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Seventh Annual Hornstein Program In Remembrance of the Holocaust and the Human Spirit

The Seventh Annual Hornstein Program In Remembrance of the Holocaust and the Human Spirit will feature Lena Allen-Shore, who will present "Courage in the Holocaust and Courage of the Survivors". The event will take place on Sunday, April 23 at 10:00 a.m. at Wise Center, and is open to the community.

Lena Allen-Shore is a Jewish woman who had a unique friendship with Pope John Paul II. Born in Poland, she survived the Holocaust and later moved to Canada, where she raised her family. Lena Allen-Shore refers to herself as, "just a little woman who dreams about a better world." What sets her apart is that she shared her dreams with the late Pope. In 1978, just after Karol Wojtyla was elected Pope, Dr. Allen-Shore wrote a letter to him, urging him to use his position to make a difference. To her surprise, she soon received a Christmas card and, later, two letters about her book of poems. This led to more exchanges of correspondence and, over the years, six meetings in John Paul II's modest quarters at the Vatican. She commented on her time with the Pope, "There was not a Pope and a little woman, but two poets." Dr. Allen-Shore also traveled to Jerusalem in 2000 when John Paul II broke new ground in Catholic-Jewish relations. She was also present in Assisi in 2002 when the Pope and other leaders of world religions prayed for peace.

Lena Allen-Shore is a poet, philosopher, musician, educator, and author of 14 books, including works on the Holocaust and Rembrandt. She has also composed a variety of music, including a cantata performed at Auschwitz at a celebration of the liberation of the death camp. She resides in Philadelphia where she runs the Lena Allen-Shore

Center for Human Potential.

The lecture on April 23 is in memory of long-time Wise Temple member, Dr. Lusia Hornstein – loving wife, mother, grandmother, talented pediatrician, and dedicated teacher. Dr. Hornstein's early life was marked by the ravages of the Nazis. She fought in the Polish underground and participated in the Warsaw Uprising, for which she was declared a "Hero of the City of Warsaw." After losing her entire immediate family during World War II, she attended medical school at Heidelberg University, where she married Dr. Stephen Hornstein in 1948. The couple moved to the United States three years later. In Cincinnati, Dr. Hornstein was known as a compassionate pediatrician. She was nationally recognized for her work with special needs children, and was appointed Professor of Pediatrics at Children's Hospital Medical Center.

Upon her death in 1998, Dr. Hornstein's husband and her children, Dr. Mark & Abby Hornstein, Frank Hornstein & Rabbi Marcia Zimmerman, and Dr. Ruth Hornstein & Dr. Peter Scal, decided to create a generous endowment fund to provide an annual program In Remembrance of the Holocaust and the Human Spirit. They felt that this would best honor Dr. Hornstein's memory and her extraordinary life of achievement, courage, optimism, and goodness.

Since the spring of 2000, Wise Temple offers a lecture in memory of Dr. Lusia Hornstein. Rabbi Kamrass commented, "Our congregational family is grateful to Lusia's husband and children for enabling us to perpetuate her special memory in this annual program. I believe this year's presentation will educate, challenge, uplift, and inspire us – just as Lusia did through her own deeds."

The Journey of a Torah

BY BARBARA DRAGUL

When I was a kid growing up in the 60's, the Holocaust seemed long ago. I remember seeing films and learning about it in my 3rd grade Religious School class. It was history, so that meant it happened a long, long time ago. It was an unfathomable horror and so it couldn't be anywhere close to my own life. As I grew up the Holocaust got closer and closer until one day when I realized it wasn't very long ago at all. I think my dawning awareness became fully realized when I met people who had survived the Holocaust and heard their stories. It really was not so long ago. In fact, it greatly shaped the world I grew up in.

This past summer I was privileged to meet and talk with a local Holocaust survivor with a connection to Wise Temple. Barbara Miller, who was our 8th grade Holocaust teacher, introduced me to Maurice Gordon, the grandfather of one of her students, Michael Natarus. Maurice came to Wise Temple and spoke to his grandson Michael's Holocaust class, conveying a wonderful message of gratitude for his life in the United States. Later he and his daughter Sharon Natarus talked with Barbara and me. Here are some excerpts from our conversation:

Sharon: When we went to the *Mapping Our Tears* exhibit at the Holocaust and Humanity Education Center (with the Holocaust class), Michael came home and said another friend asked him, "Did you understand that? Could you understand that guy?" Michael was like, "Oh yeah, sounds like my Z (Zadie)."

Michael's Z (Zadie) is Maurice Gordon, who now lives in Dayton. Young Maurice and his family escaped from the ghetto during the war and hid in the forests. Maurice worked for the Russian underground to sur-

vive. He was 13 years old at the time. He shared with me how they survived in the forest. He was fortunate to come to America with his parents, a married brother and his daughter, and a married sister and her son.



Barbara Dragul

Maurice: When people ask me how I lived in the woods for three years, I tell them that when Yom Kippur comes around, they may think they're going to die if they don't eat for a full day. But people including myself and my family sometimes lived for a whole week with hardly any food. When your life is at stake or constantly in danger, you'll try a lot of different things to

survive. Every minute counts, with each day we said to each other, hold on another day, just another day, and maybe this war will be over.

Maurice: Regarding my family, one of my sisters was married and had two young children. When we ran away she stayed behind because it was winter time, and we prayed that maybe as it warms up she would be able to escape with her young family. Unfortunately, spring time never came for my sister and her family as she, her husband, and two young kids perished at the hands of the Nazis. Another sister died about a month after the war was over. She became ill with diphtheria during the war and without the availability of adequate medical services, she could never recover.

Barbara: When you had to leave your town, your father took the

Torah out of the Polish Synagogue to protect it?

Maurice: Yes, when the war started, they started burning synagogues. The town where we came from wasn't a big town, so my father took the Torah. There were some farmers that were good friends of ours that we trusted and gave the Torah to them to keep for us until the war ended. When the war was over, the farmer found out we were alive and brought us back the Torah. When we returned to our hometown, we couldn't stay there since it was now Russian territory and anti-semitism was widespread, so we went to Poland. In Poland – again it was very bad, because of hatred of Jews. We were on the move again carrying the Torah in our arms, crossing borders from Poland to Czechoslovakia to Austria. All of our traveling was done under the cover of darkness.

Barbara: You traveled at night?

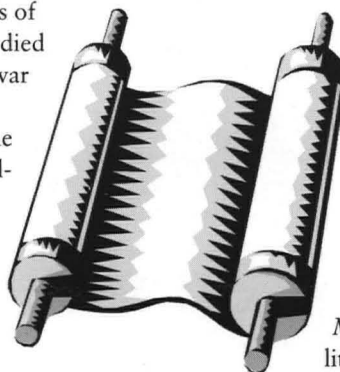
Maurice: We had to walk across all borders at night, finally ending up in Germany in a Displaced Persons (DP) Camp, and stayed there for a couple years. My mother had three sisters in America and they were willing to fill out the required sponsorship papers for us to immigrate to America. On the 28th of May, it was 56 years since I have been in this country.

Barbara: A Torah's a heavy thing to carry, among all your things. . .

Maurice: It's quite heavy, yes.

Barbara: So, among everything else you had to carry. . .

Maurice: That's right, we carried little in the way of clothes or other essentials, but we carried the Torah.





Maurice Gordon and his grandson, Michael Natarus, with the Torah carried from Poland.

Now fast forward to the present. This is the same Torah that Michael read from at his Bar Mitzvah last year, 2005.

Barbara: What was it like for you to see Michael become a Bar Mitzvah and read from the Torah that you had brought over here from Europe?

Maurice: It's very hard for me to respond to your question. It was certainly a pleasure to hear my grandson read from it, to have the Torah with us to share with the family and congregation. Especially to gather for a *simcha*, celebrating a Bar Mitzvah.

Sharon: Passing of the Torah is done all the time and is always special, but to me, well of course, this was more meaningful because it was my child. To know where this Torah came from, my father passing it to my sister, to me, and then on to Michael. I also want to mention that this was Michael's choice. He asked my father whether he could read from it since it is now being housed in a Dayton Synagogue.

After hearing Maurice Gordon's remarkable story I spoke with Michael Natarus about his Bar Mitzvah. I asked him what his feelings were when he read from his grandfather's Torah that had survived the Holocaust and traveled all the way to Ohio.

Michael: I felt honored and a lot of pride for my grandfather and myself. It meant more to read from a Torah that he held through the Holocaust and it represented all of my fam-

ily, those both surviving or not. I have a lot of respect for my Z (Zadie), for him to carry it the whole way and risk his life for it. I really think the Torah represents his family, something for him to be proud of, continuously connecting him to his family and heritage.

I also asked Maurice and Sharon about how their family's experience shaped

their faith and attitudes toward life.

Maurice: You pray to God that if something is going to happen, you would be able to survive. It's not that we were stronger than others, it was *besheit*, it was something that happened, it's how life was. There were younger people, stronger people that were killed, so I don't know what the answer is. Even now I don't consider myself particularly religious, but I go to synagogue in the morning probably six days a week. Other people may need me to say Kaddish. I thank God I'm able to get up every day, so as long as I'm able, I will continue to do this for others.

Barbara: Do you feel that this has shaped your faith?

Sharon: Oh, absolutely! I hope that I can pass on to my children to look around and don't take anything for granted. I guess the biggest thing I've learned from my father is that there's always somebody else that is worse off than you are. Some things you can't change, but you have to persist and do the best you can with what you have. I think that's the Survivors' attitude. You can sit around feeling sorry for yourself or you can choose to live life everyday.

Maurice: I tell my kids even now when we go out to dinner, "I don't care what you order, just don't waste any food." You only have to be hungry a little while to appreciate what food means to you. This is something I have learned, whether it's a positive message or not, I don't know. You just have to adjust. When your life is at stake, you make quick decisions about what has to be done to survive. Thank God, in this country, that you have all the good things in life, and you have to learn to appreciate it. I myself can take nothing for granted ever again.

On April 25 we observe Yom Hashoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day. As we pause to reflect on this horrific period in our history, let us also remember the courage and determination that sprung forth out of the darkness. And let us be grateful to those who are willing to share their stories. I am especially grateful to Maurice Gordon and his family. 🕯



Michael Natarus with his grandfather's Torah.

A Cherished Lesson

BY RABBI BADEN

It was Friday morning, January 17, 2003. As I was getting ready to go into the office, I received a phone call from my parents. They wanted to let me know that my grandfather was about to die. He knew that the end was near, and did not want any heroic measures to be taken. He asked that the doctors not give him any more medicine, knowing that this meant he would pass away within a few days. My parents asked if I wanted to be there to say good-bye to him. Jeff and I quickly made the arrangements that needed to be made, packed up our bags, and took little Ellie to Chicago so that we could spend a few moments with Grandpa Phil before he passed away.

We arrived late in the evening, and went straight to his hospital room. He was weak, but lucid. My parents, my siblings, and my aunt's family were already there. We all gathered around his bed and talked about our favorite moments together. Grandpa used the time to tell us a bit more about his own childhood and his life with his late wife. At one point, he broke into Yiddish, as he recited his Bar Mitzvah speech. "I want to thank my wonderful parents for throwing me this lovely party," he expressed. It was a lovely party, indeed. He died in his sleep early the next morning.

I learned so much from my grandfather's life. The importance of family, the value of learning, the blessing of laughter, and the necessity to be organized were among the major themes of his life. As much as I cherish these lessons, though, I think that I learned even more from his death. My grandfather demonstrated to us all that death is a natural part of one's life. While we do our best during our years on earth to take care of ourselves and stay with our loved ones, we will all, inevitably, be faced with our mortality.



Rabbi Baden

My grandfather was lucky – as were we – that he was able to be in control as he edged toward the last moments of his life. He had the capacity to express his wishes, and was able to articulate how he wanted to die, and what he wanted to happen after he was gone. This ability to articulate his desires was a great source of comfort to him in those final days. Moreover, it was also a tremendous gift to us. Because we knew his wishes, we did not have to face the difficult decisions that so many families need to confront – be it medical, legal, or even ethical matters.

I realize that my grandfather's situation was a special one. All too often, we hear of – or even experience first-hand – the complexity of dealing with end-of-life issues. For example, who can forget the bitter fight over Terri Schiavo last year? It was heart-wrenching to watch her family battle one another, trying to advocate for her best interest while she was unable to communicate her own wishes. Clearly, her case demonstrated the vital need for thinking through how we feel about our own inevitable deaths

– regardless of our age or health – so that we can make sure that our wishes are respected, and so that we can ease the burden that will surely befall our loved ones.

I am proud that our congregation is hosting a special seminar on this topic later this month, and I hope that you will consider attending. "Birth is a Beginning, and Death is a Destination..." will take place on Thursday, April 27, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. In addition to Rabbi Kamrass and myself, an attorney and a physician will address the various issues involved and will answer any questions you have about this topic from a theological, legal, and medical perspective.

While Judaism teaches us to cherish life, our religion also understands that death is a necessary part of our experience on earth. As our liturgy states: "All things pass; all that lives must die. All that we prize is but lent to us; and the time comes when we must surrender it. We are travelers on the same road that leads to the same end." It is in that spirit that I hope you will join us, so that we can learn more about this road, and think about how we each want our journey to end. 🕯

Sunday Morning Live

Sunday, April 9 at Wise Center
10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Wise Temple is partnering with the JCRC for a Sunday Morning Live series with Brigitte Gabriel, founder of American Congress for Truth (ACT). ACT is dedicated to inform, inspire and motivate all Americans to act against terrorism and the threat radical Islamic fundamentalists pose to Jews, Christians and non-Muslims worldwide. Brigitte Gabriel is a Lebanese survivor of the Moslem versus Christian civil war in Lebanon, and she has experienced first-hand the religious war being waged against both Christians and Jews in America and in the rest of the world. Brigitte lived in Israel from 1984 to 1989 and relocated to the United States.

THE WISE COVENANT

Celebrating Our Past—Securing Our Future

Simple Gift Planning Ideas

Every Temple members' gift to the Wise Covenant Capital and Endowment Campaign has been structured a little differently. Each gift is important because every gift helps us to reach our \$10 million goal. Sometimes, the best gifts are the simplest ones. Here are some simple gift planning ideas:

Use appreciated or low yielding assets to make a gift to the Temple

You may have a stock or mutual fund that has appreciated or no longer pays you dividends or interest. If you have owned it for at least one year, you can usually take a charitable income tax deduction based on the

asset's full market value and avoid the capital gains tax on the appreciation. When you transfer ownership of this asset to the Temple, we will sell the stock or mutual fund immediately, reinvest the proceeds, and use the income from the gift for Temple programs and services that benefit you today.

Write a will

Recent statistics show that more than 50% of Americans die without a will. If you die without a will, you allow the state to distribute your property according to state laws and not according to your intentions. The Temple will never receive a gift from the state on your behalf. Write a will and

you can make certain your family, friends, and the Temple are provided for according to your wishes.

Change the beneficiary designation on a retirement plan

Over the years, you may have accumulated a retirement account from which you will soon start receiving mandatory distributions. When retirement plan assets are passed to your children or individuals other than your spouse, they are inherited along with a heavy tax burden. You can make the Temple the beneficiary or partial beneficiary of this asset and reduce the ultimate tax load on your estate and your heirs.

Designate the Temple as beneficiary of all or part of life insurance you own

You may have purchased a life insurance policy many years ago that you no longer need. Consider making a gift of this policy to the Temple or perhaps change the beneficiary designation of all or part of the life insurance plan to the Temple. This can simplify your estate, as well as provide tax and planning advantages.

Please call Susan Kulick, the Temple's Director of Development, at 793-2556, to help you arrange a simple and meaningful gift to the Wise Covenant. Always check with your personal financial or legal advisor to determine how a gift planning method will affect your individual situation.

It's Live from the 92nd Street Y:

Sex, Love and Spirit: A Modern Jewish View

Sunday, April 2 at 7:30 p.m. at Wise Center – Doors open at 6:45 p.m.

What can Judaism teach us about sexuality, love and relationships? Rabbi David Wolpe explores how Judaism both complements and contradicts the assumptions of popular psychology and discusses the ways in which tradition leads us beyond the purely physical. David Wolpe is the rabbi of Sinai Temple in Los Angeles and a contributor to *Newsweek*, *US News & World Report*, *Los Angeles Times*, *The New York Times*, *USA Today* and other publications. He has also appeared on PBS, CNN and CBS. Rabbi Wolpe is the author of many well known books, including: *Why Be*

Jewish, *The Healer of Shattered Hearts: A Jewish View of God*, *Teaching Your Children About God* and *Making Loss Matter*.

The 92nd Street Y Series originates and is broadcast live from New York's prestigious Jewish cultural center, the 92nd Street Y. The broadcast is fed into the newly renovated Wohl Chapel at Wise Center, 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.

The event is open to the Greater Cincinnati public. Tickets are \$5.00 and will be available at the door at 6:45 p.m. at Wise Center. For further information and to RSVP, contact the Temple at 793-2556, or tsnavely@wisetemple.org.



Rabbi David Wolpe

LISTING OF EVENTS



Brotherhood

Brotherhood Board Meeting

Thursday, April 6

6:00 p.m. at Wise Center

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



Congregational Dinners

Congregational Seder

Thursday, April 13

6:00 p.m. at Wise Center

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

Congregational Shabbat Dinner

Friday, April 21

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 Snavely at 793-2997 or tsnavely@wisetemple.org.

Adult Hebrew Classes

Second Semester continues

Wednesdays

(No school April 12 & 19)

4:45 p.m. at Wise Center

92nd Street Y: Sex, Love and Spirit: A Modern Jewish View

Sunday, April 2

7:30 p.m. at Wise Center;

Doors open at 6:45 p.m.

No registration necessary

(Cost: \$5 per person)

Sunday Morning Live: Brigitte Gabriel, a Lebanese Citizen, Speaks Out About the Threat of Militant Islam

Sunday, April 9

10:00 – 11:30 a.m. at Wise Center

No registration necessary.

Hornstein Program in Remembrance of the Holocaust and the Human Spirit: Courage in the Holocaust and Courage of the Survivors with Lena Allen-Shore

Sunday, April 23

10:00 – 11:30 a.m. at Wise Center

No registration necessary.

Jews and Politics with Rabbi Kamrass

Mondays, April 24 & May 1

5:45 – 7:00 p.m. at Wise Center

Pre-registration necessary.

Birth is a Beginning, and Death is a Destination with Rabbis Kamrass and Baden

Thursday, April 27

7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at Wise Center

Pre-registration necessary.

TUESDAYS WITH TORAH

All classes are from Noon – 1:00 p.m.

For more information or to register,

contact Terri Snavely at 793-2997 or

tsnavely@wisetemple.org.

Anatomy of the Haggadah with Rabbi Kamrass

April 4, 11 & 18

Wrestling with Troubling Texts with Rabbi Baden

April 25, May 2 & 9



Religious School

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

No School

Sunday, April 2

Wednesday, April 12

Wednesday, April 19

Gesher Grades 3 & 4

Sunday, April 9

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

Sundays, April 9, 23 & 30

7:00 p.m. at Wise Center

Gesher Grades 2 & 6

Sunday, April 23

9:15 a.m. at Wise Center

For more information, contact Stacey

Delcau at 793-2556 or

sdelcau@wisetemple.org.

6th Grade Parents' Meeting

Wednesday, April 26

5:00 p.m. at Wise Center

4th Grade Family Program

Sunday, April 30

9:15 a.m. at Wise Center

7th Grade B'nai Mitzvah Class

Sunday, April 30

Noon at Wise Center

For more information, contact Stacey

Delcau at 793-2556 or

sdelcau@wisetemple.org.



Seniors

Keeneland Racetrack Bus Trip

Thursday, April 20

10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Come with us to beautiful Lexington, KY to watch the last races in preparation for the Kentucky Derby. Lunch is included.

For more information, contact Karen Abel

at 521-7353 or Nancy Goldberg at

791-4498.



Singles

Dinner at Romano's Macaroni Grill

Sunday, April 9

6:00 p.m.

For more information, contact

Nancy Mendelson at 489-8393 or

singles@wisetemple.org.



Sisterhood

Sisterhood Board Meeting

Wednesdays, April 5 & May 3

9:45 a.m. at Wise Center

For more information, contact Robin

Newland at 530-5516.

Sisterhood Mah Jongg

Thursdays, April 6, 20 & 27

11:00 a.m. at Wise Center

For more information, contact Cynthia

Marmer at 984-0236.

Sisterhood Bridge

Tuesdays, April 11 & 25

1:00 p.m. at Wise Center

For more information, contact Vivian Barr

at 631-6528 or Idelle Stein at 891-3626.

Women's Seder

Tuesday, April 18

6:30 p.m. at Wise Center

For more information, contact Mona Spitz

at 891-9583 or Debby Rosen at 469-1255.

LISTING OF EVENTS

Cooking Class

Tuesday, April 25

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at The Party Source
For more information, contact Patti Heldman at 631-5525 or Tina Straubing at 791-8568.



WiseUP

Halom House Helpers

Friday, April 21

Bring residents from this home for developmentally challenged adults to share our Shabbat service and dinner. For more information, contact Donna Hyams at 489-6221.

Kids Café

Tuesday, April 25

Attack poverty and hunger. Provide children ages 2 to 13 in Over-the-Rhine with individual attention and serve them a nutritious meal. Ages 13+. For more information, contact Steve Zimmerman at 924-0188.

Interfaith Hospitality Network

Next Hosting: May 14 - May 21

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.

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

(e)YGOW Drop In

Sunday, April 9

5:30 p.m. at Wise Center

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

NOAR & Wise Guys

Pets, Play and Picnic

Sunday, April 23

Noon at Wise Center

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



Miscellaneous

Storytime

April 7 & 21

10:00 a.m. at Wise Center

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

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!**

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Rachel Wells: 530-9881
Linda Berger: 631-1372
Kathie Kaplan: 984-4496

APRIL 2006 NISSAN/IYAR

| 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>9:30—Shabbat Morning Service(WC) 10:45—Torah Study(WC) 10:45—Bar Mitzvah of Daniel Roth(WC)</p> |
| <p>2</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p> <p>7:30pm—92nd Street Y-Sex, Love, and Spirit: A Modern Jewish View(WC)</p> | <p>3</p> | <p>4</p> <p>Noon—Tuesdays with Torah: Anatomy of the Haggadah(WC) 5:30pm—AA Meeting(WC)</p> | <p>5</p> <p>9:45—Sisterhood-Board Mtg.(WC) 4:30pm—Midweek Hebrew School(WC) 4:45pm—Adult Hebrew(WC)</p> | <p>6</p> <p>11:00—Sisterhood-Mah Jongg(WC) 5:30pm—AA Meeting(WC) 6:00pm—Brotherhood Board Mtg.(WC)</p> | <p>7</p> <p>10:00—Storytime(WC) 6:15pm—Shabbat Evening Service; Birthday and Anniversary Blessings (WC)</p> | <p>8</p> <p>9:30—Shabbat Morning Service(WC) 10:45—Torah Study(WC) 10:45—Bat Mitzvah of Emily Minevich(PST)</p> |
| <p>9</p> <p>9:15—Geshet Grs. 3 & 4(WC) 10:00—Eitz Chayim: Sunday Morning Live(WC) 5:30pm—(e)YGOW Drop In(WC) 6:00pm—Singles-Dinner(O) 7:00pm—CRJHS(WC)</p> | <p>10</p> | <p>11</p> <p>Noon—Tuesdays with Torah: Anatomy of the Haggadah(WC) 1:00pm—Sisterhood-Bridge(WC) 5:30pm—AA Meeting(WC)</p> | <p>12</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p> <p>First Night of Passover—Seder</p> | <p>13</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p>9:30—Passover Morning Service(WC) 6:00pm—Congregational Seder(WC)</p> | <p>14</p> <p>6:15pm—Shabbat Evening Service(WC) 8:15pm—Marriage Reconsecration Service; Kol Rinah(WC)</p> | <p>15</p> <p>9:30—Shabbat Morning Service(WC) 10:45—Torah Study(WC)</p> |
| <p>16</p> <p>9:15—Religious School(WC)</p> <p>NO CRJHS</p> | <p>17</p> | <p>18</p> <p>Noon—Tuesdays with Torah: Anatomy of the Haggadah(WC) 5:30pm—AA Meeting(WC) 6:30pm—Sisterhood: Women's Seder(WC)</p> | <p>19</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED NO SCHOOL</p> <p>9:30—Passover Morning Yizkor Service(WC)</p> | <p>20</p> <p>10:00—Seniors: Keeneland Racetrack Bus Trip(O) 11:00—Sisterhood: Mah Jongg(WC) 5:30pm—AA Meeting(WC)</p> | <p>21</p> <p>10:00—Storytime(WC) 6:15pm—Shabbat Evening Service; Shir Chadash, Blessing March of the Living Participants(WC) 7:15pm—Congreg. Shabbat Dinner(WC) WiseUP: Halom House Helpers(WC)</p> | <p>22</p> <p>9:30—Shabbat Morning Service(WC) 10:45—Torah Study(WC) 10:45—Bar Mitzvah of Jordan Pakroshis(WC)</p> |
| <p>23</p> <p>9:15—Geshet Grs. 2 & 6(WC) 10:00—Hornstein Program in Remembrance of the Holocaust(WC) Noon—NOAR & WiseGuys: Pets, Play & Picnic(WC) 7:00pm—CRJHS(WC)</p> | <p>24</p> <p>5:45pm—Eitz Chayim: Jews and Politics(WC)</p> | <p>25</p> <p>11:30—Sisterhood: Cooking Class(O) Noon—Tuesdays with Torah: Wrestling with Troubling Texts(WC) 1:00pm—Sisterhood Bridge(WC) 5:30pm—AA Meeting(WC) WiseUP: Kid's Café(O)</p> | <p>26</p> <p>4:30pm—Midweek Hebrew School(WC) 4:45pm—Adult Hebrew(WC) 5:00pm—6th Gr. Parent Mtg.(WC)</p> | <p>27</p> <p>11:00—Sisterhood-Mah Jongg(WC) 5:30pm—AA Meeting(WC) 7:00pm—Eitz Chayim: Birth is a Beginning and Death is a Destination(WC)</p> | <p>28</p> <p>6:15pm—Shabbat Evening Service; Yom HaShoah commemoration with George Brady(WC) 6:30pm—Wise Tykes(WC)</p> | <p>29</p> <p>9:30—Shabbat Morning Service(WC) 10:45—Torah Study(WC) 10:45—Bar Mitzvah of Robert Mulvey(PST)</p> |
| <p>30</p> <p>9:15—4th Gr. Family Program(WC) Noon—7th Gr. B'nai Mitzvah Class(WC) 7:00pm—CRJHS(WC)</p> | | | | | | |

PROGRAMMING NEWS

Women's Seder

Please join us for our annual Women's Seder on Tuesday, April 18 at 6:30 p.m. at Wise Center. Watch for your invitation in the mail. This is a very special Sisterhood evening which features a women's Haggadah compiled by Sisterhood members, a delicious dinner and very special music. This is a great multi-generational event! Bring your daughters and nieces (age 13 and older, please) moms, aunts, grandmothers, and friends to experience a Seder that speaks to a woman's heart and spirit. For more information, please contact co-chairs Mona Spitz, 891-9583 or Debby Rosen, 469-1255.

Cooking Class

Don't miss our final cooking class of the year on Tuesday, April 25. Chef Amy Tobin from the Party Source will show us how to prepare a festive Mother's Day brunch. The class will take place at The Party Source from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Cost: \$25 per person. Please RSVP using the invitation you received in the mail. For more information, please call Tina Straubing, 791-8568 or Patti Heldman, 631-5525.

Sisterhood Shabbat

Our annual Sisterhood Shabbat service will take place Friday, May 5 at 6:15 p.m. Please plan to join us for this special service created and led by Sisterhood members. The service will be followed by a congregational Shabbat Dinner. Use the TGIS card in this issue of Keshet to make your reservation.

May Breakfast Program

Join us Wednesday, May 17 for our Breakfast Program entitled, "A Passion for Chocolate". Our speaker will be Jane Cervantes, Graeter's Chocolatier. For more information, please contact Lorie Eckert at 489-7627.

Save the Date

Installation and leadership recognition event:
Sunday, June 11.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

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 Sunday, June 25 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. and will 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, please remember the Sisterhood Flea Market. Also, please remember the Flea Market at 2095 Seymour Avenue (across from Cincinnati Gardens) when outfitting your college student or new graduate's first apartment! 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

YES Fund and GIVTY Fund

Confirmation and Graduation are just around the corner. Remember Sisterhood funds when you are celebrating these life cycle events. The YES fund supports high school and college-aged youth nationally and the GIVTY fund serves the needs of our Wise Temple youth. For more information, please call YES Fund Chair Joan Scheineson, 351-5077 or the GIVTY fund co-chairs, Elaine Pockrose, 351-6452 and Pam Kohn, 891-1516.

WISE MAILERS

Volunteers are needed to help assemble mailings and announcements sent to Temple members. This group meets at 9:00 a.m. one Wednesday each month for work and fun. Upcoming dates are April 26 and May 24. Please contact Pam Meyer for more information, 984-6633.

Traditions & Treasures Gift Shop

Passover Sale

Tuesday, April 4 – Sunday, 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.)

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| 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.

Wise Temple Brotherhood Presents...

In concert with National Men's Health Week • (www.menshealthweek.org)

The Men's Health Forum

Coming this June!

Preparing for the Journey

BY STACEY DELCAU

If there is one holiday in my family that everyone is present and accounted for, it's Passover. Growing up, a child learns something meaningful



Stacey Delcau

when their two full-time working parents take days off from work just to prepare for the upcoming observance. What I love about Passover is not only the fact that it brings my family together, but also

the effort that it takes to prepare for the Seder. In our fast-paced world, we so quickly move from one meeting to another, one meal to another, and one day to another without thinking of the impact on our lives. Passover requires us to plan our steps meticulously before the first night of Seder. If we expect to sit down to Seder without preparing our homes and ourselves first, we will notice that something is missing.

As if understanding our modern situation, our holidays have built-in preparation time. Take for example Shabbat in Jerusalem.

Every Shabbat, public transportation ceases one hour before sundown. Therefore, in order to get to synagogue, you have to walk. For those who do travel on Shabbat, private taxis are available (for a higher fee), but are in short supply. A few years ago when I lived in Israel for the year, I found that the weeks that I walked to synagogue afforded me the time to slow my pace and think about my transformation from the ordinary to the sacred – from the regular week to Shabbat. Athletes wouldn't even think of competing without warming up first, a physical change of state. Then why do we expect to gain spiritual fulfillment from prayer or celebration when we don't give ourselves the chance to change our mental state?

Much of Passover preparation is centered around emptying our houses of *chametz* (leavened products) and stocking up with Passover foods. This physical cleansing helps

to transform our space. However, if cleaning is not at the top of your list, try mental preparation. Spend some time asking yourself a few questions to get yourself in the mindset of what it means to truly celebrate and understand the observance of Passover. Here is a sampling of questions that can help guide you to prepare for this holiday:

- *When was your most memorable Seder?*
- *What made this Seder so unique?*
- *During the Seder, we label the children "wise, wicked, simple, and afraid to ask." What are the pitfalls of putting labels on people? Have you ever been labeled by others?*
- *What kinds of things are we free to do in our country that many people around the world are not free to do?*
- *Have you witnessed injustice? Did you do anything about it?*
- *What are our modern day plagues?*
- *What are you personally a slave to? What would make you free?*
- *What one characteristic would you change in yourself to become a better person?*
- *Whom do you depend on to help you when you need it the most? Who depends on you the most?*

- *Passover is a time to ask questions. Ask someone important to you a question that you have always wanted to ask.*

Faced with the reality of our modern lives, not many of us have the luxury to take off the days preceding all of our holidays. However I urge you to think about what we sacrifice by not taking the time to prepare ourselves at least mentally. In not allowing ourselves the time to transition from one moment to another, we often sacrifice the fulfillment and meaning that we might otherwise gain from the experience.

Passover is truly a full body experience, using all of our senses (for better or worse!)

Pick one sense this year and make an effort to spend some time transforming your state of being in preparation of our journey from slavery to freedom. 🕯️



Special Shabbat Service Commemorating Yom HaShoah

Join us for a special Shabbat service on Friday, April 28, in commemoration of *Yom HaShoah*. George Brady, known to Cincinnati as the older brother of Hana Brady, from the book *Hana's Suitcase*, returns to Cincinnati to tell the extraordinary story of *Vedem* – the secret magazine created by the boys of Barracks L417 in the Terezin ghetto. For a group of young boys in the ghetto, *Vedem* was an outlet to express difficult experiences and conflicting emotions through poems, articles, artwork, essays, and even

jokes. Through collaborative creative efforts, the boys produced weekly issues to read together. George, accompanied by his daughter Lara, shares memories of his involvement in *Vedem*, conveying the power of the human spirit and the written word. Long suppressed by the communists, *We Are Children Just the Same: Vedem* was published with Brady's help, winning book awards. George and his daughter Lara will be speaking at Shabbat services on April 28. Services begin at 6:15 p.m. 🕯️

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EDUCATION CONNECTION

Blowing the Dust Off the Dust Jackets

The Oldest Book in our Library

Amazon, eBay, and even the rare book dealer, Alibris, were all stumped. None of them has a copy of the book that is the oldest book in the Wise Temple Library.

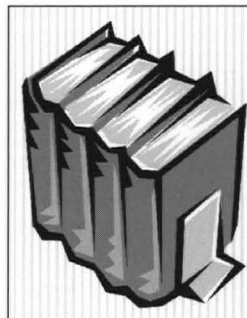
Now that we have finished entering the data for all of our thousands of books, tapes, videos, and posters, we have a clearer view of the treasures in the stacks of our Ralph and Julia Cohen Library. We can see, for example, that the oldest book we have is close to 200 years old!

It is the rare volume by Mordecai Manuel Noah, published in 1819, titled *Travels in England, France, Spain, and the Barbary States, in the years 1813, 14, and 15*.

Who was Mordecai Noah?

Probably the most influential Jew in the United States in the early 19th century, and definitely one of the most colorful. His father fought in the American Revolution, and it is said that George Washington was present at his parents' wedding. Orphaned at an early age, and self-educated, Noah became a journalist, editor, and publisher in New York. He was an ardent American patriot, and during the War of 1812 was appointed consul to Tunis, North Africa, and given the task of winning the freedom of a group of American sailors who'd been captured and enslaved by Algerians.

On his return, he wrote the book we have in our possession, *Travels in England,*



France, Spain and the Barbary States, where he described his journeys and adventures abroad.

These travels brought home to Noah the sad state of European Jewish communities – a homeless people living among others who would not welcome them – as a result, he purchased an island in the Niagara River “for the purpose of attempting to

have the same settled by emigrants of the Jewish religion from Europe.” He planned to build a city there called Ararat, to be a refuge for Jews. But his call to the Jews of Europe went unanswered, and the foundation stone of Ararat rests inside the Buffalo Historical Society.

Noah was a founder of New York University and proposed the founding of a Jewish hospital – Mount Sinai – which came about after his death.

With the failure of Ararat, Noah became a Zionist; 50 years before Theodor Herzl, he wrote that Jews should have a state of their own in Palestine, and he appealed to Christians and to Western nations to support this return of Jews to the land of their fathers.

The Library of Congress contains many of Noah's papers, and its rare book room has a copy of the very book we have in our Wise Temple Library.

In the future, watch for other columns about the historic treasures in our Temple library. 📖

Wise Temple Senior Adults Present

FAST TRACK – THE RACE IS ON!

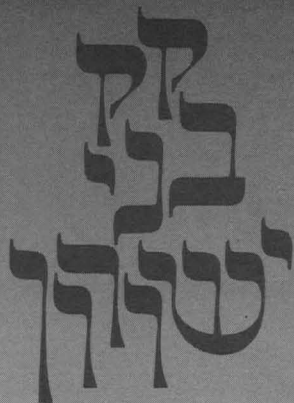
Thursday, April 20

Join us as we travel by bus to the Keeneland racetrack in Lexington, KY to watch the last races before the Kentucky Derby. Lunch is included.

Cost: \$20 per person

We'll leave Wise Center at 10:00 a.m. – Returning at 5:00 p.m.
 RSVP by April 13 by sending your check to: Karen Abel, 302 Circlewood Lane, 45215

Karen Abel and Nancy Goldberg, Race Day Chairs
 For more information, call Nancy at 791-4498.



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CONGREGATIONAL CONNECTION

MAZAL TOV

The Temple offers congratulations to the following families:

B'nai Mitzvah

April 1 – Daniel Roth. Son of David and Stacy Roth.

April 8 – Emily Minevich. Daughter of Eugene and Katerina Minevich.

April 22 – Jordan Pakrosnis. Son of Jeffrey and Julie Pakrosnis.

April 29 – Robert Mulvey. Son of John and Nancy Mulvey.

Births

Louie and Mary Lee Sirkin on the recent birth of their granddaughter, Casey Nora Luchs.

Dr. Michael and Lynne Lipson on the recent birth of their granddaughter, Carsyn Elizabeth Auer.

Weddings

April 1 – Dr. Stewart and Hindi Friedman on the marriage of their son, Jason Friedman to Erin Adler.

April 14 – Greg Harris to Angela Renee DeSano.

Union For Reform Judaism Midwest Council Spring Kallah – East

“Cultivating Holy Connections in
our Congregations”

will be held in Cincinnati
Friday, May 5 – Sunday, May 7

Please consider participating in this
wonderful weekend of learning.

For more information, contact Carol Kabel
at 821-9530 or ctkabel@cinci.rr.com
OR watch for more details in Wisebytes.

Please join us for the Congregational Passover Seder

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



Please RSVP using the invitation
you received in the mail.
For more information, call the Temple
at 793-2556.



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