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## THE WISE CONNECTION



Save the Date: March 16<sup>th</sup>



# Beat the Winter Blues

## Wise Temple 2nd Annual Monte Carlo Casino Night

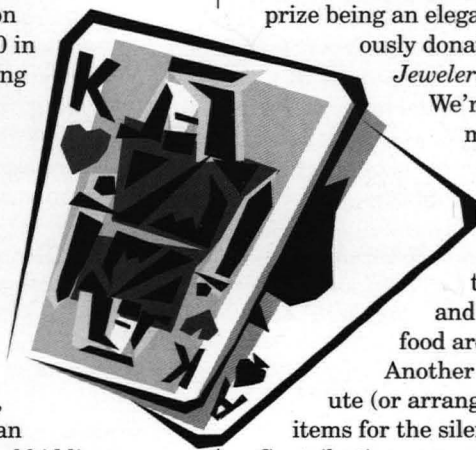
**E**njoy a casual, entertaining evening of fun games, fabulous food and terrific company.

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Monte Carlo Casino Night, co-chaired by Robin Newland and Rob Craig, begins at 7:30pm on March 16<sup>th</sup>. Tickets will be \$10 in advance (\$15 at the door). Bring your friends, your family and join us for an evening that provides something for everyone.

For those who are willing to tempt lady luck, there will be a Las Vegas-style Casino complete with Black Jack, Poker, Roulette and other games of chance. Along with complimentary lite bites, desserts and a cash bar, you can spend the evening perusing and bidding on an extensive silent auction with items donated by local vendors and Wise Temple members.

### Silent Auction Items include:

- Sports memorabilia, including Ken Griffey jacket
- Reds baseball tickets
- Restaurant gift certificates
- Theater tickets
- Carpet cleaning
- Laser eye surgery
- 1 hour of "flightseeing" for 2 in a Cessna 170... and much, much more!



One of the most exciting features of the evening is the **Reverse Raffle**. Buy a ticket for \$100 and you may walk away with \$2500 cash—only 200 tickets will be sold. The evening also features a **Key Raffle** with the grand prize being an elegant piece of jewelry generously donated by **Scott Reising Jewelers**.

We're anxious to involve as many congregants as possible to bring about a spectacularly successful night.

Volunteers are needed to man the various games, and work the cocktail and food areas.

Another way to help is to contribute (or arrange for contribution of) items for the silent auction.

Contributions can come from you, family, friends or businesses that you frequent. Your donation will be appropriately described in our auction booklet and your gift will be attractively displayed during the evening of the auction. Gifts are tax deductible as allowed by law. If you would like to volunteer or arrange to contribute an item to the silent auction, please call Robin Newland at 513-530-5516 or Rob Craig at 859-341-6889.

We need YOU to make our Monte Carlo Casino night a success!!! We hope you plan on joining us for this exciting and fun filled event. All proceeds will directly benefit the Isaac M. Wise Temple. 🎰

ISAAC M. WISE TEMPLE



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D'VARIM MIN HALEV-

# “Words from the Heart”

BY RABBI KAMRASS

**I** write these words in anticipation of our son's Bar Mitzvah, only two weeks away. Yet, as you are reading these words,

Micah's celebration will already be a memory. Although there are many families with whom I am privileged to celebrate a B'nai Mitzvah or any other number of *simchas*, I approach each event as if it is unique for, in so many ways, it is. The child's understanding of the moment, the parents' sense of celebration, the meaning to the extended family members who often travel from many cities for a celebration—each of these elements combines to make every celebration different and truly unique.

How much I realize this as our own family approaches Micah's Bar Mitzvah. I want to share some of those reflections with you here, which perhaps mirror your own thoughts as you have approached the wonderful events of your own family's life or perhaps in your memories of those moments even long after they have passed:

We marvel at our son's growth, the remarkable journey he has made in what seems to us, his parents, as the blink of an eye. We are filled with pride in what he has become and in what he is becoming.

We look at him and can begin to imagine his future, able to see the contours of his character emerging, sensing the ways in which he will utilize his heritage and faith as he grows into the responsibilities of being a Jew in a complicated and wondrous world. We see his acts of *zedakah*, freely chosen out of his own feelings, with generosity of the heart as well as in sharing his material good fortune, and we know that he has truly learned some of the most important lessons of his parents' hearts and taken them into his own. Can a parent feel deeper joy over anything more significant than this?

Our hearts overflow with gratitude for the friends he enjoys, and for our own

friends who celebrate in genuine happiness for us. We feel blessed for those whose friendship is a great gift to us, those whose lives are so interconnected with our own, and who are with us, not only in celebration on Micah's Bar Mitzvah day, but everyday. Yet now, we feel a greater sense of awareness, and a deeper sense of gratitude.

We give thanks for the family members and family friends, all of whom will have traveled for hundreds of miles to celebrate not only our son's achievement, but to celebrate the bonds of family and of love. For love is never expressed merely in words, it is cemented in moments such as these, moments that become memories that abide in the heart forever. What a precious moment it is for families to be with one another, to rejoice together, to mark the passage of time, to remember the generations that have come before us and whose character shaped our own, to tell stories, to laugh and to cry with one another. Life cycle events remind us of that gift and of the goodness that is imbued in family love.

We are equally grateful for the abiding sense of community with which our family is blessed. As the hundreds of people in the congregational family have responded that they will celebrate our son's Bar Mitzvah with us, we are reminded that a sense of community is a precious gift, indeed. In some measure, each of us labors to create a sense of community in our lives, but in some measure, it is also a gift that is graciously bestowed upon us when we join our lives to those of others. There is something wondrous and inexplicable in that gift, but that is felt and sensed and drawn into our souls, an elixir of awe and gratitude. While we should be aware of that gift everyday, at our moments of celebration as we look out on the faces of friends, we feel touched with an abiding sense of blessing. When we look upon your faces and greet you with your genuine smiles of joy for us, as we

remember from Jenna's Bat Mitzvah four years ago, we will be reminded that our congregational family is indeed a sacred assembly of friendship and understanding, a community of people who celebrate and rejoice with one another, as well as comfort and strengthen one other. And we will be reminded of what a true gift of the spirit that this genuine sense of community can be for us all.

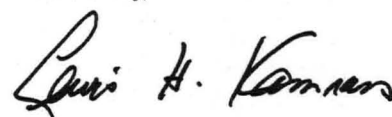
Most of all, we are filled with a sense of awe. Even in our anticipation of the day, we feel ourselves embraced by the overwhelming blessings of time, of friendship, of family, and of community. I suggest that the sense of awe that we already feel as we approach our son's Bar Mitzvah represents the very essence of Jewish faith and heritage. We will be surrounded and embraced by that which is so much larger, deeper and enduring than simply that moment. In a mere moment, we will be touched by something that is lasting, even eternal. In the love, the friendship, the community, the awareness of time flowing by us and through us, I believe that we glimpse the presence of God that graces our lives. And that is why this is not merely a life-cycle event, but a life-affirming event, a faith-evoking event, and a moment in which the fullness of life's blessing is revealed in its own quiet, soul-stirring way.

Just as Micah will read from Torah during his Bar Mitzvah, he will read that God's presence was made known to Moses as he passed by a simple thorn bush. In the ordinary, he found the miraculous...

....and from time to time, so do we.

Renee, Micah, Jenna, Jared, and I thank you for sharing our joy, and for helping us to be renewed in blessing and in awe. We are deeply grateful to you and to our extraordinary congregational family. 🕯

Faithfully,



Rabbi Lewis H. Kamrass



Rabbi Kamrass

# PURIM:

## The Power of Laughter and Play

BY BARBARA DRAGUL

**C**oncerning one Jewish holiday the Rabbis wrote, "all the festivals will one day cease, but the days of [\*\*\*] will never cease."

That is, this particular holiday will continue even in the Messianic Age, a time of perfection in which we won't "need" the holidays any longer. What holiday could they be speaking of? What do you think of first? Record numbers of Jews attend services on the High Holy Days. Could it be *Rosh Hashanah* or *Yom Kippur*? *Pesach* is considered the most observed holiday of all in the cycle of the year. Is that the one?

I expect many will be surprised to learn that the holiday the Rabbis were referring to is *Purim*, the Jewish day of merriment and buffoonery, self-mockery and masquerade. This year we will celebrate Purim on Sunday, February 24 with our Youth Group sponsored Purim Carnival, and on February 25 with the reading of the *Megillah*, the scroll of Esther, a Purim spiel, noise-making, song and laughter.

*Purim*, the 14<sup>th</sup> day of *Adar*, celebrates the victory of the Jewish community in Persia, led by Mordechai and Esther, over the wicked Haman, the Prime Minister who plotted to exterminate them. As related in the Book of Esther, in the fifth century B.C.E., King Ahasuerus' evil vizier, Haman, is furious that one Jew, Mordechai, has refused to bow down to him. He devises a plot to kill all the Jews in the kingdom and he casts lots (*purim*) to determine the day of the Jew's destruction. King Ahasuerus, who approves the plot, doesn't know that his young queen Esther is Jewish. Mordechai, upon

learning of the plot, urges his cousin Esther to go before the King, risking her own life, and plead for her people. The King sides with Queen Esther, the Jews defend themselves and prevail, the

wicked Haman is executed and Mordechai becomes the King's new prime minister. There is much rejoicing for the Jews.

The observance of Purim centers around the reading of the *Megillah*, scroll, of Esther. Every time the name of the evil Haman is read we stamp our feet and twirl our noisemakers to drown out his name. A single grager won't do it; only together can we blot out the evil that Haman represents.

Also, the Scroll of Esther (9:22) invites us to "make days of feasting and gladness, and of sending gifts to each other and gifts to the poor." Purim is a great opportunity to participate in the custom of giving *tzedakah* to the organization of our choice. A *Purim* party with friends is another wonderful way to celebrate the holiday. As part of the merrymaking, consider making *Hamantashen* and prepare plates of *Shelach Manot*, gifts of food, to be distributed to the elderly in the community or to friends and neighbors.

*Purim* is also a holiday of costumes and masquerading. For one night, Judaism encourages us to be someone different. Anything goes - the Rabbi as a tin man, the small girl as a queen, the teen as a rock star. "The Hebrew motto of the celebration is *ad delo yada*, to celebrate until the usual sharp distinctions begin to blur. To take the idea to the extreme, one can note that in the *Megillah*, even God goes into 'hiding', behind a mask as it were. God's name is never explicitly mentioned in the *Megillah* of Esther."



Barbara Dragul

(The Jewish Parent's Almanac, by Julie Hilton Danan)

So why did the rabbis say that *Purim*, of all the holidays, will continue in the Messianic Age. As author Arthur Waskow suggests, perhaps, it is because even in a time of perfection we need to recall the possibility of evil (Haman) in order to prevent it. Perhaps, as a serious-minded people, we must be reminded of the power of laughter and play. As Purim approaches, consider what lasting meaning it holds for you and for us as a people.

We are told that during the whole month of *Adar* our joy should greatly increase. Let us find room in our lives for laughter and play, song and merriment. Join us on February 24 for fun and games with our Purim Carnival and on February 25 for our annual reading of the *Megillah* and Purim spiel- let's join together in celebration!

### Value of the Month

Our value for the month of February is *Sh'lom Bayit*. It translates as "Peace in the Home," but means much more. *Shalom* communicates a completeness or wholeness. It conveys a sense of connection and harmony within the family. Peace, *shalom*, is not a passive value. It requires work, attention, action. We must be willing to be *rodefay shalom*, pursuers of peace.

So important did our rabbis deem peace in the home that it was said, "better a morsel of dry bread, with peace, than a house full of feasting, with strife." (Proverbs 17:1) But no one ever said it was an easy thing to achieve. What qualities do we seek as *rodefay shalom*? All of the values we have been studying over the past three years as a congregation are a part of the whole picture of *sh'lom bayit*. Consider these: *shmiat haozen* (being a good listener), *dan l'chaf* ►



*zechut* (giving the benefit of the doubt) *rachamim* (compassion), *nedivut* (generosity), *anavah* (humility), *derech erez* (good manners), etc. We aren't alone in our efforts. We are reminded, each time we worship, that God, who is known as *Oseh Shalom*, Maker of Peace, is there to guide us as we pursue *Sh'lom Bayit*. In each service we recite, "May the Maker of

peace, who makes peace in the High Places, make peace among us and among all Israel." Among us, it says, in the connections between people.

Our pursuit of *Sh'lom Bayit* must be grounded in love, a love that deepens our relationships and makes possible that sense of wholeness. A chasidic tale teaches us this lesson beautifully. A

father once came to the *Baal Shem Tov* with a problem concerning his son. He complained that the son was forsaking Judaism and morality and asked the rabbi what he could do. The *Baal Shem Tov* answered: "Love him more." May our homes be places where both love and *shalom* abound and may each of us be *rodefay shalom*, pursuers of peace! 🕯

## Come and Join Us In Prayer

Rabbi Ferdinand Isserman taught, "Prayer cannot mend a broken bridge, rebuild a ruined city, or bring water to parched fields. Prayer can mend a broken heart, lift up a discouraged soul, and strengthen a weakened will."

Come re-discover the uplifting power of prayer at the new Shabbat morning alternative service. Join us as we pray in an informal setting every **Saturday morning at 9:30am** at Wise Center.

This new service, which has been up and running since October, provides an alternative option to the Bar Mitzvah celebrations, for those looking for a more intimate prayer experience. The service, led by Rabbi Gevurtz and Rabbinic Intern Michael Shulman, includes reading, singing, as well as Torah reading and a brief study component. Moreover, many parts of the service provide congregants the opportunity to help lead worship.

And if by the end of our service you are starting to feel a bit hungry -- we've got coffee, bagels, and even bialis. That's right, we take a break from our service to experience the *oneg*, the joy of Shabbat through delicious morning snacks and some time to catch up with our friends.

And the morning does not stop there, for what would Shabbat be without some time dedicated to Torah study? We

conclude our Shabbat experience by engaging in a lively discussion of the Torah portion of the week, led by one of our members.

"How terrific is it to have one hour each week to stop the clatter and busy-ness, focus on today and the profound relevancy of ancient writings," comments Marcia Goldsmith, a regular participant in the new service.

If you are interested in joining the newest aspect of our congregation's Shabbat experience, we invite you to drop in one Saturday morning and check it out. We look forward to seeing you and sharing the joy of Shabbat together. *If you have any questions, please call Rabbi Gevurtz or Rabbinic Intern Michael Shulman at 793-2556.* 🕯

Isaac M. Wise Temple

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Thank God It's Shabbat

## New 8th Grade Wise-UP Project Benefits "Crayons to Computers"

"Crayons to Computers," a free store for teachers, will benefit from this year's eighth grade Wise-UP Project. The eighth graders of the Religious School are conducting a congregation-wide campaign to collect school supplies for students who otherwise may not have them.

On Sunday, January 13, Shannon Carter, representing "Crayons to Computers," spoke to the eighth graders about what her agency provides to schools, teachers, and students in the Cincinnati area. Ms. Carter also explained how Wise Temple religious school students can help many children by collecting much needed school supplies.

The eighth graders are asking all religious school students and members of the Temple to bring school supplies to Wise Center. The following items are especially needed: **pencils, pens, small boxes of crayons, glue sticks, scissors, notebook paper, and boxes of Kleenex.** Collection boxes are in the lobby through Sunday, February 10. The eighth graders look forward to making this Wise-UP project a big success and thank everyone for their support. *Please call Susan Ivers, 683-3805, if you have any questions.* 🕯





## LISTING OF EVENTS

### CHAVURA

CHAVURA: It's a community within our Wise Temple community. It's a group of congregants who meet together regularly to celebrate their Judaism together. It's a means to grow and deepen our personal relationships at Wise Temple.

A new Chavura is being formed for "Empty Nesters" right now. Are your children grown and on their own? Is this the time for you to focus on YOUR relationships? Would you like to get to know other Wise Temple members better? Call Phyllis Tobias, our Program Director, at 793-2556 or email her at [ptobias@wisetemple.org](mailto:ptobias@wisetemple.org) to be included in our new Chavura.

### Think Summer! Think Wise Center Day Camp!

Plans are already underway for Wise Center Day Camp's 23rd season which will begin on June 17 and end on July 26th. For boys and girls who will enter the 5th and 6th grades in the fall of 2002 there is an exciting program called the HITS (Helpers in Training). If interested contact Renee Frankel, Day Camp Director for details at 530-5156. The camp once again enjoyed a record breaking enrollment last summer. Those children eligible to attend the Half Day Camp are three year olds who have turned three by the June 17th start and four year olds. All campers must be toilet trained. Eligibility for the Full Day Camp includes those children who have turned four by the start of camp through entering the 4th grade of school.

The camp program will continue to offer a wide variety of activities with a fine balance between sports and the arts. Applications have already been sent out. Early registration was completed by January 14th. Registrations are still being accepted. Any additional application requests should be directed to the Temple office at 793-2556.

Staff interviews are now being scheduled. Anyone interested in a junior counselor, senior counselor or specialist position should contact Renee Frankel at 530-5156 in the evening.



# The Wise Shabbat

*Refreshing Change. For A New Personal Tradition.*

## Isaac M. Wise Temple Congregational Shabbat Dinners February 15th and March 1st

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)**

#### February 15

\_\_\_\_\_ Dinners @ \$7.00  
\_\_\_\_\_ Dinners @ \$2.50

#### March 1

\_\_\_\_\_ Dinners @ \$7.00  
\_\_\_\_\_ Dinners @ \$2.50

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Amount enclosed)

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

\_\_\_\_\_ vegetable or salad      \_\_\_\_\_ vegetable or salad  
\_\_\_\_\_ potato, pasta or rice      \_\_\_\_\_ 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.**



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## CALLING ALL VIDEOGRAPHERS:

Do you have a video camera? Do you have just an hour or two to help a fellow congregant preserve their most precious memories? Then the Wise Words Committee needs your help!

The Committee has experienced interviewers. YOU are needed to preserve the interviews with our older members on video. For more information please call Pat Passer at 533-3395.



# LISTING OF EVENTS



## Congregational Shabbat Dinners

### February 1

7:15 p.m. at Wise Center

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

### February 15

7:15 p.m. at Wise Center

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

### Sisterhood Congregational Purim Dinner

February 25

6:00 p.m. at Wise Center

For more information, contact Linda Berger at 859-344-9731 or Lauren Prangley at 871-5466.

### March 1

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-2<sup>nd</sup> Semester

Wednesdays thru - May 1

5:00 p.m. at Wise Center

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

### Beyond Aleph- Adult Hebrew-2<sup>nd</sup> Semester

Wednesdays thru - May 1

5:00 p.m. at Wise Center

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

### Feeling at Home in Services

February 3

10:00 a.m. at Wise Center

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

### Enlightenment

Tuesdays, February 5, February 12

Noon at Wise Center

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

### Tales of More Cities

February 10

10:00 a.m. at Wise Center

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

### Finding Comfort: Jewish Death and Mourning Rituals

Thursdays, February 14, 21 & 28

7:30 p.m. at Wise Center

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

### Blessing of a Skinned Knee: Using Jewish Teaching to Raise Self-Reliant Children: Discussion Group

March 3

10:00 a.m. at Wise Center

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



## Outreach

### Havdalah: Saying Goodbye to Shabbat

February 16

7:30 p.m. at Wise Center

For more information, contact Kari & Dan Fagin at 573-0247.

### Jewish Cooking

March 7

7:30 p.m. at Wise Center

For more information, contact Teresa Kohn, 459-7161 or Jann Greenberg, 769-0507.



## Religious School

### Gesher Grade 2

February 3

10:30 a.m. at Wise Center

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

### Open Room Family Program

February 3

9:30 a.m. at Wise Center

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

### B'nai Mitzvah Workshop #2

February 7

7:00 p.m. at Wise Center

For more information, contact Hermine vanDerZee at 793-2556.

### Gesher Grades 4 & 6

February 10

9:30 a.m. at Wise Center

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

### Confirmation Class Meeting #3

February 10

5:00 p.m. at Wise Center

For more information, contact Rabbi Rayna Gevurtz at 793-2556.

### Gesher Grade 3

February 24

9:30 a.m. at Wise Center

For more information, contact Brett Stern at 793-2556

### Gesher Grades 4 & 6

March 3

9:30 a.m. at Wise Center

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



## Seniors

### What Have You Forgotten Today?

February 11

1:00 p.m. at Wise Center

For more information, contact Maita Levine at 242-4737.

### Dinner and Entertainment: Cincinnati Outreach Opera Singers

March 7

6:00 p.m. at Wise Center

For more information, contact Nancy Goldberg, 791-4498; Ruth Goret, 351-6486; or Marlene Gross, 489-4341.



## Sisterhood

### Luncheon for the residents of the YWCA's Battered Women's Shelter

February 3

For more information, contact Julie Kantor at 745-9461 or Laurie Katz at 733-3112.

### Sisterhood Bridge

February 5

Noon at Wise Center

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

### Sisterhood Board Meeting

February 6

9:45 a.m. at Wise Center

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



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## Cooking class at the "Great Indoors"

February 10, 1:30pm

For more information contact Julia Fink at 792-3465.

## Sisterhood Bridge

February 19

Noon at Wise Center

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

## Sisterhood Library Tea

February 20

1:30 p.m. at Wise Center

For more information, contact Marcy Kanter at 489-2994.

## Congregational Purim Pizza Dinner

February 25

7:15 p.m. at Wise Center

For more information, contact Linda Berger at 859-344-9731 or Lauren Prangley at 871-5466.

## Sisterhood Torah Study

February 27

12:30 p.m. at Wise Center

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

## Sisterhood Bridge

March 5

Noon at Wise Center

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

## Evening at Chateau Pomije on Madison Road in O'Bryonville

March 5

7:00 p.m.

For more information, contact Barb Fogel at 677-3103.

## Sisterhood Board Meeting

March 6

9:30 a.m. at Wise Center

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



## Wise-UP

### 1<sup>st</sup> Grade IHN Welcome

February 3

9:15 a.m. at Wise Center

For more information, contact Julie Silverman at 489-9510.

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Red Cross First Aid

February 3

9:15 a.m. at Wise Center

For more information, contact Phyllis Nadel at 469-7491.

### Open Room Shaloch Manot Baskets

February 10

9:15 a.m. at Wise Center

For more information, contact Joy Weinberg at 677-3541.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade New Book Collection

February 10

9:15 a.m. at Wise Center

For more information, contact Sharon Natarus at 489-8676.



## 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 & Shannon 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.



## YAC

### Progressive Dinner

February 16

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



## Youth Groups

### NOAR - Sports Plus

February 3

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

### Purim Carnival

February 24

11:45 a.m.

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



## Miscellaneous

### Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting

Tuesdays

5:30 p.m. at Wise Center

For more information contact the Temple at 793-2556.

### Shabbat Storytime for Kids

February 1, 15, March 1

10:00 a.m. at Wise Center

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

### Family Retreat

February 1 & February 2

At Hueston Woods Resort

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



# FEBRUARY 2002 SHEVAT/ADAR

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><b>1</b></p> <p>10:00 Shabbat Storytime(WC) 5:00pm Family Retreat(O) <b>6:15 pm Shabbat Evening Service (WC)</b> 7:15pm Congreg. Shabbat Dinner(WC)</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>Family Retreat-cont'd(O) <b>9:30 Shabbat Alternative Service (WC)</b> <b>10:45 Optional Text Study (WC)</b> <b>10:45 Bar Mitzvah of Jacob Kreines (PST)</b></p>
<p><b>3</b></p> <p>9:15 1<sup>st</sup> Grade IHN Welcome(WC) 9:15 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Red Cross 1<sup>st</sup> Aid 9:30 Open Room Family Program(WC) 10:00 Eitz Chayim—Feeling at Home in Services(WC) 10:30 Geshet Grade 2 Sisterhood—YWCA Luncheon(O) Noon NOAR—Sports Plus (O)</p>	<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>Noon Eitz Chayim—Enlightenment(WC) Noon Sisterhood Bridge(WC) 5:30 pm AA Meeting(WC)</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>9:45 Sisterhood Board Meeting(WC) 5:00 pm Beg. Adult Hebrew(WC) 5:00 pm Beyond Aleph Adult Hebrew(WC)</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>7:00pm B'nai Mitzvah Workshop #2(WC)</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p><b>6:15 pm Shabbat Evening Service (WC)</b> <b>8:15 pm Bar Mitzvah of Zachary Knue (PST)</b></p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p><b>9:30 Shabbat Alternative Service (WC)</b> <b>10:45 Optional Text Study (WC)</b> <b>10:45 Bat Mitzvah of Rebecca Nitzberg (WC)</b></p>
<p><b>10</b></p> <p>9:15 Open Room Shaloch Manot(WC) 9:15 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Book Collection(WC) 9:30 Geshet Grades 4 &amp; 6(WC) 10:00 Eitz Chayim—Tales of More Cities(WC) 1:30 pm Sisterhood Cooking Class(O) 5:00 pm Confirmation Class Mtg. #3(WC)</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>1:00 pm Seniors—What Have You Forgotten Today? (WC)</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>Noon Eitz Chayim—Enlightenment(WC) 5:30 pm AA Meeting(WC)</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>5:00 pm Beg. Adult Hebrew(WC) 5:00 pm Beyond Aleph Adult Hebrew(WC)</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>7:30 pm Eitz Chayim—Death &amp; Mourning Rituals(WC)</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>10:00 Shabbat Storytime(WC) <b>6:15 pm Shabbat Evening Service (WC)</b> 7:15 pm Congreg. Shabbat Dinner(WC)</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p><b>9:30 Shabbat Alternative Service (WC)</b> <b>10:45 Optional Text Study (WC)</b> <b>10:45 Bar Mitzvah of Trent Rissover (WC)</b> 7:30 pm Outreach—Havdalah(WC) YAC—Progressive Dinner(O)</p>
<p><b>17</b></p> <p><b>No Religious School</b></p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p><b>7:00 pm R'fuat Hanefesh (WC)</b></p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>Noon Sisterhood Bridge(WC) 5:30 pm AA Meeting(WC)</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>1:30 pm Sisterhood Library Tea(WC) 5:00 pm Beg. Adult Hebrew(WC) 5:00 pm Beyond Aleph Adult Hebrew(WC)</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>7:30 pm Eitz Chayim—Death &amp; Mourning Rituals(WC)</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p><b>6:15 Shabbat Evening Service; Wise Tykes (WC)</b></p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p><b>9:30 Shabbat Alternative Service (WC)</b> <b>10:45 Optional Text Study (WC)</b> <b>10:45 Bar Mitzvah of Alexander Cramer (PST)</b></p>
<p><b>24</b></p> <p>9:30 Geshet Grade 3(WC) 11:45 Purim Carnival(WC)</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p><b>PURIM</b> 6:00 pm Sisterhood—Congreg. Purim Dinner(WC) <b>7:00 pm Purim Service (WC)</b></p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>5:30 pm AA Meeting(WC)</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>12:30 pm Sisterhood Torah Study(WC) 5:00 pm Beg. Adult Hebrew(WC) 5:00 pm Beyond Aleph Adult Hebrew(WC)</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>7:30 pm Eitz Chayim—Death &amp; Mourning Rituals(WC)</p>		

# Parenting Jewish Style

BY NAOMI RUBEN

**“A**nd teach them (my commandments) diligently unto thy children.” This is what we are instructed in Deuteronomy.

Mastering on our own the Torah, Talmud and plethora of Rabbinic commentary regarding child-rearing would be a grand undertaking. There are countless volumes of contemporary books that teach us the dos, don'ts and shoulds of parenting, and many of them are in our Temple library. In the first of two parenting classes, Sunday March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:30 a.m. as part of our Eitz Chayim program, we will discuss highlights of an extraordinary book, The Blessing of a Skinned Knee: Using Jewish Teachings to Raise Self-Reliant Children by Dr. Wendy Mogel, a Ph.D. psychologist and Jewish educator.

Dr. Mogel had been in for practice 15 years as a child psychologist when she “started to feel that something funda-

mental was amiss.” She began to consider whether the problems that she was seeing were ones that psychology alone could never repair because they were problems of character. After reconnecting with Judaism, she decided to close her practice for a year to study Judaism full time. She came back to her practice with a desire to integrate psychology and Jewish teachings.

Dr. Mogel believes that when we look at parenting through a Jewish lens it enables us to consider behaviors and traits we want our children to have, with instruction on how we as parents must act to achieve this goal.

Dr. Mogel reminds us that “the sages advise us to study Torah for its own sake” rather than to impress others with our scholarship. A paradox of parenting is that “if we love our children for their own sake rather than for their achievements, it's more likely that they will reach their

true potential.”

Our second session on March 17, taught by Rabbi Kamrass, will be on “Creating Jewish Rituals with Young Children”. This session will enable you to take away concrete suggestions, and to start incorporating these teachings into your family life. When the Israelites accepted the Torah at Sinai they said “*Naaseh VeNismah*”, we will do and we will hear (Exodus 24:7). Learn how to “do” Jewish with your children and in the process “hear” the rich teachings it has to offer us.

Be sure to join us for both of these sessions and learn applicable and adaptable Jewish teachings and parenting ideas. As Dr. Mogel writes, “It (Judaism) has guided me as a parent more profoundly than any other way of thinking I've yet found, and I hope it will do the same for you.” 🕯

## Reaching Out To You

### Question:

Who is Outreach programming for?

### Answer:

Everyone

Outreach is for anyone who wishes to learn more about Judaism. Outreach programming is for Interfaith couples, both married and those contemplating marriage, for Jews-by-choice, and for those exploring the option of conversion. Outreach is a great way to meet and connect with individuals and families

Outreach offers informative, supportive, and educational programs designed to explore the basics of Judaism. Programs vary each year. Check the Outreach brochure for a complete listing of current programs.

Outreach also offers two ongoing programs entitled ‘Times and Seasons’ and ‘Quarterly Interfaith Discussion Group.’ Times and Seasons is a discussion/support group for interfaith couples contemplating marriage and couples with non-Jewish extended family members. For more information about Times

& Seasons, please call Rabbi Kamrass at 793-2559. The Quarterly Interfaith Discussion Group is a supportive, open, nonjudgmental discussion group run by an interfaith couple, Linda and Andy Berger. Please call the Berbers at 847-344-9731 for questions or to RSVP.

If you are interested in Outreach, or know someone who might be, or would like more information or to be put on the Outreach mailing list, please call Jann Greenberg at 769-0507 or Alan Gross at 794-0550 or e-mail us at [outreach@wisetemple.org](mailto:outreach@wisetemple.org).



# Havdalah and the Essence of Shabbat

February 16 • 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Join us as we first experience the true essence of Shabbat - calm, rest, reflection. Then engage in a warm and wonderful service - Havdalah - that helps us say good-bye to Shabbat and prepare for the

week ahead. In the midst of our busy lives, you won't want to miss this opportunity to gain skills for creating a peaceful Shabbat in your own home and for leading your own Havdalah service.



*Please RVSP to this family friendly program by Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>. by calling Kari Fagin 573-0247 or the Temple office. The cost is \$5 per family. A very light meal will be served.*

## SISTERHOOD NOTES

### PROGRAMMING NEWS

Please join us on February 20th at Wise Center for our popular annual Library Tea. Our program, "The Israelite Religion in the Biblical Period," including a slide presentation, will be given by Dr. Nili Fox, assistant professor of Bible, HUC/JIR Cincinnati. We will enjoy a variety of delicious desserts along with coffee and tea. Dr. Fox will speak at 1:30 p.m. Guests are welcome to this event.

### COOKING CLASSES

This is your last chance to sign up for the final cooking class of the year. Rita Heikenfeld, one of Cincinnati's most well-known culinary instructors will share her expertise. Make plans to spend a winter afternoon with Sisterhood friends at the "Great Indoors." The class will begin at 1:30 p.m. on February 10. Call Julia Fink at 791-3465 for reservations and directions.

### STUDY GROUPS

Sisterhood's lively **Torah Study** has been planned for Wednesday, February 27th at Wise Center from 12:30-2 p.m. We welcome interested women to bring a brown bag lunch as we explore how the Torah can inspire us today. Sessions are led by the talented, Karen Compane, fifth year Rabbinic student. Cost is \$5.

The next Sisterhood **Book Club** selection will be Mazel by Rebecca Goldstein. We hope that you will join us on March 14 during Midweek Hebrew 4:30-5:45 p.m. You may call discussion leader, Eve Appleton at 321-0427 with any questions.

### SOCIAL ACTION

Our annual luncheon at the **YWCA Battered Women's Shelter** will be held on February 3. Volunteers will prepare and serve lunch to the residents and their

children. There will be an interesting speaker for the women, special entertainment for the children. Julie Kantor and Laurie Katz are co-chairs of this Sisterhood-sponsored Wise-UP project.

**The South Avondale School party** will be February 14. Volunteers are always welcome to help with this project. Please call Phyllis Dreyfuss at 841-9907 or Nancy Horwitz at 793-7580 if you can help with the party.

**Speaking of Women's Health**, a Sisterhood-sponsored Wise-UP project, is scheduled for March 14 at the Northern Kentucky Convention Center. Volunteers are needed in various capacities during both morning and afternoon shifts. You will receive lunch and be able to participate in some of the conference while you're there. Past volunteers have said their experience was very rewarding. Contact Nancy Apfel 793-9659 or Adrienne Cooper 542-0055 for more details.

### TRADITIONS & TREASURES

During the entire month of February, save 30% on all decorative art glass, including exquisite designs by Steve Resnick, Ponzini, Leon Applebaum and even the Goldhagen menorah. The gift shop is open Mon/Tues/Th 9:30-1:30, Wed 2-5:45, Sun 9-11:45 or by appointment. If you would be interested in volunteering in the Gift Shop, please call Margie Meyer 984-2345.

### THANK YOU'S

Thanks to Dr. Stephen Pomeranz from Proscan Imaging for the informative January, 16<sup>th</sup> lunch program. A special "thank you" to Cookie Auster and Pat Silver for organizing this event and preparing lunch.

Nancy Goldberg was a wonderful discussion leader for the Sisterhood Book Club selection, The Romance Reader on January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee of the Wise Temple Sisterhood is in the process of preparing a slate of nominations for Board of Directors positions for 2002-2003. Sisterhood members who would be interested in serving on the Board or who would like to submit the name of a member to be considered for nomination are encouraged to contact Margie Meyer at 984-2345 (7725 Shadowhill, Cincinnati, OH 45242). In accordance with our Constitution, "further nominations may be made within five (5) days after the report has been made to the general meeting [2/20/02] upon request signed by seven (7) Sisterhood members in good standing and the written consent of the nominee. The names reported by the nominating committee and any names that have been added shall constitute the official ticket."

### DISTRICT 10 BIENNIAL CONVENTION

All Sisterhood members are invited and encouraged to attend the WRJ District 10 Biennial Convention scheduled April 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> in Columbus, Ohio. Worship, learn, and socialize with delegates from 47 Sisterhoods in seven states. Ellen Rosenberg, Executive Director of Women of Reform Judaism, will be our guest speaker. Join us to congratulate and thank Nancy Apfel as she completes her term as District 10 president. If you would like more information about participating in this special weekend, contact Valerie Friedman, 489-0168.

### KROGER CERTIFICATES

Kroger Certificates should always be on everyone's shopping list. The certificates are available during regular Gift Shop hours. You may also purchase them when classes are held on Sunday mornings at the table set up in the Temple Atrium. For more information, contact Robin Newland at 530-5516.



# A Warm Wise Welcome to Those New Members Who Have Joined The Wise Temple Family

June 1, 2001 – December 10, 2001

William & Deborah Ackerman and  
Ashley

Ernest & Stacey Bie, Mitchel &  
Reed

Larry & Lorraine Buck, Adam,  
Jena & Mason

Larry & Cindy Chait and Ryan

Phillip & Lois Cohen

Dr. Joseph Dagenbach & Dr.  
Andrea Lukin

Alan & Claire Seltz Eichner, Lainie  
& Jason

Allen & Nancy Finer, Sarah, Adam  
& Michael

Jonathan Frank

Jeffrey & Amy Friedman

Geri Gilgoff

Dr. Eric & Patricia Gruenstein.

Janine Hodesh

Martin & Vicky Horwitz, Alexandra  
& Zachary

Susan Jacobs

Bernard & Stella Jungerwirth

Andrew & Jessica Kaplan

Jonathan Kay

Estelle Klebanow

Rabbi David & Rachel  
Komerofsky, Elaina & Gabriel

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Kam Lam & Rhonda Schechter

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Chad Levin & Randi Potasky

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Lauren

Rochelle Lewis

Robert & Robin Love

Eileen Magenheim

Robert Magenheim

Michael & Ann Margolis, and Sara

Robert & Amy Klebanow Marks

Drs. Jeffrey & Joan Matthews,  
Jonathan, David & Adam

Lawrence McCartin

Tamara Miller

John & Nancy Mulvey, Robert &  
Richard

Michael & Michelle Phillips

Minnie Pinsky

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Jordan, Sara, Jessica & Dustin

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Steven & Wendy Reppart

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Rita Schussheim

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Heather

Christine Vigran

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Emma & Sophie

Joern & Allison Wendel

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Emily

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Maddie

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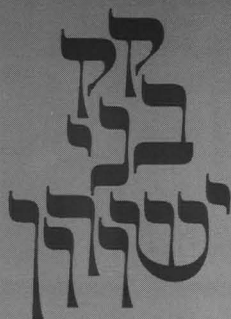
## NEW PROGRAM FOR EITZ CHAYIM

### The Challenges of Living as a Jew in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

As Jews living in today's world, we are confronted with many difficult challenges. How do we deal with these challenges? How do we respond? Drawing from our own experiences, knowledge, values and traditions, we will explore such issues together in a Jewish

environment. Come join the debate over some of the most pressing issues currently facing the Jewish community: Israel, anti-Semitism, assimilation, inter-Jewish relations, Muslim-Jewish relations. Our great sages say that for every two Jews, you have three opinions. Come and link yourself to this tradition by adding your own opinion to the ongoing debate. The class will take place: Noon – 1 p.m. on Mondays, March 4, 11, 18. For more information contact Terri Snavely at 793-2559.





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## CONGREGATIONAL CONNECTION

### MAZAL TOV

*The Temple offers congratulations to the following families in February:*

#### B'nai Mitzvah

**February 2** – Jacob Kreines, son of Jeffrey and Jennifer Kreines

**February 8** – Zachary Knue, son of Mark and Ellen Knue

**February 9** – Rebecca Nitzberg, daughter of Matthew Nitzberg and Tara Johnson-Nitzberg

**February 16** – Trent Rissover, son of Arlen and Susan Rissover

**February 23** – Alexander Cramer, son of David and Laura Cramer, grandson of Gerald and Dr. Dorothy Cantor.

#### Birth

Josh and Meredith DeWitt on the birth of their daughter, Zoe

#### Engagement

Paul and Phyllis Tobias on the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Vlach to Mark Holbrook

# Please Help Us Be There For You

Area hospitals no longer  
inform our Rabbis and other  
clergy about who is  
hospitalized.

If you know of a family  
member or friend who is  
hospitalized **please call the  
Rabbi's office day or night  
at 793-2559.**

**Make** someone else's business  
your own so our Rabbis can be  
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