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BY RABBI KAMRASS

The greatest cultural center of Jewish life in North America is New York. It offers a spectacular array of Jewish learning, music, culture, and entertainment. Scanning the pages of the *New York Times*, I often wish that I could be there for a particular lecture, or to hear a



Rabbi Kamrass

certain forum. But who can go to New York for the evening? Now, the answer is: “We can.” One of Jewish life’s cultural and learning centers, the 92nd Street Y, is well known for its dazzling array of lectures, programs and events. People from every walk of life crowd its seats to participate in conversations about the large and small issues in our lives, directly with the experts and the leaders, the fashioners of ideas and the seekers of ideals. In a relatively new phenomenon, the 92nd Street Y is beaming *live* via digital satellite, its lecture series to remote sites around the country. Wise Temple jumped at the opportunity to be that site in Cincinnati, and to bring an array of wonderful live programs from the 92nd Street Y to us at home, in Wise Center’s newly renovated Wohl Chapel. Through the generosity of a donor who shared our vision, our new large screen and video projection system will enable us to enjoy outstanding programs “Live from New

York.” Beginning this month, and continuing on a monthly basis, we will enjoy the kind of programs that until now, we have only wished we could enjoy if we could travel to New York for the evening. We will be able to join with other remote locations around North America and even occasionally formulate questions that will be asked of the speaker(s) in New York. We will be participating live in the same experience as those physically in the audience at the 92nd Street Y. Our monthly “Live from New York Series” will be open to the entire community, so invite your friends to come with you. The cost is a minimal \$5.00 per lecture, a fraction of the New York costs (and unlike New York, parking is adjacent and free!). You can always consult our website (www.wisetemple.org) under the *Eitz Chayim* Lifelong Learning page or our WiseBytes weekly email update, to check on upcoming dates of programs and to mark your calendar for future events.



The “Live from New York” series will highlight prominent Jews from all aspects of American life: from television and film, literature, politics, and great Jewish thinkers. Hear famous figures talk about the issues of Jewish life and what these issues mean for us and our day. The first

live program of “Live from New York” will be held on Wednesday, November 16, 2005, at 8:00 p.m. at Wise Center and is entitled “The Stars of David: Prominent Jews Talk About Being Jewish.”

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Wise Teens Connect With Israel

Teen travel to Israel has been determined to be a critical factor in a lifelong commitment to Judaism. Will teens continue to see themselves as involved Jews after they leave home? A trip to Israel can make that most likely. A recent study found that fully 74% celebrate Shabbat with peers four years after traveling to Israel compared to 19% of those who had not traveled to Israel.

Wise Temple is well aware of the benefits for both the teens and the Jewish community of Israel experiences. "If we want Jewish teens who lead Jewish lives, Israel travel is an essential part of that development. In looking at Youth Group leadership, Jewish communal involvement and leading Jewish lives after High School, an Israel experience has been proven to be a most critical factor," according to Alan Gross, Israel Committee Chairperson. Most young adults who are actively involved with Hillel in college have had an Israel experience. Research has shown that if parents value their teens leading Jewish lives once they leave home, parental support for an Israel experience is crucial.

This past year, Wise Temples' group of teens was the *second largest contingent for the NFTY Israel Exodus experience from any*

congregation in the country. The students left in June for Prague where they spent three days experiencing the European Jewish community. They then boarded a ship to re-enact the voyage of the ship *Exodus* to Israel. Once in Israel they spent twenty eight amazing days experiencing the land, history and people of Israel. In addition to the NFTY-in-Israel Program, Wise Temple is equally proud of its teens who participated in many other programs including the Cincinnati community's *Jewish Experience in Israel and Poland* and the *March of the Living*. All returned with a renewed commitment to their own Judaism and the Jewish community.

Next summer, hundreds of teens from across the country will participate in an experience they'll never forget. Video games, instant messenger, the mall and television will all be forgotten as they form a connection with the land of Israel and other Jewish youth. For five weeks they will be wholly and excitedly Jewish. For five weeks they will make memories that will last a lifetime.

According to most families who participated in the wide array of programs available, the financial support for these pro-

grams by the Jewish Foundation of Cincinnati was most helpful in considering these experiences for their teens. Barbara Miller of the Jewish Federation of Cincinnati administers grant monies for the Jewish Foundation which will provide \$6,000 to *any* high school student interested in Israel travel. *These grants are not need based* and are available for approved educational teen travel programs that spend three weeks or more in Israel. There is also a \$3,000 grant available for college students. As a result, a teen can spend a summer in Israel for little more than the cost of a round trip ticket to New York! The application process is simple and more information can be obtained by contacting Barbara Miller at The Jewish Federation of Cincinnati, bmiller@jfedcin.org.

Our teenagers want to make connections to Judaism that are meaningful for *them*. We urge you to give serious thought to an Israel experience for your son or daughter. *Please watch for more information about upcoming meetings to learn more about the 2006 summer trips and opportunities to hear from prior participants. Information can also be found online at www.NFTY.org or www.jewishcincinnati.org.*

WORDS FROM THE HEART

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It will include several Jewish "celebrities" who have been interviewed by journalist and former *60 Minutes* producer, Abigail Pogrebin, for her forthcoming book. The book highlights 61 accomplished American Jews, speaking intimately, many for the first time, about how they feel about being Jewish, the influence of their heritage, the weight and pride of their history, the burdens and pleasures of observance, and the moments they've felt most Jewish (or not). Pogrebin's book touches on issues that range from the legacy of the Holocaust to the Middle East, Jewish traditions, intermarriage and much more, as seen through the eyes of prominent American Jews. The November 16 program will include Pogrebin moderating a panel that will include Leonard Nimoy, Kyra Sedgewick, and two other celebrity figures.

Why is "Live from New York" part of our vision for you and for our community? Because we believe that too much of our day is filled with the superficial – the small talk that makes for civility but not civilization. Because we believe that our lives are enriched by joining with others in conversation about ideas and ideals. Because we believe that learning is ongoing – a sacred, precious lifelong journey, and that such a journey should be populated by the finest teachers and the best-known experts. Because we believe that you don't have to live in the Jewish cultural center to have the finest of Jewish culture at the center of your life. Because we believe that we all seek meaning and to deepen our understanding of ourselves and of our world. Because we believe that most people welcome the opportunity to move from small talk to real talk, from mundane matters to the important matters of our day that bring real meaning and nourishment to our minds and our

souls. That is why we have this vision of life long learning for ourselves and for our larger community. And that is what we hope to share with you in the "Live from New York" series and in all our array of Lifelong Learning *Eitz Chayim* classes, courses and programs.

In this year to come, nourish your mind and your soul. Consult our *Eitz Chayim* catalog to select meaningful courses and programs that we offer (also live!) at Wise Center, and join with us each month for "Live from New York." You'll be enriched by the learning, and feel a deeper sense of meaning about sharing ideas with others. We look forward to good conversation with you. 🕯

Faithfully,

Lewis H. Kamrass

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Rabbi Lewis H. Kamrass

I Am Grateful

BY BARBARA DRAGUL



I invite you to try something. Perhaps it's new for you, or perhaps it's something you already do. Begin each morning with some version of the prayer, *Modeh ani le-fa-necha, I am grateful before You, God, for returning my soul to me with compassion.* "I am grateful"; these three simple words can shape the way we see and experience the world. Remembering gratitude affects our attitude as well as our internal and external life. It is at once a prayer and a statement. It is a reminder to our self and something to reach for.

At Wise Temple on Sunday mornings our seven, eight and nine-year olds gather for services each week and we begin with *Modeh ani le-fa-necha, I am grateful.* Each week as I sing these words with the children I am reminded again of how grateful I am for our school, for who we are and what we do, and for our entire congregation. Indeed, we are blessed. Our congregation is vibrant, engaged and warm. A sense of community infused with Jewish values envelops our sacred space. I have to admit my bias. I am especially grateful for our school. And in that gratitude I do not take for granted that we have creative and caring teachers who work hard to connect with our children and to help our children to connect to Judaism and to one another. I do not take for granted, and in fact I am in awe of, the 80 teenagers who work in our school as teaching assistants. I do not take for granted that we have parents who care deeply about their children's Jewish education, who are willing to be true partners in this sacred work of nurturing our children to have strong healthy Jewish identities and who jump in with helping hands to share the tasks that get us to our goals. Nor do I take for granted the many partners I have who share my passion for Jewish education, for

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children, and for community – from our rabbis, to our staff, to our lay leaders.

In my gratitude I am mindful of the children, I am ever mindful of the children. They bring such joy and wonder to our school and to our congregation. They ask the questions that cause us to think more deeply; they reach out to another child demonstrating to us the Jewish values we embrace; they share the insights that only children can have about issues of spirituality and God; they are truly the spark and inspiration that sustains us in our endeavors.

Sunday, November 6 is our annual Religious School Parent Open House. This is an opportunity for parents and grandparents to see what I am privileged to see each week. I don't think it's possible to spend time in our school and not feel a sense of gratitude for what goes on here. And so we invite our parents and grandparents to come and spend a Sunday with us. Meet with the teachers; get a sense of their dedication and caring. Catch a glimpse of the *madrichim* who model for our kids what it means to be "cool" engaged Jewish young people. Join Rabbi Kamrass and myself as we talk about the essential partnership between our school and parents. Meet and greet other parents in our school. Get to know our wonderfully engaged Board of Education members who support our work in so many ways. See our kids and hear their voices as they engage with one another and with Jewish learning.

On November 6 we will also join together as a whole school community for a special concert with Rick Recht, the top-touring musician in Jewish music in the United States and abroad. Rick's music is a

unique blend of pop, radio-friendly music with Hebrew, Jewish text, and social responsibility. Recht's songwriting combined with

his trademark high-energy live show has drawn comparisons to acts such as Dave Matthews Band, Indigo Girls, Craig Taubman, and David Broza.

When he's not touring, Rick is the Artist in Residence at United Hebrew Congregation in St. Louis, Missouri where he lives with his wife, Elisa, three year old son, Kobi, and brand new son, Tal. In talking about his music Rick said, "The stage is definitely our home. The energy

and voices of the audiences, whether they're little kids, teens or adults, is indescribable. That's the magic of Jewish music – the interaction, the singing, the dancing, and the powerful community connection." This is a concert our families will not want to miss!

The notion of gratitude comes up a lot during the month of November. Our national holiday, Thanksgiving, is often a time when feelings of gratitude naturally arise. We share in our schools, workplaces, and around the family table the things we are grateful for. I invite you to join us for our Religious School Parent Open House on Sunday November 6. In doing so I believe you will have one more inspiration for those three simple words: "I am grateful."

VALUE OF THE MONTH

Our value for the month of November, *derech erez* (literally, "the way of the land") is difficult to describe with precision. It has often been understood as decency, decorum, proper etiquette, good manners, common courtesy, and even *savoir faire*. As a whole, *derech erez* refers to a code of proper behavior toward people. *Derech erez* has been closely associated with the Torah itself. The rabbis have often commented that the

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Barbara Dragul

The Torah of Madrichim

BY STACEY DELCAU

Teenagers at Wise Temple are impressive. With our expectations and goals set high for the youth in our community, it seems all the more apparent that we need to provide them with an outlet to feel safe and grow in a supportive environment. The *madrichim* (high school teaching assistants) program in our Religious School is one of the many opportunities for teenagers to shine in our community.

For the past two summers, I have had the opportunity to sit down and have a one on one conversation with each of our entering *madrichim* (typically 9th graders). This opportunity has given me insight into their abilities, thoughts, and challenges they face in their personal lives. There are not many chances in our fast-paced schedules to sit down and have one on one conversation with teenagers, so I take each one of these conversations seriously. My hope is that this process helps them to feel as though they are valued and important members of our Jewish community.

The questions we ask during this “interview” are intended to get to know each and every teenager from a different perspective. I find the most insightful question is, “What is your favorite thing about being Jewish?” Until this point, many have not considered the answer to this question within the context of role modeling for younger students. The answers we receive range from: close connections to friends, holiday celebrations, family experiences, cultural uniqueness, traditions, community, participation in various Jewish organizations (camp, youth group, etc...) and of course...food. While this is a wonderful list comprised of memorable experiences, what I see lacking from this list are foundational aspects of Judaism such as Torah, prayer, and God. The glaring

absence of these items made me wonder what kind of connection they might have to Torah, prayer, or God within their own individual Jewish identities.

By stating this, I am certainly not negating each and every special moment that forms a Jewish identity within our youth. I suspect that 90% of Jewish adults would respond similarly. What I can suggest is that each of their favorite memories of being Jewish, whether cultural or communal, can be traced directly to the foundation of Judaism: Torah.



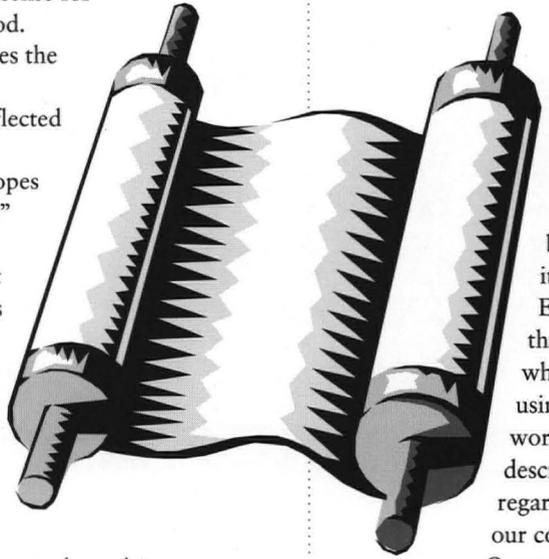
Stacey Delcau

According to Michael Rosenak (Jewish educator, writer, and philosopher), in his book *Tree of Life, Tree of Knowledge*, all of Judaism is based on a *language* that we teach our children. “*Language* is a network of paradigms: of order, coherence, and a sense for the self-understood. *Language* underlies the norms that [are] expressed and reflected in the narratives, memories, and hopes that flow from it.” *Language* can change and adapt to changing times and new sensibilities. Today’s *language* could include age-old terms that have revived their meaning and relevance in society such as *Tikkun Olam* (repair the world), *Derech eretz* (the right way to behave), *tzedakah* (giving not only to Jewish but also non-Jewish organizations). Other more modern words in “recent” years include

Reform Judaism, Reconstructionist Judaism, and Conservative Judaism. *Language* shapes and is shaped by the changing times and variations in Jewish identity.

Language has a foundational literature that is given a special status. This is known as *paradigmatic literature*. In Judaism (or any other religion), that literature is holy. According to Rosenak, “The language of Jewish life, its holy literature that is considered indistinguishable from the language itself...is called Torah.” Torah is what elevates the words we use and the stories that guide us along in our Jewish lives.

I would like to hope that every time we make a Jewish connection, use a Hebrew word, or celebrate a Jewish holiday, we are connecting to our foundational *language* and consequently our foundational literature, the Torah. *Madrichim* make these Jewish connections on Sunday mornings and on Wednesday afternoons as they pass on their



excitement and knowledge about Judaism to the next generation. Their active presence in this building connects each one of our *madrichim* to Torah on a regular basis – whether explicitly mentioned or not. Each one of us speaks the Jewish *language* – whether that includes using words of Torah, words in Hebrew, or words describing the pride we feel regarding our connection to our community and heritage. Our eternal challenge is to continue to build and strengthen our own Jewish vocabulary. In that sense, each one of us can become Jewish educators for the next generation. 🕯

PROGRAMMING NEWS

Saturday Night Social

Please join us at Wise Center, Saturday, November 12, from 7:30 -10:30 p.m. for a fun-filled evening with Sisterhood, Brotherhood, and YAC. This is a great opportunity to relax, listen to music, eat lite-bites, and socialize with friends. *If you have any questions, please contact Rachel Wells at 530-9881 or Randi Chaiken at 731-9393.*

Sisterhood Book Club

The Sisterhood Book Club will have its next meeting on Thursday, November 17 at 7:30 p.m. at Wise Center. The featured book is *Gentleman's Agreement*, by Laura Hobson.

First published in 1946, this novel explores anti-Semitism in America in the years directly after World War II. The central character is Philip Green, a Gentile journalist who, in order to write a magazine series about anti-Semitism, decides to pretend to be a Jew. (Please note: This book is currently out of print, but it can be found at the Temple and the public libraries. New and used copies can be purchased on the Internet. Please call Eve Appleton at 321-0427 if you have difficulty locating a copy.) The discussion will be moderated by Dian Deutsch.

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 (one of only 19 Master Chefs in the country!) 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 for more information.*

Holiday Gift Boutique

Volunteers are needed to wrap gifts November 13 during Religious School. Please call Sarah Roberts at 474-9789. The Holiday Gift Boutique will be December 4 and 11. Children can shop for pre-wrapped gifts for the entire family during Religious School hours.

Congregational Chanukah Dinner

"Save the Date" for the ever-popular Congregational Chanukah Dinner, which will be Friday, December 30 at Wise Center immediately following services.

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 (which will be credited to the card for Kroger purchases). 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 or Liz McOsker at 469-1748.*

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

South Avondale Elementary School

In December, we will be hosting a holiday party for the children at South Avondale Elementary School. Please consider giving your time and energy by volunteering for this program. No experience necessary, just enthusiasm and a willingness to provide school children with treats, games and fun. *For more information, contact Barbara Levy Wall at 891-6152.*

Bedtime Bundles

Sisterhood is again sponsoring a wonderful opportunity for all congregants and their families to participate in a holiday mitzvah project this December. Bedtime Bundles is a program that provides basic necessities and a warm greeting for children staying at the YWCA's battered women's shelter in Hamilton County. Congregants are asked to create a welcoming bedtime bundle by filling a new or gently used pillowcase with new pajamas, socks, underwear, toothbrush and toothpaste

and a new book or stuffed animal for a boy or girl ages infant through 14 years old. Last year Wise Temple generously provided 151 bundles, responding to the growing needs at the shelter. We are hoping we can collect even more bundles this year as we assist families at a very difficult time in their lives. This is a fun and rewarding family project in which even young children can actively participate. Collection of the bundles will begin on Sunday, December 4 and continue through the Congregational Chanukah dinner on December 30. A crib will again be placed in the lobby for easy drop off. *If you have any questions about Bedtime Bundles, please contact either Julie Elkus at 891-1236 or Jody Tsevat at 794-9616.*

Traditions & Treasures Gift Shop

KdA's Jewelry Show

November 1 - November 13

17-year-old artist Kaitlyn Darby and her mentor Amanda Snavelly have joined forces to create this unique line of hand-made beaded jewelry. Using complementary and contrasting colors, they design new and fresh pieces that can be worn by everyone.

Bracelets, earrings and necklaces priced from \$25-\$200. We will have extended gift shop hours during the exhibition.

Gift Shop 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.

LISTING OF EVENTS



Brotherhood

For more information about Brotherhood programs, contact Billy Bie at 984-3559 or email brotherhood@wisetemple.org.

Prepare and Serve Dinner to IHN Guests
Wednesday, November 9 at Wise Center

Brotherhood Open Board Meeting and Dinner

Thursday, November 10
6:00 p.m. at Wise Center

Brotherhood/Sisterhood/YAC Saturday Night Social

Saturday, November 12
7:30 - 10:30 p.m. at Wise Center

Brotherhood Participates in Shabbat Services

Friday, November 18
6:15 p.m. at Wise Center



Congregational Shabbat Dinners

For more information, contact Sarah McMaster at 793-2556 or smcmaster@wisetemple.org.

Congregational Shabbat Dinner

Friday, November 18
7:15 p.m. at Wise Center

Congregational Shabbat Dinner

Friday, December 9
7:15 p.m. at Wise Center



Eitz Chayim

NOTE: Some Eitz Chayim classes require pre-registration. Check your Eitz Chayim Brochure for details. Unless otherwise noted, for more information or to register, contact Terri Snavely at 793-2997 or tsnavely@wisetemple.org.

Tzedakah: The Jewish Obligation to Give with Rabbi Shulman

Thursdays, November 3 & 10
5:45 - 7:00 p.m. at Wise Center
Pre-registration necessary.

Caregiving: When the Roles Reverse with Deborah Eckert and Beth Schwartz of Jewish Family Service

Sunday, November 13
10:00 - 11:30 a.m. at Wise Center
No pre-registration necessary.

92nd Street Y: The Stars of David:
Prominent Jews Talk about Being Jewish
Wednesday, November 16
8:00 p.m. at Wise Center
No pre-registration necessary.
(Cost: \$5 per person)

Mingled Roots in a Jewish Home with Facilitator, Pat Silver

Mondays, November 21 & 28 and
December 5 & 12
7:30 - 9:00 p.m. at Wise Center
To register, contact Rabbi Baden at 793-2556 or ibaden@wisetemple.org.

Wrestling with Troubling Texts with Rabbi Baden

Thursdays, December 1 & 8
5:45 - 7:00 p.m. at Wise Center
Pre-registration necessary.

TUESDAYS WITH TORAH

All classes are from Noon - 1:00 p.m.
For more information or to register,
contact Terri Snavely at 793-2997 or
tsnavely@wisetemple.org.

Changing American Sociological Scene
with Rabbi Kamrass
November 1, 8 & 15

Is Genesis Right: Did God Create the
World? with Rabbi Shulman
November 22 & 29 and December 6



Religious School

Unless otherwise indicated, for more information about Religious School activities, contact Terri Snavely at 793-2997 or tsnavely@wisetemple.org.

Religious School Open House

Sunday, November 6
9:15 - 11:45 a.m.

Cincinnati Reform Jewish High School

Sundays, November 6, 13 & 20
7:00 p.m. at Rockdale Temple

G.U.C.I. Presentation and Pizza Dinner

Wednesday, November 9
6:00 p.m. at Wise Center

Gesher Grades 3 & 5

Sunday, November 13
9:15 - 11:30 a.m.

For more information, contact Stacey Delcau at 793-2556 or sdelcau@wisetemple.org.

7th Grade B'nai Mitzvah Class

Wednesday, November 16
4:30 - 7:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Rabbi Shulman at 793-2556 or mshulman@wisetemple.org.

Gesher Grades 2 & 4

Sunday, November 20
9:15 - 11:30 a.m. at Wise Center
For more information, contact Stacey Delcau at 793-2556 or sdelcau@wisetemple.org

NO SCHOOL

Wednesday, November 23
Sunday, November 27

Gesher Grades 4 & 5

Sunday, December 4
9:15 - 11:30 a.m. at Wise Center
For more information, contact Stacey Delcau at 793-2556 or sdelcau@wisetemple.org

7th Grade B'nai Mitzvah Class

Sunday, December 4
Noon - 3:30 p.m. at Wise Center
For more information, contact Rabbi Shulman at 793-2556 or mshulman@wisetemple.org



Seniors

Senior Adult Health Fair

Monday, November 7
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

For more information contact Ruth Goret at 351-6486.



Singles

Good-Deed-Doing and Dinner

Sunday, November 13
6:00 p.m. at The Hofbrauhaus
For more information, call Lorie Kleiner Eckert at 489-7627 or Nancy Mendelson at 489-8393 or email singles@wisetemple.org.

LISTING OF EVENTS

Sisterhood

Sisterhood Board Meeting
Wednesday, November 2
9:45 a.m. at Wise Center
For more information, contact Robin Newland at 530-5516.

Sisterhood Bridge
Tuesdays, November 8 & 22
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, November 3, 10 & 17
11:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. at Wise Center
For more information, contact Cynthia Marmer at 984-0236.

Sisterhood/Brotherhood/YAC Saturday Night Social
Saturday, November 12
7:30 – 10:30 p.m. at Wise Center
For more information, contact Rachel Wells at 530-9881 or Randi Chaiken at 731-9393.

Sisterhood Book Club
Thursday, November 17
7:30 p.m. at Wise Center
For more information, contact Eve Appleton at 321-0427.

Wise-UP

Voices of the Future:
A Conference for Youth and Freedom
(Formerly the Hamilton County Youth Conference)
Saturday, November 5
Assist at registration for this program at the University of Cincinnati sponsored by The National Underground Railroad Freedom Center. Help provide opportunities for students from different backgrounds to learn and share with each other and become a voice that can bring about change.
For more information, contact Leah Siegel at 531-7131 or Carol Striker at 761-3530.

St. Francis Seraph Holiday Soup Kitchen
Wednesday, November 23
Help serve and clean up a festive meal during the Thanksgiving holiday.
For more information, contact Anne Safdi at 871-6337.

Hoxworth Registration and Blood Drive
Sunday, December 4
Be a blood donor or help prepare and organize our annual blood drive without

having to donate blood.
For more information, contact Mindy Hastie at 271-8270.

Ongoing Wise-UP Projects

Over-the-Rhine Soup Kitchen
Sunday Mornings
Next Date: Sunday, November 20
9:00 a.m. at Plum Street Temple
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
Up to Eight Times a Year
Next Hostings: Weeks beginning November 6 and December 25
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

Wise Guys Rockquest Event
Sunday, November 13
Noon – 4:00 p.m.
For more information, contact Stacey Delcau at 793-2556 or sdelcau@wisetemple.org.

Youth Activities Program for Grades 1 – 4
“Pump it Up”
Sunday, November 13
11:45 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., program will begin and end at Wise Center
For more information, contact Sherri Weiss at 791-6690 or srweiss@cinci.rr.com.

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 Rod McFaul at 859-426-5587.

Political Advocacy Committee Program
Religion in Our Public Schools:
The Evolution Controversy
Thursday, November 3
7:30 p.m. at Wise Center
For more information, contact the Temple at 793-2556 or email pac@wisetemple.org.

Storytime
For children 0 – 5 years
November 4 & 18 and December 2
10:00 a.m. at Wise Center
For more information, contact Karen Brownlee at 871-5013.

Rockwern Organ Inaugural Concert
Sunday, November 13
3:00 p.m. at Plum Street Temple
For more information, contact the Temple at 793-2556.

Wohl Book Signing
Tuesday, November 15
5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at Wise Center
For more information, contact the Temple at 793-2556.

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



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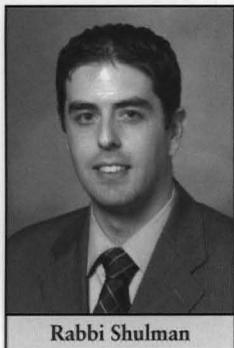
NOVEMBER 2005 TISHRI/CHESHVAN

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 with Torah-Changing American Sociological Scene(WC) 5:30pm—AA Meeting(WC)</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:45—Sisterhood-Board Mtg.(WC) 4:30pm—Midweek Hebrew School(WC) 4:45pm—Adult Hebrew(WC)</p>	<p>3</p> <p>11:00—Sisterhood-Mah Jongg(WC) 5:30pm—AA Meeting(WC) 5:45pm—Eitz Chayim-Tzedakah: The Jewish Obligation to Give(WC) 7:30pm—Political Advocacy-Religion in Our Public Schools(WC)</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10:00—Storytime(WC) 6:15pm—Shabbat Evening Service(WC)</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9:00—Bar Mitzvah of Mark Arnold(PST) 9:30—Shabbat Morning Service(WC) 10:45—Torah Study(WC) 11:15—Bar Mitzvah of Seth Hirsch(PST) WiseUP—Voices of the Future(O)</p>
<p>6</p> <p>9:15—Religious School Open House(WC) 7:00pm—CRJHS(O)</p>	<p>7</p> <p>10:00—Senior Adult Health Fair(WC)</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Noon—Tuesdays with Torah-Changing American Sociological Scene(WC) 1:00pm—Sisterhood-Bridge(WC) 5:30pm—AA Meeting(WC)</p>	<p>9</p> <p>4:30pm—Midweek Hebrew School(WC) 4:45pm—Adult Hebrew(WC) 6:00pm—GUCCI Presentation & Dinner(WC) Brotherhood—IHN Dinner(WC)</p>	<p>10</p> <p>11:00—Sisterhood-Mah Jongg(WC) 5:30pm—AA Meeting(WC) 5:45pm—Eitz Chayim-Tzedakah: The Jewish Obligation to Give(WC) 6:00pm—Brotherhood Board Mtg.(WC)</p>	<p>11</p> <p>6:15pm—Shabbat Evening Service; November Birthday and Anniversary Blessings; Shir Chadash (WC)</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:30—Shabbat Morning Service(WC) 10:45—Torah Study(WC) 10:45—Bat Mitzvah of Lauren Shapiro(PST) 7:30pm—S'hood/B'hood/YAC Social Event(WC)</p>
<p>13</p> <p>9:15—Gesher Grs. 3 & 5(WC) 10:00—Eitz Chayim-Caregiving: When the Roles Reverse(WC) 11:45—Grs. 1-4 Youth Activities Program(WC/O) Noon—WiseGuys Rockquest Program(WC/O) 3:00pm—Rockwern Organ Concert(PST) 6:00pm—Singles-Dinner & Good-Deed-Doing(O) 7:00pm—CRJHS(O)</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Noon—Tuesdays with Torah-Changing American Sociological Scene(WC) 5:00pm—Wohl Book Signing and Reception(WC) 5:30pm—AA Meeting(WC)</p>	<p>16</p> <p>4:30pm—Midweek Hebrew School(WC) 4:30pm—7th Gr. B'nai Mitzvah Class(WC) 4:45pm—Adult Hebrew(WC) 8:00pm—Eitz Chayim-92nd Street Y(WC)</p>	<p>17</p> <p>11:00—Sisterhood-Mah Jongg(WC) 5:30pm—AA Meeting(WC) 7:30pm—Sisterhood-Book Club(WC)</p>	<p>18</p> <p>10:00—Storytime(WC) 6:15pm—Shabbat Evening Service; Brotherhood Participation; Kol Rinah(WC) 7:15pm—Congregational Shabbat Dinner(WC)</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9:30—Shabbat Morning Service(WC) 10:45—Torah Study(WC) 10:45—Bar Mitzvah of Maxwell Lappin(PST)</p>
<p>20</p> <p>9:00—WiseUP-Soup Kitchen(PST) 9:15—Gesher Grs. 2 & 4(WC) 7:00pm—CRJHS(O)</p>	<p>21</p> <p>7:30pm—Eitz Chayim-Mingled Roots in a Jewish Home(WC)</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Noon—Tuesdays with Torah-Is Genesis Right?(WC) 1:00pm—Sisterhood-Bridge(WC) 5:30pm—AA Meeting(WC)</p>	<p>23</p> <p>NO SCHOOL WiseUP-St. Francis Seraph Soup Kitchen(O)</p>	<p>24</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>25</p> <p>6:15pm—Shabbat Evening Service(WC) 6:30pm—Wise Tykes Service(WC)</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9:30—Shabbat Morning Service(WC) 10:45—Torah Study(WC) 10:45—Bar Mitzvah of Bryan Bergman(PST)</p>
<p>27</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>28</p> <p>7:30pm—Eitz Chayim-Mingled Roots in a Jewish Home(WC)</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Noon—Tuesdays with Torah-Is Genesis Right?(WC) 5:30pm—AA Meeting(WC)</p>	<p>30</p> <p>4:30pm—Midweek Hebrew School(WC) 4:45pm—Adult Hebrew(WC)</p>			

GUCI: A Memorable (and fun!) Summer

BY RABBI SHULMAN

This past summer, over 40 students from our congregation attended camp at Goldman Union Camp Institute (GUCI) in Zionsville, Indiana. Ask any of them, and they will tell you, they had an amazing summer. GUCI is one of the most highly respected Jewish camps in the U.S. Bringing together the best programs, the best staff and the best vision, the camp strives to create a truly memorable and lasting Jewish experience for their campers. Every summer, they succeed! There is no doubt that we see a difference in these children after a summer at GUCI.



Rabbi Shulman

They have a stronger sense of self, a deeper connection to Judaism and many new friends. I encourage you to share this column with your children in Grades 2 through high school and begin thinking about...

Top Ten Reasons Why You Should Consider Camp at Goldman Union Camp Institute Next Summer

- 10.** Because it's nice to get away from Ohio every once in awhile and spend some time in Indiana.
- 9.** Because you want to feel a sense of *K'lal Yisrael*, of kinship among the entire community of the Jewish people, in the United States, in Israel and from around the world.
- 8.** Because you want to experience Judaism in a creative, spiritual and meaningful way through living and learning.
- 7.** Because you want to appreciate God, Torah and prayer in the natural setting of camp and celebrate Shabbat like you've never celebrated it before!

- 6.** Because the staff and the programming are awesome.
- 5.** Because you will remember the experiences for the rest of your life.
- 4.** Because you want to meet other Jews from around the region and form friendships that you will keep forever.
- 3.** Because Rabbi Kamrass, Rabbi Baden, Rabbi Shulman and Barbara Dragul all think you will have the most incredible experience there.
- 2.** Because you want to spend time doing what you like: singing, swimming, sports, acting, dancing, eating, hanging out with friends.
- 1.** Because few other experiences will be as transformative and important in creating a deep, strong and enduring Jewish identity.

These are only 10 reasons, ask any camper or parent and they would tell you at least a dozen more. One of the best things about camp at GUCI is the variety of programs designed to meet the needs of your children.

Garin—An introduction to overnight camping for children entering 3rd and 4th grades next school year. (2 weeks)

Kallah—Arts, sports, study and fun for children entering 4th through 10th grades next school year. (4 weeks)

Avodah—A work study program for students entering 12th grade. (8 weeks)

If you want to find out more about GUCI we invite you to a special open house. **Both parents and children are encouraged to join us on Wednesday, November 9 at 6:00 p.m. after Hebrew School for the GUCI Open House. If you have children in 2nd grade through high school, this meeting is for you.**

If you are a GUCI veteran and want to help us spread the word about camp, please join us too!

Along with a pizza dinner, you will have an opportunity to learn more about camp from not only veteran camp parents and children, but from the director himself, Rabbi Ron Klotz. You will also see the new GUCI Camp video and hear about the exciting things planned for 2006.

It is never too early to begin to plan for next summer. If you have any questions about camp, please don't hesitate to ask one of the rabbis or one of many veteran campers who are already counting down the days until the summer!

For more information about the GUCI Open House Dinner contact Debbie Westheimer, chair of the GUCI sub-committee of the Youth Activities Committee, at 732-6355.

Mingled Roots in a Jewish Home: A Discussion Group for Interfaith Couples

**Mondays, November 21 & 28
and December 5 & 12**

7:30 – 9:00 p.m. at Wise Center

Please pre-register by contacting Rabbi Baden at 793-2556 or ibaden@wisetemple.org.

"How do we create an authentic Jewish home in an interfaith household?"

"What is our common ground?"

"How can we resolve religious conflicts?"

This four-session discussion group will look at these and other questions facing households in which couples do not share Judaism as a common heritage. We will explore issues such as the nature of religious identity, the place of Jewish ritual at home, and the involvement of non-Jewish parents.

Facilitator: Pat Silver

Year End Planning... Benefitting You and Our Temple

Last November, members of our congregation received the Wise Covenant brochure in their mail, explaining Wise Temple's current capital and endowment campaign. The Wise Covenant Campaign is still in progress and the response so far shows that we are all genuinely committed to the congregation and to each other. Wise Covenant solicitors are diligently trying to reach each congregant and invite them to participate in this important and necessary campaign.

The end of the year presents charitable giving and tax planning opportunities that may benefit both you and the Temple.

- Consider making good use of the income tax charitable deduction by making a multi-year pledge to the Wise Covenant Capital and Endowment Campaign, beginning with a 2005 year-end gift.
- For those of you who have already made a pledge to the Campaign, consider

paying your 2005 commitment or pre-paying subsequent installments.

- Contributions of appreciated stock or gifts of cash to the Temple's Wise Covenant Fund are considered to be directly related to the religious purpose and function of the Temple and are deemed to be entirely tax deductible.

THE WISE COVENANT

Celebrating Our Past—Securing Our Future

Charitable giving, of course, is much more than tax brackets and income tax deductions. Your gifts to the Wise Covenant make an important difference in what we are able to

accomplish. By joining together as Wise Covenant participants, we can celebrate our past, maintain our present vitality, and secure our future.

If you wish to contribute to the Wise Covenant Capital and Endowment Campaign or learn about year-end giving opportunities, please call the Temple's Director of Development, Susan Kulick, at 793-2556, to discuss your gift. 🕯️

Senior Health Fair

Monday, November 7

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Wise Center

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.

For more information, contact co-chairs Ruth Goret, 351-6486, and Marlene Gross, 489-4341.

Inaugural Rockwern Organ Concert: Music for Organ and Orchestra

Recently, the pipe organ in our beloved Plum Street Temple was restored to its original grandeur. This musical treasure, built by the renowned 19th century organ builder, Johann Koehnken, had been silent for many years until its recent historic restoration by Noack & Co. organ builders. Thanks to the generosity of the Rockwern Foundation and many other donors, our worship is once again enhanced by the richness of its music.

During recent weeks, many of us have enjoyed the beautiful sounds of our Rockwern Organ. Now we have the opportunity to more fully experience the beauty of this magnificent and historic instrument. **The congregation and the community are invited to the inaugural concert of our newly-restored 1866 Rockwern Organ on Sunday, November 13 at 3:00 p.m. at Plum Street Temple.** This inaugural concert is being sponsored by the Dr. S. Sumner Rockwern Foundation.

The concert will feature internationally known organist Peter Sykes, playing music of Felix Mendelssohn, Robert Schumann, and Charles-Valentin Alkan on the Rockwern Organ. Peter Sykes is one of the most distinguished and versatile keyboard artists performing today. He has performed throughout the United States, including over twenty dedication recitals for new or rebuilt organs.

In addition, Carmen DeLeone will conduct the Concerto for Organ and Orchestra by Francis Poulenc. Carmen DeLeone, Music Director of the Cincinnati Ballet, is celebrating his 34th season. In addition, Maestro DeLeone is also Music Director of the Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra and the Middletown Symphony. Many of us are familiar with his popular weekly radio show, "Sunday Morning Music Hall."

Please invite your friends and family to join us for this inaugural concert. *For more information, contact the Temple at 793-2556.*

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PROGRAM CONNECTION

Religion in Our Public Schools: The Evolution Controversy

Teaching evolution still provokes political controversy. New laws that challenge the teaching of evolution are pending or have been considered in twenty states. The Wise Temple Political Advocacy Committee, in association with eight other community groups, will spearhead the panel discussion "Religion in Our Public Schools: The Evolution Controversy" on Thursday, November 3, at Wise Center from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Our distinguished panel will discuss the ramifications of imposing religion on science, education and government. Reverent

Joseph Bracken, S.J., Director Emeritus, Brueggeman Center for Dialogue at Xavier University, will provide the religious dimension; Barry Riehle, science teacher at Turpin High School, will offer an educator's view; Ronna Greff Schneider, Professor at U.C. College of Law, will present Constitutional implications; and Sam Schloemer, Ohio State School Board member, will discuss political decision making as it relates to the controversy.

The program is free and open to the public. For information, write to pac@wisetemple.org or call 793-2556.

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two are inseparable, even claiming that *derech erez* preceded the Torah. Here the probable meaning is that there are rules to conduct that are derived from common sense and are not explicitly spelled out in the Bible. Here are some quotes to illustrate *derech erez*:

Rabban Gamliel, the son of Rabbi Judah the Prince, said, "The study of Torah is good together with *derech erez*, since the effort of both of them makes one forget sin". (Pirke Avot, 2:2)

Rabbi Elazar ben Azariah said, "If there is no Torah, there is no *derech erez*. And if there is no *derech erez*, there is no Torah". (Pirke Avot, 3:21)

Never use an indecent expression, even if you have to use more words to complete the sentence. (Talmud Pesachim 3a)

Derech erez, though concerned primarily with a person's decent conduct toward fellow human beings, is unquestionably regarded as a religious obligation that God Himself requires.

—Excerpted from *Exploring Jewish Ethics and Values* by Ronald H. Isaacs

Caregivers: A Special Eitz Chayim Workshop

It's safe to say that each of us knows someone, if not ourselves, who is in the role of care giving. The *Eitz Chayim* committee has arranged with the professionals from Jewish Family Service to lead an interactive, experiential workshop to help caregivers through the challenges of family relationships and learning ways to cope with the realities of care giving. Join us on Sunday, November 13 from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. at Wise Center. No pre-registration necessary.





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CONGREGATIONAL CONNECTION

MAZAL TOV

The Temple offers congratulations to the following families:

B'nai Mitzvah

November 5 – Mark Arnold. Son of Susan Arnold and Diana Salter.

November 5 – Seth Hirsch. Son of Patricia Hirsch.

November 12 – Lauren Shapiro. Daughter of Steven and Eileen Shapiro.

November 19 – Maxwell Lappin. Son of Randy and Libby Lappin. Grandson of Robert and Phyllis Lappin.

November 26 – Bryan Bergman. Son of Lauren Bergman. Grandson of Burt and Marlene Gross.

Births

Spencer Konicov and Beverly Konicov on the recent birth of their granddaughter, Ava Nichols.

Dr. Harvey and the late Marlene Harris on the recent birth of their granddaughter, Emerson Jade Paletz.

Ruth Goret on the recent birth of her great-grandson, Ian Alexander Richards.

Renee and Sam Frankel on the recent birth of their granddaughter, Natalie Rachel Frankel.

Richard and Christine Vigran on the recent birth of their twins, Nathan Stanley and Rose May Vigran

Weddings

November 19 – Ilene Gillett to Joshua Howard.

Howard and Donna Richshafer on the recent marriage of their daughter, Allison Richshafer to Joey Barratt.

Engagements

Dr. Ron and Laurel Abrams on the recent engagement of their son, Jonathan Abrams to Latasha Colwell.

Dr. Ron and Laurel Abrams on the recent engagement of their daughter Marnie Abrams to Ben Kaplan.

Michael and Helene Elkus on the recent engagement of their son, Adam Elkus to Gina Ryan.

Dr. Richard and Renee Greenberg and Dr. Herbert and Marilyn Greenberg on the recent engagement of their son and grandson, Brian Greenberg to Dr. Jennifer Radi.

Rich and Marcia Goldberg on the recent engagement of their son, Brian Goldberg to Trista Portales.

Wohl Book Signing

Please join us for a book signing by Rabbi Amiel Wohl and free distribution of *He Really Had Something to Say*,

by the late Dr. Ted Wohl and Rabbi Amiel Wohl.

The book is a survey of American Jewish History, centering on Cincinnati and Wise Temple from 1895–1972. It focuses on their late father, Rabbi Samuel Wohl, rabbi of Isaac M. Wise Temple for over 30 years.

Tuesday, November 15, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at Wise Center

5:00 – 5:30 Reception and book signing

5:30 – 6:00 Memorial tribute in memory of Dr. Ted Wohl

6:00 – 7:00 Reception and book signing



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