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The 92nd Street Y is Back!

The 92nd Street Y Series originates and is fed live from New York's prestigious Jewish cultural center, the 92nd Street Y. The broadcast is fed into Wise Center's newly renovated Wohl Chapel, equipped with a large screen and digital video technology capable of state-of-the-art simulcasting. The Cincinnati audience at Wise Temple will be able to ask questions directly to the guest speakers, and will be recognized as participants in the program.

This month, we are pleased to present two programs. Both events are open to the Greater Cincinnati public. Tickets are \$5.00 and will be available at the door at 6:45 p.m. for "In The News" and at 7:30 p.m. for "Mommy Wars". For further information and to RSVP for either of these programs, contact the Temple at 793-2556 or tsnavely@wisetemple.org.

IN THE NEWS

Join us on **Sunday, March 12 at 7:30 p.m.** at Wise Center for "In the News with Jeff Greenfield." Doors open at 6:45 p.m.

Greenfield will be interviewing Eliot Spitzer, New York's State Attorney General. Spitzer took office in 1999 and through a series of innovative actions has redefined the role of Attorney General. He investigated conflicts of interest by investment banks, bid rigging in the insurance industry, and has recovered billions of dollars for small investors and other consumers and was the catalyst for industry-wide reforms. He exposed the dangerous practice of pharmaceutical companies of concealing information about the clinical trials of drugs, and helped

develop new disclosure policies in the industry. As a result of these and other actions he was named "Crusader of the Year" by *Time* magazine; the "Sheriff of Wall Street" by *60 Minutes*; and "The Enforcer" by *People* magazine. *Reader's Digest* magazine called him America's "Best Public Servant". CNN senior analyst Jeff Greenfield's brilliant analysis of current events and quick wit make him one of the most trusted names in television journalism.

MOMMY WARS

You won't want to miss "Mommy Wars: Working vs. Staying Home" on **Thursday, March 23 at 8:15 p.m.** Doors open at 7:30. Co-sponsored by the Wise Temple Sisterhood.

The battle rages in every mother – stay at home or go back to work. Four contributors to the new book *The Mommy Wars* (edited by Leslie Morgan Steiner) discuss the state of motherhood. Columnist and professor Susan Cheever is the author of 11 books, including her chronicle about motherhood, *As Good as I Could Be*. Molly Jong-Fast is the author of the quasi-autobiographical novels *Normal Girl* and *Girl (Maladjusted)*. Dawn Drzal was an editor who became a stay-at-home mother soon after the birth of her only child. Terri Minsky is the creator of several television shows, including *Lizzie McGuire*. Moderator Naomi Wolf is the author of *The Beauty Myth* and *The Treehouse*. 🏠

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LECTURES, INTERVIEWS, PANELS & READINGS BROADCAST LIVE VIA SATELLITE

A Different Holiday

BY RABBI SHULMAN

Kick back, crack open a cold one, and get ready to party! The Talmud calls for us to get so plastered on Purim that we can't tell the difference between "cursed be Haman" (BOOOO) and "blessed be Mordechai." (Megillah 75) Getting drunk is meant to drive home a message. (You, on the other hand, should not drive home on Purim!) It helps us to experience how things are not always what they seem. In the case of Purim, with the right acts of daring, moments of despair may be "overturned to joy."



Rabbi Shulman

DID YOU KNOW THAT...

The story of Purim dates back to around 500 B.C.E. Haman, advisor to the king of Persia was planning to wipe out the Jewish people. But due to the valiant actions of one woman, Esther, and the brave plans of her cousin, Mordechai, Haman's plot (BOOOO) was turned on him, and the Jewish nation was saved.

DID YOU ALSO KNOW THAT...

A more mellow, but equally crucial aspect of Purim, is the *mitzvah* of *tzedakah* and of *gemilut chasadim*. Today, many people dress up in costume on Purim. One of the reasons people originally began to disguise themselves was to allow everyone to give *tzedakah* without embarrassing those who gave less. This is first mentioned in the Megillah as *mishloach manot* (the sending of food) and *matanot l'evyonim* (presents for the needy). These customs are both relevant and necessary, even today. While we are absorbed in the excitement of the Purim feast, we must also make sure that others less fortunate can do the same.

DID YOU KNOW THAT...

Jewish tradition states that two poor people can give one another the same foods on Purim. From this seemingly absurd idea, we learn that more significant than the amount one gives is the act of giving itself. The root of the Hebrew word *tzedakah* is *tzedeq* – righteousness. *Tzedakah* is not just about giving money, but about doing what is right and doing what is just. So the next time you volunteer at a WiseUP social action project, or visit the sick, or teach, remember that you are following one of the basic values of Judaism, *Tikkun Olam*, the repairing of the world.

DID YOU KNOW THAT...

The custom of making noise at the mention of Haman's name is based on a Torah tradition "to blot out the name of Amalek." Amalek was the cruel enemy who attacked the Jewish people from behind as they left Egypt. Haman is said to be descended from Amalek.

DID YOU KNOW THAT...

The most popular noisemaker is the grogger, based on a medieval musical instrument. In Yiddish, this is all called a *klapper* or a *dreyer*, and in Hebrew, a *ra'ashan*. Jews of the Sephardic world write Haman's name on the soles of their shoes and stamp on it. Others knock stones together or use trumpets, drums, hammers or hand-clapping to make noise and blot out Haman's name.

DID YOU KNOW THAT...

The source of the holiday is

the Book of Esther, often called the Megillah. This book is filled with irony and laughter. How very different this is from the rest of the Bible where you find only serious prophetic messages and austere and open expressions. Esther, on the other hand is riddled with humor, inside jokes, and amusement. Did you know that God's name is not mentioned even once in the Megillah? There is a clear connection between the humorous style of the Megillah and the hilarious customs of Purim. Just as the Megillah is completely different from the other books of the Bible, so Purim is totally different from other Jewish holidays! Join us on March 13 and find out for yourself!

PLAYBILL®



Megillah
on the Roof

One Night Only!
Fun for the Whole Family!
Come in Costume – Kids and Adults
Purim Eve, Monday, March 13
7:00 p.m. at Wise Center

Starring:

Rabbi Ilana Baden Deborrah Cannizzaro Stacey Delcau Barbara Dragul	Debra Dressler Betti Greenstein Rabbi Lewis Kamrass Rabbi Michael Shulman
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The Spirit of Purim

BY BARBARA DRAGUL

Imagine if you'd never been in a synagogue, didn't know much about Judaism and you walked into the sanctuary one evening for a service. As you settled in your seat you began to notice that the people around you are dressed in all kinds of costumes and have funny noisemakers that they are twirling. At first you might shake your head to make sure you weren't seeing things and then you'd probably wonder if you were indeed in a religious institution.



Barbara Dragul

Of course the scene you would be stumbling upon is Purim; our wild, crazy and festive holiday celebrating the defeat of a tyrant and the triumph of a people. Purim is one of my favorite holidays. Not only do we get a holiday of colorful and raucous celebration, coming towards the end of a dark and dreary winter, but with it comes a great story of intrigue and farce.

The story begins with the banishment of Queen Vashti by King Ahasuerus. Vashti, it turns out, could be considered the first feminist. She refused the king's orders "on the seventh day, when the king was merry with wine (to come) before the king...to display her beauty to the peoples and the officials." Why such a drastic punishment as being deposed? It seems like it would be a pretty big deal to banish a queen! But, as the king's advisor Memucan declared, "Queen Vashti has committed an offence not only against Your Majesty but also against all the officials and against all the peoples in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus. For the queen's behavior will make all wives despise their husbands, as they reflect that King Ahasuerus himself ordered Queen Vashti to be brought before him, but she would not come... Let a royal edict be issued by you...then will the judgment executed by Your Majesty resound throughout your realm...and all wives will treat their hus-

bands with respect, high and low alike." (Book of Esther) So that's what happens to wives who don't behave themselves!

The banishment of Vashti set the stage for the crowning of our Jewish heroine, Esther, as queen. The story goes on to reveal that King Ahasuerus' evil vizier, Haman, is furious that one Jew, Mordechai (Esther's cousin), has refused to bow down to him. He devises a plot to kill all the Jews in the kingdom and he casts lots (purim) to determine the day of the Jew's destruction. King Ahasuerus, who approves the plot, doesn't know that his young Queen Esther is Jewish.

Mordechai, upon learning of the plot, urges his cousin Esther to go before the king, risking her own life, and plead for her people. The king sides with Queen Esther, the Jews defend themselves and prevail, the wicked Haman is executed and Mordechai becomes the king's new prime minister. There is much rejoicing for the Jews. And here is one of the great ironies: the story begins with the king's banishment of Vashti for disobeying his orders, and ends with the king taking orders from his new queen, Esther. Now, there's a twist!

If you still wonder about the source of our wild merriment during Purim, perhaps we can understand the spirit of the holiday more fully when we consider this Talmudic dictum: "it is the obligation of each person to be so drunk (on Purim) as not to be able to tell the difference between 'Blessed be Mordechai' and 'Cursed be Haman.'" Although some of the later rabbis had difficulty explaining or defending this instruction, I do think they were trying to tell us something about the seriousness of celebrating fully.

So, on March 13 (the 14th of Adar on the Jewish calendar) come to Wise Temple at

7:00 p.m. in your most creative costumes, kids AND adults, bring your noisemakers, join in song and dance and celebrate the spirit and joy that Purim brings. We'll retell the story, in a new and creative way, as is the custom, enjoy the opportunity to make noisy merriment in our chapel, and together we'll celebrate, once again, our victory. And by the way, as the rabbis tell us, our joy should increase throughout the whole month of Adar. So, "be happy it's Adar!"

VALUE OF THE MONTH

Our value for this month is *sayver panim yafot*, translated as "a pleasant demeanor", but meaning much more. The essence of *סָבַר פְּנִימֵי יָפוֹת* – *sayver panim yafot*, a pleasant demeanor is to greet every person with warmth, kindness and friendliness. It is not intended to be a mask one wears but a true reflection of what is inside each of us, warmth and kindness. Anne Frank wrote, "Give of yourself...you can always give something, even if it is only kindness." On the highest level *sayver panim yafot* is a reflection of the divine. In the priestly benediction we are blessed with these words, "May God's face shine upon you..." There is light, encouragement and caring in a face that "shines" upon us.



We don't live the value of *sayver panim yafot* alone. In fact you can't practice this value alone; it only lives within the relationships between people. We practice this value in community, a community that cares for one another and that honors the divine spark within one another. May we always have the strength and awareness to act with kindness and with a *sayver panim yafot*.

"If someone is too tired to give you a smile, leave one of your own, because no one needs a smile as much as those who have none to give." —Rabbi Samson Raphael Hirsch

THE WISE COVENANT

Celebrating Our Past—Securing Our Future

Dust Off That Life Insurance Policy

Do you have a life insurance policy you purchased years ago to provide financial protection – and no longer need it? Have you forgotten about that “obsolete” life insurance policy in your desk drawer or are you carrying more insurance coverage than your family obligations now require? If so, it may be a great asset to give to Wise Temple or Plum Street Temple. Here’s how it works:

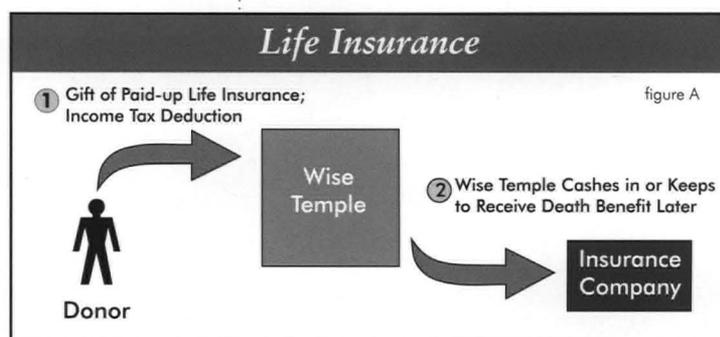
When Sam and Linda were in their twenties and newly married, Sam bought a life

insurance policy with a one-time premium of \$5,000. Today, Sam and Linda, both 68, feel that they have adequately provided for their heirs and no longer need life insurance. They are also concerned about the estate tax implications if they hold onto the policy. To solve this

dilemma, Sam donates the policy to the Temple and irrevocably names the Temple as both the owner and beneficiary of the policy. Sam and Linda have the satisfaction of making a significant gift to the Temple during the current Wise Covenant Capital and Endowment Campaign. Additionally, they claim an immediate income tax deduction*, reduce the size of their taxable estate, and leave their current cash flow needs undisturbed. (See figure A)

Making a gift of life insurance is easier than you might think. Your life insurance professional can help you obtain a transfer form or you can contact Susan Kulick, the Temple’s Director of Development, for assistance at 793-2556.

* The charitable income tax deduction is determined based on a number of factors.



Senior Adults Present Cincinnati’s Three Jewish Tenors

The Annual Senior Adults Evening of Dinner and Entertainment will be held on Tuesday, March 21 at 6:00 p.m. at Wise Center. This year’s event will feature the music of Cincinnati’s Jewish Tenors, and is open to the community.

“The Three Jewish Tenors include Rabbi Tom Heyn, Rabbi Moshe Meirovich, and Dr. Albert J. Weisbrot. They will capture the audience with wonderful music in an exciting performance that nobody will want to miss,” noted program co-chairs, Ruth Goret, Marlene Gross, and Nancy Seltz. “We expect a record attendance and are gearing up for fine dining and the acclaimed Jewish

Tenors to entertain us. We are very excited that we will have such great voices to entertain our Wise Temple family,” Seltz continued.

Rabbi Heyn, Rabbi Meirovich, and Dr. Weisbrot first came together as Cincinnati’s Three Jewish Tenors in February, 2005 at the Cincinnati Museum Center’s Opening Ceremony for the “350 Years of Jewish Life in America” exhibit. They performed an encore performance at Cedar Village, and then appeared in a scene that was created for them in the play, *Footsteps*, at the 350th Anniversary Gala in downtown Cincinnati. Their most recent performance was in

September, when they sang the National Anthem at the Cincinnati Reds baseball game, commemorating the first-ever “Jewish Heritage Day” at the Great American Ballpark.

The Senior Adults Program creates educational, entertaining, and thought-provoking programs for senior members of Wise Temple. Many events, including this Dinner with Entertainment, are open to the community. For more information on the dinner, please contact co-chairs Ruth Goret, 351-6486; Marlene Gross, 489-4341; or Nancy Seltz, 683-6876.

Come Home to Plum Street Temple, As We Rededicate the Historic Rockwern Organ

BY ANDY BERGER

Our Wise Temple family is so fortunate to call our beloved Plum Street Temple “home.” Like any home, Plum Street Temple provides us with warmth, comfort, sanctuary. It is a place we can be ourselves, where we can celebrate as well as grieve. A place we can truly feel at home, either alone or with family and friends. A place those who came before us, for 140 years, also called home.

Like every home should be, it is a place where we can fulfill our hopes and our dreams. And, like every home must be, it is a place that requires care, love, attention, and, inevitably, the investment of money. In the mid 1990s, we undertook a major restoration of Plum Street Temple, as we both fulfilled our dreams of seeing its beauty restored, and fulfilled our responsibilities to keep its mechanical systems up-to-date and safe. We were blessed to have so many generous congregants, so many of you, who came forward with your contributions to Tradition and Tomorrow, to support this effort. It is this kind of commitment to provide for the long term needs of Plum Street Temple that we now enthusiastically continue in our Temple endowment drive, The Wise Covenant, a portion of which is designated for the preservation and maintenance of Plum Street Temple.

Recently we were able to fulfill another dream, just as we fulfilled another responsibility: the restoration of our historic pipe organ. The Plum Street Temple Organ was first installed in 1866 at Rabbi Isaac Mayer Wise’s request. For over 125 years, the organ enhanced our worship at Plum Street Temple. One of the finest examples of 19th Century organ building, our organ is a significant instrument, not only to the Isaac M. Wise Temple community, but to musicians and music enthusiasts everywhere. However,

twelve years ago, it fell silent.

With the assistance of forty contributors and most notably, the generous commitment of the Rockwern Foundation of Cincinnati, we were able to move forward with this ambitious restoration project. The restoration work began in 2004, and work proceeded for more than a year. Many of us were thrilled to hear its magnificent sound for the first time during the High Holy Days of 2005. Along with the Rockwern Foundation, we hosted an organ recital with a symphonic organ concerto last November, which was enjoyed by over 900 music-lovers from the entire community. And now we are proud to announce the



Andy Berger

official rededication of the Rockwern Organ, which will occur in a few short weeks. And as gracious hosts, in our Plum Street home, we welcome other admirers of our historic organ to join with us.

A special Shabbat evening service will be held at Plum Street Temple on Friday, March 31 at 8:00 p.m., featuring the rededication of the Rockwern Organ. At 6:30 p.m., Roberta Gary will offer a Rededication Recital.

On Friday, March 31 and Saturday, April 1, we will host a Symposium to celebrate this rededication. The Symposium will be attended primarily by members of the Organ Historical Society, which is comprised of organ builders and organists. They will study this historic organ of national note and be introduced to the majesty and the history of Plum Street Temple, as well as study the organ’s role in liturgical practice.

For all of us there will be two special events of note. First, a special Shabbat eve-

ning service will be held at Plum Street Temple on Friday, March 31 at 8:00 p.m., featuring the rededication of the Rockwern Organ. Immediately prior to the service, at 6:30 p.m., Roberta Gary, chair of the keyboard division and the organ department at College Conservatory of Music at UC, will offer a Rededication Recital. This recital will include the premiere of a new work that was composed specifically for the Rockwern Organ by the world famous composer, William Bolcom, who will be present at the concert. A special Oneg Shabbat will follow immediately after the service. The Rededication Recital and Shabbat Service are free of charge and open to the congregation and the general public.

The following evening, on Saturday, April 1, the Vocal Arts Ensemble will perform at Plum Street Temple with Conductor Earl Rivers and Organist Thom Miles at 8:00 p.m. This concert will include the premiere of a new work by Aaron Jay Kernis, which was commissioned for the

Rockwern Organ and the Vocal Arts Ensemble Choir. The composer will be in attendance for this special performance. This event is also open to the congregation and the general public. The cost for the Saturday evening concert is \$20, with a \$10 discount for students.

We are grateful to the CCM Tangeman Sacred Music Trust for providing for the commissions of new music for this special weekend.

Please join us for one or both of these very special events. And in so doing we can enjoy world-class music in our own “home”, spend time with our friends and family, extend Wise Temple hospitality to our guests, and enjoy a little nosh to boot. I hope to see you there. And as long as you’re going, why not invite a friend to join you? 🕍

LISTING OF EVENTS



Brotherhood

Brotherhood Board Meeting
Thursday, March 9
6:00 p.m. at Wise Center
For more information, contact Billy Bie at 984-3559.



Congregational Dinners

Sisterhood-Sponsored Purim Dinner
Monday, March 13
6:00 p.m. at Wise Center
For more information, contact Beth Hertzman at 271-4452 or Wendy Pelberg at 791-8838.

Congregational Shabbat Dinner
Friday, March 17
7:15 p.m. at Wise Center
For more information, contact the Temple at 793-2556.



Eitz Chayim

NOTE: Some Eitz Chayim classes require pre-registration. Check your Eitz Chayim Brochure for details. For more information or to register, contact Terri Snavelly at 793-2997 or tsnavelly@wisetemple.org.

Adult Hebrew Classes
Second semester continues
Wednesdays
4:45 p.m. at Wise Center

A Behind the Scenes Look at Plum Street Temple
Sunday, March 5
10:00 – 11:30 a.m. at Wise Center
No registration necessary.

Worship of the Heart: Navigating Our Way Through the Prayerbook
Monday, March 6
7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at Wise Center
Pre-registration necessary.

92nd Street Y: In the News with Jeff Greenfield
Sunday, March 12
7:30 p.m. at Wise Center
No registration necessary
(Cost: \$5 per person)

92nd Street Y: Mommy Wars
(Co-sponsored by Wise Temple Sisterhood)
Thursday, March 23
8:15 p.m. at Wise Center
No registration necessary
(Cost: \$5 per person)

TUESDAYS WITH TORAH

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

Purim: Children's Holiday or R-Rated Story? with Barbara Dragul
March 7 & 14

Tzedakah: The Jewish Obligation to Give with Rabbi Shulman
March 21 & 28

Anatomy of the Haggadah with Rabbi Kamrass
April 4, 11 & 18



Religious School

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

7th Grade B'nai Mitzvah Class
Wednesday, March 1
4:30 – 7:30 p.m. at Wise Center
For more information, contact Stacey Delcau at 793-2556 or sdelcau@wisetemple.org.

1st Grade Family Program
Sunday, March 5
9:15 a.m. at Wise Center

Cincinnati Reform Jewish High School
Sunday, March 5
7:00 p.m. at Wise Center

6th Grade Retreat
Friday, March 10 – Saturday, March 11 at Camp Kern
Meet at Wise Center at 4:30 p.m.
For more information, contact Stacey Delcau at 793-2556 or sdelcau@wisetemple.org.

Sixth Grade – No Class
Sunday, March 12

Gesher Grade 5
Sunday, March 12
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
Sunday, March 12
7:00 p.m. at Temple Sholom

2nd Grade Family Program
Sunday, March 19
9:15 a.m. at Wise Center

Gesher Grade 3
Sunday, March 19
9:15 a.m. at Wise Center
For more information, contact Stacey Delcau at 793-2556 or sdelcau@wisetemple.org.

3rd Grade Parent Meeting
Sunday, March 19
9:15 – 10:15 a.m. at Wise Center

Cincinnati Reform Jewish High School
Sunday, March 19
7:00 p.m. at Wise Center

NO SCHOOL
Sundays, March 26 & April 2
Wednesday, March 29



Seniors

The Three Jewish Tenors and Dinner
Tuesday, March 21
6:00 p.m. at Wise Center
For more information, contact chairs Ruth Goret, 351-6486; Marlene Gross 489-4341; Nancy Seltz 683-6876.



Singles

Dinner
Friday, March 10
7:00 p.m. at deSha's
For more information, contact Nancy Mendelson at 489-8393 or singles@wisetemple.org.



Sisterhood

Sisterhood Board Meeting
Wednesday, March 1
9:45 a.m. at Wise Center
For more information, contact Robin Newland at 530-5516.

Sisterhood Mah Jongg
Thursdays, March 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30
11:00 a.m. at Wise Center
For more information, contact Cynthia Marmer at 984-0236.

LISTING OF EVENTS

Sisterhood Bridge

Tuesdays, March 14 & 28

1:00 p.m. at Wise Center

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

Museum Outing

Wednesday, March 15

10:15 a.m. at Hebrew Union College

For more information, contact Inez Moses, 398-1163; Claire Eichner, 398-0575; or Nancy Seltz, 683-6876.

WiseUP

Speaking of Women's Health (sponsored by Sisterhood)

Thursday, March 2

Help direct participants at this exciting conference on women's health at the Northern Kentucky Convention Center. Volunteers will receive lunch and be able to participate in some of the conference. All congregants welcome. Choose morning or afternoon time.

For more information, contact Nancy Apfel at 793-9659 or Adrienne Cooper at 542-0055.

Cedar Village

Saturday, March 4

All ages are invited to participate in the mitzvah of *kibud Zekaynim* (honoring the elderly) by sharing Shabbat services at Cedar Village.

For more information, contact Laura Cramer at 794-0742.

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)

Or browse our online catalog anytime at www.wisetemple.org.



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

JYG Kallah at GUCI

Friday, March 3 - Sunday, March 5

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

(e)YGOW Purim Overnight

Saturday, March 11 at Wise Center

For more information, contact Daniel Schwartz at schwartz78@hotmail.com or 295-8770.



Miscellaneous

Storytime

Fridays, March 3 & 17

10:00 a.m. at Wise Center

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

Pre-School Havdallah Program

Saturday, March 4

6:00 p.m. at Wise Center

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

Purim Carnival

Sunday, March 12

11:45 a.m. at Wise Center

For more information, contact Daniel Schwartz at schwartz78@hotmail.com or 295-8770.

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.

Summer 2006 Teen Israel Experience

Wise Temple teens can have an Israel experience for little more than the cost of a round trip ticket to New York! 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 including NFTY's summer 2006 5-week Europe/Israel program. **This is the year to go!!** For more information contact Barbara Miller at bmiller@jfedcin.org or www.jewishcincinnati.org.

Call Us If You Need Assistance

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

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



We're only as far away as your phone!

Pat Passer: 533-3395
Rachel Wells: 530-9881
Linda Berger: 631-1372
Kathie Kaplan: 984-4496

MARCH 2006 ADAR/NISSAN

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>9:45-Sisterhood-Board Mtg.(WC) 4:30pm-7th Gr. B'nai Mitzvah Class(WC) 4:30pm-Midweek Hebrew School(WC) 4:45pm-Adult Hebrew(WC)</p>	<p>2</p> <p>11:00-Sisterhood-Mah Jongg(WC) 5:30pm-AA Meeting(WC) WiseUP/Sisterhood-Speaking of Women's Health(O)</p>	<p>3</p> <p>10:00-Storytime(WC) 6:15pm-Shabbat Evening Service/Kol Rinah(WC) JYG Kallah(O)</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:30-Shabbat Morning Service(WC) 10:45-Torah Study(WC) 10:45-Bat Mitzvah of Rachel Baer(PST) 6:00pm-Pre-School Youth Program(WC) WiseUP-Cedar Village(O)</p>
<p>5</p> <p>9:15-1st Gr. Family Program(WC) 10:00-Eitz Chayim-Behind the Scenes Look at Plum Street Temple(WC) 7:00pm-CRJHS(WC)</p>	<p>6</p> <p>7:00p.m.-Eitz Chayim-Worship of the Heart(WC)</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Noon-Tuesdays with Torah- Purim: Children's Holiday or R-Rated Story(WC) 5:30pm-AA Meeting(WC)</p>	<p>8</p> <p>4:30pm-Midweek Hebrew School(WC) 4:45pm-Adult Hebrew(WC)</p>	<p>9</p> <p>11:00-Sisterhood-Mah Jongg(WC) 5:30pm-AA Meeting(WC) 6:00pm-Brotherhood Board Mtg.(WC)</p>	<p>10</p> <p>4:30pm-6th Gr. Retreat(WC/O) 7:00pm-Singles Dinner(O) 7:15pm-Community Study Session at Valley Temple 8:00pm-Isaac Mayer Wise Community Service at Valley Temple</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9:00-Bat Mitzvah of Kelsey Drapkin(PST) 9:30-Shabbat Morning Service(WC) 10:45-Torah Study(WC) 11:15-B'nai Mitzvah of Jordan and Carly Edelheit(PST) (e)YGOW Purim Overnight(WC)</p>
<p>12</p> <p>9:15-Gesher Gr. 5(WC) 11:45-Purim Carnival(WC) 7:00pm-CRJHS(O) 7:30pm-92nd Street Y-In The News(WC)</p>	<p>13</p> <p>6:00pm-Sisterhood-sponosred Purim Dinner(WC) 7:00pm-Megillah Reading(WC)</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Noon-Tuesdays with Torah- Purim: Children's Holiday or R-Rated Story(WC) 1:00pm-Sisterhood-Bridge(WC) 5:30pm-AA Meeting(WC)</p>	<p>15</p> <p>10:15-Sisterhood-HUC Museum Outing(O) 4:30pm-Midweek Hebrew School(WC) 4:45pm-Adult Hebrew(WC) 7:30pm-PAC-National Speaker Forum(O)</p>	<p>16</p> <p>11:00-Sisterhood-Mah Jongg(WC) 5:30pm-AA Meeting(WC)</p>	<p>17</p> <p>10:00-Storytime(WC) 6:15pm-Shabbat Evening Service; 1st Grade Participation; Birthday & Anniversary Blessings; Shir Chadash; Youth Choir(WC) 7:15pm-Congreg. Shabbat Dinner(WC)</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9:30-Shabbat Morning Service(WC) 10:45-Torah Study(WC) 10:45-Bat Mitzvah of Erin Levy(PST)</p>
<p>19</p> <p>9:15-2nd Gr. Family Program(WC) 9:15-Gesher Gr. 3(WC) 9:15-3rd Gr. Parent Mtg.(WC) 7:00pm-CRJHS(WC)</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Noon-Tuesdays with Torah-Tzedakah: The Jewish Obligation to Give(WC) 5:30pm-AA Meeting(WC) 6:00pm-Seniors-Three Jewish Tenors and Dinner(WC)</p>	<p>22</p> <p>4:30pm-Midweek Hebrew School(WC) 4:45pm-Adult Hebrew(WC)</p>	<p>23</p> <p>11:00-Sisterhood-Mah Jongg(WC) 5:30pm-AA Meeting(WC) 8:15pm-92nd Street Y-Mommy Wars(WC)</p>	<p>24</p> <p>6:15pm-Shabbat Evening Service(WC) 6:30pm-Wise Tykes Service(WC)</p>	<p>25</p> <p>9:30-Shabbat Morning Service(WC) 10:45-Torah Study(WC) 10:45-Bar Mitzvah of Jeremy Dock(PST)</p>
<p>26</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Noon-Tuesdays with Torah-Tzedakah: The Jewish Obligation to Give(WC) 1:00pm-Sisterhood-Bridge(WC) 5:30pm-AA Meeting(WC)</p>	<p>29</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>30</p> <p>11:00-Sisterhood-Mah Jongg(WC) 5:30pm-AA Meeting(WC)</p>	<p>31</p> <p>6:30pm-Organ Rededication Recital(PST) 8:00pm-Special Shabbat Service(PST)</p>	

PROGRAMMING NEWS

Museum Outing

The Sisterhood Museum Outing will take place Wednesday, March 15 at Hebrew Union College. Please join us as Dr. Racelle Weiman speaks about the exhibit, "Mapping Our Tears." The lecture will be followed by a tour of the exhibit and lunch in Mayerson Hall. Don't miss what promises to be a powerful afternoon. *For more information, contact co-chairs Inez Moses, 398-1163; Claire Eichner, 398-0575; and Nancy Seltz, 683-6876.*

Purim Dinner

Please join our Purim celebration on Monday, March 13 at Wise Center. The festivities include dinner at 6:00 p.m. followed by the megillah reading at 7:00 p.m. All are encouraged to come in costume. Please RSVP using the invitation you received in the mail. *Questions? Call Wendy Pelberg at 791-8838 or Beth Hertzman at 271-4452.*

Women's Seder

Wise Temple Sisterhood's Seder will take place Tuesday, April 18 at 6:30 p.m. at Wise Center. This is a much-loved event, featuring our own contemporary women's Hagaddah, wonderful music and a delicious dinner. We encourage you to bring your adolescent daughters, age 13 and older. Watch your mail for the invitation. *For more information contact Mona Spitz at 891-9583 or Debby Rosen at 469-1255.*

Cooking Class

Watch your mail for your invitation to our final fun-filled cooking class for the year. We will be going to The Party Source to have a class at the end of April with Amy Tobin. We will be learning how to prepare festive brunches! *For more information, please call Tina Straubing, 791-8568 or Patti Heldman, 631-5525.*

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Speaking Of Women's Health

This Sisterhood sponsored WiseUP project, Speaking of Women's Health, is scheduled for Thursday, March 2 at the Northern Kentucky Convention Center. Volunteers are needed in various capacities during both morning and afternoon shifts. You will receive lunch and be able to participate in some of the conference sessions while

you're there. Past volunteers have said their experience was very rewarding. *If you would like to volunteer or need more details, contact Nancy Apfel at 793-9659 or Adrienne Cooper at 542-0055.*

Summer Picnic At The YWCA's Battered Women's Shelter

Calling all Women at Wise Temple! Last year was such a great success; we are looking for volunteers to host the second annual Wise Temple summer picnic at the YWCA's Battered Women's Shelter. This dinner picnic will be held in June to provide a fun and social evening for the shelter residents and their children. We need Wise Temple members who are willing to:

- help host the party,
- make food for the picnic, or
- donate time and talent to provide entertainment at the event.

Please contact Karen Brownlee at 871-5013 or karenbrownlee@gmail.com OR Gina Blatt at 321-3407 or gblatt@hotmail.com if you are interested in participating.

FLEA MARKET

When spring-cleaning or getting ready to help your college student set up an apartment, remember the Sisterhood Flea Market. When you donate your gently used household items, you are helping Wise Temple Sisterhood underwrite so many of our worthwhile programs for the Temple community. We continue to need donations of furniture, costume jewelry, bedding, table linens, working small appliances, vans, cars and boats! (No clothing, books or toys please.) Donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. *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 or for more information about purchasing from the Flea Market.*

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.*

FUND FACTS

Please remember that a donation to one of our Sisterhood Funds is a wonderful way to mark a special occasion. You may send contributions directly to the Fund Chairs or call for more information: GIVTY Fund (Elaine Pockrose, 351-6425 or Pam Kohn, 891-1516), YES Fund (Joan Scheineson, 351-5077), Florence Weil Tribute and Equipment Fund (Elaine Schiffer, 351-6620), or Floral Fund (Laura Cramer, 794-0472).

Traditions & Treasures Gift Shop

Passover Sale April 4 – April 9

20% off Passover items including Seder plates, Elijah cups, matzah covers and more. Passover books are excluded.

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.

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.



National Speaker Forum

Wise Temple Political Advocacy Group invites you to join The Woman's City Club of Greater Cincinnati and Xavier University, along with other co-sponsoring organizations, as they present scholar, actress, and playwright Anna Deavere Smith. Her presentation, "Glimpses of America in Change," will blend social commentary, theatrical art and intimate



reverie. The 2006 National Speaker Forum will take place in the Cintas Conference Center on the campus of Xavier University on Wednesday, March 15 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15. To purchase, please send a check made out to Woman's City Club, 103 Wm. Howard Taft Road, Cincinnati, OH 45219 or call 751-0100.

Hailed by *Newsweek* as "the most exciting individual in American

theater" and acclaimed by critics and audiences across the country, Anna Deavere Smith is known for her innovative explorations of the American character and our multi-faceted national identity. You may know her from her role on NBC's *The West Wing* as National Security Advisor Nancy McNally. Her many awards include a Genius Award from the MacArthur Foundation for creating "a new form of theater: a blend of theatrical art, social commentary, journalism, and intimate reverie."

Treasure of the Month

You won't believe your eyes when you see the March Archives Treasure of the Month. Would you believe that years ago, Plum Street Temple's exterior was not red, but off-white? Check out the photo and the rest of the story in the Library display shelf dedicated to the treasures of our Temple archives.



SAVE THE DATE



Congregational Passover Seder
Thursday, April 13
6:00 p.m. at Wise Center

Watch for your invitation in the mail!

SAVE THE DATE

7th Annual Hornstein Program
In Remembrance of the
Holocaust and the
Human Spirit

Sunday, April 23
10:00 a.m. at Wise Center

This year's program will feature
Lena Allen-Shore, who will present

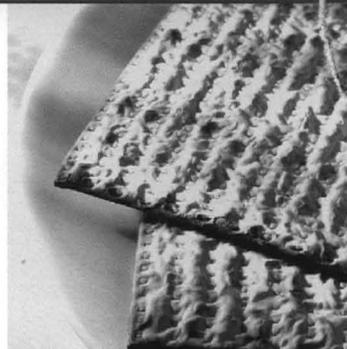
**"Courage in the Holocaust and
Courage of the Survivors"**

Please mark your calendars and plan to
join us for this inspirational program.

WiseUP CORNER

March March March

During the month of March, Wise Temple will be collecting boxes of matzah for the 8th Annual Pesach Delivery Project. This community project will provide Passover foods for approximately 275 local households who would otherwise not be able to observe Passover. Please help make this a happy holiday for all Jewish households in our community by dropping off boxes of kosher for Passover 2006 matzah in the collection barrels in the lobby of Wise Center.



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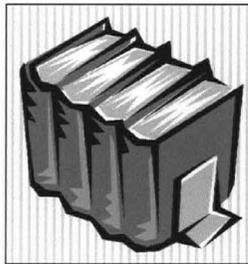
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Library's Top Ten List for Adar and Purim, in no particular order...



1. Read about "Little Purims," sometimes called "Special Purims". These are celebrations by a Jewish community which experienced a last-minute rescue from its enemies. There have been many little Purims across the expanse of Jewish history.

2. Purim comes in the Hebrew month of *Adar*. Read about the Jewish calendar to find out why there are two months of *Adar* in some years.

3. In *The Purim Anthology*, read a short story about Purim by great Jewish writers Sholom Aleichem or S.Y. Agnon.

4. Look in the book *Tastes of Jewish Tradition* and learn how to make a salad that looks like Queen Esther.

5. Check out some crafts books; at home, make your own Purim noisemakers to bring to Temple.

6. Look at the book *Day by Day in Jewish History*. Find out what other events happened to Jews throughout the centuries on the 14th and 15th of *Adar*.

7. Learn how Purim has been celebrated in places like China, Egypt, and England.

8. Find out how our sages explained the fact that the Book of Esther is one book in the Bible where God is not mentioned.

9. Esther's alternate name was Hadassah. Learn about Purim's historical connection to the women's Zionist organization called Hadassah.

10. Find a recipe for hamentaschen, and find out why they are shaped like triangles.

In our fabulous Ralph and Julia Cohen library, browse books, tapes, videos and our beautiful automated catalog for everything you might want to know about Purim.

Wise Temple Annual Purim Carnival Sunday, March 12

(after Religious School)

Join us for a day of
Games, Food, Fun, Prizes!
A raffle with exciting gifts!

To purchase tickets in advance, just clip the coupon below. You don't need to be present to win. We'll deliver game tickets to classrooms on March 12.



Yes, I would like to purchase tickets for the Wise Temple Purim Carnival, Sunday, March 12. Enclosed is my check payable to the Wise Temple Youth Group.

_____ Raffle tickets @ \$1.00 each
(number)

_____ Game tickets @ 4 for \$1.00
(number)

_____ Meal tickets @ \$3.50 each
(number)

TOTAL ENCLOSED

\$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Child's Name _____

Religious School teacher: _____

Mail to:
WISE TEMPLE YOUTH GROUP
8329 Ridge Road
Cincinnati, OH 45236



If you are interested in donating a prize for the raffle, please contact Alex Cramer at 794-0742.



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CONGREGATIONAL CONNECTION

MAZAL TOV

The Temple offers congratulations to the following families:

B'nai Mitzvah

March 4 – Bat Mitzvah of Rachel Baer, daughter of Lauren Baer.

March 11 – Bat Mitzvah of Kelsey Drapkin, daughter of Jacob and Becky Drapkin.

March 11 – B'nai Mitzvah of Jordan and Carly Edelheit, children of Gordon and Jami Edelheit.

March 18 – Bat Mitzvah of Erin Levy, daughter of Todd and Stacy Levy. Granddaughter of Ken and Natalie Levy.

March 25 – Bar Mitzvah of Jeremy Dock, son of Murray and Anita Dock.

Births

Morton and Barbara Rabkin and Anita Hyman on the recent birth of their granddaughter and great-granddaughter, Jolene Rebecca Rabkin.

Peter Diamond on the recent birth of his granddaughter, Eden Diamond.

Josh and Chrissie Blatt, Dorothy Blatt and Robert and Elaine Blatt on the recent birth of their son and grandson, Ethan Blatt.

Brian and Elizabeth Hertzman on the recent birth of their son, Benjamin Robert Hertzman. Stan and Glenda Hertzman and Lois Hertzman on the recent birth of their grandson, Benjamin.

Paul and Phyllis Tobias on the recent birth of their twin granddaughters, Helen Fournier Sharp and Constance LeBoiteaux Sharp.

**Isaac Mayer
 Wise Shabbat
 Community
 Service**

On Friday, March 11 the Cincinnati Reform congregations will join together to celebrate the Isaac M. Wise Shabbat Service at Valley Temple at 8:00 p.m.

The service will be preceded by study sessions on the topic of “Contemporary Issues in Reform Judaism” at 7:15 p.m.

There will be four sessions to choose from, led by the rabbis from each of the four reform congregations.

Please note there will not be a 6:15 pm. Shabbat Service at Wise Center that evening.



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