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## Wise Center Wohl Chapel Renovated

**B**eginning this month, and with the arrival of the Jewish new year, when you come to the Wise Center Wohl Chapel, you will be entering renovated sacred space that will serve our congregational worship needs with great improvement. For the last year, a committee of Temple members has been diligently working on the design and selections for our exciting new Wohl Chapel. Only once in nearly 29 years (1986) has the Chapel been renovated, and then once again ten years ago when Wise Center was expanded, the chapel received new carpet and reupholstered chairs. In need of updating and freshening up, the exciting and comprehensive scope of work has been

completed in the last six weeks. When you next come to the Wohl Chapel, you will find your worship environment enhanced by:

- a new ark, custom designed for our needs and constructed of several warm tones of wood
- a new bima
- cherry wood panels to adorn the bima, bringing greater warmth to the brick walls
- enhanced lighting
- a complete new state of the art sound system
- a new *ner tamid* (eternal light) of custom design in hand blown, handcrafted glass
- new carpeting

- reupholstered chairs
- increased educational setting usage of the renovated chapel
- new entrance doors that are inviting and appealing
- a new chapel entrance that welcomes the worshipper into sacred space, and also houses our various prayer books



*Chapel renovation was completed in six weeks.*

A project of this magnitude could not be possible without the significant contributions of many people. Our collective thanks go to Stan Better, chair of our House Committee and project manager, as he has been for so many projects at Wise Center through the years. In addition, we are grateful to Jim Postell and David Lee Smith, both professors of architecture at University of

Cincinnati's School of Design, Art and Architecture. Special thanks to David who has generously volunteered all of his professional time and expertise to this endeavor. Thanks as well to Tim Weberding, of Weberding Carving Shop of Batesville, Indiana whose firm was responsible for the construction of the design in wood, and to Darren Goodman, glass artist who has constructed the *ner tamid*. Our appreciation goes out to our two Temple Administrators, Betti Greenstein, who oversaw the final months of the

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דברים מן הלב - D'VARIM MIN HALEV

# "Words from the Heart"

BY RABBI KAMRASS

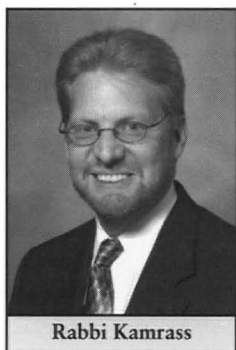
Unique to Judaism, every significant holiday has a religious observance that begins in the home and extends to the synagogue. On Shabbat we greet the day in services and return home to a Shabbat meal. On Rosh Hashanah or Yom Kippur, these holy days are centered around both home ritual and communal observance in the synagogue. Home and synagogue are not separate theatres of Jewish life. The ancient rabbis understood this when they called the home the "*mikdash m'at*, the miniature sanctuary." The home and the synagogue are natural partners in bringing forth the richness and vitality of our spiritual being.

At Wise Temple, we consistently strive to find new ways to bridge the home and the synagogue in innovative and meaningful ways. So as thoughts turn to the upcoming High Holy Days and a new beginning in our individual Jewish lives, I invite you to try some of these new ways to deepen your Jewish life:

## Preparing for Worship

Have you ever come to services and felt the desire to sing along, but you were not familiar with the melody? Some people think that the answer to that dilemma is found in never creating new music. But our voices would become stale if we lacked the creative response that new times and new ideas demand. Jewish music is constantly evolving, just as Jewish life evolves, and so we must have changing melodies and new voices to our worship. This last year, our congregational choir, *Kol Rinah* has grown and added musical depth and repertoire. They are also eager to add new voices and invite you to consider joining them (contact cantorial soloist Deborah Cannizzaro or the Temple office to find out more). And *Shir Chadash*, our congregational band, has completed its first year to much acclaim and an energetic response from the congrega-

tion. Because we want you to come to services and *always* be able to sing, we have recorded both *Kol Rinah* and *Shir Chadash* playing and singing the melodies that we sing in services at Wise Temple. In the next few weeks you will receive a copy of this



Rabbi Kamrass

newly produced 2-volume CD recording, as well as a companion book of the lyrics. It will be a "homegrown" CD by our own Wise Temple members, with a quality and vitality to the recording that will make you take notice. Connecting the home and the synagogue, I invite you listen to your CD while looking at the words and to learn the prayers and the melodies so that you can sing with us and as part of your congregational family. It may just make you feel more connected to the liturgy of our people, and help you find greater meaning in prayer. And when you do come to services (which I hope is often!), you'll feel more connected to the moment and to the congregation.

## Engaging in Study

We will continue to provide many opportunities for adult learning at Wise Temple. Our *Eitz Chayim* committee has put together an exciting program of courses and sessions on Sunday mornings, Monday and Thursday evenings and Tuesdays during lunch. Be sure to consult our *Eitz Chayim* pamphlet and our Website [www.wisetemple.org](http://www.wisetemple.org) to find the classes that speak to your interests. But this year, we are adding another exciting feature for those times when you have a question about Judaism, or you seek some information from your home. During the last months, our rabbis, educator and administrator have compiled a list of credible web-based resources that are now posted on our Wise Temple website. If you simply do a "google" search for your Jewish questions and independent learning at home, you may be taken to a website whose content or whose outlook is not that which we share as Reform Jews; you can even be led to misin-

formation in your quest for learning. We have created a list of over 150 websites for Jewish information and learning that you can trust, spanning 17 topics of Jewish information, culture, organizations, and connection. So now, you can utilize [www.wisetemple.org](http://www.wisetemple.org) as "your portal to the Jewish web," with the confidence that the links and the resources you find there are those you can trust. Consider our website not only to serve you as an announcement of Temple programs and events (important as that may be), but also as "your window to the Jewish world" as you sit in your home and pursue your interest in Jewish ideas and independent learning. Utilizing quality on-line resources, we can bridge the home and the synagogue in this meaningful way as well.

There is also the extraordinary resource of our Temple Library that is available to you on line, through [www.wisetemple.org](http://www.wisetemple.org) and selecting the Library. The entire catalog of over 18,000 volumes is available to you in the comfort of your home.

Of course the most important factor of bridging home and synagogue is you. So I personally invite you to take the convenient steps to deepen your spiritual and intellectual Jewish life. Give these a try and let us know what you come to find; we will be eager to learn of your journey. When you combine the resources of your congregational home, and the strength of your own home, with the measure of your own desire to grow in Jewish life, then truly you will come to draw closer and gain meaning for the year ahead. We look forward to hearing of your own journey home – bridging the synagogue, your home, and your heart. 🕯

Faithfully,

*Lewis H. Kamrass*  
רַבּ לֵוִי בֶן דָּוִד וְחַנָּה לֵאָה

Rabbi Lewis H. Kamrass

# It's In the Journey



BY BARBARA DRAGUL

Journeying is a very Jewish concept. It is at the heart of the Jewish story. And I don't just mean the annual journey some of us take to Florida each year. From Abraham's story of "*lech lecha*, go forth from your native land and from your father's house to the land that I will show you," to the Israelites journey from Egypt, to crossing the Red Sea, to our wanderings in the desert, the Jewish story is one of growth and change told through our journeys.

Journey is often used as a metaphor for life, for the growing up process we all go through to discover who we are and what we believe. It is also an apt metaphor for the blossoming of our Jewish identity. When we think of that process of growing up and forming our identity we most often think of our children, of it being child's work. I remember as a young adult being surprised and taken aback to learn that I had not yet *arrived* at adulthood and that in fact there was no such thing as *arriving*. As I've come to understand, growing up (and developing a Jewish identity) is a lifelong process and in some ways adulthood can be the richest part of that journey. It is when we can intentionally seek out areas of growth that interest or compel us. Adult learning takes place in the context of a rich reservoir of experience and knowledge. We build upon what we know, we look at old knowledge through a new lens. We often come to understand that the questions are as compelling (if not more so) as the answers.

As you reflect on your own Jewish journey, what have been some mileposts along the way? Where did you discover "aha moments" or stumble on new questions? Who and what supported you along your way? Living any kind of Jewish life brings with it learning and growth. We can hardly escape it. I love that about Judaism. Every

service we attend, every Seder that we participate in, every book we read has the potential to teach us and touch us and shape our Jewish identity.

At Wise Temple our *Eitz Chayim* adult education committee wants to invite you to sample the smorgasbord of adult learning

opportunities we have planned for this year. Along the way you may discover an "aha moment," find a question answered or discover questions you've not yet considered. The one thing we are sure of is this: the experience of joining us in Jewish study will provide one more stepping stone in your own Jewish journey. Journeys require a bit of courage – there are unknown elements, we may find ourselves in uncharted territory – but it is also in the journey that we open ourselves to new discoveries. We invite you to take a chance, and to join us.

Hopefully you have received our *Eitz Chayim* adult education brochure listing the many opportunities for learning this year. I encourage you to read through the brochure and choose some programs and classes that will provide stepping stones for you on your personal journey. Perhaps you are interested in understanding more about "*Tzedakah*: The Jewish Obligation to Give", or in deepening your knowledge of the Passover Hag-gadah. Perhaps you have questions about how Judaism views end of life issues or the debate between creationism and evolution. Maybe you are ready to learn Hebrew for the first time or to build upon what you already know. This year we will offer over 35 adult education classes and programs on Sunday mornings, Tuesdays at noon and evening classes as well. Surely there is something for you!

In joining us for some adult Jewish study you may find some answers or some new questions, but surely you will find worthy traveling companions and the wisdom of our tradition as you continue the lifelong process of Jewish growth and discovery. And if

you find yourself on the yearly migration to Florida, or points east or west, you can take some food for Jewish thought along with you. Don't forget to stop by our incredible library this year. There are journeys galore to be had in just that room!

## VALUE OF THE MONTH

Our value for the month of October is *Tikkun Olam*, healing or repairing the world. In some ways, this value can be considered the overarching concept in Jewish values. It is originally an idea that came from *Kabbalah* (Jewish mysticism) but "it has come to represent the goals of Jewish activism: partnership with God and one another in transforming, healing, and improving life on this earth" — (*Jewish Parents Almanac* by Julie Hilton Danan). Judaism teaches us that God's primary demand of humans is moral behavior. This is at the heart of ethical Monotheism, and it is a core belief in Jewish tradition, as well as the primary mandate of Reform Judaism. This concept encourages us to see ourselves as instruments for good in the world, and to see our children as inheritors of this sacred mission. At Wise Temple we embrace the value of *Tikkun Olam* through our WiseUP program which brings together congregants of all ages to contribute to healing our world and through the many *mitzvot* or good deeds we participate in. This month we have a special opportunity for you to join with your fellow congregants in *tikkun olam* by participating in our *Tikkun Olam-athon: Repairing the World One Mitzvah at a Time* on October 23, 2005. Also, be sure to join us on October 23 prior to Tikkun Olam-athon for an *Eitz Chayim* class on *To Do Justice: Reform Judaism's Prophetic Mission* with Rabbi David Komerofsky, Dean of Students and Director of the Rabbinical School at Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion from 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Study preceding action serves to deepen and enrich the work we will do. In fact, Judaism teaches us that study leads to action!



Barbara Dragul



# Goldman Union Camp Institute: A Magical Place

**T**his past summer, 45 Wise Temple youth spent at least four weeks at the Goldman Union Camp Institute (GUCI), a Union for Reform Judaism regional camp located just outside of Indianapolis, in Zionsville, Indiana. One of twelve Reform movement regional overnight camps, it has long been known for its innovation in programming and its high caliber staff, attracted from all over the United States, Canada, and Israel. This year, Wise Temple was once again represented by one of the largest congregational contingents in the region.

Rabbi Ron Klotz, who has been director of GUCI for 30 years, is the primary reason that the standards are so high, that the camp has consistently run an outstanding program, and that the camp enjoys one of the highest retention rates of returning campers and staff of any camp in the Jewish world. Rabbi Klotz will be at Wise Temple on November 9 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. to provide information about GUCI to interested campers and their parents. Please join us for pizza and a chance to learn more about this wonderful summer opportunity.

"Goldman Union Camp Institute has a

unique magic to it," commented Rabbi Kamrass. "Every year, 600 Jewish youth find a singular Jewish experience that cannot be replicated anywhere else. The Jewish singing that takes place at every meal, the study, the daily creative services, and the quality camp activities, all come together to foster a wholesome and exciting daily schedule. It is such a joyous place, with such a fullness of Jewish life. Its uniqueness is seen by campers and staff alike from the first moment they are here. I am especially delighted that so many of our own Temple youth spend many summers at Zionsville because it becomes such a special place in their lives. Their friendships continue throughout the years and the special sense of community that they learn here becomes a key element of their individual Jewish identity."

In its forty-sixth year, the camp renews itself with new programs. Perhaps the most quantifiable evidence of the camp's success is the large number of the staff who return from prior years, and who themselves grew up as campers at Goldman Union Camp. Staff members spend approximately ten days before camp begins, preparing for camp,

planning programs, familiarizing themselves with childhood development issues, and learning the high standards that help make the camp so special. It is precisely this high level of staff development, training and experience that makes for the outstanding programming that has characterized GUCI's reputation for many years. Daily Activities include: Hebrew, Shiur (Jewish creative learning centered around themes), daily creative worship written and offered by campers, instructional and free swim, sports, camp-wide song sessions three times daily, canoeing, high-ropes challenge climbing tower, drama, art, dancing, and many other activities

This summer, the following Wise Temple members attended Goldman Union Camp Institute: During the first session (*Kallah Aleph*): Mathew Adams, Deborah Alread, Daniel Applebaum, Hannah Berger, Mitchel Bie, Reed Bie, Rob Friedman, Annabelle Gordon, Allanah Jackson, Jake Jackson, Ben Klein, Hannah Klein, Ben Kleymeyer, Adam Kuhr, Molly Loftspring, Michael Mintz, Michael Natarus, Brandon Peck, Andrea Perlman, Madeline Pescovitz, Rebecca Pollak, Jennifer Rissover, Alissa Strieha, Meriel Vigran, Megan Wells, and Daniel Westheimer.

Second session (*Kallah Bet*) campers included: Daniel Applebaum, Jennifer Applebaum, Emma Burgin, Leah Burgin, Chad Chessin, Peter Friedman, Jenny Margolis, Emily Minevich, Andrea Perlman, Jordan Rabin, Sara Rabin, Jason Rissover, Ben Rosen and Michael Tochtermann.

Goldman Union Camp counselors and staff from Wise Temple this summer included Noah Cohen, Chase Foster, Aaron Friedman, Josh Kleymeyer, and Jory Zola. The Camp Program Director, Dan Schwartz, a second year rabbinic student, serves as the Wise Temple Senior Youth Group Advisor. Dr. Mitchell Cohen, vice-president of Wise Temple, served for a week as camp doctor in residence.

For further information about Goldman Union Camp Institute, contact the Temple office at 793-2556, or the Camp Director, Rabbi Ron Klotz at (317) 873-3361. 🏕️



*Kallah Aleph Campers and Staff Members*



# Picture Yourself

Picture yourself during the fall holidays; where are you? Are you in Temple, with the rest of the congregation at High Holiday services? Perhaps you see yourself at the supermarket, shopping for brisket and chicken, apples and the makings of a honey cake. Or perhaps your mind's eye sees you in your own dining room, enjoying a festive holiday meal with family and friends. Another place to "find yourself" as you prepare for the Holidays is our own Ralph and Julia Cohen Library. And just in case you're thinking there's nothing special to do in the Wise Temple Library this month, we present:

## 15 Things to do in the Temple Library for the month of Tishri:

1. Plan a seder for Rosh Hashanah — yes that's right, a seder for Rosh Hashanah. To learn how, check out the new book: *Apples and Pomegranates: a Family Seder for Rosh Hashanah* by Rahel Musleah.
2. Choose a storybook to read to your child, grandchild, niece, or nephew about the High Holy Days.

3. Learn how to make a round challah. (Try the book *Jewish Holiday Baking*, for example.)
4. Take a look at our "new book" shelf to see recent purchases.
5. Read a commentary about the Binding of Isaac story of Genesis 22; we'll be reading this story from the Torah on Rosh Hashanah.
6. It's the season for forgiveness. Use our computer catalog, click on the "Subjects" icon, and type in the subject "Forgiveness." Read what Judaism has to say about this subject.
7. After doing #6 above, sit down and draft a letter to someone asking for his or her forgiveness.
8. Check out a book and/or tape of High Holy Day melodies.
9. Read about the guidelines for the proper shape(s) for a sukkah.
10. Check out the video "The New Beginning," about the

origin, evolution, and traditions of the High Holy Days.

11. Find a craft for the children to make for the holiday table. Example: an easy-to-make apple and honey serving plate, or a picture collage for the sukkah (in *The Jewish Holiday Craft Book*).

12. Read about the Jewish calendar. How can the New Year occur in *Tishri*, the 10<sup>th</sup> month of the Jewish year?

13. Read the short book of Jonah, the *haftarah* for Yom Kippur. Was it a fish or a whale that swallowed Jonah? (Does it matter?)

14. Find out why Christian Zionists flock to Israel on Sukkot.

15. Learn why we blow the shofar on Rosh Hashanah.

Picture yourself learning and exploring these and more in our outstanding Wise Temple Library. Our hours are:

Mondays 2:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Tuesdays 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Wednesdays Noon - 6:00 p.m.

Thursdays 9:00 a.m. - Noon

Sundays 9:00 a.m. - Noon (When school is in session)

And visit the Library website by clicking on the Library link at the Temple's webpage: [www.wisetemple.org](http://www.wisetemple.org).

## SISTERHOOD NOTES

### PROGRAMMING NEWS

#### Sisterhood Opening Luncheon

Our Opening Luncheon will take place Wednesday, October 26 at Wise Center at 11:45 a.m. This year we will welcome University of Cincinnati President, Nancy Zimpher, as our speaker. Watch your mail for the invitation. For more information contact Teri Junker at 731-1499 or Patti Heldman at 631-5525.

### Traditions & Treasures Gift Shop

Don't forget to register for your upcoming wedding or Bar/Bat Mitzvah at the gift shop.

We have great gifts for all of your milestones.

#### Hours (and by appt.)

Tuesday	9:30-1:30
Wednesday	2:30-5:45
Thursday	9:30-1:30
Sunday	9:15-11:45

If you are interested in joining our gift shop team, please contact Margie Meyer at 984-2345.

#### Sisterhood Sukkot Dinner

The Sisterhood-sponsored Sukkot Dinner, the first congregational dinner of the year, will be held on Friday, October 21. Services will start at 6:15 p.m. with dinner immediately following. This is a well-attended event, so make sure you send in your reservations using the invitation mailed to your home. If you have any questions please contact Wendy Pelberg at 791-8838 or Beth Hertzman at 271-4452.

#### Cooking Classes

This year Sisterhood is sponsoring a series of three cooking classes taught by some of the top restaurant chefs in Cincinnati, including Master Chef John Kinsella from the Midwest Culinary Institute at Cincinnati State Technical & Community College. Please watch your mail for your invitations, or call Patti Heldman at 631-5525 or Tina Straubing at 791-8568.

#### KROGER CARDS

You can now use your Kroger card at the GAS PUMP at most Kroger stores. You can also use it to pay for **pharmacy purchases**. Help support Wise Temple by purchasing a Kroger Gift Card for just \$5. Wise Temple is now part of the Kroger Neighborhood Rewards Program. Once you purchase a card, you can refill it while in the checkout line at Kroger. Every time you add money to the card (and you CAN use your Credit Card), Wise Temple

will get back a percentage of the dollars that you purchase. It's an easy way to help Sisterhood and Wise Temple while doing your regular grocery shopping. Stop in the gift shop and purchase your card today. If you want a card but can't make it to the Gift Shop, or for more information, call Linda Berger at (859) 344-9731.

#### FLEA MARKET

Are you moving? Cleaning closets? Redecorating? The Flea Market will gladly get those no-longer needed items out of your way. Among the many items we accept are costume jewelry, furniture, bedding, table linens and even cars and boats. (No clothing, books or toys please.) Just drop off your donations at Phyllis Fine's house, 3145 Fairhaven Lane, or call Phyllis at 731-6063 to arrange pick up of large items.

#### COMMUNITY SERVICE

This year give the gift of your time and energy by volunteering for the Wise Temple Sisterhood South Avondale Room Mothers Program. No experience necessary, just enthusiasm and a willingness to provide elementary school children with treats, games and fun. These parties take place four times a year (Fall, Holiday, Valentine and end of the Year). Your reward is a true sense of *mitzvot* and providing these children with festive parties to add to their elementary school memories. For more information, contact Barbara Levy Wall at 891-6152.



# LISTING OF EVENTS



## High Holy Days

### Schedule of High Holy Day and Festival Services 5766/2005

#### SELICHOT

Saturday, September 24  
10:00 p.m. at Plum Street Temple

#### ROSH HASHANAH EVENING

Monday, October 3  
5:45 p.m. at Wise Center  
8:15 p.m. at Wise Center and PST

#### ROSH HASHANAH MORNING

Tuesday, October 4  
8:45 a.m. – Family Service at Wise Center  
10:00 a.m. – Morning Service at PST  
11:00 a.m. – Morning Service at Wise Center

#### YOM KIPPUR EVENING - KOL NIDRE

Wednesday, October 12  
5:45 p.m. at Wise Center  
8:15 p.m. at Wise Center and PST

#### YOM KIPPUR DAY AT WISE CENTER

Thursday, October 13  
8:45 a.m. – Family Service  
11:00 a.m. – Morning Service  
1:30 p.m. – Readings and Meditation  
2:15 p.m. – Youth Group Creative Service  
3:00 p.m. – Afternoon, Memorial and Concluding Service  
6:00 p.m. – Break-the-Fast

#### YOM KIPPUR DAY AT PLUM STREET TEMPLE

Thursday, October 13  
10:00 a.m. – Morning Service  
12:30 p.m. – Readings and Meditation  
2:00 p.m. – Rabbi Baden will lead a discussion  
3:00 p.m. – Afternoon, Memorial and Concluding Service  
6:00 p.m. – Break-the-Fast

#### EREV SUKKOT

Monday, October 17  
6:15 p.m. at Wise Center

#### SUKKOT MORNING SERVICE

Tuesday, October 18  
9:30 a.m. at Wise Center

#### SIMCHAT TORAH - CONSECRATION

Monday, October 24  
7:00 p.m. at Plum Street Temple

#### SIMCHAT TORAH - YIZKOR

Tuesday, October 25  
9:30 a.m. at Wise Center



## Brotherhood

### Brotherhood Board Meeting

Thursday, October 6  
6:00 p.m. at Wise Center  
For more information, contact Billy Bie at 984-3559.



## Congregational Shabbat Dinners

### Sisterhood-Sponsored Congregational Sukkot Dinner

Friday, October 21  
7:15 p.m. at Wise Center  
For more information, contact Wendy Pelberg at 791-8838 or Beth Hertzman at 271-4452.



## Eitz Chayim

For more information, contact Terri Snively at 793-2997 or [tsnively@wisetemple.org](mailto:tsnively@wisetemple.org).

### Providential Connection: The Story of Peter Still and Joseph Friedman with Regine Ransohoff

Sunday, October 16  
10:00 – 11:30 a.m. at Wise Center  
No pre-registration necessary.

### To Do Justice: Reform Judaism's Prophetic Mission with Rabbi David Komerofsky

Sunday, October 23  
10:00 – 11:30 a.m. at Wise Center  
No pre-registration necessary.

### Liturgy Workshop with Rabbi Shulman

Sunday, October 30  
9:45 – 11:15 a.m. at Wise Center  
No pre-registration necessary.



## Religious School

For more information about Religious School activities, contact Terri Snively at 793-2997 or [tsnively@wisetemple.org](mailto:tsnively@wisetemple.org).

### No School

Sunday, October 2  
Wednesday, October 5  
Wednesday, October 12

### Gesher Grade 5

Sunday, October 9  
9:30 a.m. at Wise Center

### Cincinnati Reform Jewish High School

Sundays, October 9, 16, 23, & 30  
7:00 p.m. at Rockdale Temple

### Gesher Grades 2 & 3

Sunday, October 16  
9:30 a.m. at Wise Center

### Gesher Grade 4

Sunday, October 23  
9:30 a.m. at Wise Center

### Consecration Rehearsal

Sunday, October 23  
9:45 a.m. at Plum Street Temple

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade B'nai Mitzvah Class

Sunday, October 23  
11:45 a.m. at Wise Center

### Gesher Grade 6

Sunday, October 30  
9:30 a.m. at Wise Center

### Confirmation Class Retreat

October 28 – 29 at Camp Kern  
For more information, contact Rabbi Baden at 793-2556 or [ibaden@wisetemple.org](mailto:ibaden@wisetemple.org).

### Religious School Open House

Sunday, November 6  
9:30 a.m. at Wise Center



## Seniors

### Tikkun Olam-athon

Sunday, October 23  
Noon at Wise Center  
For more information, contact the Temple at 793-2556 or [tikkunolam@wisetemple.org](mailto:tikkunolam@wisetemple.org).



## Singles

### Break the Fast Pot Luck Dinner

Thursday, October 13  
6:00 p.m. at the home of Gail Frazier  
For more information, call Lorie Kleiner Eckert at 489-7627 or Nancy Mendelson at 489-8393 or email [singles@wisetemple.org](mailto:singles@wisetemple.org).



## Sisterhood

### Sisterhood Bridge

Tuesday, October 11  
1:00 p.m. at Wise Center  
For more information, contact Vivian Barr at 631-6528 or Idelle Stein at 891-3626.

### Sisterhood Mah Jongg

Thursdays, October 6, 20 & 27  
11:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. at Wise Center  
For more information, contact Cynthia Marmer at 984-0236.

# LISTING OF EVENTS

## Sisterhood Opening Lunch

Wednesday, October 26

11:45 a.m. at Wise Center

For more information, contact Terri Junker at 731-1499 or Patti Heldman at 631-5525.



## Wise-UP

### Yom Kippur Food Collection

Thursday, October 13

Feed the hungry with your filled grocery bags at Yom Kippur morning services.

### Tikkun Olam-athon and Lunch

Sunday, October 23

Noon at Wise Center

For more information, contact the Temple at 793-2556 or [tikkunolam@wisetemple.org](mailto:tikkunolam@wisetemple.org).



## 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

Next Hosting: November 6, 2005

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 at 891-9583 or Steve Willins at 233-0243.



## Youth Groups

### NOAR Magical Mystery Sukkah Tour

Sunday, October 16

Noon - 3:00 p.m., beginning at Wise Center

For more information, contact Stacey Delcau at 793-2556 or [sdelcau@wisetemple.org](mailto:sdelcau@wisetemple.org).



## Miscellaneous

### Storytime

Fridays, October 7 & 21

10:00 a.m. at Wise Center

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

### Political Action Committee

Religion in the Public Schools:

The Evolution Controversy

Thursday, November 3

7:30 - 9:00 p.m. at Wise Center

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

### 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 Rod McFaull at 859-426-5587.

## To Do Justice: Reform Judaism's Prophetic Mission

You are invited to a special adult education class with Rabbi David Komerofsky, Dean of Students and Director of the Rabbinical School at Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion. Preceding WiseUP's *Tikkun Olam-athon* on Sunday October 23, Rabbi Komerofsky will be leading a session on *To Do Justice: Reform Judaism's Prophetic Mission*. The Reform Movement has historically emphasized the importance of justice, taking its cues in part from the prophets of the Hebrew Bible. Reform rabbis were counted prominently amongst abolitionists, proponents of child labor laws and civil rights visionaries. As the chasm between rich and poor continues to grow at an alarming rate in this country, what does our Reform tradition tell us about our role in helping to solve one of the greatest crises of this generation?

All are welcome to join us at Wise Center on October 23 from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. for this thought provoking session!

## Wise Temple Brotherhood's Second Annual

# SUKKOT CAMPOUT!

Saturday, October 22 at Wise Center

Join us for Havdallah, songs, camping, and s'mores! Spend the evening or spend the night! Tent setup will begin at 4:00 p.m.

For more information:

Email [brotherhood@wisetemple.org](mailto:brotherhood@wisetemple.org) or call Lew Ebstein at 984-2045

## Call Us If You Need Assistance

Neighbor-2-Neighbor can lend a helping hand for occasional short term needs. These may include:



- ☛ Making a trip to the grocery store or pharmacy
- ☛ Providing rides to services or Temple activities
- ☛ Picking up books from the Temple Library

We're only as far away as your phone!

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859-344-9731 (toll free)



# OCTOBER 2005 ELUL/TISHRI

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>9:30—Shabbat Morning Service(WC) 10:45—Torah Study(WC) 10:45—Bat Mitzvah of Lauren Becker(WC)</p>
<p><b>2</b></p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>5:45pm—Rosh Hashanah Evening Service(WC) 8:15pm—Rosh Hashanah Evening Services(WC &amp; PST)</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>8:45—Rosh Hashanah Morning Family Service(WC) 10:00—Rosh Hashanah Morning Service(PST) 11:00—Rosh Hashanah Morning Service(WC)</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>11:00—Sisterhood-Mah Jongg(WC) 5:30pm—AA Meeting(WC) 6:00pm—Brotherhood Board Mtg.(WC)</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>10:00—Storytime(WC) 6:15pm—Shabbat Evening Service/Shabbat Shuvah(WC)</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>9:30—Shabbat Morning Service(WC) 10:45—Torah Study(WC) 10:45—Bar Mitzvah of Erik Gunnarsson(PST)</p>
<p><b>9</b></p> <p>9:30—Gesher Gr. 5(WC) 7:00pm—CRJHS(O)</p>	<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>1:00pm—Sisterhood-Bridge(WC) 5:30pm—AA Meeting(WC)</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>NO SCHOOL 5:45pm—Yom Kippur Evening Service(WC) 8:15pm—Yom Kippur Evening Services(WC &amp; PST)</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>8:45—Yom Kippur Family Service(WC) 10:00—Yom Kippur Service(PST) 11:00—Yom Kippur Service(WC) 2:15pm—YG Creative Service(WC) 3:00pm—Yom Kippur Afternoon Service(WC &amp; PST) 6:00pm—Singles-Break the Fast(O)</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>6:15pm—Shabbat Evening Service(WC)</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>9:00—Bar Mitzvah of Cody Pomeranz(PST) 9:30—Shabbat Morning Service(WC) 10:45—Torah Study(WC) 11:15—B'nai Mitzvah of Rachel and Ruth Myers(PST)</p>
<p><b>16</b></p> <p>9:30—Gesher Grs. 2 &amp; 3 10:00—Eitz Chayim-Providential Connection(WC) Noon—NOAR Magical Mystery Sukkah Tour(WC) 7:00pm—CRJHS(O)</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>6:15pm—Sukkot Evening Service(WC)</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED 9:30—Sukkot Morning Service(WC)</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>4:30pm—Midweek Hebrew School(WC) 4:45pm—Adult Hebrew(WC)</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>11:00—Sisterhood-Mah Jongg(WC) 5:30pm—AA Meeting(WC)</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>10:00—Storytime(WC) 6:15pm—Sukkot Family Service; Birthday and Anniversary Blessings; Shir Chadash(WC) 7:15pm—Congregational Sukkot Dinner(WC)</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>9:30—Shabbat Morning Service(WC) 10:45—Torah Study(WC) 11:15—Bat Mitzvah of Emma Weinstein(PST) 4:00pm—Brotherhood-Sukkot Campout(WC)</p>
<p><b>23</b></p> <p>9:30—Gesher Gr. 4(WC) 9:45—Consecration Rehearsal(PST) 10:00—Eitz Chayim-To Do Justice(WC) 11:45—7<sup>th</sup> Gr. B'nai Mitzvah Class(WC) Noon—WiseUP-Tikkun Olam-athon(WC) 7:00pm—CRJHS(O)</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>6:00pm—Consecration Pictures(PST) 7:00pm—Simchat Torah/Consecration(PST)</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED 9:30—Simchat Torah/Yizkor Service(WC)</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>11:45—Sisterhood Opening Lunch(WC) 4:30pm—Midweek Hebrew School(WC) 4:45pm—Adult Hebrew(WC)</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>11:00—Sisterhood-Mah Jongg(WC) 5:30pm—AA Meeting(WC)</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>Confirmation Class Retreat(O) 6:15pm—Shabbat Evening Service(WC) 6:30pm—Wise Tykes Service(WC)</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>9:30—Shabbat Morning Service(WC) 10:45—Torah Study(WC) 10:45—Bar Mitzvah of Noah Gilbert(WC)</p>
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# A New Year's Opportunity

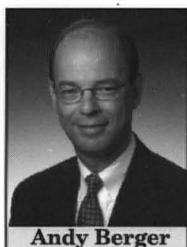
BY ANDY BERGER, PRESIDENT



I have a confession to make. I admit it, I have difficulty developing any real energy or passion for celebrating the New Year. Do you feel the same way?

No, I'm not talking about Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year. I'm talking about the secular New Year. Admittedly it is an opportunity to spend time with family and friends, which I always enjoy, but not in any fundamentally different way from any Saturday night or Sunday. It's not even the day when the biggest college football bowl games are played anymore, which used to be a big deal when my team, Nebraska, played in such games.

One thing I have always appreciated about the secular New Year, however, is making New Year's resolutions. Not only making them, but having the opportunity to talk openly about them. By asking someone "What New Year's resolutions are you making this year?" we effectively ask, "How would you like to change your life for the



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better?" While I often pose the first question to people in early January, I rarely pose the second question, even to close friends, at any time of the year. But what a great question to ask, what a great conversation to start.

Which brings me to our New Year, the Jewish New Year, Rosh Hashanah. The Days of Awe, from Rosh Hashanah to Yom Kippur, is the time we, in the wisdom of our tradition, have deliberately set aside for introspection and self-examination. At High Holy Day services we look at the past, reflect, and, yes, atone, but we do something more: we are also challenged to become our better selves in the future. This, I now realize, is the time we are meant to make our New Year's resolutions.

So when we are together as a community during services, each with our own thoughts, let's make full use of this unique opportunity to make truly meaningful resolutions. And, in these moments, why not resolve to make this the year to deepen our connection and

our involvement, with our community, with our Temple? There is a path for each of us, one that we can travel together, with many avenues to explore:

- For some it may be through WiseUP, our program of healing the world through our actions. If so, you'll want to attend Tikkun Olam-athon, described below. And keep your eye out for the brochure you will receive by mail later this month listing our monthly WiseUP projects throughout the year.
- For others it may be through *Eitz Chayim*, which offers dozens of classes on a myriad of topics practically every day of the week. The *Eitz Chayim* brochure you recently received contains all the details.
- For others it may be through our auxiliaries – Sisterhood, Brotherhood, Young Adults, Senior Adults, Singles – where we come together for both social and spiritual occasions.
- For still others it may be through attending worship services, where we can be enriched by our Rabbis' sermons, and join together in song and prayer with our community.

And there's so much more. You can get more information through *Kesher*, through our website, [www.wisetemple.org](http://www.wisetemple.org), and through subscribing to Wisebytes, our weekly email newsletter.

So by all means let's make these resolutions and let's do so, in accordance with our tradition, as we begin our New Year. Let's talk about them with our friends and family. And then, with each other's encouragement and help, let's act to fulfill them. For me, Wise Temple has provided the community in which to make my resolutions become more than just words. It is my hope that, in this New Year, together we will find new and exciting ways to support each other in seeing all of our resolutions fulfilled. 🕊

*Shana Tova.*

## WiseUP CORNER

October October October



### Tikkun Olam-athon

Sunday, October 23, 2005

12:00 p.m.

after Religious School

This year, the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Wise UP, we reaffirm and strengthen our commitment to social action with Tikkun Olam-athon.

We invite you to join us on October 23, when we reach out to our neighbors in need as a congregation with acts of loving kindness.

For more information check your mailboxes and our website

[www.wisetemple.org](http://www.wisetemple.org)

# Did You Know...?

- T**he Wise Covenant Campaign is both an endowment and a capital campaign.
- The capital portion of the Campaign will create a new building fund whose income will be utilized for the *half million dollars* of anticipated repairs and updates needed at Wise Center.
  - Campaign dollars will also increase the Plum Street Temple Historic Preservation Fund, which entirely pays for Plum Street Temple preservation and maintenance costs.
  - The new Lifelong Learning Fund will make certain that the quality and depth of our services and

programs will be safeguarded against economic or demographic factors that would considerably strain our Congregation.

*Every gift is critical to the success of the Wise Covenant Campaign. Help maintain the current vibrancy of Wise Temple by building our capacity to thrive and providing greater financial stability for our future. Please join in with your pledge.*

*If you wish to contribute to the Wise*

## THE WISE COVENANT

*Celebrating Our Past—Securing Our Future*

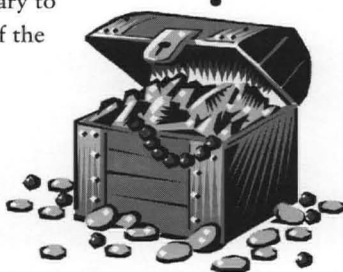
*Covenant Campaign and have not yet been personally contacted, please call Susan Kulick, Director of Development, at the Temple office, 793-2556, to discuss a gift or receive a pledge card.*

### Archives Committee Announces

## “Treasure of the Month”

**T**he members of our Temple Archives Committee, fresh off the success of their wonderful exhibit on our congregational history, invite you to stop by the display case in the library to see the Archive Treasure of the Month. Each month a treasured item from our Temple's past – a photograph, an artifact, a document – will be on display, along with a brief

• explanation of its role in the Wise Temple story. The committee, co-chaired by Sue Ransohoff and Irene Schwartz, wants to share these treasures with you.



The committee would love to have you join them in their ongoing labor of love preserving, cataloging, and maintaining our Temple Archive. If interested, please email Sue Ransohoff at: [sueransohoff@cinci.rr.com](mailto:sueransohoff@cinci.rr.com).

## Senior Health Fair

**to be held at Wise Center Monday, November 7  
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

Join us for a day of information and activity as we explore the topic of Senior Adult Health. The day will start with free cholesterol screening and flu shots (if available). We will hear from professionals in the fields of medicine, nutrition, pharmacy, and fitness. We hope that you will stay for lunch.

# Calling All Cooks!

**W**ise Temple Brotherhood's Second Annual Chicken Soup Cook-Off will be held on Sunday, January 29, 2006.

If you would like to be an entrant in our amateur contest, you must act now. You can enter in any of these three categories: *Best Chicken Noodle*, *Best Chicken Matzo Ball*, or *Most Original Chicken Soup*.

Please note that the entry fee is \$25 and must be paid in advance. On the day of the event, each entrant must bring at least five gallons of soup (more is better). One gallon must be in a non-returnable, securely sealed container so that we can donate it to a worthy cause. This gallon may be frozen. All other gallons must be hot.



All entrants will receive a certificate of participation and a four-foot table space so that participants can sample the soup. Each entrant may decorate his or her table space as desired.

In order to register, contact Steve Pollak by e-mail at [spollak@cinci.rr.com](mailto:spollak@cinci.rr.com), by phone at 252-3461, or mail: c/o Wise Temple Brotherhood at 8329 Ridge Road; Cincinnati, Ohio 45236. The deadline for registration is December 2, 2005.

## (e)YGOW Needs Your Help!

We are looking for host families to house participants from out of town for NFTY-OV Sub Regionals in Cincinnati November 11-13, 2005

Contact Daniel Schwartz for more information at [Schwartz78@hotmail.com](mailto:Schwartz78@hotmail.com) or 295-8770.

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## EDUCATION CONNECTION

# Be Part of History: Vote!

BY RABBI BADEN

**W**e all know that the modern state of Israel was established in 1948. However, it could be argued that the birth of this contemporary nation took place many years before then.

In the latter half of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century, a secular Jewish journalist by the name of Theodor Herzl became painfully aware of the horrors of anti-Semitism. Herzl was covering the Dreyfus Affair for his Parisian newspaper, and reported on the false treason accusations that were being hurled upon Captain Alfred Dreyfus. Even though it was clear that this man was innocent, he was being blamed by the anti-Semitic forces for various crimes. It has been said that because of his experience with the Dreyfus story, Herzl came to the realization that the Jewish people would never be safe without a Jewish State.

Herzl shared his views with the world when he published his book *Judenstaat* ("Jewish State") in 1896. One year later, he convened a meeting of similarly-minded people in Basle, Switzerland. He called this historic event the "First Zionist Congress". It was there that he was elected president and established the World Zionist Organization. Since then, the WZO has served as the backbone for The Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI), the Jewish National Fund (JNF), *Keren haYesod* (known here as the United Jewish Appeal, or UJA), and other smaller agencies.

The World Zionist Congress is the WZO's legislative body, which meets every four years to set policy, designate courses of action, and elect representatives who will shape the agenda of the institution. The decisions of the World Zionist Congress influence the allocation of hundreds of millions of dollars.

It would be nice to think that all of these



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monies are going toward the social and environmental well-being of Israel. However, while a lot of the dollars are spent toward these goals, much of the funding is used as political leverage. This directly impacts the status of Reform and other liberal modes of Judaism in Israel. Issues such as who is considered a Jew, how Israel views conversions officiated by non-Orthodox rabbis, and whether Reform schools and seminaries in Israel get state funding (as do the Orthodox institutions of learning) are affected by the World Zionist Congress' deliberations.

One might think that there is not much that we in America can do to support the Reform Jewish movement in Israel. However, this is not the case. ARZA, the Association of Reform Zionists of America, has been hard at work advocating for Reform and Progressive Jews in Israel. As a member of ARZENU, the umbrella organization of Reform and Progressive Religious Zionists, ARZA represents the interests of liberal Jews on an international level.

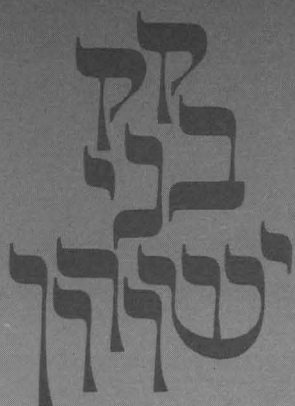
This year, the World Zionist Congress is holding elections. It is important that we be part of the election and strengthen the Reform Jewish voice in this powerful institution. Please join me in registering to vote and participating in the elections. To learn more

about the requirements for registration, please visit [www.votereformjudaism.com](http://www.votereformjudaism.com). The deadline for registration is February 15, so be sure to send in your information before then. Once you are registered, you can vote in the worldwide elections, which run from November 15 through February 28.

Theodor Herzl once said: *If you will it, it is no dream.* Let us take these words to heart this year as we join our fellow Progressive Jews and make our voice heard for the sake of Reform Judaism in Israel. 🕎







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## CONGREGATIONAL CONNECTION

### MAZAL TOV

*The Temple offers congratulations to the following families:*

#### B'nai Mitzvah

October 1 – Lauren Becker. Daughter of Dr. Janson and Lynne Becker.

October 8 – Erik Gunnarsson. Son of Gunnar and Candace Gunnarsson.

October 15 – Cody Pomeranz. Son of Dr. Stephen and Penny Pomeranz.

October 15 – Rachel and Ruth Myers. Daughters of Robert and Gretchen Myers.

October 22 – Emma Weinstein. Daughter of Alan Weinstein and Deborah Floyd.

October 29 – Noah Gilbert. Son of Michael and Susie Gilbert. Grandson of Arthur and Sonnie Sirkin and Eleanor Aronoff.

Harold and Sherri Tieger and Allen and Phyllis Tenenholtz on the recent Bat Mitzvah of their daughter and granddaughter, Samantha Tieger.

#### Births

Todd and Megan Little on the recent birth of their daughter, Talia Frances Little.

#### Weddings

October 29 – Adam Reece to Jessie Kloos.

October 29 – Andrew Feinblatt to Julie Roth.

#### Engagements

Dick and Debbie Westheimer on the recent engagement of their son, Gabriel Westheimer, to Kate Monroe.

### WOHL CHAPEL

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project including its construction, and Barry Finestone, who was involved in the initial months of planning, as well as to Rabbi Kamrass who was involved in the committee throughout the year. Finally, our special thanks are extended to Lynne and Bob Kanter and Gloria and Alvin Lipson for their gifts that provided the initial funding for the Wohl Chapel renovation, and for being instrumental in encouraging the initiation of this vital endeavor for our Wise Center Facility and serving on the planning committee. We extend that appreciation to our Board of Trustees, who approved all the plans and provided the remaining bulk of the funding for this comprehensive renovation through allocating income from our Temple's endowment fund, putting our dollars to work for us in this needed and tangible way.

We invite the entire congregational family to join us on **Friday, October 21 at 6:15 p.m.** as we celebrate Sukkot, and as we rededicate the renovated Wohl Chapel, affix the new *mezuzah*, and offer our thanks to those who have provided us with this exciting new sacred space. Accompanied by the music of *Shir Chadash*, our congregational band, and the joyous spirit of Sukkot, we will have much to celebrate and for which to give thanks as we enjoy the rededication of the Wohl Chapel that will inspire our worship and bring our congregational family together in worship, study and community for many years to come.



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