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THE WISE CONNECTION

An Invitation to Participate

BY SUE TELLER

Recently I succumbed to a fit of neatness and cleaned out a large file drawer, after which I delivered to



Sue Teller

Barry Finestone ten years of Wise Temple Bulletins neatly tied in a ribbon. I could hardly believe that I had edited the former Bulletin for that length of time.

Actually that job marked the beginning of my most active

involvement at Wise Temple and it was instigated by the simple act of then-Temple-President Pat Passer asking me to be the Bulletin editor. Every day I realize more and more that we all need to be asked to be part of a Temple volunteer project or group. Underneath it all, even the most confident person frequently hesitates to step forward without that specific invitation.

I have gotten past the point of floundering before introducing myself to someone at kiddush after Friday night services and, in fact, have gone so far as to re-introduce myself to people who in many instances have changed their hairstyle. I now have resolved to pick up the phone

at every opportunity and do my personal best to involve more Temple members in activities. As so many of you already know, I'll be doing them a favor by getting them on board.

I hope those of you already busy with Wise Temple activities will follow this example of extending to others invitations to participate.

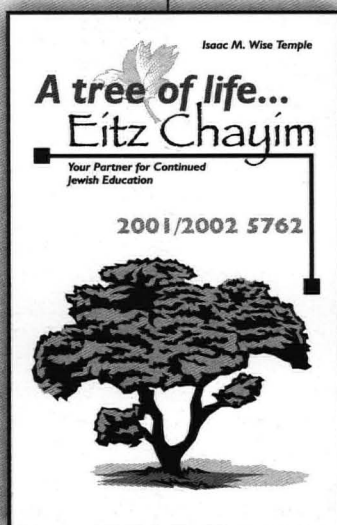
Although I find it difficult to read Hebrew words that are longer than six letters with a modicum of ease, I still consider my *Aleph Isn't Tough* introductory course offered by Eitz Chayim last year a grand success. It started me up a ladder I had tried to climb several times before and netted me eight new wonderful friends with whom I am continuing my studies this year.

If you've tried before to learn prayerbook Hebrew without success, I urge you to sign up for *Aleph Isn't Tough*, which Eitz Chayim is offering again or, if you already know the Hebrew alphabet, join those of us who are continuing students in a course named *Beyond Aleph*.

I hope you will consider your Eitz Chayim booklet a personal invitation to participate in our wide array

of enriching and exciting classes.

— Sue Teller, *President*



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D'VARIM MIN HALEV-

"Words from the Heart"

BY RABBI KAMRASS

We live in an ideal world, or at least one that is more ideal than it has ever been. As Jews, the rights that we take for granted are opportunities that most of our ancestors, for thousands of years, could have only dreamed of. Longingly at each Passover Seder when they proclaimed "Next Year in Jerusalem," what they meant was, perhaps sometime in the future we will know the freedom and the rights that will enable us to be masters of our own destiny, practicing our faith without oppression, earning a livelihood without restrictions. What they could only wistfully dream of, we enjoy every day—or at least almost all of what they dreamed of.

While Jewish life in America knows the true blessing of being completely free, it is one of the great paradoxes of contemporary Jewish life that in the Jewish State, such freedom of religion is significantly curtailed. Because of the political structure in place in Israel since its establishment in 1948, Orthodox Judaism, which represents approximately 20% of all Israeli Jews, enjoys an unprecedented monopoly of power and access to funding. Even worse, it is common for Israeli Orthodox rabbis and leaders not only to condemn Reform Judaism, but to also seek to invalidate our authenticity as Jews at every opportunity they can find.

It is this hegemony of political power wed to religious intolerance that has given rise to several attempts to change the Israeli Law of Return by redefining who is a Jew. It is this religious authoritarianism that proclaims that people who have converted to Judaism with a liberal rabbi are not converted, or even that their children or grandchildren are not Jewish. This affects Jews everywhere, not just those in Israel.

How well we remember the stinging pain of their last attempt to amend the Law of Return. And it is this corrupted political power that such circles of religious leaders enjoy that limits the availability of funding for Reform and Conservative Jewish life in Israel. Limited

funding sadly prohibits the light of Reform Judaism to reach the 80% of Israeli Jews who do not consider themselves Orthodox.

Every four years, the World Zionist Organization holds elections of delegates. This election is not another institutional bureaucratic endeavor. The numbers of delegates elected from the various corners of Jewish life directly determines the level of influence, funding and power available to that group in Israel. During the last election of 1997, the Reform movement, through its ARZA (Association of Reform Zionists of America) department, won the largest number of delegates precisely because so many Reform Jews voiced their feelings with their votes.

This year, those elections will be held again, but this time many other organizations are determined to deal a blow to our progress. They will be canvassing their troops to make their voices heard. And my response is to turn to you, our loyal "troops" of this congregational family, and to ask you to extend your gaze and your concern beyond our local horizon. In this current election, it will take even more of our energies and an even greater response for Reform Judaism to retain our place and continue the extraordinary growth and success that we have enjoyed in Israel in recent years. There is no one else who can do it, no other people who will support Reform Judaism, if you do not personally take the time to first register to vote, and then to cast your ballot when it is sent.

In a few days, you will receive a Temple mailing that will include a blue and white form that is your Voter Registration Form. It is your voice for religious tolerance and religious freedom in Jewish life.

There are actually two registration forms with each self-mailer, so that adult members of the same household can

register separately utilizing the same return mailer. With only five minutes of your time, a \$4.00 voter registration fee, by checking ARZA/WORLD UNION and by returning this Voter Registration Form by its December 14 deadline, you will be registered. Then in February 2002, you will receive a ballot that will simply require your vote and your prompt reply.

Only two steps are involved for you to send a message to Israel about the religious rights that we enjoy, and which Israelis should also have. That's all it takes for you to send a message to Israeli Orthodox leaders who seek to hijack the spirit of Jewish tolerance and unity in Jewish life at your expense, for the sake of their parochial agenda.

Two steps: Registration and voting; letting your voice be heard is what is required of us all. It does not take much time, but it is so critical in its importance and its consequence, that none of us can be free of the duty to raise our voice. Indeed, that is the spirit of tolerance and democracy that we should never take for granted.

This is not an activity that requires you to leave

your home; it can be accomplished by mail or website visit. But it is an activity that requires you to leave the complacency of taking for granted our religious rights that few generations of Jews have ever had the luxury of enjoying. In deference to the hopes of the generations before us, in support of the ideals of Reform Judaism today, and for your own self-worth as an American Jew who enjoys the freedom of religious rights that are not available to Israeli Jews, lift up your voice and proclaim your call. We can do no less. 🕯



Rabbi Kamrass

Lewis H. Kamrass

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Tzedek, Tzedek

Justice, Justice

BY BARBARA DRAGUL

“Tzedek, tzedek (justice, justice) you shall pursue,” the Torah teaches us in Deuteronomy 16:20. Years later the Talmud taught, “*tzedakah* is equal to all the other commandments combined.” (Bava Bathra 9b) What does *tzedek*, justice, and *tzedakah*, normally translated as charity, have in common?

Hebrew is a wonderful language, by looking at the roots of words we can tell how they are related. *Tzedakah* is closely connected to justice through its common root with *tzedek*. Charity, derived from the Latin word *caritas*, refers to “from the heart.” *Tzedakah*, rooted in the notion of justice, conveys a sense of obligation in giving to others. Therefore, in Judaism we give, not because we are moved in our hearts to do so, but because it is the right or just thing to do. Need we say more?

One day when the taciturn Calvin Coolidge came home from church, his wife asked him, “what did the minister speak about?”

“Sin,” he responded.

“And what did he say?”

“He was against it.”

You might assume there isn’t much more to say about *tzedakah*, except we’re in favor of it. But in fact Judaism has much to say about *tzedakah*. It first was legislated in the Torah where, in Deuteronomy (26:12), we are told to give ten percent of our earnings to the poor every third year. Further, to guard us against complacency in our obligation to give, we are taught, “for there will never cease to be needy people in your land, which is why I command you: open your hand to the poor and needy.” (Deuteronomy 15:11)



Barbara Dragul

At Wise Temple Religious School we respond to this mandate generously and consistently. Each week our students bring money to contribute to a class *tzedakah* fund. At the end of the year, each class discusses the organizations in need of assistance and decides together on where to contribute their money. We ask each class to contribute half of their money to a Temple Fund and the other half to a worthy community organization. Following is a list of the Temple Funds and community organizations to which our students gave at the end of last year.

Community Funds

American Cancer Society
American Red Magen David Adom
Breast Cancer Network
Cincinnati Children’s Hospital
Fernside Center for Grieving Children
Goldman Union Camp Institute
Hebrew Union College
Israel Humanitarian Foundation
Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation
Kibbutz Yahel (a Reform Kibbutz)
Leo Baeck Education Center
Make-A-Wish Foundation
Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
The Cleveland Clinic, Pediatric Rehabilitation
ZIV Tzedakah Fund

Temple Funds


Fine Arts Fund
Hunger Task Force/IHN
Isaac M. Wise Temple Youth Fund

Israel Youth Travel Scholarship
Judith S. Carsch Library Fund
Rabbi Kamrass Discretionary Fund
Plum St. Temple Historic Preservation

Could you have imagined that last year our students gave a total of \$2,700 to an array of needy organizations?

Through these acts of giving, our students learn that we are God’s hands in the world. It is our hearts through which God acts in the world and it is our voices that can carry God’s message of “*Tzedek, tzedek* you shall pursue” and make it real in our time. We celebrate our students’ generosity and thoughtful contributions to their community.

Our **value for this month** is *Sayver Panim Yafot*, translated as “a pleasant demeanor,” but meaning much more. The essence of this virtue is to greet every person with warmth, kindness and friendliness. It is not intended to be a mask one wears, but a true reflection of the warmth and kindness inside each of us. Anne Frank wrote, “Give of yourself...you can always give something, even if it is only kindness.” On the highest level, *Sayver Panim Yafot* is a reflection of the divine. In the priestly benediction we are blessed with these words, “May God’s face shine upon you...”. There is light, encouragement and caring in a face that “shines” upon us.

We don’t live the values of *tzedakah* and *sayver panim yafot* alone. In fact, you can’t practice these values alone. These values come to life in the relationships between people. We practice them in community, a community that cares for one another and that honors the divine spark within each of us. In the days and months and years ahead we must continue to act with *tzedek* and with kindness, with a *sayver panim yafot*. 

Memories and Melodies Move Us Forward

BY CANTOR SHARON KOHN

Just days after the terrorist attack on our country, during the High Holy Days I saw our congregation standing, hands linked, singing "God Bless America." I saw our Wise Temple family gathering to hear the Shofar and *Avinu Malkeinu* and responding to their sounds with melodies ancient and newly made.

Communal worship is a human need. In times of fear and uncertainty, we express our solidarity through words and melody. Our raw and confused emotions are given form and shape by reciting familiar words. For example, "Grant us Peace..." is ever changed for us by recent events. As one person I spoke with said, "It's as if the words were in black and white and now, suddenly, they're in color."

This is the power of worship, of communal prayer not always felt in times of calm and good fortune. It allows us to be alone and together at the same time. It gives context and provides perspective during times of trouble. In calm times, prayers help us remember what is really important. Words that echo across decades and even centuries give meaning to current events. And always, music can reach us in places that mere words cannot. New music can renew meaning to often said words. Familiar music can evoke memories and melodies written long ago can give comfort. Will any of us ever hear "God Bless America" in quite the same way again?

One "catch" to the above truths: Like the raffle tickets of old, you must be present to win. Words and music will not be, cannot be, familiar if you rarely hear or utter them. How can you make the words and melodies of our tradition feel

comfortable? Come to services. Come because it's Shabbat. Come because something occurred and a "thank you" is warranted. Come because it makes you feel good. Come because someone else might be having a bad time and needs to see you. Come because you feel sad or alone or afraid. Come just because.



Cantor Kohn

Learn the music we share as part of being a member of the Wise Temple family. Not only can you sing during our worship together, you can choose to enter the Chapel ten minutes early and join in a communal sing-a-long. Sometimes we warm up our prayer "muscles" by singing familiar melodies. Sometimes we learn something new. Sometimes we do both. Remember, it is not the quality of your voice, but the intent of your spirit which gives group singing its impact.

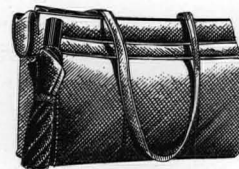
Learn (more) about Jewish worship. A sporting event is fun to watch, in and of itself. But most find that it is even more fun when you know the players and can appreciate their level of play. So it is with worship. Coming to services can be meaningful and uplifting. Being able to participate more and more fully can add immeasurably to your experience. Participate in Eitz Chayim classes that can deepen your understanding of Hebrew and of prayer. Visit our excellent library. Our librarian, Jenny Schaffzin, will be pleased to assist you in finding just the right materials.

I pray that among the many lessons remembered from the events of September 11, is the value of community. I look forward to singing with you in this new year, 5762. I look forward to traveling with you along your path for greater understanding and participation in our congregation's worship services. 🕯

Accessory and Craft Boutique

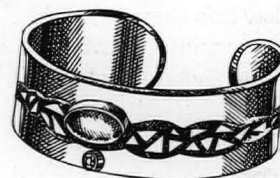
Sisterhood is sponsoring an Accessory and Craft Boutique in time for holiday gift giving. This is also a wonderful opportunity to shop for B'nai Mitzvah gifts or baby gifts, to accessorize a wardrobe or enhance the home. The sale will take place at Wise Center on Sunday, November 11th from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. A portion of the proceeds will benefit Wise Temple Sisterhood.

The show will feature evening bags, fine leather handbags and accessories, and



pashmina shawls from Ashneil. There will be an assortment of costume and fine jewelry from such vendors as

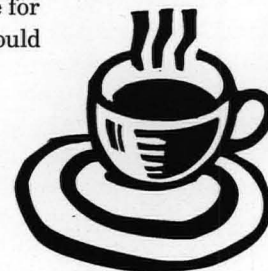
PriceLess Jewelry and Goldiggers. Scarves, belts, and personal accessories



from Doncaster will also be featured.

Home accessories, novelties and *objet d'art* in ceramic, mosaic picture frames, ornamented lucite and glass will be supplied by artisans such as Artistree, Artitude, Attention to Detail and S.W. Design. Hand painted decorative pieces and furniture will also be represented.

The Coffee Cart will be open during the sale for anyone who would like some refreshments. We will also have some light lunch items and soda. Come enjoy a snack after you shop.



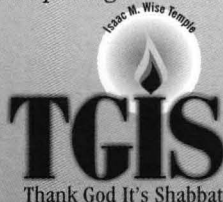
For more information, call Dian Deutsch at 891-3666.

Fresh Challah... Come Bake It!!

Every Friday night 12 families will have the opportunity to prepare their own Challah. During the service we will then bake your Challah and you can pick it up fresh from the oven at the conclusion of the service, to enjoy at your home or at one of our congregational shabbat dinners.

Challah baking will start on October 12, and occur every Friday thereafter. Families must be present by 5:30 p.m. Reservations must be received one week in advance. To sign up, please call Ann Donaldson at 793-2556 or email Adonaldson@wisetemple.org.

The cost for Challah baking is \$2.



All Temple members are welcome to participate in our services. At our Friday evening services, we love to honor our members as they light candles and say Kiddush. Call Nancy Goldberg at 791-4498.

Wise Words Gala Opening

Do not miss the Premier Gala Opening of the video WISE WORDS on Monday, November 5 at 7:30 at Wise Center. This evening will be a unique opportunity to share in the collective history, memories and wisdom of some of the senior members of Wise Temple. You will be able to meet the participants, the production team, the musicians and the producer. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, contact Phyllis Tobias at 793-2556.



The Wise Shabbat

Refreshing Change. For A New Personal Tradition.

Isaac M. Wise Temple

Congregational Shabbat Dinners

November 16th, November 30th, December 14

Service at 6:15 p.m. – Dinner immediately following service

Come and celebrate Shabbat with other Temple families. All families are encouraged to attend this wonderful event. Please send this form with a check (payable to Wise Temple) to:

Shabbat Dinner

Wise Temple

8329 Ridge Road

Cincinnati, OH 45236

Dinners \$7.00 each – (Children under 10 \$2.50)

November 16

November 30

December 14

_____ Dinners @ \$7.00
_____ Dinners @ \$2.50

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\$ _____ (Amount enclosed)

I will bring the following side dish (enough to serve 10)

_____ vegetable or salad
_____ potato, pasta or rice

_____ vegetable or salad
_____ potato, pasta or rice

_____ vegetable or salad
_____ potato, pasta or rice

Name _____

Address _____

Children's Names/Ages _____

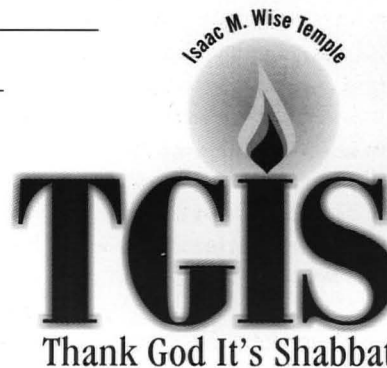
Phone _____

E-mail _____

Send in your reservation early!!

Dinner space is limited.

Reservations must be made at least 10 days prior to Dinner.



LISTING OF EVENTS



Brotherhood

No programs scheduled this month.



Congregational Shabbat Dinners

November 16

7:15 p.m. at Wise Center

For more information, contact Ann at the Temple office at 793-2556.

November 30

7:15 p.m. at Wise Center

For more information contact, Ann at the Temple office at 793-2556.



Eitz Chayim

NOTE: Some Eitz Chayim classes require pre-registration. Check your Eitz Chayim Brochure for details.

Beginning Hebrew for Adults

Wednesdays thru December 19th

5:00 p.m. at Wise Center

For more information, contact Terri Snively at 793-2997.

Beyond Aleph- Adult Hebrew

Wednesdays thru December 19th

5:00p.m. at Wise Center

For more information, contact Terri Snively at 793-2997.

Branches of Judaism with Rabbi Kamrass

November 1, 8, 15

7:30 p.m. at Wise Center

For more information, contact Terri Snively at 793-2997.

Beyond Turkey: Jewish Concepts of Thanksgiving with Rabbi Gevurtz

November 4

10:00 a.m. at Wise Center

For more information, contact Terri Snively at 793-2997.

Wise Words Opening

November 5

7:30 p.m. at Wise Center

For more information, contact Sue Ransohoff at 221-3720.

Active Parenting for Jewish Families (sessions 4-6)

November 5, 12, 19

6:30 p.m. at Wise Center

For more information, contact Terri Snively at 793-2997.

God Beliefs with Rabbi Gevurtz

November 6 – Last session of 3-part class

Noon at Wise Center

For more information, contact Terri Snively at 793-2997.

Discussion Group -- Articles from Reform Judaism Magazine with Lew Ebstein

November 11

9:30 a.m. at Wise Center

For more information, contact Lew Ebstein at 489-8048.

God's Call to Moses with Rabbi Kamrass

November 18

10:00 a.m. at Wise Center

For more information, contact Terri Snively at 793-2997.

Book Review -- The Healer of Shattered Hearts with Lew Ebstein

December 2

10:00 a.m. at Wise Center

For more information, contact Lew Ebstein at 489-8048.

Currents Events through Jewish Eyes with Michael Shulman

December 3, 10, 17

Noon at Wise Center

For more information, contact Terri Snively at 793-2997.



Outreach

Cincinnati Jewish Relations with Dr. Michael Rapp

November 15

7:30 p.m. at Wise Center

For more information, contact Garry Kohn at 459-7161 or Dan Fagin at 573-0247.

Discussion Group -- Interfaith Family Discussion

November 18

10:00 a.m. at Wise Center

For more information, contact Andy and Linda Berger at 859-344-9731.



Religious School

Confirmation Retreat

November 3-4

Camp Joy

For more information, contact Brett Stern at 793-2556.

Gesher Grade 5

November 4

9:30 a.m. at Wise Center

For more information, contact Brett Stern at 793-2556.

Gesher Grades 2 and 6

November 11

9:30 a.m. at Wise Center

For more information, contact Brett Stern at 793-2556.

1st Grade Family program

November 18

9:30 a.m. at Wise Center

For more information, contact Terri Snively at 793-2997.

5th Grade Retreat

November 30

6:00 p.m. at Wise Center

For more information, contact Brett Stern at 793-2556.

Gesher Grade 4

December 2

9:30 a.m. at Wise Center

For more information, contact Brett Stern at 793-2556.



Seniors

Soothing Troubled Waters with Barbara Glueck

November 14

1:00 p.m. at Wise Center

For more information, contact Emil Dansker at 821-0767 or Carol Dragul at 533-9991.

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"Yentl" - an afternoon at the movies

December 4

1:00 p.m. at Wise Center

For more information, contact Ruth Lowenthal at 281-8608.



Sisterhood

Sisterhood Board Meeting

November 7

9:30 a.m. at Wise Center

For more information, contact Valerie Friedman at 489-0168.

Sisterhood Book Club-The Ladies' Auxiliary by Tova Mirvis

November 7

4:30 p.m. at Wise Center

For more information, Shirley Kantor Behr at 792-0722.

Accessory and Craft Boutique Sale

November 11

9:00 a.m.- 5:30 p.m. at Wise Center

For more information, contact Dian Deutsch at 891-3666.

Sisterhood Bridge

November 13, 27

Noon at Wise Center

For more information, contact Ruth Goret at 351-6486.

Sisterhood Breakfast Program with Rabbi Gevurtz

November 14

9:30 a.m. at Wise Center

For more information, contact Nancy Goldberg at 791-4498 or Pam Kohn at 891-1516.

Sisterhood Torah Study

November 28

12:30 p.m. at Wise Center

For more information, contact Terry Susskind at 761-7782..

Sisterhood Pottery Painting at Café Monet

December 3

7 p.m. at Café Monet, Montgomery

For more information, contact Lorri Manning at 984-9167 or Laura Cramer at 794-0742.



Wise-UP

Talbert House

November 15

Prepare food for house residents

For more information, contact Missy Hecht at 494-2129.

Free Store

November 17

Full

For more information, contact at Kathy Claybon 321-4848.

St. Francis Seraph Soup Kitchen

November 21

Help serve a festive meal

Full

For more information, contact Arnold Brinn at 791-6294.



Ongoing Wise-UP Projects

Over-the-Rhine Soup Kitchen

Sunday Mornings

Help prepare and serve hot lunches to Cincinnati's homeless and less fortunate.

For more information, contact Mary & Scott Boster at 948-9415 or Michael & Michelle Garfunkel at 531-5444.

Interfaith Hospitality Network

Six Times a Year

Help provide for homeless families during their stay at Wise Temple by preparing meals, playing with children, staying overnight, setting up, taking down or laundering bedding. Sign up for the activities of your choice for as many sessions as you prefer.

For more information, contact Anne Pleatman at 631-3062 or Helene Ohren at 793-7443.

Bake Someone Happy

Ongoing

Help bake and arrange trays for those in need of a loving gesture.

For more information, contact Linda Sacks at 631-7373.

Usher In Shabbat- NEW

Ongoing

Usher at either Wise Center or Plum Street Temple. Through friendly greetings and prayer book distribution you help provide a peaceful, orderly and caring atmosphere for our sanctuaries. For more information, contact Karen Sim at 777-2969.

Ready For Action! - NEW

Respond to needs that develop since we have printed the Wise-UP brochure.

For more information, contact Robin Newland at 530-5516.



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Home Shabbat

November 16

7:00 p.m. at the Brownlee's residence

For more information, contact Karen and John Brownlee at 871-5013.



Youth Groups

G.U.C.I. Dinner

November 7

6:00 p.m. at Wise Center

For more information, contact Brett Stern at 793-2556.

Wise Guys Movie Night (7th and 8th Grades)

November 10

7:00 p.m. at Wise Center

For more information, contact Andy Shafran at 791-8992.

Wise Guys Laser Tag

December 2

Noon

For more information, contact Andy Shafran at 791-8992.



Miscellaneous

Discussion Group -- Parents of Interfaith Couples

November 1, 8, 29 & December 6

7:30 p.m. at Wise Center

For more information, contact Amy Katz at 321-9646 or Judy Spitz at 745-0986.

Shabbat Storytime for Kids

November 2, 16

10:00 a.m. at Wise Center

For more information, contact Lauren Prangley at 871-5466.

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting

Every Tuesday beginning November 6

5:30p.m. at Wise Center

For more information, contact the Temple at 793-2556.

NOVEMBER 2001 CHESHVAN/KISLEV

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>WC = Wise Center PST = Plum Street Temple O = Other Location</p> <p>See listing of events for more detailed information</p>				<p>1</p> <p>7:30 pm Branches of Judaism w/ Rabbi Kamrass (WC) 7:30 pm Discussion—Parents of Interfaith Couples (WC)</p>	<p>2</p> <p>10:00 Storytime for Kids (WC) 6:15 pm Shabbat Evening Service (WC) 8:15 pm Bar Mitzvah of Nicholas Kahn (WC)</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Confirmation Retreat (O) 9:30 Shabbat Alternative Service (WC) 10:45 Optional Text Study (WC) 10:45 Bar Mitzvah of Gregory Harding (PST)</p>
<p>4</p> <p>Confirmation Retreat (O) 9:30 Geshet Grade 5 (WC) 10:00 Jewish Concepts of Thanksgiving (WC)</p>	<p>5</p> <p>6:30 pm Active Parenting (WC) 7:30 pm Wise Words Opening (WC)</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Noon God Beliefs w/ Rabbi Gevurtz—Part 3 (WC) 5:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (WC)</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:30 Sisterhood Board Meeting (WC) 4:30 pm Sisterhood Book Club (WC) 5:00 pm Beginning Hebrew for Adults (WC) 5:00 pm Beyond Aleph — Adult Hebrew (WC) 6:00 pm Youth Group GUCL Dinner (WC)</p>	<p>8</p> <p>7:30 pm Branches of Judaism w/ Rabbi Kamrass (WC) 7:30 pm Discussion—Parents of Interfaith Couples (WC)</p>	<p>9</p> <p>6:15 pm Shabbat Evening Service (WC)</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9:00 Bar Mitzvah of Mark Minevich (WC) 9:30 Shabbat Alternative Service (WC) 10:45 Optional Text Study (WC) 11:15 Bar Mitzvah of Zachary Goldman (WC) 7:00 pm Youth Group Movie-7th & 8th Grade (WC)</p>
<p>11</p> <p>9:30 Discussion — Reform Judaism Articles (WC) 9:30 Geshet Grades 2 & 6 (WC) 9:00-5:30 Sisterhood Boutique Sale (WC)</p>	<p>12</p> <p>6:30 pm Active Parenting (WC)</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Noon Sisterhood Bridge (WC) 5:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (WC)</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9:30 Sisterhood Breakfast w/ Rabbi Gevurtz (WC) 1:00 pm Seniors — Soothing Troubled Waters w/ B. Glueck (WC) 5:00 pm Beginning Hebrew for Adults (WC) 5:00 pm Beyond Aleph — Adult Hebrew (WC)</p>	<p>15</p> <p>7:30 pm Branches of Judaism w/ Rabbi Kamrass (WC) 7:30 pm Outreach — Cinci Jewish Rel'ns w/ Dr. M. Rapp (WC) Wise-Up — Talbert House (O)</p>	<p>16</p> <p>10:00 Bat Mitzvah of Lauren Allen (WC) 10:00 Storytime for Kids (WC) 6:15 pm Shabbat Evening Service; 2nd Grade Participation November Birthday and Anniversary Blessings (WC) 7:00 pm YAC Home Shabbat (O) 7:15 pm Congregation Shabbat Dinner (WC)</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Wise-Up Free Store (O) 9:00 Bat Mitzvah of Carly Cohen (PST) 11:15 Bat Mitzvah of Julia Stern (PST)</p>
<p>18</p> <p>9:30 Religious School Family Program — 1st Grade (WC) 10:00 God's Call to Moses w/ Rabbi Kamrass (WC) 10:00 Outreach Discussion — Interfaith Families (WC)</p>	<p>19</p> <p>6:30 pm Active Parenting (WC) 7:00 pm R'Fuat Hanefesh (WC)</p>	<p>20</p> <p>5:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (WC)</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Wise-Up Soup Kitchen (O) NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Thanksgiving - Office Closed</p>	<p>23</p> <p>6:15 pm Shabbat Evening Service; Wisetykes (WC)</p>	<p>24</p> <p>9:30 Shabbat Alternative Service (WC) 10:45 Optional Text Study (WC) 10:45 Bar Mitzvah of Casey Weissbuch (PST)</p>
<p>25</p> <p>NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Noon Sisterhood Bridge (WC) 5:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (WC)</p>	<p>28</p> <p>12:30 pm Sisterhood Torah Study (WC) 5:00 pm Beginning Hebrew for Adults (WC) 5:00 pm Beyond Aleph — Adult Hebrew (WC)</p>	<p>29</p> <p>7:30 pm Discussion—Parents of Interfaith Couples (WC)</p>	<p>30</p> <p>6:00 pm Religious School Retreat—5th Grade (WC) 6:15 pm Shabbat Evening Service—New Member Welcome-Kol Rinah (WC) 7:15 pm Congregational Shabbat Dinner (WC)</p>	

EITZ CHAYIM:



Let's Come Together and Learn

"It is a TREE OF LIFE / EITZ CHAYIM to those who hold it fast, and all who cling to it find happiness. Its ways are ways of pleasantness, and all its paths are peace." -- Proverbs 3:17-18

What is Eitz Chayim?

Our Eitz Chayim program is Wise Temple's innovative approach to lifelong Jewish learning. Eitz Chayim is designed to meet the needs of our whole congregation by providing expanded programs and classes offered in a variety of settings and times. Programs and classes are grouped under eight categories: The Basics of Judaism, Family Learning, Learning to Read Hebrew, Text Study Opportunities, Historical Jewish Perspectives, Contemporary Jewish Perspectives, Workshops and Discussion Groups, and Special Events.

Below is some key information; for more details, please consult the Eitz Chayim brochure that was mailed to you.

How do I Register for a Class?

Many of the classes require no registration – all you need to do is show up! To be sure, just check the course description in your Eitz Chayim brochure.

If a class requires registration, it is crucial that you take the time to pre-register. If we do not have enough people signed up for a course, we may need to cancel it.

Some Upcoming Classes

Branches of Judaism

Time: 7:30-9:00 p.m.

Dates: Thursdays, November 1, 8, 15 at Wise Center

Pre-registration: Yes

Have you ever wondered about the real differences between the branches of Judaism, what they are, what they believe, and why the old expression of "two Jews, three opinions" holds true in modern Jewish life? Led by Rabbi Kamrass, this course will examine the historical development, philosophical principles, and current challenges facing each of the

branches of Judaism in America. Examining Reform, Reconstructionist, Conservative, and Orthodox Judaism, participants will gain an understanding of the differences between the movements, as well as gain a deeper appreciation of the variety of expression that creates the strength of modern Jewish life.

Beyond Turkey: Jewish Concepts of Thanksgiving

Time: 10:00-11:30 a.m.

Date: Sunday, November 4 at Wise Center

Pre-registration: No

Come discover with Rabbi Gevurtz what Judaism has to say about the idea of giving thanks. This year sit down at your Thanksgiving dinner with an added Jewish perspective on the day. Together we will explore the biblical, rabbinic, and liturgical ideas about the meaning of thankfulness in our tradition. Ideas for Jewish additions to your Thanksgiving meal will be provided. This class is open to all levels of learners.

Opening Night Of "Wise Words"

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Date: Monday, November 5 at Wise Center

Pre-registration: No

The Wise Words Committee has videotaped twenty-two senior members of our congregation, talking about the rich and varied experiences that have given their lives wisdom and meaning. "Wise Words" is a composite video of these experiences, narrated by Rabbi Kamrass. Come to this gala opening night and be among the first to learn from Wise Words.

Cincinnati/Jewish Relations

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Date: Thursday, November 15 at Wise Center

Pre-registration: No

This class is a continuation of a lecture delivered last Shavuot by Dr. Rapp, Director of the Jewish Community Relations Committee. Dr. Rapp will continue his discussion of where we, as a Jewish community, are now as well as where we seem to be headed. He also will address the effect of the current unrest in the Cincinnati on Jewish relations to the city. This class is open to all learners. Attendance at his previous lecture is NOT required.

Quarterly Interfaith Family Discussion

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Date: Sunday, November 18 at Wise Center

Pre-Registration: Call Andy and Linda Berger at 859-344-9731

Any interfaith couple is welcome to join in this supportive, open, and non-judgmental discussion group to gain wisdom, understanding and a sense of what others are experiencing. Discussion topics include Christmas/Chanukah, Easter/Passover, In-laws, how and what to raise the children, values and priorities, and so much more. Led by Andy and Linda Berger, an interfaith couple.

God's Call to Moses

Time: 10:00-11:30 a.m.

Date: Sunday, November 18 at Wise Center

Pre-registration: No

Moses is seen by many as the greatest leader of the Jewish people. His role in our history as a people is central and in that we can find great meaning and insight. Why did God Call Moses? What made him a leader we could strive to emulate in our own time, centuries after he died? Join Rabbi Kamrass as he unravels the mystery and meaning in God's Call to Moses.

Sisterhood Torah Study

Time: 12:30 - 2:00 p.m.

Dates: Wednesday Nov. 28 at Wise Center

Cost: \$5.00 per session when attending.

Please pack a lunch.

Pre-Registration: No

Join the women of Sisterhood each month for casual lunchtime Torah Study.

Working with English text, a facilitator guides the group in exploring different biblical texts using traditional as well as modern commentary. No prior knowledge, attendance or preparation is necessary.

Wise Temple Breaks Record for Free Store Food donation.

Thank you for participating in this wonderful project. It is the proper Jewish response to an urgent need in our midst. This year our **18,768 pounds of food** was the largest single contribution in Cincinnati to fulfill the needs of the poor! The Religious Action Center, Reform Judaism's social action agency, has cited Wise Temple's project as a model for all congregations.

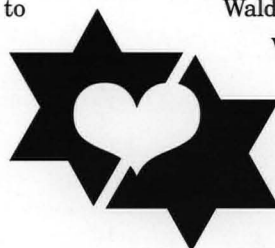
Indeed, once again this year, our actions will serve as an inspiration for hundreds of Reform Jewish communities throughout the United States and Canada. **No other congregation in the nation is as responsive in their contribution as Wise Temple!** In a real sense, we are feeding the hungry of our community and inspiring thousands of others to do the same. Since 1988 you have donated 402,872 pounds of food. **THANK YOU!**

Singles Encouraged to Join Dateline

This is the time of new beginnings...

Singles of all ages are invited to find out about Wise Jewish Dateline, the successful tri-state Jewish dating service that is housed at Wise Temple. Whether you have always been single, are divorced, widowed or just emerging from a relationship, Dateline welcomes singles to participate.

This program, partially funded by the Jewish Federation of Cincinnati, focuses on the ability of participants to make selections for potential dates in a private setting.



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"What do you have to lose?" asks Susan Waldman, Co-Chair of the service with Diane Oestreicher. "It

can't hurt, and it could expand your social network greatly." Copies of the profile books are in Columbus, Dayton, Indianapolis, Lexington and Louisville. Members from all six cities and their surrounding areas have enjoyed being part of the program for over six years.

For more information, or to receive a brochure and

application packet, call our Director, Sandy Fields, at 745-9573.

Email: dateline@wisetemple.org

SISTERHOOD NOTES

PROGRAMMING NEWS

Please join us on November 14th at 9:45 a.m. at Wise Center when Sisterhood welcomes Rabbi Gevurtz as the speaker for our breakfast program. Rabbi Gevurtz will discuss "How Judaism Addresses Stress in Our Lives." *Please RSVP by November 8th. Mail your check for \$4.00, payable to Wise Temple Sisterhood, to Nancy Goldberg, 7 Muirfield Ln., 45241*

Join us for an evening of fun at Café Monet, 7791 Cooper Rd. in Montgomery, on December 3rd from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Create a beautiful Judaica item for your home or as a gift. Watch your mail for a flyer with more details. *For more information, call Laura Cramer at 794-0742 or Lorri Manning at 984-9167.*

STUDY GROUPS

Come and study Torah with us! It is a satisfying and pleasant way to spend time with women from our congregation. The next session of our Sisterhood Torah Study will be November 28 at Wise Center from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. Our leader this year is Karen Compane, a fifth year rabbinic student at HUC-JIR. All women are welcome to attend and no prior experience is necessary. Feel free to attend as many sessions as you can. There is a \$5 fee per session; bring a brown bag lunch if you wish.

There is still time to pick up a copy of Tova Mirvis' The Ladies Auxiliary and join our first book club discussion on November 7th from 4:30-5:45 p.m. at Wise Center. The book takes you inside a close-knit Orthodox community in Memphis Tennessee. Shirley Kantor Behr will facilitate this interesting discussion. *For more information, call Shirley at 792-0722.*

THANK YOU'S

Thank you to Linda Berger and Lauren Prangle for co-chairing the Sukkot congregational dinner. Many thanks to Judi Hughes for coordinating cupcakes in the Sukkah for all of the Religious School children.

Thanks to opening luncheon chair Barb Fogel and her committee: Nancy Goldberg, Marilyn Schneider, Carol Jaffe, Elaine Schiffer, and Dian Deutsch. Thanks also to Dawn Gilgoff for her work with the Laura Pulfer Program and to all Sisterhood members who baked for this event. Special thanks to Linda Drasnin for opening her home for our new and prospective member social.

Thank you to Leah Levine and her committee for the Reform Retirees Luncheon.

TRADITIONS & TREASURES

Chanukah is right around the corner. Don't miss out on our annual sale, Monday, November 26 through Sunday, December 2. Stop in and save 20% on all Chanukah

items, from books and music to wrap and gelt. Remember...as a Sisterhood member you receive a 10% discount off your purchases. We are open Mon/Tues/Th 9:30-1:30, Wed 2-5:45, Sun 9-11:45 and by appointment. If you would be interested in volunteering in the Gift Shop, *please call Margie Meyer at 984-2345.*

CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

In preparation for the holidays, the Children's Holiday Boutique will be held during Religious School, Sundays, December 2nd and 9th and during Hebrew School, Wednesday, December 5th. Information will be sent home with your children. If you are looking for a new way to connect with Sisterhood, this is a great opportunity to meet and work with other Sisterhood members. *Anyone interested in helping to wrap and/or sell please call Stephanie Fenlon at 859-331-3564 or Missy Richter at 733-8866.*

FLEA MARKET

The Flea Market is in need of donations of furniture, costume jewelry, bedding, table linens, working small appliances, cars and boats! (No clothing, books, or toys please.) *Just drop off your donations at Phyllis Fine's house, 3145 Fairhaven Ln., or call Phyllis at 731-6063 to arrange for pickup of large items. Donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.*

WISE NOTES



Last year, more than 800 individuals in our congregation took action through Wise-UP.

We look forward to working with each of you who take action this year. Together, we will go into the community with faith that our service will bring some peace and comfort for ourselves and, most especially, for the many who are in need.

Each month we will list the projects in which you can get involved that month.

11/15 Talbert House

Prepare dinner for House residents before Thanksgiving. Help women trying to conquer substance abuse problems.

For more information, call Missy Hecht 494-2129.

11/21 St. Francis Seraph Holiday Soup Kitchen

4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Help serve (and clean up) a festive meal during the Thanksgiving holiday.

For more information, contact Arnold

Full

Bedtime Bundles

As a holiday mitzvah for the entire congregation, the Wise Temple Sisterhood is again sponsoring the Bedtime Bundle Project which involves collecting necessities and a holiday gift for children at the YWCA's Battered Women's Shelter. The Sisterhood encourages all Wise Temple families to assemble a "bedtime bundle" filled with items desperately needed by the children at the shelter.

The "bedtime bundle" (a new or gently used pillow case) is to be filled with the following items: new underwear and new pajamas (for a girl or boy—any size up to child's size 14), new socks, a child's toothbrush and toothpaste, and a story book or stuffed animal. Tie the "bedtime bundle" with two new shoelaces. Please label your bundle with a list of

enclosed items and the size and gender of the child it is for.

The Sisterhood hopes that Temple families will assemble a complete "bedtime bundle" but donations of any items will be greatly appreciated.

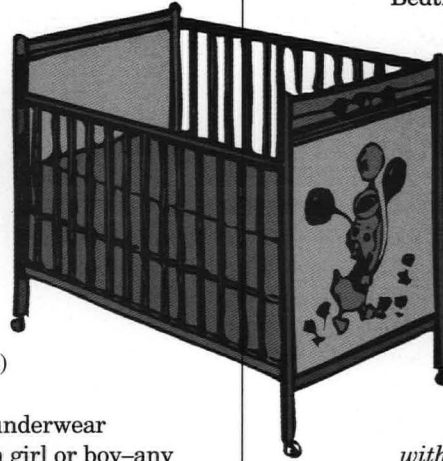
"Bedtime bundles," may be dropped off at the Temple from Sunday, November 18 through Friday, December 22nd. There will be a collection crib in the lobby. Families attending the Congregational Chanukah Dinner are invited to bring their "bedtime bundles" to Temple that evening.

If you can lend a hand

with collecting and sorting

items for the children at the

Battered Women's Shelter, please call Jan Shuller at 794-1554 or Janice Kirschner at 489-3495.



Reaching Out Through Outreach

Are you interested in learning more about Judaism? Are you in an interfaith relationship? Are you thinking about conversion to Judaism? If you answered "yes" to any of the above, then the wide range of programs offered by Wise Temple Outreach is for you. The Outreach program offers an exciting mix of classes and discussion groups aimed at those wanting to learn more about the basics of Judaism, as well as those facing interfaith and conversion issues.

The goal of Outreach classes this year is to help us get connected to the cultural side of Judaism. The first event was a discussion with Noga Maliniak, our local shlichah, on the current events in Israel. On November 15th, there will be a lecture by Dr. Michael Rapp, the Director of the

Jewish Community Relations Committee. Looking forward to the rest of the year, there will be classes addressing Jewish lifecycle events, havdalah rituals, Passover cooking, various God beliefs, as well as the popular Shavuot Sensation.

In addition to classes, the Outreach Program offers two on-going discussion groups for people involved in interfaith relationships. The quarterly **Interfaith Family Discussion Group** meets four times a year to work through common issues faced in interfaith relationships. The next meeting will take place on Sunday, November 18 at 10 a.m. Attendance at previous meetings is not required. **Times and Seasons** is a seven-week group that offers interfaith couples contemplating marriage a forum

in which to discuss and find support for the dynamics involved in this process.

If you are interested in learning more about Outreach programming, please contact Outreach Chairpersons, Jann Greenberg at 769-0507 or Alan Gross at 794-0550.





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CONGREGATIONAL CONNECTION

MAZAL TOV

The Temple offers congratulations to the following families in November:

B'nai Mitzvah

November 2 - Nicholas Kahn, son of Randall Kahn

November 3 - Gregory Harding, son of Thomas and Sally Harding, Grandson of Ralph and Carol Davidow

November 10 - Mark Minevich, son of Dr. Eugene and Kate Minevich

November 10 - Zachary Goldman, son of Edward and Laurie Goldman

November 16 -- Lauren Allen, daughter of Inez and Stephen Allen

November 17 - Carly Cohen, daughter of Charles and Domenica Cohen

November 17 - Julia Stern, daughter of Richard and Sandy Stern

November 24 - Casey Weissbuch, son of Dr. Michael and Debbe Weissbuch

Gari Silverblatt on the Bar Mitzvah of her grandson, Tommy J. Saul in Boston, MA

Weddings

Wendy Grosswald and Steven Reppart on their marriage

Richard Vigran and Christine Renie on their marriage

Births

Mr. & Mrs. Greg Miller on the birth of their daughter, Samantha Maria Miller

Mr. & Mrs. Andy Shafran on the birth of their son, Maxwell Lewis Shafran

Mr. & Mrs. Barry Finestone on the birth of their son, Ethan Lev Finestone

Dr. & Mrs. Charles Glueck on the birth of their grandson, Abraham Hoffman

Help Save The Environment

Did you know??

- 3-1/2 quarts of oil are used to produce a toner cartridge
- 2-1/2 ounces of oil are used to produce an inkjet cartridge
- Every year over 275 million cartridges are thrown away
- Stacked end to end, cartridges thrown away in one year would circle the earth

Bring your empty cartridges from laser printer toner, fax toner and inkjets to the Green Earth Collection Barrel located in the Lobby of Wise Center. Green Earth Cartridge Collection will pay Wise Temple for the used cartridges we send for recycling.



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