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## THE WISE CONNECTION

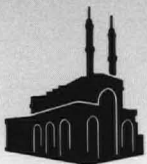
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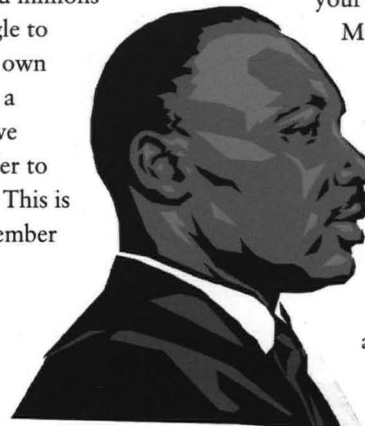
## Remembering the Dream and Making it a Reality

BY RABBI SHULMAN

**J**ustice and peace are goals shared by so many in our world. They are also fundamental themes of our Jewish tradition and texts. In Genesis, we read that men and women are each created in the image of God. In Exodus, we are taught of the transformative experience of the freeing of the Israelite slaves. In Deuteronomy, we are commanded, "Justice, justice shall you pursue." These texts are not only central to our own values, but they have inspired other oppressed people throughout human history. Coming from a long history of persecution and discrimination, and a tradition that emphasizes human dignity, Jews have always felt a connection to the battles for freedom and equality.

So every January, we are reminded of these challenges when we remember the life and charge of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. His dream created a movement that transformed millions of lives. Yet, today, we struggle to keep that dream alive in our own city and in our own lives. As a result, we must work hard, we must stand up and act in order to keep Dr. King's dream alive. This is our sacred obligation as a member of the Jewish people.

Here are six ideas to help each of us live Dr. King's dream right now.



**1. Volunteer.** Dr. King's birthday is not only a time to rededicate ourselves to his dream of equality and justice, but could also be a time for volunteering. With your family or friends, choose a project from our *WiseUP Social Action Program* and volunteer, where you will see for yourself how much work still needs to be done to accomplish Dr. King's dream.

**2. Talk about racism.** Your friends and your family have no doubt heard racist or anti-Semitic remarks or jokes or have encountered instances of prejudice and discrimination over the past year. Talk about what you have seen and heard and role-play situations to help combat stereotyping and prejudice.

**3. Participate at school or work.** Does your child's school or your office mark Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday in any way? Are you involved as participants or organizers? Take roles to assume leadership positions and support and attend those celebrations.

**4. Demonstrate.** Stand up for what you believe in. When there are demonstrations about issues you care about, participate passionately – walk the talk. We Jews have the obligation

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# D'VARIM MIN HALEV- דְּבָרִים מִן הַלֵּב

## “Words from the Heart”

BY RABBI KAMRASS

**A**ll traditions begin with a first act and a first occurrence. When it is repeated the next year we call it “annual.” But when it takes place through several generations and over the span of more than 100 years, it becomes a tradition, a fixture, and an expectation. Here at Wise Temple, we know the power of such traditions and fixtures with the careful nurturing of Plum Street Temple, preserved and loved for nearly 140 years. Each generation has added its loving touch and care, as we continue to do through the historic preservation and ongoing projects, such as the recent restoration of the organ. In many tangible, spiritual, and emotional ways, we are committed to preserving this tradition of Plum Street Temple for generations to come.

Other traditions, however, can sometimes come to an end. For various reasons, family traditions are concluded without the possibility of continuing them. Sometimes it is dynamics; sometimes it is age; sometimes it

is geography that marks the end of a tradition. One family tradition that we have enjoyed at Wise Temple for over a century, through four generations, is when we call Buddy Weil (Gordon Weil, Jr.) to the bima at Plum Street Temple each Rosh Hashanah morning for the sounding of the shofar. This tradition began in the late 1800's with his grandfather, Isaac Weil. Then, as a young boy, in 1907, Buddy's father, Gordon Weil Sr. began sounding the shofar, and continued in that role for over 75 years until the mid 1980's. At that time, Gordon Sr. chanted the blessings, and his son, Gordon Weil Jr. (Buddy) took over the long standing tradition. Since that time, Buddy has lovingly sounded the shofar and added the fourth generation to this tradition, by having his son, Bob, read the shofar calls. From Isaac to Gordon Sr., to Gordon Jr. to Bob, four generations of Weils

have stood on our bima for over 115 years for the tradition of sounding the shofar and offering its calls.

In our modern hurried life, there are few family traditions or institutional traditions that echo across the generations and touch into three different centuries. This Rosh Hashanah tradition has highlighted what a rare occurrence that is and inspires us to learn from it. We come to realize that we should safeguard our family traditions with a greater sense of preciousness. We should see that a family practice we begin today has the potential to continue through

the generations and span the years. Whether it is a holiday celebration, a decision to gather in one place each year, the songs that we sing, the foods that we prepare, or any other “tradition” in a family, what begins as a simple act can become a tradition that helps to anchor our values and give us something to count on year after year.

For over 20 years, Buddy has been present on the bima at Rosh Hashanah to sound the shofar. Buddy, now in his 80's, has found it a more difficult physical commitment, even as he has maintained such a deep commitment of the heart as he has honored the tradition of the congregation and of his father's and grandfather's memory. With a heavy heart, Buddy has indicated that it is now time to call this tradition “the end of an era,” with this past Rosh Hashanah being its stirring conclusion. We owe a debt of gratitude to Buddy Weil not only for the sweet sounds of the shofar that he has offered on that sacred day through the years, but for



Rabbi Kamrass

## SHOFAR AUDITIONS

All members of the congregation who have skills in sounding the shofar are invited to “audition” for the important role of sounding the shofar at Wise Center on Rosh Hashanah day and at Plum Street Temple on Yom Kippur afternoon. Those who are interested should bring their own shofar, and be prepared to offer each of the series of calls sounded on Rosh Hashanah morning.

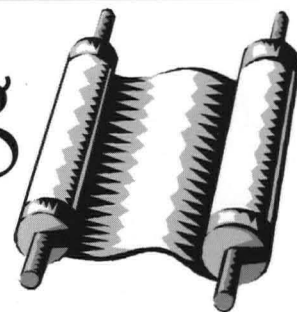
Auditions will be held on:  
**Tuesday, February 21 and Thursday, February 23**  
**from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. at Wise Center**

To schedule an audition time, contact Rabbi Kamrass' assistant, Luana, at  
793-2559 or [lheinemeyer@wisetemple.org](mailto:lheinemeyer@wisetemple.org).

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# The Power of Blessing

BY BARBARA DRAGUL



**L**et's do a word association. When I say the word "blessing" what do you think of? Close your eyes for a second and don't read ahead – consider what comes to mind when you think of the word "blessing."

Do you find yourself counting the blessings that are in your life? Do you reflect on the blessings you ask of God on Shabbat or

in moments of private prayer? Does a specific blessing come to mind? Are you reminded of the blessings you feel are missing in your life? Perhaps all of these notions of blessing occur to you.

But do you also

associate the word blessing with something you can bestow on others? One way we can understand blessing is as "a form of prayer through which we invoke God's power and that of our people's history and memory."—Sally G. Klein-Katz

This month in Torah we come to the conclusion of the Book of Genesis, and there we learn a lot about blessings. As the Torah portion, *Va-y'chi*, begins, Jacob has left his homeland of Canaan and has settled with his family in Egypt where his youngest son, Joseph is vizier to the king. In this *parasha* we find the source for our weekly Shabbat blessings for our children. Jacob, on his death bed offers personalized blessings to all of his sons, including the following blessing to Joseph: "the God before whom walked my fathers Abraham and Isaac, the God who has shepherded me ever since I came into being until this day – the angel who has rescued me from all harm – bless these lads. Through them let my name and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac ever be recalled, and let them greatly multiply within the land."—Genesis 48:15-16

Jacob goes on to bestow a blessing on his grandsons, Joseph's sons, Ephraim and

Manasseh: "By you shall the people of Israel give their blessing, saying, 'May God make you like Ephraim and Manasseh.'"

Jacob's blessings serve as the model and instruction for each Shabbat when, our tradition teaches us, we are to recite this blessing for our sons. And today for our daughters we say, "May God make you as Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah."

In addition we recite the priestly benediction: "May the Eternal bless you and keep you, May the Eternal enlighten you and be gracious to you, May the Eternal bestow favor upon you and grant you peace."

Mordechai Gafni said, "blessing our children is loving their best selves as their true inner selves." These blessings can be especially meaningful for our children as they accept the beam of our love and attention. "A wonderful story about his four year old daughter is told by a Jewish educator from Canada who spent many months a year working in Russia with the newly liberated Soviet Jews. He would loyally call home every Friday afternoon to pronounce the blessing over the phone. Spontaneously his daughter would put the receiver on her head to simulate her father's hands that would other wise have rested on her head."—*A Day Apart by Zion and Fields-Meyer*

But children are not the only ones who need and deserve blessing. Everyone can be invited to bless another. As the Kabbalists taught, each one of us has a divine spark within us. Acknowledging that divine spark, every person is deserving of blessing, and each of us is also capable of giving blessing. And "when we bless another, we are activating our partnership with God. We are looking beyond our generation and the dailiness of our lives into a future that we have the potential to influence for the better."—Sally G. Klein-Katz

Often we hear someone say "God bless you" when they sneeze. I am amazed whenever I hear a complete stranger say that to me in a store, on a train, etc. But maybe this seemingly inconsequential statement has more meaning behind it than simple super-

stition or *minhag*, tradition. Perhaps we really do have the capacity to call upon divine energy for those we love or for those whose actions call us to praise and to bless. Our capacity to bless can take many forms. Let us learn about the power of blessing from our patriarch Jacob, who had an individual blessing for each of his sons, and for his grandsons a hug and a kiss to go along with the blessing.

## VALUE OF THE MONTH

Our value for the month of January is *Hiddur p'nai zaken*, respect for the elderly.

Consider the words of Leviticus 19:32: "Rise before the aged and show respect to the elderly." This biblical passage instructs us to treat older adults with respect. It is often posted in Israeli buses to encourage people to offer their seats to the elderly. Throughout Jewish history, the elders were sought for advice because they had participated in so many of life's experiences. Indeed, the whole philosophy of care for the aged is expressed in the poignant cry of Psalm 71:9: "Cast me not off in the time of old age. When my own strength fails, do not forsake me."

In his delineation of *Mitzvot*, Maimonides interpreted the commandment to Honor the Elderly as referring to both the scholars and the aged, reflecting the rabbinic notion that the two go hand-in-hand. Many medieval Jewish ethical and *halachic* (legal) works single out the elderly as being worthy of special charity and treatment. While it was the responsibility of a family to support its parents and other elderly relatives, the Jewish community stepped in when necessary.

So important are the elderly deemed in Judaism that the rabbis wrote, "it is always the aged who uphold Israel. When does Israel stand upright? When they have their aged with them. For one who takes counsel with the old never falters."—*Exodus Rabbah* 38

Excerpted from *Exploring Jewish Ethics and Values* by Ronald H. Isaacs and *Teaching Mitzvot* by Barbara Binder Kadden and Bruce Kadden.



# A Life Changing Trip

BY STACEY DELCAU

**T**he myriad of beautiful fall leaves have disappeared, the first signs of frost have come and gone, and we are now in the middle of winter. As a Coloradoan, I am proud to say I love this time of year. The smell of crisp, fresh air is invigorating. The pureness of the white snow is renewing. But the thought of waking earlier than usual to scrape, defrost, and warm, is not necessarily appealing to most people. Images of beaches, sun, and warm weather are enticing.

If you have recently returned from a vacation to take advantage of sun in a far off place, I invite to you spend a moment to think about what was meaningful about that trip. Why did you choose to go to this particular place? What draws anyone to a particular place? Weather? Family? Business? Interesting sights? Our souls?

When planning a trip, how many of you take into consideration your soul? For many, travel is a time of renewal, a time to reinvigorate your energy level, and a time to learn and grow. There is one place in the world where I feel that I can be renewed, reinvigorated, and grow – Israel. I have traveled around the world and the only place that I keep returning to is Israel. And to be honest, I truly feel that it's the only place in the world that you can return to over and over again and have a vastly different experience each time.

Every time I travel to Israel, I find that it is a completely different experience based on where I am in my life. Imagine the ups and downs in your Jewish journey. Israel offers something for someone at any stage, any age, and at any place in life. Israel connects to you wherever you are in your Jewish journey: just starting out, at a stage where you are feeling lost, or when your connection to Judaism is the only thing holding you together. Israel is a place that gets into your

mind, heart, body, and soul – it is the complete total body experience. No other place in the world can have the power of an Israel experience.

Since Israel is unique in this way, I truly feel that a trip to Israel should become part of our Jewish life cycle events. Had a bat mitzvah? Travel to Israel! Graduated high school? Travel to Israel! Married? Honeymoon in Israel! (If you think I'm joking, ever been to a spa at the Dead Sea?) Traveling to Israel can also be a meaningful way to spend some time after a difficult loss. The spiritual nature and unparalleled natural beauty can help you reconnect to the purpose and meaning of life.

Israel travel for teens is where much of the focus lies for funding and manpower. The assumption is that a trip to Israel during these influential years raises the level of Jewish identity and involvement. A few years ago, while living in Israel, I had the opportunity to staff a Birthright Israel trip for college students from around the United States. Many of these college students did not have a strong Jewish identity or any connection at all to Israel, but decided to take advantage of the free 10 day trip. Over the 10 days traveling around the country, I watched these 18-24 years olds transform into wide-eyed, introspective, and committed young Jews. They were empowered to deepen their level of Jewish involvement upon their return to the United States.

This transformational experience is not unique to the Birthright trip. Each year, teens from Cincinnati are participating in life changing Israel trips. In an unprecedented act (I don't think this is replicated anywhere else in the United States), the Jewish Foundation of Cincinnati just raised the amount of money given to any high school student from Cincinnati traveling to Israel up to \$6,000. With this act, the Cincinnati Jewish community shows that it is fully committed to instilling Jewish identity-

forming experiences in our youth.

In a recent longitudinal study performed by the Jewish Education Service of North America for The Jewish Foundation of Cincinnati, 90% of returnees from trips to Israel supported by the Jewish Foundation showed that post-trip they discussed Jewish subjects and celebrated Jewish holidays such as Shabbat with their families. On average, 86-89% of respondents reported at least two post-trip activities and continued involvement in the Jewish community. These post-trip activities include on-line discussions, retreats, making speeches at synagogues about their Israel experience, and recruitment of new Israel program participants. These committed teens have shown that Israel and continued Jewish involvement is a part of their priorities.

Travel to Israel can be a vacation, but it is so much more. It can be a life changing event. It's a place where it's the norm to be Jewish, Hebrew is the language of the streets, and stores are closed on Rosh Hashanah; we each owe it to ourselves to experience that feeling at least once during our lifetime.

So as you spend those mornings clearing off your car and your thoughts begin to turn to vacationing in a sunnier, warmer place, don't forget Israel. It will warm your body and soul. 🇮🇱



Stacey Delcau

## Summer 2006 Teen Israel Experience

The Jewish Foundation provides grants of up to \$6,000 (for high school students) and \$3,000 (for college students) for any approved Israel experience. Learn more about NFTY's summer program, from Paul Reichenbach, Director of the URJ's Camping and Israel Programs:

**NFTY-in-Israel Meeting**  
Thursday, January 5  
7:00 pm. at Wise Center

For more information about grants, contact Barbara Miller at [bmiller@jfedcin.org](mailto:bmiller@jfedcin.org) or [www.jewishcincinnati.org](http://www.jewishcincinnati.org).

# The "Buzz" Around the Temple

**D**id you have a chance to hear the restored organ at Plum Street Temple a couple of months ago? What do you think about the newly renovated Wohl Chapel at Wise Center? Don't you love connecting by satellite to the 92<sup>nd</sup> Street Y in New York City for interesting programs on a variety of Jewish topics?

These things and more are happening at the Temple because we have endowment funds that supplement our revenue and allow us to be innovative and responsive.

Over the past year, the Development Committee and our volunteer solicitors have talked to hundreds of Temple members about the Wise Covenant Capital and Endowment Campaign. Members in every age group are participating and feeling good about their commitment to the Temple. Here's the "buzz" around the Temple:

## THE WISE COVENANT

*Celebrating Our Past—Securing Our Future*

"It's a mitzvah to contribute."

"The Temple has always been there for me in my times of need. I'm delighted to help our Temple secure its future."

"Our family has a deep commitment to the continuity of the Temple. Others provided before us and now it is our turn."

"This Campaign is important now. It not only secures the future, but also builds the present. My young family will truly benefit

from this congregational campaign."

"We want to make sure that Wise Center and Plum Street Temple will now and forever create wonderful Jewish experiences. These experiences will lead to lasting memories."

"The energy of Wise Temple on Sunday mornings is infectious. We want to be a part of perpetuating this vitality."

"Making this gift made me feel great. It was the right thing to do."

*If you haven't yet been contacted about contributing to the Wise Covenant Capital and Endowment Campaign, please call the Temple's Director of Development, Susan Kulick, at 793-2556, to discuss how you can participate.*

## EDUCATION CONNECTION

### Upcoming Eitz Chayim Classes!

#### **Making Loss Matter**

Date: Tuesdays, January 3, 10 & 17  
Time: Noon-1:00 p.m.

To Register: Contact Terri Snavely,  
793-2997 or [tsnavely@wisetemple.org](mailto:tsnavely@wisetemple.org)

Death, divorce, illness, job changes, moving – life is full of losses that can range from the minor to the catastrophic. When we think of loss, we think of the pain and the grief that it brings. However, periods of crisis often bring moments of great blessing as well. Together with Rabbinic Intern Debra Dressler, we will uncover the sometimes hidden blessings in the face of pain, and frame a Jewish understanding of this powerful dichotomy.

#### **Golda: A Nice Jewish Girl from Milwaukee**

Date: Tuesdays, January 24, 31 & February 7  
Time: Noon-1:00 p.m.

To Register: Contact Terri Snavely,  
793-2997 or [tsnavely@wisetemple.org](mailto:tsnavely@wisetemple.org)

How does a nice Jewish girl who was raised in Milwaukee end up as the Prime

Minister of Israel? Together with Rabbi Ilana Baden we will take a look at the life of Golda Meir and follow her journey from Kiev to Milwaukee to Tel Aviv. We will look at the influences in her life that enabled her to become the strong leader that she was, and we will see how she directed the State of Israel during her political career.

#### **Commandedness in a Reform Context**

Date: Thursdays, February 2 & 9  
Time: 5:45-7:00 p.m.

To Register: Contact Terri Snavely,  
793-2997 or [tsnavely@wisetemple.org](mailto:tsnavely@wisetemple.org)

"Be mindful of all my mitzvot, and do them..." Rabbinic Intern Debra Dressler will help us explore, as Reform Jews, what does it mean to be "mindful" of *mitzvot*? What do we feel commanded as Jews to do? Who is doing the commanding? We will explore the ideologies of Reform Judaism and how they shape our understanding of religious obligation and observance.

#### **Scholar in Residence Coming Sunday, February 26 Jewish Mysticism 101**

Have you ever wondered about Madonna's latest obsession, Jewish Mysticism? The Jewish mystical school of thought known as *Kabbalah* is one of the most misunderstood and perplexing parts of Judaism. On Sunday, February 26 at 10:00 a.m. you will have the opportunity to learn about this mysterious area of study from Elliot Ginsberg, a gifted scholar and teacher. Professor Ginsberg is warm and engaging and has a unique gift for making Jewish mysticism accessible for a diverse group of people. He has his Ph.D. in Religious Studies from the University of Pennsylvania and he has written a number of books and articles on Jewish mysticism and *Kabbalah*. Professor Ginsberg teaches at the University of Michigan as well as leads workshops and seminars around the country. There is no registration necessary. **Be sure to join us!**

# LISTING OF EVENTS



## Brotherhood

### Brotherhood Board Meeting

Thursday, January 12

6:00 p.m. at Wise Center

For more information, contact Billy Bie at 984-3559.

### Brotherhood Chicken Soup Cook Off

Sunday, January 29

Noon – 3:30 p.m. at Wise Center

For more information, contact Steve Pollak at 252-3461.



## Congregational Shabbat Dinners

### Congregational Shabbat Dinner

Friday, January 20

7:15 p.m. at Wise Center

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



## Eitz Chayim

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

### Adult Hebrew Classes 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester Begins

Wednesday, January 25

4:45 p.m. at Wise Center

### Preparing a Jewish Path

Monday, January 9

7:00 – 8:30 p.m. at Wise Center

Facilitator: Phyllis Tobias

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

### Commandedness in a Reform Context with Debra Dressler

Thursdays, February 2 & 9

5:45 – 7:00 p.m. at Wise Center

## TUESDAYS WITH TORAH

All classes are from Noon – 1:00 PM

For more information or to register, contact Terri Snavely at 793-2997 or tsnavely@wisetemple.org.

### Making Loss Matter with Debra Dressler

January 3, 10 & 17

### Golda: A Nice Jewish Girl from Milwaukee with Rabbi Baden

January 24, 31 & February 7



## Religious School

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

### NO SCHOOL

Sundays, January 1 & 15

### Gesher Grade 2

Sunday, January 8

9:15 a.m. at Wise Center

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

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

Sunday, January 8

Noon – 3:30 p.m. at Wise Center

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

### Cincinnati Reform Jewish High School

Sunday, January 8

7:00 p.m. at Wise Center

### B'nai Mitzvah Workshop #1

Thursday, January 12

7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at Wise Center

For more information contact Luana Heinemeyer at 793-2559 or lheinemeyer@wisetemple.org.

### B'nai Mitzvah Workshop #2

Thursday, January 19

7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at Wise Center

For more information contact Luana Heinemeyer at 793-2559 or lheinemeyer@wisetemple.org.

### Gesher Grade 6

Sunday, January 22

9:15 a.m. at Wise Center

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

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Family Program

Sunday, January 22

9:30 a.m. at Wise Center

### Cincinnati Reform Jewish High School

Sunday, January 22

7:00 p.m. at Temple Shalom

### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Retreat

Friday – Saturday, January 27 – 28 at Wise Center

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

### No 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Classes

Sunday, January 29

### Gesher Grade 4

Sunday, January 29

9:15 a.m. at Wise Center

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

### Cincinnati Reform Jewish High School – 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester Begins

Sunday, January 29

7:00 p.m. at Wise Center



## Seniors

### What's New with HIAS (Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society) with Jerry Teller

Wednesday, January 11

1:00 p.m. at Wise Center

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



## Singles

### Bowling Party and Dinner

Sunday, January 8

6:00 p.m. at Crossgate Lanes

For more information, contact Lorie Eckert at 489-7627 or Nancy Mendelson at 489-8393 or email singles@wisetemple.org.



# LISTING OF EVENTS

## Sisterhood

### Sisterhood Bridge

January 3, 17 & 31

1:00 p.m. at Wise Center

For more information, contact Vivian Barr at 631-6528 or Idelle Stein at 891-3626.

### Sisterhood Board Meetings

January 4 & February 1

9:45 a.m. at Wise Center

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

### Sisterhood Mah Jongg

Thursdays, January 5, 12, 19, & 26

11:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at Wise Center

For more information, contact Cynthia Marmer at 984-0236.

### Sisterhood Mah Jongg Lessons

Tuesdays, January 10, 17, 24, & 31

9:30 a.m. at Wise Center

For more information, contact Donna Claybon at 793-5303.

### Sisterhood Evening Program

Thursday, January 26

7:00 p.m. at Wise Center

For more information, contact Lorri Manning at 984-9167.

## WiseUP

### Free Store/Food Bank

Saturday, January 14

Help receive, sort and pack donated items.

Ages 12+.

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

### Interfaith Hospitality Network

Next Hosting: January 15 - 22

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.

### YWCA Battered Women's Shelter "Day of Beauty" - Sponsored by Sisterhood

Sunday, January 29

10:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Lunch, hair-styling and a speaker all help to brighten the lives of victims of domestic violence and their children. All women

welcome to participate.

For more information, contact Julie Kantor at 745-9461.

### Free Store/Food Bank

Thursday, February 9

Help receive, sort and pack donated items.

Ages 12+.

For more information, contact Paul McOsker at 469-1748.

## Ongoing WiseUP 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.

## Youth Groups

### NOAR and Wise Guys Snow Tubing

Sunday, January 22

Noon - 5:00 p.m. at Perfect North

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

## Miscellaneous

### Storytime

Fridays, January 6, 20 & February 3

10:00 a.m. at Wise Center

For more information, contact Karen Brownlee at 871-5013 or karenbrownlee@gmail.com.

### NFTY-in-Israel Meeting

Thursday, January 5

7:00 p.m. at Wise Center

For more information, contact Rabbi Baden at 793-2556.

### 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.

## Visit the Ralph & Julia Cohen Library



### Library Hours:




Mondays	2:00 p.m. - 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)

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## Call Us If You Need Assistance

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# JANUARY 2006 KISLEV/SHEVAT

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> NO SCHOOL  <b>Eighth Night of Chanukah</b>	<b>2</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>3</b> Noon—Tuesdays with Torah-Making Loss Matter(WC) 1:00pm—Sisterhood-Bridge(WC) 5:30pm—AA Meeting(WC)	<b>4</b> 9:45—Sisterhood-Board Mtg.(WC) 4:30pm—Midweek Hebrew School(WC) 4:45pm—Adult Hebrew(WC)	<b>5</b> 11:00—Sisterhood-Mah Jongg(WC) 5:30pm—AA Meeting(WC) 7:00pm—NFTY-in-Israel Meeting(WC)	<b>6</b> 10:00—Storytime(WC) <b>6:15pm—Shabbat Evening Service(WC)</b>	<b>7</b> <b>9:00—Bar Mitzvah of Seth Schwartz(PST)</b> <b>9:30—Shabbat Morning Service(WC)</b> 10:45—Torah Study(WC) <b>11:15—Bar Mitzvah of Robert Meyer(PST)</b>
<b>8</b> 9:15—Geshet Gr. 2(WC) Noon—7 <sup>th</sup> Gr. B'nai Mitzvah Class(WC) 6:00pm—Singles-Bowling Party & Dinner(O) 7:00pm—CRJHS(WC)	<b>9</b> 7:00pm—Eitz Chayim-Preparing a Jewish Path(WC)	<b>10</b> 9:30—Sisterhood-Mah Jongg Lessons(WC) Noon—Tuesdays with Torah-Making Loss Matter(WC) 5:30pm—AA Meeting(WC)	<b>11</b> 1:00pm—Seniors-What's New with HIAS(WC) 4:30pm—Midweek Hebrew School(WC) 4:45pm—Adult Hebrew(WC)	<b>12</b> 11:00—Sisterhood-Mah Jongg(WC) 5:30pm—AA Meeting(WC) 6:00pm—Brotherhood Board Mtg.(WC) 7:00pm—B'nai Mitzvah Wkshp. #1(WC)	<b>13</b> <b>6:15pm—Shabbat Evening Service; Kol Rinah(WC)</b> <b>8:00pm—Martin Luther King, Jr. Shabbat Service at Temple Sholom(O)</b>	<b>14</b> <b>9:30—Shabbat Morning Service(WC)</b> 10:45—Torah Study(WC) <b>10:45—Bar Mitzvah of Daniel Harding(PST)</b> WiseUP—Free Store/Food Bank(O)
<b>15</b> NO SCHOOL	<b>16</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>17</b> 9:30—Sisterhood-Mah Jongg Lessons(WC) Noon—Tuesdays with Torah-Making Loss Matter(WC) 1:00pm—Sisterhood-Bridge(WC) 5:30pm—AA Meeting(WC)	<b>18</b> 4:30pm—Midweek Hebrew School(WC)	<b>19</b> 11:00—Sisterhood-Mah Jongg(WC) 5:30pm—AA Meeting(WC) 7:00pm—B'nai Mitzvah Wkshp. #2(WC)	<b>20</b> 10:00—Storytime(WC) <b>6:15pm—Shabbat Evening Service; 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Participation; Birthday &amp; Anniversary Blessings; Youth Choir; Shir Chadash(WC)</b> 7:15 pm—Congregational Shabbat Dinner(WC)	<b>21</b> <b>9:30—Shabbat Morning Service(WC)</b> 10:45—Torah Study (WC) <b>10:45—Bat Mitzvah of Lori Kaufman(WC)</b>
<b>22</b> 9:15—Geshet Gr. 6(WC) 9:30—3 <sup>rd</sup> Gr. Family Program(WC) Noon—NOAR & Wise Guys Snow Tubing(O) 7:00pm—CRJHS at Temple Sholom(O)	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 9:30—Sisterhood-Mah Jongg Lessons(WC) Noon—Tuesdays with Torah- Golda: A Nice Jewish Girl (WC) 5:30pm—AA Meeting(WC)	<b>25</b> 4:30pm—Midweek Hebrew School(WC) 4:45pm—Adult Hebrew(WC)	<b>26</b> 11:00—Sisterhood-Mah Jongg(WC) 5:30pm—AA Meeting(WC) 7:00pm—Sisterhood Evening Program(WC)	<b>27</b> <b>6:15pm—Shabbat Evening Service(WC)</b> <b>6:30pm—Wise Tykes Service(WC)</b> 5th Grade Retreat(WC)	<b>28</b> <b>9:00—Bar Mitzvah of Eliot Schwartz(PST)</b> <b>9:30—Shabbat Morning Service(WC)</b> 10:45—Torah Study(WC) <b>11:15—Bat Mitzvah of Gabrielle Junker(PST)</b>
<b>29</b> 9:15—Geshet Gr. 4 10:30—Sist/WiseUP-YWCA Battered Women's Shelter(O) Noon—Brotherhood-Chicken Soup Cook Off(WC) 5:30pm—(e)YGOW Pizza Drop-In(WC) 7:00pm—CRJHS(WC)	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 9:30—Sisterhood-Mah Jongg Lessons(WC) Noon—Tuesdays with Torah- Golda: A Nice Jewish Girl(WC) 1:00pm—Sisterhood-Bridge(WC) 5:30pm—AA Meeting(WC)	WC = Wise Center PST = Plum Street Temple O = Other Location  See listing of events for more detailed information	<div> <p><b>If you are interested in participating in Shabbat evening services, we invite you to say the candles or Kiddush blessing.</b></p> <p><b>Please contact Luana Heinemeyer at 793-2559 or <a href="mailto:lheinemeyer@wisetemple.org">lheinemeyer@wisetemple.org</a> to sign up.</b></p> </div>		



## PROGRAMMING NEWS

### January Evening Program

Our January Evening Program will take place on Thursday, January 26 at 7:00 p.m. at Wise Center. "Is It Still Good For You?" 10 Things you always wanted to ask and now you can — about libido. A frank discussion with gynecologist Dr. Deborah Rouse-Raines. Please join us for wine, cheese, dessert and coffee, and what promises to be an informative and interesting discussion. *For more information, please watch for your invitation in the mail or contact Lorri Manning at 984-9167.*

### Sisterhood Book Club

The next meeting of the book club will take place on Monday, February 9 at 7:30 p.m. at Wise Center. We will be discussing *The Covenant* by Naomi Ragen with moderator, Pat Silver. *For more information, please call Eve Appleton at 321-0427.*

### Library Tea

Save the date for Sisterhood's annual Library Tea on Wednesday, February 15. Wise Temple's wonderful librarian, Andrea Rapp, will speak about, "What Are Your Children Learning about Israel and the Middle East in Their Schools?" *For more information, contact Jori Roth at 793-5444 or Sylvia Levine at 984-2681.*

### Cooking Series Continues with Master Chef

Join us on Wednesday, February 8 for our next cooking class — Italian dinner and wine pairing. We will be taught by John Kinsella, Certified Master Chef and president of the American Culinary Foundation and Matt Citrigula, Master Sommelier. This special evening will feature a cooking demonstration, followed by dinner. It will be held at the Midwest Culinary Institute and space is limited to the first 50 reservations. Our series will conclude with a class in the spring taught by Amy Tobin at the Party Source. *Please watch the mail for your invitations, or call Patti Heldman at 631-5525 or Tina Straubing at 791-8568.*

### MAH JONGG LESSONS

Would you like to learn to play Mah Jongg? Here is your chance!! Mahj lessons will be held on Tuesdays, January

10, 17, 24, and 31 at 9:30 a.m. at Wise Center. You must have a current Mahj card in order to enroll in this class. Mahj cards can be purchased in the Wise Temple Sisterhood Gift Shop. If you have a set, bring your set, too. This promises to be a lot of fun! *Please RSVP to Donna Claybon at 793-5303.*

### KROGER CARDS

Wise Temple is part of the Kroger Neighborhood Rewards Program. Help support Wise Temple by purchasing a Kroger Neighborhood Rewards Card for just \$5 (which will be credited toward Kroger purchases, so the net cost is zero!). Once you purchase a card, you can add money to it while in the checkout line and use it to pay for your grocery purchases. 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. 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**. 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 631-1372.*

### FLEA MARKET

Are you moving? Cleaning closets? Redecorating? The Flea Market will gladly help by getting 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

#### YWCA Women's Shelter "Day of Beauty"

The Sisterhood/WiseUP YWCA Battered Women's Shelter "Day of Beauty" Luncheon will be held Sunday, January 29, from approximately 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The day will include preparing and serving lunch to women living at the shelter, caring for their children, complimentary hairstyling by Pure Concepts, makeovers by Saks and a

special guest speaker. It should be an inspirational day for all. Volunteers can sign up for all or part of the day. *For more information, contact Julie Kantor at 745-9461.*

### South Avondale School

The Wise Temple Sisterhood South Avondale Room Mothers Program will be hosting a Valentine's Day Party at the elementary school. No experience is needed to volunteer, just enthusiasm and a willingness to provide school children with treats, games and fun. The hour long parties are a very rewarding experience. *For more information, please contact Barbara Levy Wall at 891-6152.*

### FUND FACTS

The Natalie Feld Floral Fund provides the flowers that adorn the bima each Shabbat and Holy Day. A contribution to this fund is a lovely way to acknowledge the yahrzeit of a loved one. If you desire, our fund chair will send you annual reminders. The Floral Fund also offers wonderful opportunities to celebrate birthdays, anniversaries or other significant occasions. *For more information, or to make a donation, contact fund chair, Laura Cramer, 3635 Carpenters Green Ln., Cincinnati, OH 45241, or call 794-0742.*

## Traditions & Treasures Gift Shop

### After-Chanukah Sale

Sunday, January 8  
20-50% off Chanukah items

### 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.*

# Announcements from the Temple's Archives Committee

## Calling all committee chairs:

The Temple Archives collects minutes from meetings of Temple boards and committees as well as brochures, dated and labeled photographs of your programs, and publicity in the press about your committee's activities. As these items accumulate, please give them to the Archives committee so they may be preserved with the other records of our congregation. Sue Ransohoff or Andrea Rapp will be happy to receive these items from you.

## If you find yourself, help yourself!

The Archives Committee has hundreds of extra photographs — mainly candid shots — taken at Temple events over the last several years. You may well find photos of yourself, your spouse, your parents, your children, grandchildren, and/or your friends, and they are yours for the taking. They will be in the library during Religious School hours on Sundays in January. Please come by and take a look, and help yourself to these photographs.

# SECOND ANNUAL CHICKEN SOUP COOK-OFF

Come for lunch, feed the homeless, and even feed your family for \$15, only \$5 for an individual.  
Marx's Bagels, veggies and ALL THE SOUP YOU CAN EAT!

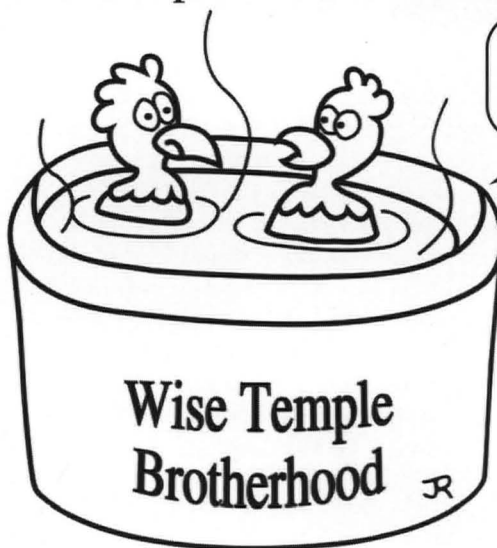
Sunday, January 29  
12:00 – 3:30 p.m. at Wise Center

## Entrants Include...

Montgomery Inn (Last Year's Winner!), Izzy's, Trios, Bravos, Chef's Café, Irv's, Brown Dog Café and many more restaurants plus our talented amateurs. 30 gallons of soup given to the Over the Rhine Soup Kitchen.

## Auctions!

Rosenthal Art Glass, Signed Borgman Prints, Wise Temple Parking Space, Reds Tickets, and much, much more!



Pre-event tickets available in the Wise Center lobby on Sundays.  
Don't forget all attendees will vote on our People's Choice Award winning soup.  
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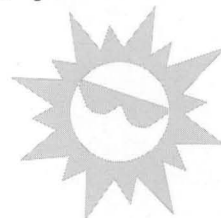
**WISE CENTER  
DAY CAMP**

## Early Registration is Underway!

Wise Center Day Camp is a terrific choice for your children's summer camp experience. There is a half-day program for 3 and 4 year olds and a full day program for children from 4 years through 4th grade. In addition, the camp will continue to offer the exciting H.I.T. (Helpers in Training) program for children entering 5th and 6th grades and for 7th graders new to the camp.

Early registration discounts end January 9,  
so make plans now for a wonderful summer!

To receive more information or request a brochure,  
call the Temple at 793-2556.



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

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

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

Please help us be there for you.



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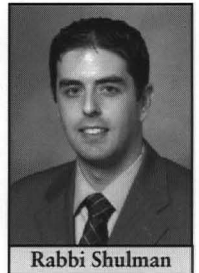
to speak up and speak out about the important social issues of the day, no matter where they are: in our city, in our nation or anywhere in our world.

### 5. Visit the National Underground

**Railroad Freedom Center.** This one-of-a-kind museum, right in our own city, offers a wealth of interactive exhibits that focus on the quest for freedom. Wise Temple even has a guide book available, created especially for Jewish families to find special meaning at the Freedom Center all year round. *Call the Temple office at 793-2556 for more information.*

**6. Celebrate.** Celebrate the life and message of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with a very special service on January 13, 2006 at

8:00 p.m. at Temple Sholom. Members from Wise Temple, Temple Sholom and Calvary Missionary Baptist Church in Walnut Hills will join together in worship, in fellowship and in song.



Rabbi Shulman

Today, there are precious few examples of collaboration between different communities in our country. Without these connections, our communities remain fragmented; Dr. King's dream cannot be realized. We cannot let the history and message of the civil rights movement fade. For when we do, we forget part of our own heritage and part of what it means to be Jewish. The civil rights movement inspired a generation of American Jews. It has the potential to inspire the next generation as well. It is up to you to make that dream a reality. 🕎

## WORDS FROM THE HEART

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the sweet sense of memory and for teaching us the preciousness and the meaning of honoring traditions through the generations.

With the end of an era, we are fortunate that another long tradition continues: Glenn Michaelson, who has sounded the shofar with extraordinary talent and offered calls of such beauty for 48 years (!!) at Wise Temple, will continue in that tradition, now moving to Plum Street Temple on Rosh Hashanah morning, and continuing the *T'kiah Gedolah* at Wise Center on Yom Kippur afternoon and at Plum Street Temple for *Selichot* in anticipation of our High Holy Day period. We are truly blessed to have Glenn's expertise and love of what he brings to this sacred task through nearly a half century.

And now we seek to begin a new tradition as we call for members of the congregation who have skills in sounding the shofar to come forward and to "audition" for the important role of sounding the shofar at Wise Center on Rosh Hashanah day and at Plum Street Temple on Yom Kippur afternoon. Those who might have interest should contact my assistant, Luana, at 793-2559 or [lheinemeyer@wisetemple.org](mailto:lheinemeyer@wisetemple.org) in order to indicate your intentions. After expressing your interest, she will arrange for an individual audition. Auditions will take place on

Tuesday, February 21 and Thursday, February 23 from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. at Wise Center. Those who are interested should bring their own shofar, and be prepared to offer each of the series of calls sounded on Rosh Hashanah morning for a ten-minute individual audition before Glenn Michaelson and several Temple officers. From those auditions, we will choose the next person to begin a "new tradition" for the sounding of shofar, and for helping our congregation to fulfill the *mitzvah* of hearing the call of the shofar.

Let us sound the voice of gratitude to Buddy Weil for his years of service, and be challenged by his example to foster the traditions in our own families that touch our hearts and anchor our souls through the years. May we hear the call of tradition that, as with the shofar, calls us back to our roots, and reminds us of all that we hold dear. 🕎

Faithfully,

*Lewis H. Kamrass*  
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## CONGREGATIONAL CONNECTION

### MAZAL TOV

*The Temple offers congratulations to the following families:*

#### B'nai Mitzvah

January 7 – Seth Schwartz. Son of Brian and Jamie Schwartz.

January 7 – Robert Meyer. Son of Keith and Terri Meyer. Grandson of Lil Meyer.

January 14 – Daniel Harding. Son of Sally Harding. Grandson of Ralph and Carol Davidow.

January 21 – Lori Kaufman. Daughter of Michael and Sheri Kaufman. Granddaughter of Steve and Charlotte Skurow. Great granddaughter of Gertrude Rinsky.

January 28 – Eliot Schwartz. Son of Cynthia Schwartz and Bob Schwartz.

January 28 – Gabrielle Junker. Daughter of Kevin and Teri Junker. Great granddaughter of Helen Kelley.

#### Births

Paul and Phyllis Tobias on the recent birth of their grandson, Hans Thomas Holbrook.

Dr. Robert and Sherry Cooper on the recent birth of their son, Kyle William Cooper.

Herb and Abby Weiss on the recent arrival of their grandson, Bryan Lee Kubrin-Weiss.

Dr. James and Pam Geller on the recent birth of their son, Andrew Harrison Geller.

Alex and Lynn Warm and Eleanor Warm on the recent birth of their grandson and great-grandson, Jonah Ryan Swift.

#### Engagements

Susan and Stevan Lipson on the recent engagement of their daughter, Lauren Lipson to Samuel Waxman. Mimi Cohen and Sam and Esther Lipson on the recent engagement of their granddaughter, Lauren.

We are pleased  
to announce that effective  
June 1, 2006

Rabbi Michael S. Shulman  
will extend his tenure with  
Wise Temple  
and will be elevated to the status of

#### ASSOCIATE RABBI

We offer our wishes of mazel tov to  
Rabbi Shulman  
for this significant achievement.  
Our congregational family  
is fortunate to have Rabbi Shulman  
remain with us and continue to lead  
us as together we grow from strength  
to strength.



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