm Volunteer Choir	UAHC Biennial in Boston 7:30pm Shabbat Service-Guest Rabbi	NO MORNING SERVICE UAHC Biennial in Boston 7:30pm Men's Club Hockey Game
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
1st Night of Chanukah SAM GLASER CONCERT 9:00am RS Hebrew & Aleph Bet 9:45am Religious School 10:00am Sisterhood Meeting 7:00pm Cinti Ref Jew HS	2nd Night of Chanukah	3rd Night of Chanukah 6:30pm Adult Hebrew 7:30pm Basic Judaism Class	4th Night of Chanukah 12:00pm Reform Retirees Lunch at Valley	5th Night of Chanukah 12:00pm LunchNLearn Downtown 7:30pm Volunteer Choir	6th Night of Chanukah 6:30pm Chanukah Dinner 7:30pm Shabbat Service	7th Night of Chanukah 9:30am Torah Study 10:30am Informal Shabbat Service
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
8th Night of Chanukah 9:00am RS Hebrew & Aleph Bet 9:45am Religious School PreK-8 7:00pm Cinti Ref Jew HS		6:30pm Adult Hebrew 7:30pm Basic Judaism Class 7:30pm Board Mtg		12:00pm Lunch NLearn Blue Ash 7:30pm Volunteer Choir	7:30pm Shabbat Service	9:30am Torah Study 10:30am Informal Shabbat Service
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL		NO CLASS TEMPLE CLOSED		7:30pm Volunteer Choir	7:30pm Shabbat Service	NO MORNING SERVICE
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NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL						

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