

# KESHER

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## THE WISE CONNECTION

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## D'VARIM MIN HALEV- דְּבָרִים מִן הַלֵּב “Words from the Heart”

BY RABBI KAMRASS

**Y**ou see and hear it everywhere. In television and radio talk shows, magazine pages, even in conversation among friends and neighbors – people are talking about spirituality. In a culture more secular than any prior century, people are seeking personal meaning through faith. It is an interesting and encouraging phenomenon. It seems that the more secular our society becomes, the greater the need people have to feel rooted in faith, to search for meaning, and to find a perspective that grounds them in something more than the passing fancy of the day. This is an exciting challenge for contemporary life, but it is not without precedent. For you see, in the broad general terms of how we might define the concept of “spirituality,” I would suggest that “spirituality is the act of drawing from the wellspring of faith and religion to find living, nourishing springs of meaning for our daily lives.” In my *Kesher* article this month, and next month as well, I want to focus on what that means for us as contemporary Reform Jews. I hope to share with you some of the sources from which I draw my own sense of spirituality.

As Jews, we have an immeasurable wellspring of tradition, learning, prayer, community and history. For us, spirituality is not simply the way that we pray or the way that we relate with God. For us, spirituality is the act of making religion live for us in our daily lives and, therefore, bring meaning to the mundane. There are many things

that enable us to make our faith more than a rote recitation of blessings or a celebration of holidays. In Judaism, spirituality can be discovered in a variety of ways: through worship (*Avodah*), through study (*Torah*) and through deeds (*G'milut Chasadim*).

Some of us find spirituality in our deeds. Judaism teaches that religion is not found in a cloistered setting where we separate from the world and remove ourselves from its demands. Rather, as Jews are commanded to live our faith, and this means taking its teachings into the world. It means doing *tikkun olam*, repairing the world with our ideals and our aspirations, so that we can do our part to uplift the world, or our little corner of it, from the place that it is, to a place a little closer to where we think it ought to be. When we volunteer,



Rabbi Kamrass

when we give to others, when we direct our attention from the narrowness of our own lives to the lives of others, then we begin to glimpse a deeper sense of meaning, and the presence of God. And so, spirituality is found not only in traditional religious settings of the sanctuary, or with recitations of ritual, but when we take our faith into the streets. Sometimes, in those moments, God is as real to us as in the sanctuary, and in those simple acts of giving and connecting with others, we learn that meaning in our lives is made abundantly clear.

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## WORDS FROM THE HEART

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fulfillment in history. How rooted in time we feel when we realize that the challenges of our lives are not unique to us, that generations of people have struggled with certain fundamental issues and questions. Just as the Talmud is written as a document where scholars who lived in different times and eras debate one another, drawing on the wisdom of early layers of teachers, so too, all that we draw from our faith is because we stand on the shoulders of those who came before us. When we seek to understand how the ancients, or those who lived in other lands or other times, responded to similar issues of human life, we come to discern a deeper sense of meaning. When we look at one idea or one principle and trace it through the many layers of Jewish history to see how our ancestors wrestled with it and found meaning, we draw upon a limitless resource of wisdom for our own day. How liberating it is to know that we are not the first to ever face a problem and that we are not alone. How inspiring it is to know that wise teachers from early ages can provide to us the gleanings of their own experiences and wisdom.

But we can only glean this wisdom of the past when we study. So, therefore, our spirituality is found in the act of learning. For unlike many other faiths, in Judaism the act of learning also is a sacred act. That is why we are the "people of the book." We study not merely for knowledge but for discernment. We study to understand and to live our values. We study not merely to know more, but to understand more about how our faith informs our deeds. We study not because we value intelligence or knowledge, but because we believe that our knowledge leads to discernment, and that discernment leads to wisdom. We study because we believe that such wisdom balances us against the storms of contemporary life.

I have shared three sources of my own spirituality which I believe our faith offers to each of us as an abiding gift: deeds of kindness, rootedness in history, and study – each serving as parallel spiritual paths on which our souls should travel. Next month, I hope to share with you the path of prayer as another necessary ingredient of our spiritual journey....

Faithfully yours,

*Rabbi H. Kamrass*

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Rabbi Lewis H. Kamrass

## Explore

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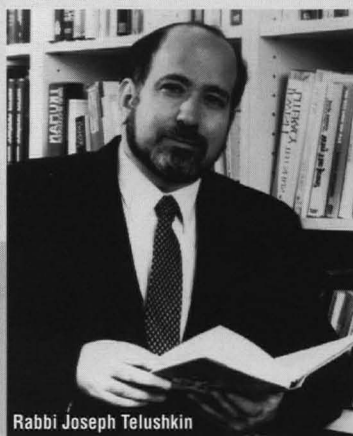
- **Thursday, May 11, 8:15 p.m.**
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Rabbi Joseph Telushkin

Our 92nd Street Y series continues with another live simulcast from the renowned 92nd Street Y, New York's prestigious cultural center. Rabbi Joseph Telushkin, named one of the 50 best speakers in the United States by *Talk* magazine discusses fair speech, gratitude, repentance, humility, judging others fairly, forgiveness, lying and many other aspects of an honorable life.

Rabbi Telushkin is the author of *Jewish Literacy*, the most widely selling book on Judaism of the past two decades. His book, *Words that Hurt, Words that Heal*, was the motivating force behind a 1996 resolution by Senators Joseph Lieberman and Connie Mack to establish a National Speak No Evil Day.

The broadcast is fed into the newly renovated Wohl Chapel at Wise Center, equipped with a large screen and digital video technology. The Cincinnati audience at Wise Temple will be able to ask questions directly to the guest speaker and will be recognized as participants in the program.

**The event is open to the Greater Cincinnati public.  
For further information and to RSVP contact the Temple at**

**793-2556 or [tsnavely@wisetemple.org](mailto:tsnavely@wisetemple.org)**

# Angels Amongst Us

BY BARBARA DRAGUL

In a book called *My Disciple My Child, A Practical Torah-Based Guide to Successful Discipline in the Classroom*, Rabbi Noach Orlowek writes: "Our Rabbis teach us that a teacher must resemble an angel. This is expressed both in how a teacher controls him/her self and how the students view the teacher." (Haggigah 15b) Joel Grishaver writes about this idea, "...In the *Zohar* we learn that an angel is 'a packet of Divine Energy.' For me that is a perfect definition of a teacher."

Here at Wise Temple our teachers and *madrichim* (teenage teaching assistants) are inspiring and inspired. They are a lot like angels. They swoop into our building each week to touch the lives of our children in meaningful, caring ways. They do this with grace and wisdom, creativity and persistence. They do this because they love children and they love Judaism, and for them, a perfect day is when they get to bring the two together. They do this because truly they are "packets of Divine Energy." Working with our teaching staff throughout the year I get the close up view of their efforts and caring. I get to watch them walk

into their classroom each week and brilliantly weave connections between our students and each other, between our students and their teachers and between our students and Judaism. This is no small task. And it takes a bit of angelic patience and persistence to make it all come together in a way that touches our students' hearts, minds and souls. Our teachers and *madrichim* build a Jewish community around our students that is grounded in Jewish values and wisdom,

and in the process they pour their hearts into the work. Here is what I know is true. The life of our congregation depends on the work our teachers do. Its future, vibrancy and relevance are nurtured by the work of our teachers and the lives of our students who all make our building hum with energy, enthusiasm warmth and true joy. Our Jewish community is infused with the blessings they bring. Look, out of the corner of your eye, you will see angels amongst us!

**This month, on Friday, May 19 at 6:15 p.m. we will celebrate and honor these angels of our community, our teachers and *madrichim*.** I urge you to attend *Shabbat HaMoreh*, our service of appreciation to our teachers and *madrichim*. Their task is indeed sacred and we are deeply indebted and grateful for all that they give and all that they are. Your presence at this service will enable us to truly show our appreciation as a congregation. It's not often you get to thank an angel in person – please join us!

We say *Todah Rabah!* – thank you with all our hearts...

#### To our *madrichim*:

Daniel Applebaum, Jenny Applebaum, Dana Askin, Brandon Blackmer, Leah Burgin, Ben Chaiken, Josh Clayton, Jordan Cohen, Ian Cooley, Rachel Craig, Katie Cropper, Lisa Del Sesto, Alex Dell, Danielle Ebstein, Justin Edell, Matthew Eichel, Hannah Elkus, Hilary Fingerman, Peter Friedman, Rob Fried-

man, Emily Gabelman, Rachel Greenberg, Hannah Gross, Marissa Gunnarsson, Elizabeth Hastie, Laura Hogue, Alexander Howie, Lauren Hughes, Nate Joseph, Grace Kabel, Jared Kamrass, Micah Kamrass, Annie Kanter, Hannah Klein, Evan Kley Meyer, Emily Krieger, Ben Kushner, Steven Levick, Ari Levine, Jaynie Levinson, Ben Levy, Rebecca Levy, Sam Lindner, Chelsea Manning, Jennifer Manning, Jenny Margolis, Emily McOsker, Nathan Miller, Michael Mintz, Graham Mitro, Susanna



Barbara Dragul

Mitro, Sarah Moskovitz, Camilla Muldrow, Sean Muldrow, Michael Natarus, Sam Newland, Becca Nitzberg, Jackie Nussbaum, Andrea Perlman, Sam Pollak, Jordan Rabin, Delia Ridenour, Jason Rissover, Hannah Roberts, Alexander Rock, Ben Rosen, Brad Seelig, Alec Sim, Alex Spektor, Sarah Spitz, Julia Stern, Katelin Stern, Ibbi Tarshis, Alex Toole, Becca Tsevat, Leland Vogel, Tyler Wall, Baylee Waterman, Melanie Wegner, Kayley Wolf, and Sarah Wood.

#### And to our teachers:

Suellen Applebaum, Linda Arnold, Laura Baum, Katie Bauman, Billy Bie, Deborah Cannizzaro, Rachel Crossley, Cheryl Czulewicz, Stacey Delcau, Jacob Drapkin, Debra Dressler, Kathy Dumes, Tami Elliott, Laura Foster, Jennifer Frenkel, Teri Hiudt, Dena Kernish, Robert Klein, Chris Kraus, Sheri Kroscher, Micah Lapidus, Betsy Lefton, Craig Lewis, Debbie Lieberman, Deena Pinales, Gail Ronkin, Mazal Rosenblatt, Naomi Ruben, Jackie Sachs, Edie Shapiro, Michael Shields, Patty Simha, Melissa Simon, David Snyder, Howie Stein, Mike Strapko, Michelle Strapko, Leeann Tito, Sarah Weiss, Debbie Wolf, and Elizabeth Wood. 🕯️

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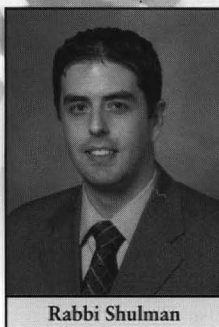


# A Snapshot of Judaism

BY RABBI SHULMAN

Since I was in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade, I have been taking pictures. I have boxes and boxes of them at home – pictures of people, of places, of events, of happy memories, of family members and friends. I love the unique perspective of the world one can see through the viewfinder of a camera.

In 1990, I had the amazing experience of bringing together for the first time my love of photography and my love of Judaism. While on a NFTY summer trip to Israel as a high school sophomore, I participated in a photography internship with a photographer from the *Jerusalem*



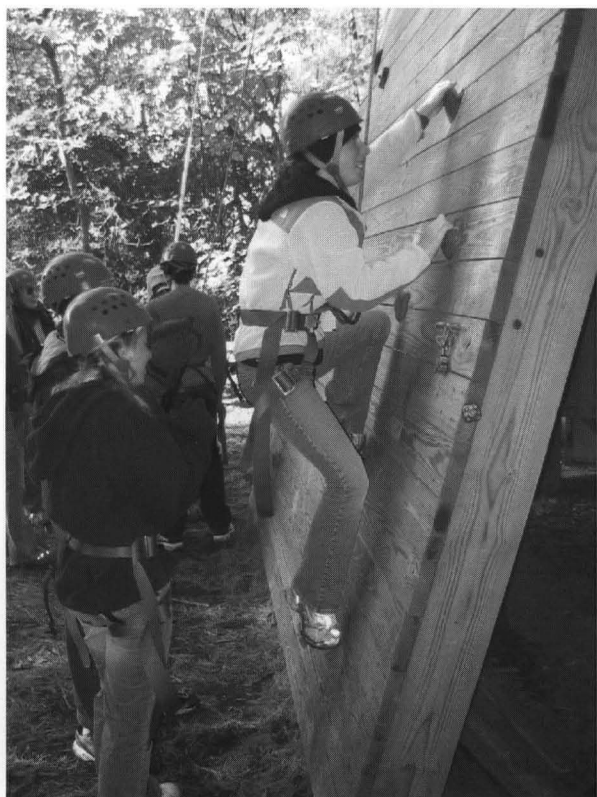
Rabbi Shulman

*Post.* For two weeks, I traveled all over Jerusalem collecting images of the mosaic of people and places in this holy city. My guiding mission was a curious one: photograph Judaism – not photograph Jews, or Jewish places, but take pictures of Judaism. What a difficult task this is! After all, how does one capture something intangible on something as tangible as black and white film? After much thought and discussion, I settled on my own idea of the essence of Judaism. My photographs depicted people in motion: people focused on studying, helping, discussing, eating, arguing, hugging, praying, singing, dancing, and sharing. For me, Judaism is about action, it is an energetic heritage

of living and doing.

Since that trip to Israel, I have continued my search to photograph the essence of Judaism. I have found isolated snapshots here and there over the years, but nowhere have I found greater inspiration than right here in our own congregation. Walking through the halls of Wise Temple on any given day, you can see and feel that essence of Judaism. You can see it in the learning, in the doing, and in the community created right here. Perhaps that's why you always see me with a camera. I can't help but want to capture this on film...or on my memory card.

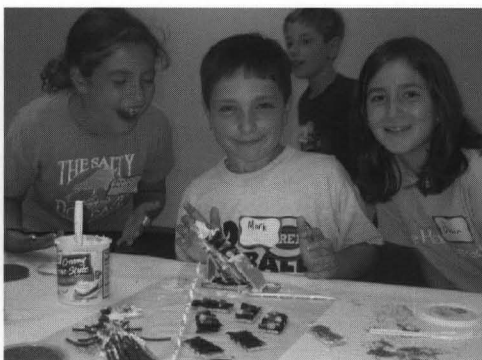
Please enjoy these photographs from the past year at our congregation. They are just a few illustrations of what I believe Judaism truly is. 📷



10th graders helping each other on the climbing wall...



10th graders on the Confirmation retreat...



4th grade fun at the beginning of the year...



Learning on the 5th grade retreat...



1st - 4th graders making puppets...



6th graders learning and growing at the retreat...



2nd grade Shema pillow cases...

# THE WISE COVENANT

*Celebrating Our Past—Securing Our Future*

## Participation from Everyone

The Wise Covenant Capital and Endowment Campaign is steadily moving toward reaching its ambitious \$10 million goal. The success of the Campaign ultimately depends on reaching out to the entire congregation for **participation from everyone**.

Your friends and family have contributed to the Wise Covenant Campaign for the following reasons:

*"We have found a home at Wise and we want to have a part in its future."*

—Barbara & Walter Glas

*"We want to help ensure that the next generation continues to have the same wonderful experiences at Wise Temple that our family has had."*

—Bess & Abram Gordon

*"We have found much to draw us further into Temple life...our excellent Religious School, the beauty of our services, and the broad scope of lifelong learning."*

—Liz & Paul McOsker

Every dollar given to the Wise Covenant will build the present and shape our legacy for the future. Multi-year gifts to the Campaign help ensure that the Temple's tradition of excellence continues today and always.

**Please be a part of the Wise Covenant by making a gift today.**

If you haven't been approached about participating in the Campaign, please call our Director of Development, Susan G. Kulick, at 793-2556, to discuss a gift that is both meaningful and comfortable from you and your family.

**Every gift makes a difference and is important to reach our goal.**



# LISTING OF EVENTS



## Brotherhood

**Jews in Baseball with Mel Marmer**  
Sunday, May 7  
10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

*For more information, contact co-chairs Larry Mandell, 697-0356; Robert Klein, 521-0199; or Amy Katz, 321-9636.*

### Brotherhood Board Meeting

Thursday, May 11  
6:00 p.m. at Wise Center  
*For more information, contact Billy Bie at 984-3559.*



## Congregational Shabbat Dinners

**Friday, May 5**  
7:15 p.m. at Wise Center  
*For more information, contact the Temple at 793-2556.*

**Friday, May 26**  
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](mailto:tsnavely@wisetemple.org).

**Jews and Politics with Rabbi Kamrass**  
Monday, May 1  
5:45 – 7:00 p.m. at Wise Center  
*Pre-registration necessary.*

**Jews in Baseball with Mel Marmer**  
Sunday, May 7  
10:00 – 11:30 a.m.  
*For more information, contact co-chairs Larry Mandell, 697-0356; Robert Klein, 521-0199; or Amy Katz, 321-9636.*

**Holocaust Films with Rabbi Shulman**  
Thursdays, May 11 & 18  
5:45 – 7:00 p.m. at Wise Center  
*Pre-registration necessary.*

**92nd Street Y**  
You Shall Be Holy: Personal Character and Integrity with Rabbi Joseph Telushkin  
Thursday, May 11  
8:15 p.m. at Wise Center;  
Doors open at 7:30 p.m.  
*No registration necessary.*  
(Cost: \$5 per person)

**Shavuot Sensation**  
Thursday, June 1  
7:00 p.m. at Wise Center  
*Pre-registration necessary.*

## TUESDAYS WITH TORAH

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

**Wrestling with Troubling Texts with Rabbi Baden**  
May 2 & 9

**Mothers & Daughters in the Bible with Rabbinic Intern Debra Dressler**  
May 16, 23 & 30



## Religious School

*Unless otherwise indicated, for more information about Religious School activities, contact Terri Snavely at 793-2997 or [tsnavely@wisetemple.org](mailto:tsnavely@wisetemple.org).*

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade B'nai Mitzvah Program and Car Wash**  
Sunday, May 7  
9:15 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at Wise Center  
*For more information, contact Stacey Delcau at 793-2556 or [sdelcau@wisetemple.org](mailto:sdelcau@wisetemple.org).*

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade Family Program**  
Sunday, May 7  
9:15 a.m. at Wise Center

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Meeting**  
Sunday, May 7  
1:30 – 2:30 p.m. at Wise Center

**Cincinnati Reform Jewish High School**  
Sundays, May 7 & 14  
7:00 p.m. at Wise Center

**B'nai Mitzvah Workshop #1**  
Monday, May 8  
7:00 p.m. at Wise Center  
*For more information, contact Luana Heinemeyer at 793-2559 or [lheinemeyer@wisetemple.org](mailto:lheinemeyer@wisetemple.org).*

**Last Day of Midweek Hebrew School**  
Wednesday, May 17

**Last Day of Religious School**  
Sunday, May 21

**Cincinnati Reform Jewish High School**  
Senior Siyyum  
Sunday, May 21  
7:00 p.m. at Temple Sholom

**B'nai Mitzvah Workshop #2**  
Monday, May 22  
7:00 p.m. at Wise Center  
*For more information, contact Luana Heinemeyer at 793-2559 or [lheinemeyer@wisetemple.org](mailto:lheinemeyer@wisetemple.org).*



## Seniors

**Jews in Baseball with Mel Marmer**  
Sunday, May 7  
10:00 – 11:30 a.m.  
*For more information, contact co-chairs Larry Mandell, 697-0356; Robert Klein, 521-0199; or Amy Katz, 321-9636.*

**Senior Health Fair**  
Tuesday, May 23  
1:00 – 4:00 p.m. at Wise Center  
*For more information, contact Kathie Kaplan at 984-4496.*



## Singles

**Bicycle Riding and Dinner**  
Sunday, May 21  
4:30 p.m. for bicycling and 6:00 p.m. for dinner  
At downtown Loveland – meet at The Works Restaurant – 20 Grear Millitzer Place (near the bike trail) for both the riding and the dinner.  
*For more information, call Nancy Mendelson at 489-8393 or contact [singles@wisetemple.org](mailto:singles@wisetemple.org).*



## Sisterhood

**Sisterhood Board Meeting**  
Wednesdays, May 3 & June 7  
9:45 a.m. at Wise Center  
*For more information, contact Robin Newland at 530-5516.*

**Reform Retirees Sisterhood Luncheon Program**  
Thursday, May 4  
Noon at Wise Center  
*For more information, contact Leah Levine at 351-1784.*

# LISTING OF EVENTS

## Sisterhood Bridge

Tuesdays, May 9 & 23  
1:00 pm. at Wise Center

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

## Sisterhood Mah Jongg

Thursdays, May 4, 11, 18 & 25

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

## Sisterhood Shabbat Participation

Friday, May 5  
6:15 p.m. at Wise Center

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

## Sisterhood Breakfast Program

May 17  
9:45 a.m. at Wise Center

For more information, contact Lorie Eckert at 489-7627.

## Sisterhood Book Club

Thursday, May 18  
7:30 p.m. at Wise Center

For more information, contact Eve Appleton at 321-0427 or Dian Deutsch at 891-3666.



## WiseUP

## GUCI Weekend Project

Friday, May 5 – Sunday, May 7

This project sponsored by Brotherhood will perform grounds and maintenance projects at Goldman Union Camp Institute in Zionsville, IN. Men 21 or older are welcome. Come for all or part of the project. For more information, contact Alan Gross at 794-0550.

## Interfaith Hospitality Network

Next Hosting: May 14 - 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.

## Kids Café

Tuesday, May 23

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.



## 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.



## Miscellaneous

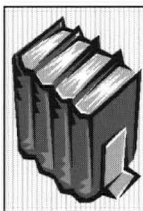
### Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting

Tuesdays & Thursdays

5:30 p.m. at Wise Center

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

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

## Storytime

Fridays, May 5 & 19

10:00 a.m. at Wise Center

For more information, contact Karen Brownlee at 871-5013 or [karenbrownlee@gmail.com](mailto:karenbrownlee@gmail.com).

## 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.

## Educational Fair Promoting Healthy Aging

### Jewish Agencies Serving Seniors P R E S E N T S

## JASS FEST

Tuesday, May 23

1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

at Wise Center

### Info for Seniors and Caregivers

Speakers

Health Screenings

Booths and Materials

Door Prizes and More

For information: Kathie Kaplan 984-4496

## 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



# MAY 2006 IYAR/SIVAN

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>WC = Wise Center PST = Plum Street Temple O = Other Location</p> <p>See listing of events for more detailed information</p>	<p><b>1</b></p> <p>5:45pm—Eitz Chayim-Jews and Politics(WC)</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>Noon—Tuesdays with Torah-Wrestling with Troubling Texts(WC) 5:30pm—AA Meeting(WC)</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>9:45—Sisterhood-Board Mtg.(WC) 4:30pm—Midweek Hebrew School(WC) 4:45pm—Adult Hebrew(WC)</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>11:00—Sisterhood-Mah Jongg(WC) Noon—Reform Retirees Sisterhood Luncheon Prog.(WC) 5:30pm—AA Meeting(WC)</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>10:00—Storytime(WC) <b>6:15pm—Shabbat Evening Service</b> with Sisterhood Participation; Kol Rinah(WC) 7:15pm—Congreg. Shabbat Dinner(WC) WiseUP—GUCI Weekend Project(O)</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p><b>9:00—Bat Mitzvah of Alissa Stieha(PST)</b> <b>9:30—Shabbat Morning Service(WC)</b> 10:45—Torah Study(WC) <b>11:15—Bat Mitzvah of Lauren Levinson(PST)</b></p>
<p><b>7</b></p> <p>Soup Kitchen(PST) 9:15—7<sup>th</sup> Grade Car Wash(WC) 9:15—5<sup>th</sup> Gr. Family Program(WC) 10:00—Eitz Chayim/B'hod/Seniors-Jews in Baseball(WC) 1:30pm—8<sup>th</sup> Gr. Parent Mtg.(WC) 7:00pm—CRJHS(WC)</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>7:00pm—B'nai Mitzvah Wkshp. #1(WC)</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>Noon—Tuesdays with Torah-Wrestling with Troubling Texts(WC) 1:00pm—Sisterhood-Bridge(WC) 5:30pm—AA Meeting(WC)</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>4:30pm—Midweek Hebrew School(WC) 4:45pm—Adult Hebrew(WC)</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>11:00—Sisterhood-Mah Jongg(WC) 5:30pm—AA Meeting(WC) 5:45pm—Eitz Chayim-Holocaust Films(WC) 6:00pm—Brotherhood Board Mtg.(WC) 8:15pm—Eitz Chayim-92nd St. Y-You Shall Be Holy(WC)</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p><b>6:15pm—Shabbat Evening Service;</b> Graduate Recognition(WC)</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p><b>9:00—Bat Mitzvah of Julia Vigran(PST)</b> <b>9:30—Shabbat Morning Service</b> with Adult Hebrew Class Participation(WC) 10:45—Torah Study(WC) <b>11:15—Bat Mitzvah of Jessica Lindner(PST)</b></p>
<p><b>14</b></p> <p>9:15—Religious School(WC) 7:00pm—CRJHS(WC)</p>	<p><b>15</b></p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>Noon—Tuesdays with Torah- Mothers &amp; Daughters in the Bible(WC) 5:30pm—AA Meeting(WC)</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>9:45—Sisterhood Breakfast Program(WC) Last Day of Midweek Hebrew School</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>11:00—Sisterhood-Mah Jongg(WC) 5:30pm—AA Meeting(WC) 5:45pm—Eitz Chayim-Holocaust Films(WC) 7:30pm—Sisterhood Book Club(WC)</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>10:00—Storytime(WC) <b>6:15pm—Shabbat Evening Service;</b> Shabbat HaMoreh; Shir Chadash; Youth Choir(WC)</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p><b>9:30—Shabbat Morning Service(WC)</b> 10:45—Torah Study(WC) <b>10:45—Bar Mitzvah of Samuel Grossman(WC)</b></p>
<p><b>21</b></p> <p>Last Day of Religious School 4:30pm—Singles-Bicycle Riding &amp; Dinner(O) 7:00pm—CRJHS Senior Siyyum at Temple Sholom(O)</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>7:00pm—B'nai Mitzvah Wkshp. #2(WC)</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>Noon—Tuesdays with Torah- Mothers &amp; Daughters in the Bible(WC) 1:00pm—Sisterhood-Bridge(WC) 1:00pm—Senior Fair(WC) 5:30pm—AA Meeting(WC) WiseUP-Kids Café(O)</p>	<p><b>24</b></p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>11:00—Sisterhood-Mah Jongg(WC) 5:30pm—AA Meeting(WC)</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p><b>6:15pm—Shabbat Evening Service;</b> May Birthday and Anniversary Blessings(WC) <b>6:30pm—Wise Tykes Service</b> and Blessing of Newborns(WC) 7:15pm—Congreg. Shabbat Dinner(WC)</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p><b>9:00—Bar Mitzvah of Alexander Furman(PST)</b> <b>9:30—Shabbat Morning Service(WC)</b> 10:45—Torah Study(WC) <b>11:15—Bat Mitzvah of Megan Wells(PST)</b></p>
<p><b>28</b></p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>MEMORIAL DAY OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>Noon—Tuesdays with Torah- Mothers &amp; Daughters in the Bible(WC) 5:30pm—AA Meeting(WC)</p>	<p><b>31</b></p>			



## PROGRAMMING NEWS

### Sisterhood Shabbat

Our annual Sisterhood Shabbat service will take place on Friday, May 5 at 6:15 p.m. at Wise Center. 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 *Kesher* to make your reservation. *For more information, contact Robin Newland at 530-5516.*

### May Breakfast Program

Please join us on Wednesday, May 17 at 9:45 a.m. at Wise Center for our breakfast program entitled "A Passion for Chocolate." Learn many fun and interesting facts about chocolate, have a chance to sample some tasty treats and enjoy a chocolate demonstration. A breakfast of bagels, fruit and chocolate treats will follow. Our speaker will be Jane Cervantes, Graeter's Chocolatier. Reservations are \$5.00 per person. *For more information, please contact Lorie Eckert at 489-7627.*

### Reform Temple Retirees Sisterhood Annual Luncheon

The Reform Temple Retirees Sisterhood Annual Luncheon and Program will be Thursday, May 4 at noon at Wise Center. Rockdale, Temple Shalom, Wise and Valley Temples invite you to enjoy an afternoon with Amy Sewell co-producer of the film *Mad Hot Ballroom*. She will be coming in from New York to share her experiences in making that documentary.

You will be excited with her passion, commitment and joy of working with a group of fourth and fifth grade school children as they compete in dancing rounds in a New York City dance tournament. You will *kvel* with her, and for her. Amy is the daughter-in-law of Cincinnati's Phyllis Sewell, is married to Charles Sewell and is the parent of twins.

Mark your calendar for Thursday, May 4 and plan to join us for lunch and a delightful afternoon. *For more information, contact Leah Levine at 351-1784.*

### Book Club

Come join our book club discussion Thursday, May 18 at 7:30 p.m. at Wise Center. We will be discussing *Call It Sleep* by Henry Roth. The discussion will be led by Judy Schecter. *For more information, please call Eve Appleton at 321-0427.*

### 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. The next meeting is Wednesday, May 24. *Please contact Pam Meyer for more information, 984-6633.*

## Traditions & Treasures Gift Shop

Think of us for your gift occasions –  
Mother's Day, Confirmation and Graduation

## End of the School Year Sale:

Sunday, May 21

*receive 20% off everything in the gift shop  
except books, cards and CDs.*

### 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.*

## It's Never Too Late to Learn...

**H**ebrew is actually a very accessible and sensible language to learn. This year, 34 adults have taken seriously the challenge that all of us can learn Hebrew. And learn they have! Every Wednesday afternoon since the fall, four levels of adult Hebrew classes gather for an hour of study, camaraderie and fun.

These adult students serve as wonderful role models for each of us, wherever we are in our own Jewish learning, and a testament to the desire that so many people have to participate fully in our services. Some began taking the class with a friend, but all have found new friendships and a real sense of study *chevra* (the bonds of community and friendship) with the other students in their class.

On Saturday, May 6 at 9:30 a.m., the students of our adult Hebrew classes will lead our Shabbat morning service at Wise Center. What a great achievement and what a wonderful statement about the commitment to lifelong learning at Wise Temple! We invite you to join with the members of our adult Hebrew classes as they lead us in Shabbat worship and study, and as they celebrate their achievements.

*If you are interested in learning more about the different options for adult Hebrew study for yourself for next year, you can attend the upcoming Saturday morning service on May 6 and ask the students themselves, and/or contact the Education Office at 793-2997 or [tsnavely@wisetemple.org](mailto:tsnavely@wisetemple.org).*

## Shavuot Sensation

**J**oin us for a walk through Judaism's Hall of Fame! The *Eitz Chayim* Adult Education Committee invites you to join us for our annual Shavuot Sensation on Thursday, June 1 at 7:00 p.m. Whatever your level of Jewish knowledge, you won't want to miss this evening of prayer, study and delectable desserts.

The anthropologist Margaret Mead once said, "Never doubt that a small group of concerned people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." Throughout history Jews have influenced a

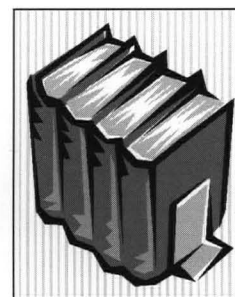
changing world, both within Judaism and outside of it. Come learn about some of the most important individuals throughout Jewish history. Discover Judaism's Hall of Fame!

After our 7:00 p.m. service we will enjoy *sensational* desserts together. Then we will embark upon our journey through Judaism's Hall of Fame. Afterwards it's back to the dessert table for more indulgences. Mark your calendar for Thursday, June 1 at 7:00 p.m. and watch your mail for a flyer with more information and a registration form!

## Now In Our Temple Library... A Revolution In Educational Technology

**T**hat's right. The Ralph and Julia Cohen Library has the latest breakthrough in library technology: it has no wires, no batteries, no circuits, nothing to switch on. The youngest of children can operate it. It is compact and portable, yet powerful enough to hold as much information as a CD-ROM.

The Bio-Optic Organized Knowledge device (trade name: Book) is constructed of sequentially numbered sheets of paper, each capable of holding thousands of bits of information.



How does it work? Each sheet is scanned optically, registering information directly into your brain. A flick of the finger takes you to the next sheet. Its "browse" feature allows you to move instantly to any sheet, and move forward or backward as you wish. Many come with an index feature which pinpoints the exact location of any selected information for instant retrieval. An optional "bookmark" even allows the user to open Book to the exact place s/he left it in a previous session, and these bookmarks meet universal design standards. They will work with any Book, regardless of manufacturer, and can be had for only pennies.

Book never crashes or needs rebooting, (although, like other devices, it can become damaged if coffee is spilled on it.) It is safe to use anywhere – on an airplane, sitting in your easy chair, even in the hot tub! Untold numbers of content creators are committed to this platform and your Wise Temple Library already has thousands of them in stock. Stop by the Temple Library and check some out!

(Note: The above description of "Book" is based on an anonymous posting on several internet sites.)

## WiseUP CORNER

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### Plans are underway for the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Tikkun Olam-athon!

We are building on last year's successful event and are seeking some new projects. If you have an idea for a fun, engaging, meaningful project around the community and think it would be a great addition to Tikkun Olam-

athon in October, 2006, please contact Mary Chaiken at 631-8011 or [mary.chaiken@uc.edu](mailto:mary.chaiken@uc.edu).



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## CONGREGATIONAL CONNECTION

# The Sounding of the Shofar

We are pleased to announce that recent congregational auditions for sounding the shofar were quite successful. We are grateful for the interest of so many people and the continued congregational participation in the sounding of the Shofar. These upcoming High Holy Days will have us enjoy the *mitzvah* of the sounding of the shofar by these members of our congregational family:

Selichot – 10:00 p.m.  
Plum Street Temple  
Glenn Michaelson

Rosh Hashanah – 8:45 a.m. Service  
Wise Center  
Jeff Friedman

Rosh Hashanah – 10:00 a.m. Service  
Plum Street Temple  
Glenn Michaelson

Rosh Hashanah – 11:00 a.m. Service  
Wise Center  
Max Chaiken

Rosh Hashanah –  
Morning Children's Workshop  
Wise Center  
Dr. Michael Nussbaum

Yom Kippur – N'eilah Service  
Plum Street Temple  
Dr. Alter Peerless

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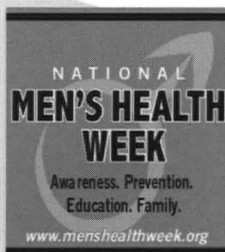
## SAVE THE DATE

To celebrate National Men's Health Week the Wise Temple Brotherhood is sponsoring:

### Men's Health Fair/Symposium

Monday, June 12 • 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

**All welcome! Attendance is free!**



Free supper and refreshments with RSVP

Free health screenings

Check your blood pressure, sugar and cholesterol

Opportunity to hear local physicians and experts discuss prostate cancer, colon cancer screening, cardiac risk factors and nutrition.

For more information, contact [brotherhood@wisetemple.org](mailto:brotherhood@wisetemple.org).





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## CONGREGATIONAL CONNECTION

### MAZAL TOV

*The Temple offers congratulations to the following families:*

#### B'nai Mitzvah

May 6 – Alissa Stieha, daughter of John and Vicki Stieha.

May 6 – Lauren Levinson, daughter of Jeffrey and Ina Levinson.

May 13 – Julia Vigran, daughter of Brad and Monika Vigran.

May 13 – Jessica Lindner, daughter of Debra Dreyfus and Robert Lindner.

May 20 – Samuel Grossman, son of Mark and Janet Grossman.

May 27 – Alexander Furman, son of Andrew and Wendy Furman.

May 27 – Megan Wells, daughter of Michael and Rachel Wells.

#### Births

Alan and Ann Fershtman on the recent birth of their son, Aaron Jacob Fershtman.

#### Engagements

Bruce and Pam Silberman on the recent engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Silberman to Chad Jones.

Larry and Sue Waldman and Bernard Goodman on the recent engagement of their son and grandson, Neil Waldman to Lindsey Ostroff.

## Come Jam with the Band!

The Temple band, Shir Chadash, is looking for new players! Are you a musician with experience in one of the following areas?

Electric Guitar • Flute • Male Vocals  
Violin • Anything Jammin'

*If you have great music to bring to Shir Chadash, contact Betsy Singer Lefton at [BLEfton@fuse.net](mailto:BLEfton@fuse.net) or 792-0340 to schedule an audition.*

## SAVE THE DATE

### Join us for Wise Temple's Annual Meeting and Leadership Recognition & Installation Service

**Sunday, June 11  
4:30 p.m. at Wise Center**

This is an opportunity for us to come together as a community and acknowledge the contribution of those individuals who devote their time to the leadership of the Temple and its auxiliary groups.



#### K.K. B'Nai Yeshurun

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