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A Tribute That Rings True

BY CANTOR KOHN

Ringing in a Temple choir does many things. It provides a musical outlet for members. It fills our worship space with song. Having a choir was so important to our founder, Isaac M. Wise, that when the Board said "no" to a congregational choir, Wise founded one as a private singing society in his own home.

Kol Rinah was started well before I came to Wise nearly six years ago. As with all groups, people come and go, depending on the demands of life. However, several of the founding members have stayed and have continued to provide leadership and energy. Nancy and Lew Goldberg were among those people who were there from the beginning.

Lew's love of music began early, when he learned to play the clarinet. He sat 1st chair in symphonies and in dance bands. In New Jersey, before moving to Cincinnati, he founded and was part of his congregation's choir. Lew so enjoyed the choir, that he was instrumental in forming our choir.

Something happens when a group of voices become one sound. To achieve that goal, you have to breathe as one and that only happens when you listen. And then, sometimes something else happens. As you learn to listen, you hear. And you begin to care about the people you are hearing. You become more like a family and less like just another group you may belong to. You can hear

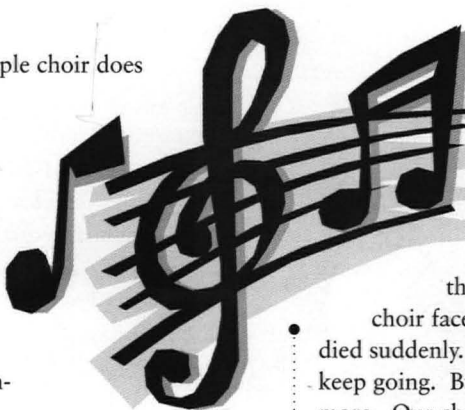
when life is more difficult and you support one another, and you can hear when things are going well and you rejoice with one another.

What do you do when someone's voice is suddenly not

there? Our congregation and our choir faced that last July when Lew Goldberg died suddenly. We try to make sense, to trust, to keep going. But the choir wanted to do something more. Our choir family asked each other and ourselves, how we could take our sorrow and transform it? The choir decided to create something in memory of Lew, to commission a piece of music which would reflect Lew's commitment to the choir and share Lew's joy in making music with the entire congregation.

On April 4, at our regular 6:15 p.m. Shabbat evening service, we will premiere "Kol Rinah." Using Psalm 47, verse 2, composer Bonia Shur has written a piece which incorporates our name, Kol Rinah, and reflects the happiness Lew found in music. The words, as translated by Professor Shur, are: "All you peoples clap hand, raise a joyous shout for God." This new composition is scored for solo soprano, choir, piano and clarinet, Lew's instrument. The clarinetist will be Michele Gingras of Miami University. She has been with us for many Family Services when our Third Graders have participated with the dance "Nigun Vatik."

We invite everyone to be with us on **April 4 at Wise Center** as we celebrate this gift of new music to the congregation. As the words inscribed on our organ, "Sing to God a new song: Sing to God all the earth." We look forward to seeing you as these words ring true. 🎵



D'VARIM Min HALEV- דְּבָרִים מִן הַלֵּב

"Words from the Heart"

BY RABBI KAMRASS

Several months ago, approaching the end of his term, Illinois Governor George Ryan stunned his state and the nation when he commuted 167 death row inmates' sentences from the death penalty to life sentences without parole. Governor Ryan explained that he had once been a supporter of capital punishment but, in reviewing the cases, it became clear that for so many, the death penalty was "arbitrary and capricious, and therefore immoral." He continued, "I am not prepared to take the risk that we may execute an innocent person." Proponents and opponents of capital punishment responded immediately yet, in the noise of their respective cheers and condemnation, it became difficult to hear the real moral issue raised by Illinois' former governor.

It was the same issue that our ancient rabbis raised throughout the ages as they confronted a biblical text that clearly allowed for capital punishment. While the law's intent is pure and clear, the ability of real people to administer law is always more complicated. Law may be clear and pure in its motive, but people are not. Our ancient Jewish wisdom of the Torah, the Bible, and the Talmud went to great lengths to explore the ways we administer justice, to caution against overlooking key facts, or warn us of the human nature that may prejudice or influence our judgment, unequal applications of the law, or any other human factors that complicate justice. And the rabbis addressed the same issue with regard to the death penalty. Drawing from teachings in *Deuteronomy* (17:6-7 and 19:16-19), the

sages teach that there had to be at least two independent eye witnesses to the crime, that these eyewitnesses had to warn the offender before he committed the crime, and that the witnesses had to be sure that the offender was completely aware of what he was about to do and the penalty that would follow.

Further, the offender then had to acknowledge the warning of the witnesses and indicate that, with full awareness, he was defying the law. Finally, it was the witnesses themselves who had to carry out the death penalty, impressing upon them the grave and real consequences of their testimony.

The rabbis included a number of different additional requirements for capital cases, making it even more difficult for capital punishment to

actually take place. Over time, a Biblical law that remained "on the books" became one that was rarely carried out. In fact, in the Talmudic period, several rabbis suggested that any Jewish court of law that would permit capital punishment once in seven years, and even once in seven decades, would be considered bloodthirsty. While Biblical law clearly allows for capital punishment, the inherited rabbinic stipulations significantly limit the reality of the death penalty. The State of Israel, whose legal system is guided, in part, by Jewish law has only executed one person in its nearly 55 year history: Adolf Eichmann, the notorious manager of the Nazi's Final Solution.

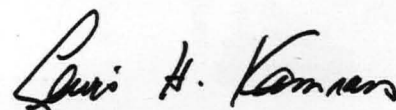
Good hearted, well meaning people always will disagree about the moral correctness of capital punishment. It is an inherent moral dilemma for us all. But, if we mute our conversation about whether the death penalty is morally right or wrong, and

instead turn our reflection to how justice is administered, we might see the subject with new eyes. We do make mistakes in justice. People are sometimes wrongfully imprisoned, incorrectly identified by witnesses, and even poorly represented by public defenders who may have devoted little time or attention to their cases. And, as long as those gaps in justice exist, it does not serve a society well to execute even one criminal, if others potentially could be falsely accused and killed.

Even if you think that capital punishment is not wrong, our justice system inevitably will be flawed because by nature we, as humans, are flawed. It seems to me that the moral question raised by Governor Ryan was quite similar to the one raised by Jewish law throughout the ages. The issue should not be whether capital punishment is morally wrong. Rather the issue should be that, given our imperfect and flawed human execution of justice, we must seriously question any act that is final and irreversible. It is a good Jewish question for us to consider now, as it was throughout the ages.

Governor Ryan may be praised or vilified by people, but the essential questions that he raised are the same Jewish moral questions that have been with us through the centuries. It would serve us well to listen, to learn, to reflect, and to be guided by the wisdom of the ages. 🕯

Faithfully,


הרב לב בן דוד וחנה לאה

Rabbi Lewis Kamrass



Rabbi Kamrass

Celebrating A Special Birthday

BY BARBARA DRAGUL

*As long as deep in the heart
The soul of a Jew yearns
And towards the East
An eye looks to Zion
Our hope is not yet lost
The hope of two thousand years
To be a free people in our land
The land of Zion and Jerusalem.*

These words, first written in 1878 by Naftali Herz Imber in Jassy, Romania, speak to the yearnings of our people for their historical and spiritual home. Called simply, *Ha Tikvah*, The Hope, Israel's national anthem, was first sung at the Fifth Zionist Congress, 1901 in Basle, Switzerland, when a return to Zion was yet a fervent hope and passionate purpose for the early Zionists. Today, our hearts still yearn. Our eye looks to Zion with concern, and determination that the hope of two thousand years will be fulfilled in a land that is at peace. As David Wolpe wrote "....it is the place that has always stood at the center of Jewish fate, and in its history soaked hills is the memory and much of the meaning of the Jewish journey." (From *Why Be Jewish*)

Next month, May 14, 2003, we will celebrate *Yom Ha'atzmaut*, Israel's day of independence, 55 years since the establishment of the modern state of Israel. Today, Israel is a beautiful modern country. Culturally rich, historically striking and wonderfully diverse, Israel is a colorful blend of sights and experiences. As Jews, our hearts are closely tied to our Jewish

homeland, and so it is with pride and affection and with great hope that we celebrate Israel's independence day. There are many ways to observe *Yom Ha'atzmaut*. Mark your calendars now for the community wide celebration taking place May 14 from 5:00-9:00 at Rockdale Temple in Amberly. Cafes and Israeli music will make this an especially festive occasion, as we gather together as one community to celebrate the founding of the Jewish State.

Here are some other suggestions for renewing or deepening your connection to Israel in celebration of *Yom Ha'atzmaut*:

1. Support pro-Israel organizations
2. Support Israel economically through purchasing Israeli goods
3. Study Hebrew or take an Israeli dance class
4. Plant a tree, or ten, in Israel - contact Jewish National Fund
5. Add to your Jewish library books about Israel
6. Include Israeli music in your C.D. collection
7. Watch Israeli films - you can find some in our library
8. Gather friends for an Israeli feast
9. Study the history of Israel and take some time to reflect on the many sacrifices that have been made so that the State of Israel can exist. It is a remarkable story



Barbara Dragul

10. Start planning and saving now for a trip to Israel
11. To learn more, check out these great web sites:
 - www.myisraelsource.com - for articles, activities and links to other sites
 - www.israeleducationmonth.org - check out their Israel 360: A Virtual Tour for wonderful pictures

Because of the dreams and passions of a group of visionary people more than a century ago, we live with the reality, the beauty and the challenges of a Jewish State. It is a home for every Jew, wherever he or she may live. In the words of Robert Frost, "home is the place, where, when you go there, they have to take you in."

For more than 3000 years, we have had our destiny bound up with the land of Israel. As a place to plant our feet and as a spiritual anchor in our times of separation, Israel has captured our imagination and tugged at our hearts. The poet Danny Siegel says that our heritage and connection to Israel is not by chance. (*See And If There Were a Thing Such As Chance page 4.*)

Value of the Month - Leket: Leaving the Gleanings


"When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap all the way to the edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. You shall not pick your vineyard

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CELEBRATING A SPECIAL BIRTHDAY

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bare, or gather the fallen fruit of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the stranger." (*Leviticus* 19:9-10)

This verse from *Leviticus* is one of several *mitzvot* in the Torah which are designed to benefit the poor. Judaism gives us tangible and direct teachings on how to help feed the poor. As stewards of this world, our "fields" do not truly belong to us. They have been given to us in trust and with that trust comes a responsibility to share the corners of our field, to not pick clean our crops but to leave the gleanings, those crops that fall to the ground during harvest, for those in need. The *Birkat Hamazon*, the blessing after meals, contains the following: "Blessed are You, O Eternal, our God.... You give food to all living things.... You never let us lack for food.... Blessed are You, O Eternal, Who feeds everyone." The Rabbis taught that it is through our hands that God can "feed everyone" and Judaism has given us clear instructions on how to ensure that we fulfill this responsibility. Although this *mitzvah* is directed to an agricultural society we can ask ourselves how we would create comparable guidelines for other professions similar to those required by this *mitzvah*. The value of *Leket* can serve as a reminder to respond to our world with less selfishness and more generosity. It is both a challenge and an opportunity to be true stewards in this world which God has created. 

And If There Were a Thing Such As Chance

*And if there were a thing such as chance,
I might be farming a hundred acres in Wisconsin
or the bearer of gruesome news- a plastic bomb in an envelope from Belfast.
If there is chance, would I be sitting here and writing of Jerusalem?
Who is to say - if things just happen -
I would or wouldn't, at this moment
be describing the Rajah's jewels,
or, minus a leg, extending my Hindu arm, to beg for a near-worthless rupee,
to wolf down a small, half-rotten bowl of peas and rice,
to be buried brown by fire
or floated down the river, unspeakably filthy?*

*Were things just so,
would I not be hours by night light poring
over Tibetan Holy Books instead of Torah
and toiling by day over a tiny plot of earth under the great mountains?
But I say no,*

*though it is simple enough to warm oneself
by the comfortable, fiery Rule of Randomness, I say no.
Today I hold no hoe, no hand grenade,
no dreams of Ireland free of the Queen's dominion
dear as life itself to myself,
enough for my life or early martyrdom.
The rubies of the Punjab
do not hold my interest
any more than starlings or varieties of grapes.
They are little more to me
than "some new things to know about if I find the time."*

*And so I am here in my Jerusalem,
saddled with Jewish history,
yoked with no one else's despair and sufferings,
and rejoicing in my people's dreams come true.
And for good reasons, whatever they may be,
and whether I will ever come to know them or not,
they are mine.*

—Danny Siegel

Jewish Learning & Enrichment

"And you shall speak of them on the way, when you lie down and when you rise up."



Weekly Torah Readings

- April 5 – *Tazri'a* *Leviticus* 12:1-13:59
- April 12 – *Metzora Shabbat Hagadol* *Leviticus* 14:1-15:33
- April 17 – *First Day of Pesach*
- April 18 – *Second Day of Pesach*
- April 19 – *First Day Chol Homoed*
- April 26 – *Acharei Mot* *Leviticus* 16:1-18:30

For more information about these and other Torah portions we recommend:

- *A Torah Commentary For Our Times* by Rabbi Harvey Fields
- *Teaching Torah* by Loeb and Kadden

Both titles are available in our Ralph I. Cohen Library. Each week also check out <http://uahc.org/torah/hashavua.html>.



Audio Tape Pick of the Month

**Eitz Chayim Program:
*Bad Guys in the Bible***



Stop by the Temple library to pick up a set of audio tapes.



Eitz Chayim

Tales of More Cities Rescheduled

Our Eitz Chayim, adult education committee is pleased to announce the rescheduling of Tales of More Cities program on April 20, 2003, 10:00-11:00a.m. at Wise Center. The topic for the program is *Basle Switzerland and the First Zionist Congress*. Basle Switzerland has never had a Jewish population of more than a few thousand. Nevertheless, it was the site of the first Zionist Congress in 1897 and has a long Jewish history. Frank Chaiken, a member of Wise Temple Board of Trustees, will talk about Basel, the First Zionist Congress, Theodore Hertzl (who organized the Congress) and what made Basel a setting appropriate for the first Congress as well as subsequent Zionist Congresses. Frank will also share his family's experiences of living and working in Basel for four years in the early 1990's.



SISTERHOOD NOTES

PROGRAMMING NEWS

Our third annual "Seder for Women" will be held Tuesday, April 22 at Wise Center at 6:30 p.m. Watch for your invitation in the mail for this special Sisterhood evening. You may bring female guests (over the age of 13) to experience a Seder with songs and prayers from our Sisterhood Hagaddah designed to speak to a woman's heart and spirit. *For more information contact Liz McOsker at 469-1748.*

Mark your calendar for our last Book Club selection of the year. *The Jew Store* by Stella Suberman will be discussed on May 7 at Wise Center from 4:30 p.m.-5:45 p.m. *For more information, please call moderator Liz McOsker at 469-1748.* Thanks to Judy Schechter for leading our March Book Club discussion. *If you would be interested in leading a Book Club selection for a future meeting, please call Eve Appleton at 321-0427.*

REFORM TEMPLE RETIREES PROGRAM

The joint Reform Temple Retirees program will be held at Rockdale Temple on April 8th at noon. The luncheon program is co-hosted by the Sisterhoods of Rockdale Temple and Wise Temple and will feature Karen and Stuart Zanger who will speak on *Cable Programming: Local Connections to the Changing Media*. Please RSVP by April 2nd, using the invitation you received in the mail. *For more information, contact Leah Levine at 351-1784.*

SISTERHOOD SABBATH

Our annual Sisterhood Sabbath service will take place on May 2nd at 6:15 p.m. Please plan to join us for this special service created and led by Sisterhood members.

The service will be followed by a congregational Shabbat Dinner. Use the form on page 11 in this issue of Keshar to make your reservation.

SAVE THE DATE

Special installation and leadership recognition event—Sunday, June 22nd.

Y.E.S. FUND AND GIVTY FUND

Confirmation and Graduation are just around the corner. Remember Sisterhood funds when you are celebrating these Life Cycle events! The Y.E.S. Fund and the GIVTY Fund both celebrate and support Jewish Youth and Scholarship. The Y.E.S. Fund helps students worldwide and the GIVTY Fund helps our Temple youth. *For more information, please call YES Fund chair Joan Scheineson at 351-5077 or GIVTY co-chairs Shirley Neiger, 731-7686, or Elaine Pockrose, 351-6452.*

THANK YOU'S

Thanks to the many Wise Temple members that made our annual luncheon at the YWCA's Battered Women's Shelter a success. We also extend our thanks and appreciation to the Aveda Fredric's Salon and the wonderful volunteers from Pure Concepts Salon & Spa on Montgomery Road. The stylists treated the residents to new hair styles. Thanks, too, to the Blue Ash Kroger for donating cupcakes for all to enjoy.

Thank you to all of the chefs who generously donated their time to our Cooking Class Series: Ellen Illig, Rita Heikenfeld and Jeffrey Kreines. A special thanks to Linda Drasnin and Nancy Stern for sharing their homes with Sisterhood and to The Great Indoors for allowing us to

use their store.

Thanks to Laura Cramer and Lorri Manning for co-chairing our March program "Just for Fun."

Thanks to Linda Berger and Lauren Prangle for co-chairing the Purim congregational dinner.

Thanks to Judi Hughes for organizing the distribution of Hamantaschen to all of the Religious School children.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped staff the Speaking of Women's Health conference and to Nancy Apfel and Adrienne Cooper for coordinating this project.

Traditions & Treasures Gift Shop

Stop in the Wise Temple Sisterhood Gift Shop and peruse all of our great new merchandise that has just arrived from the latest gift show!

Remember...as a Sisterhood member, you receive 10% off most of your purchases.

Hours (and by appt.)

Monday	9:30 - 1:30
Tuesday	9:30 - 1:30
Wednesday	2:00 - 5:45
Thursday	9:30 - 1:30
Sunday	9:00 - 11:45

If you are interested in volunteering in the Gift Shop, please call Margie Meyer 984-2345.

LISTING OF EVENTS



Brotherhood

Brotherhood Board Meeting
April 10
6:00 p.m. at Wise Center
For more information, contact Mike Wells at 530-9881.



Congregational Shabbat Dinners

April 11
7:15 p.m. at Wise Center
For more information, contact Ann Donaldson in the Temple office at 793-2556.

Congregational Passover Seder
April 17
6:00 p.m. at Wise Center
For more information, contact Ann Donaldson in 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
4:45 p.m. at Wise Center
To register, contact Terri Snively at 793-2997.

Beyond a Beginner
Wednesdays
4:45 p.m. at Wise Center
To register, contact Terri Snively at 793-2997.

Adult Hebrew, Level Three
Wednesdays
4:45 p.m. at Wise Center
To register, contact Terri Snively at 793-2997.

Learning Before Praying
Fridays
5:30 p.m. at Wise Center
For more information, contact Terri Snively at 793-2997.

Shabbat Morning Study Group
Saturdays
10:45 a.m. at Wise Center
For more information, contact Rabbi Ilana Baden or Rabbinic Intern Michael Shulman, 793-2556.

TUESDAYS WITH TORAH

Bad Guys in the Bible
April 1

The Search for Shalom
April 8, 15, 22

Modern Hebrew Poetry
April 29, May 6

All classes, noon-1:00 p.m.
For more information, contact Terri Snively at 793-2997.

Hitler: Profile in Power
April 3 & 10
7:30 p.m. at Wise Center
For more information, contact Terri Snively at 793-2997.

Tales of More Cities (rescheduled from January 26)
Basel Switzerland and the First Zionist in Congress
April 20
10:00 a.m. at Wise Center
For more information, contact Terri Snively at 793-2997.

Portraits of the Pious: The Early Hasidim
April 24 & May 1
7:30 p.m. at Wise Center
For more information, contact Terri Snively at 793-2997.

Hornstein Lecture
April 27
10:30 a.m. at Wise Center
For more information, contact Terri Snively at 793-2997.

The Case of the Lone Deity: The Mystery of Monotheism
April 28, May 5
7:30 p.m. at Wise Center
For more information, contact Terri Snively at 793-2997.



Outreach

Seder Made Easy
April 3
7:00 p.m. at Wise Center
For more information, contact Jann and Jim Greenberg at 769-0507 or Steve and Tina Straubing at 791-8568.



Religious School

No School
April 2, 6, 16 & 23

3rd Grade Gesher
April 13
9:15 a.m. at Wise Center
For more information, contact Barbara Dragul at 793-2997.

2nd Grade Gesher
April 13
9:15 a.m. at Wise Center
For more information, contact Barbara Dragul at 793-2997.

5th Grade Gesher
April 20
9:15 a.m. at Wise Center
For more information, contact Barbara Dragul at 793-2997.

6th Grade Gesher
April 27
9:15 a.m. at Wise Center
For more information, contact Barbara Dragul at 793-2997.

6th Grade Parent Meeting
April 30
5:15 p.m. at Wise Center
For more information, contact Terri Snively at 793-2997.

7th Grade Program
April 30
4:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Wise Center
For more information, contact Rabbinic Intern Michael Shulman at 793-2556.

4th Grade Gesher
May 4
9:15 a.m. at Wise Center
For more information, contact Brett Stern at 793-2556.

3rd Grade Parent Meeting
May 4
10:00 a.m. at Wise Center
For more information, contact Terri Snively at 793-2997.

Confirmation Rehearsal
May 4
4:30 p.m. – 7:15 p.m. at Plum Street Temple
For more information, contact Rabbi Ilana Baden at 793-2556.



Seniors

A Conversation with Scott Aiken
April 1
1:00 p.m. at Wise Center
For more information, contact Marlene Gross at 489-4341 or Emil Dansker at 821-0767.

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Sisterhood

Reform Temple Retirees Luncheon
April 8

Noon at Rockdale Temple (co-hosted by Wise Temple Sisterhood)
For more information, contact Leah Levine at 351-1784.

Sisterhood Board Meeting

April 9
9:45 a.m. at Wise Center
For more information, contact Valerie Friedman at 489-0168.

Sisterhood Mah Jongg

April 10 & 24
12:30 p.m.
For more information, contact Donna Claybon at 793-5303.

Sisterhood Bridge

April 1, 15 & 29
Noon at Wise Center
For more information, contact Ruth Goret at 351-6486.

Sisterhood Seder for Women

April 22
6:30 p.m. at Wise Center
For more information, contact Nancy Goldberg at 791-4498 or Liz McCosker at 469-1748.

Sisterhood Sabbath

May 2
6:15 p.m. at Wise Center
For more information, contact Valerie Friedman at 489-0168.

Sisterhood Board Meeting

May 7
9:45 a.m. at Wise Center
For more information, contact Valerie Friedman at 489-0168.

Wise-UP

Earth Day

April 12
For more information, contact Beth Hertzman at 521-9819.

Grade 4 Tree Planting

April 13
For more information, contact Sharon Natarus at 489-8676.

Cedar Village

April 13
For more information, contact Margie Kessel at 521-3378.

Early Birds Attack Breast Cancer

April 26
For more information, contact Mary Chaiken at 794-9003 or Yolanda Klein at 533-9012.

Jewish Cemetery Spring Spruce Up

April 27
For more information, contact Barry Elkus at 891-1236.

Kids Café

April 29
For more information, contact Robin Newland at 530-5516.

Brotherhood Weekend GUCI Project

May 1 - 4
For more information, contact Kenny Simmons at 791-4749.

Grade 7 Car Wash

May 4
For more information, contact Kim Toole at 891-7271.

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 Mona Spitz 891-9583 or Liz McCosker at 891-8959.

YAC

Home Shabbat

April 11
7:00 p.m. at the home of Beth and Brian Hertzman
For more information, contact Beth Hertzman at 521-9819.

Youth Groups

NFTY Regional in Columbus

April 3 - April 6
For more information, contact Erica Steen at 761-7500, ext. 249.

Wise Guys - an afternoon at Gameworks.

April 13
For more information, contact Dena and Mike Kernish at 751-5153.

Youth Group Dinner

April 25
7:15 p.m. in Youth Lounge at Wise Center
For more information, contact Erica Steen at 761-7500, ext. 249.

Noar - an afternoon at Gillians

April 27, 2003
For more information contact t Dena and Mike Kernish, at 751-5153.

Youth Group Biffer and Elections

May 4
Noon - 7:00 p.m. at Wise Center
For more information, contact Brett Stern at 793-2556.



Miscellaneous

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting

Tuesdays & Thursdays
5:30 p.m. at Wise Center
For more information, contact the Temple at 793-2556.

Usher In Shabbat

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.

Storytime

April 4, 18 & May 2
10:00 a.m. at Wise Center
For more information, contact Karen Brownlee at 871-5013.

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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>Noon—Tuesdays w/ Torah(WC) Noon—Sisterhood Bridge(WC) 1:00pm—Senior Adult Program(WC) 5:30pm—AA Meeting(WC)</p>	<p>2 NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>3</p> <p>NFTY Regional 5:30pm—AA Meeting(WC) 7:00pm—Outreach:Seder Made Easy(WC) 7:30pm—Eitz Chayim: Hitler in Profile(WC)</p>	<p>4</p> <p>NFTY Regional 10:00—Storytime(WC) 5:30pm—Learning Before Praying(WC) 6:15pm—Shabbat Evening Service/Kol Rinah(WC)</p>	<p>5</p> <p>NFTY Regional 9:00—Shabbat Alternative Service(WC) 10:45—Shabbat Morning Study(WC) 10:45—Bat Mitzvah of Jordan Baird(PST)</p>
<p>6 NO SCHOOL</p> <p>NFTY Regional</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Noon—Tuesdays w/ Torah(WC) Noon—Reform Temple Retirees Lunch(O) 5:30pm—AA Meeting(WC)</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:45—Sisterhood Board Mtg(WC) 4:45pm—Adult Hebrew Classes(WC)</p>	<p>10</p> <p>12:30pm—Sisterhood Mah Jongg(WC) 5:30pm—AA Meeting(WC) 6:00pm—Brotherhood Board Mtg(WC) 7:30pm—Eitz Chayim: Hitler in Profile(WC)</p>	<p>11</p> <p>5:30pm—Learning Before Praying(WC) 6:15pm—Shabbat Evening Service/3rd Grade Participation/Birthday & Anniversary Blessings (WC) 7:00pm—YAC:Home Shabbat(O) 7:15pm—Congreg. Dinner(WC)</p>	<p>12 Wise-UP:Earth Day(O)</p> <p>9:00—Shabbat Alternative Service(WC) 9:00—Bar Mitzvah of Cory Boskind(PST) 10:45—Shabbat Morning Study(WC) 11:15—Bat Mitzvah of Rebecca Ransohoff(PST)</p>
<p>13</p> <p>Wise-UP: 4th Grade Tree Planting(O) Wise-UP:Cedar Village(O) Wise Guys Afternoon at Gameworks(O) 9:15—2nd & 3rd Grade Geshet(WC)</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Noon—Tuesdays w/ Torah(WC) Noon—Sisterhood Bridge(WC) 5:30pm—AA Meeting(WC)</p>	<p>16 NO SCHOOL</p> <p>Erev Passover</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9:30—Passover Morning Service(WC) 5:30pm—AA Meeting(WC) 6:00pm—Congreg. Passover Seder(WC)</p>	<p>18</p> <p>10:00—Storytime(WC) 5:30pm—Learning Before Praying(WC) 6:15pm—Shabbat Evening Service(WC) 8:15pm—Marriage Reconciliation Service/Kol Rinah(WC)</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9:30—Shabbat Morning Service(WC) 10:45—Shabbat Morning Study(WC)</p>
<p>20</p> <p>9:15—5th Grade Geshet(WC) 10:00—Eitz Chayim: Tales of More Cities(WC)</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Noon—Tuesdays w/ Torah(WC) 5:30pm—AA Meeting(WC) 6:30pm—Sisterhood Seder(WC)</p>	<p>23 NO SCHOOL</p> <p>9:30—Passover Morning Service/Yizkor (WC)</p>	<p>24</p> <p>12:30pm—Sisterhood Mah Jongg(WC) 5:30pm—AA Meeting(WC) 7:30pm—Eitz Chayim:Early Hasidim(WC)</p>	<p>25</p> <p>GUCI Brotherhood Project (O) 5:30pm—Learning Before Praying(WC) 6:15pm—Shabbat Evening Service/Youth Group Part.(WC) 6:30pm—Wise Tykes(WC) 7:15pm—Youth Group Dinner(WC)</p>	<p>26</p> <p>GUCI Brotherhood Project (O) Wise-UP:Breast Cancer(O) 9:00—Shabbat Alternative Service(WC) 10:45—Shabbat Morning Study(WC) 10:45—Bar Mitzvah of Jordan Ansell(PST)</p>
<p>27</p> <p>GUCI Brotherhood Project (O) Wise-UP:Jewish Cemetery Spruce Up(O) NOAR: Afternoon at Gillians(O) 9:15—6th Grade Geshet(WC) 10:30—Hornstein Lecture (WC)</p>	<p>28</p> <p>7:30pm—Eitz Chayim:Lone Deity(WC)</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Wise-UP:Kids Café(O) Noon—Tuesdays w/ Torah(WC) Noon—Sisterhood Bridge(WC) 5:30pm—AA Meeting(WC)</p>	<p>30</p> <p>4:30pm—7th Grade Program(WC) 4:45pm—Adult Hebrew Classes(WC) 5:15pm—6th Grade Parent Mtg(WC)</p>			

Make someone else's business your own so our Rabbis can be there for our congregational family.

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.

Please help us be there for you.



In Remembrance of the Holocaust and the Human Spirit:

Mark Ludwig to Present

A Search for Meaning Amidst the Holocaust: *Music in Terezín*

We are proud to announce our Third Annual Hornstein Program in Remembrance of the Holocaust and the Human Spirit. This year's program will feature Mark Ludwig, who will present "A Search for Meaning amidst the Holocaust: *Music in Terezín*." The event will take place on Sunday, April 27 at 10:30 a.m. at Wise Center.

Mark Ludwig, a tenured member of the Boston Symphony Orchestra viola section, is the director and founder of the Terezín Chamber Music Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to assuring the permanence of the music written by composers who perished in the Holocaust. Ludwig also serves as Adjunct Professor at Boston College, where he teaches a Holocaust Studies class, "Music in the Third Reich and the Holocaust."

Ludwig has focused much of his research on *Theresienstadt*, which was set up by the Third Reich as both a transit point to the death camps, and a backdrop for Nazi propaganda. Some of Europe's most accomplished musicians and composers were sent to Terezín in 1941. Despite their tragic living conditions at the concentration camp, many were able to sustain an active cultural community. The Nazis co-opted these activities and used the inmates' art as a

showcase for an International Red Cross visit, as well as a propaganda film. They wanted the world to believe that *Theresienstadt* was a "Paradise Ghetto" for the Jews. Nonetheless, of the 140,000 people who were sent to this camp, 33,000 died from starvation, lack of medical care, and torture. Of the 87,000 who endured *Theresienstadt* and were transported to other Nazi death camps, only five percent survived.

Many national television and radio programs have featured Ludwig and the Foundation's work, including NPR, BBC World Radio, and ABC World News. The Foundation's programs include concert programs, lectures, research, music publications, recordings, and educational initiatives.

This lecture is in memory of Dr. Lusia Hornstein, loving wife, mother, grandmother, talented pediatrician, and dedicated teacher. Since the spring of 2000, we have offered to the community a lecture in memory of Dr. Lusia Hornstein. Rabbi . Kamrass commented, "Our congregational family is grateful to Lusia's husband and children for enabling us to perpetuate her special memory in this annual program. I believe this year's presentation will educate, challenge, uplift, and inspire us – just as

Lusia did through her own deeds." Dr. Hornstein's early life was marked by the ravages of the Nazis. She fought in the Polish underground and participated in the Warsaw Uprising, for which she was declared a "Hero of the City of Warsaw." After losing her entire immediate family during World War II, she attended medical school at Heidelberg University, where she married Dr. Stephen Hornstein in 1948. The couple moved to the United States three years later. In Cincinnati, Dr. Hornstein was known as a compassionate pediatrician. She was nationally recognized for her work with special needs children, and was appointed Professor of Pediatrics at Children's Hospital Medical Center.

Upon her death in 1998, Dr. Hornstein's husband and her children, Dr. Mark & Abby Hornstein, Frank Hornstein & Rabbi Marcia Zimmerman, and Dr. Ruth Hornstein & Dr. Peter Scal, decided to create a generous endowment fund at the Isaac M. Wise Temple where their wife and mother was a member, to provide an annual program in remembrance of the Holocaust and the Human Spirit. They felt that this would best honor Dr. Hornstein's memory and her extraordinary life of achievement, courage, optimism, and goodness. 🕯

Celebrating Passover

BY RABBI BADEN

It is said that Passover is the most commonly celebrated holiday in Judaism. Perhaps this is due to the centrality of the Passover story in our religious tradition: God's liberating us from Egyptian slavery. Or, perhaps this is because of the universal focus of Passover: that we are still struggling for freedom in our own day. However, I think that the most cogent reason that Passover is such a popular holiday is its emphasis on family and home ritual.

Usually, when we observe a Jewish holiday, we do so primarily by attending a special service in the Temple's sanctuary. However, on Passover, we fulfill our religious obligation by gathering at a dinner table with family and friends for seder. It does not matter if we convene our seder in our own homes, at a relative's house, or at the Temple's special community seder. What matters is that we are able to celebrate this meaningful holiday with those near and



Rabbi Baden

• dear to us.

All seders are basically similar in format: there is the seder plate with the special foods that symbolize the various components of Passover; there are the four cups of wine (or grape juice) that we drink throughout the meal; and there is the liturgy, such as the Four Questions, that is recited as the evening progresses. However, there are some ways that allow different communities

to "customize" their seders. Perhaps your family might like to experiment with some of these traditions:

- Some families have silly hats that they use during the narrative of the four children. When it comes time to read of these characters, they ask four members of their seders



to wear the hats and assume the personalities.

- Some families put green onions on the Passover table. When the song *Dayeinu* is sung, they use them as mock whips as a means to remember Egyptian bondage.
- Some families have fishbowls filled with fish as centerpieces for their seder table. Whoever finds the *afikomen* is rewarded with the fish as the prize.
- Some families hold a conversation during the dinner, talking about oppression in our own age – where it exists, and how we can respond to it.

These are but a few examples of ways to personalize and energize the Passover seder. I pray that all of us may find our own meaningful ways to celebrate this important holiday. 🕯

Worth the Extra Mile

BY DEBBIE HERMAN

"I can't believe you live in Batesville, Indiana and are so active at Wise Temple!"

I hear this all the time. I usually respond in jest, "All the Batesville synagogues are just too large and impersonal." But the real answer is this: I can't let distance stand in the way of the satisfaction and joy I get from being part of the great, big collaboration that drives Wise Temple.

In 1987, after years of moving around the country, my husband Owen was offered a job at Hillenbrand Industries in Batesville. He – who'd always lived in cities large enough to support a major league sports

franchise – said, "It'll be fun to live in a small town!" I – who grew up in a town of 9,000 in northwestern Pennsylvania – was skeptical. Well, Owen was right. Batesville has turned out to be a wonderful place to live and to raise our 11 year-old son, Noah.

Friends brought Owen and me to Wise Temple in 1989. We both felt instantly at home, despite a few hurdles. For Owen, who'd grown up in an Orthodox congregation in Denver, the organ music was foreign; for me, raised a Methodist, it was the Hebrew. In a sense, we both converted to Reform Judaism, although it was I who had the privilege of standing on the bima and holding the

Torah and affirming my new faith.

Converting to Judaism just got me started. The next year, I tackled my fear of Hebrew and participated in the Adult B'nai Mitzvah class. That led to my involvement with the newly-formed Eitz Chayim committee, which led to the Board of Trustees, the Experiment in Congregational Education, L.E.A.D. @Wise and, this coming June, the Temple presidency. As I can now say with confidence, "Oy vey!"

I may get the award for Board Member Who Travels the Farthest, but I'm only one of many, many congregants who "go out of their way" for Wise Temple. 🕯

The Sunny Side: IHN Update




BY SUE TELLER

In the midst of the long gray days of winter I am always on the lookout for something to make the sun shine if only figuratively. In case you missed it, I would like to share with you the contents of an article in the *Cincinnati Enquirer* highlighting our participation in the IHN (Interfaith Hospitality Network) program which engages well over 100 Wise Temple volunteers.



Sue Teller

The reporter recounted the story of a family who, through IHN, had gotten back on its feet and found a new home after moving from their previous apartment because of building code violations. This family was pleased to be able to stay in Lower Price Hill so their children could continue in Oyler School. The family also continued to volunteer for the Interfaith Hospitality Network which has offices in that area. This is a heartwarming success story and a tribute to our volunteers as well as the worthiness of the IHN program.

The article noted also that Wise Temple is the only non-Christian congregation to share on a rotating basis with seven churches the IHN responsibilities of housing, feeding and hosting families for one full week. 

The Wise Shabbat Congregational Shabbat Dinners

Dinner immediately following 6:15 service

Dates this month: April 11th, May 2nd, May 9th

Sign up for one or all dates

April 11

Adult dinners _____

Child Dinners _____

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

Vegetable or salad _____

Potato, pasta or rice _____

May 2

Adult dinners _____

Child Dinners _____

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

Vegetable or salad _____

Potato, pasta or rice _____

May 9

Adult dinners _____

Child Dinners _____

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

Vegetable or salad _____

Potato, pasta or rice _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Total \$ Enclosed: _____

- * Adults = \$8.50/ dinner
- * Children ages 2-10 = \$4/dinner
- * Children under 2 free*

Dinner space is limited.
Reservations must be made 10 days prior to dinner.
Send in this form with check (payable to Wise Temple) to:
Shabbat Dinner - Wise Temple
8329 Ridge Rd. • Cincinnati, OH 45236

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Learning Before Praying

Enhance Your Shabbat



Each Friday evening at 5:30 p.m., prior to Shabbat services, come join our Rabbis as they delve into *Pirke Avot* -Ethics of the Ancestors. This text study session will take place in the Wise Center lobby and is open to all members.



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The Temple offers congratulations to the following families in April:

B'nai Mitzvah

April 5 – Jordan Baird. Daughter of
Timothy and Suzanne Baird.

April 12 – Cory Boskind. Son of Jonathan
and Marilyn Boskind.

April 12 – Rebecca Ransohoff. Daughter of
Daniel and Cynthia Ransohoff.
Granddaughter of Regine Ransohoff.

April 26 – Jordan Ansell. Son of Jeffrey and
Lynne Ansell.

Wedding

April 5 – Phyllis Jackson to Martin Murray.

Save the Date

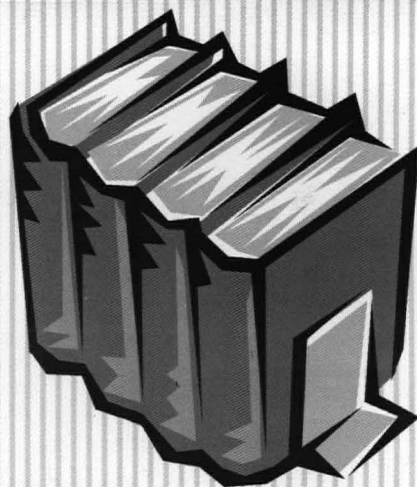
**Isaac M. Wise Temple Annual
Meeting and Board Installation**

**Sisterhood Installation
Leadership Recognition**

Sunday, June 22
4:00 p.m. at Wise Center

*See next month's Keshet for more
information.*

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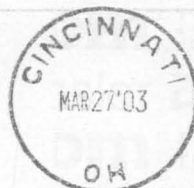
All our library lovers are delighted that Bethia Margoshes Miller and JoAnne Pennington have taken on the responsibility of chairing the Library 21 Project. With a top notch committee, they plan to complete the automation of our library's catalogue and truly move our library into the 21st century.

Library 21 has already "weeded out" tons of ancient periodicals (with some finding a home at HUC or for used Jewish books sale) to make room for new acquisitions. Stay tuned for more news next month.



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