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D'VARIM MIN HALEV- דְּבָרִים מִן הַלֵּב "Words from the Heart" Sacred Memory

BY RABBI LEWIS KAMRASS

We are a people of history, not just in the forty centuries of our people's existence, but even in the very heart of our spiritual character. We are always looking forward by looking to the past. We do not enter the week ahead until after Shabbat, our pause to reflect. Each of our holidays is not only an event from history, but offers compelling spiritual, ethical and cultural meaning that anchors us in our contemporary lives. Our most recent celebration of Rosh Hashanah, challenges us to enter a new year with its new possibilities, first by remembering our past deeds, and then by improving our own personal conduct; indeed, one of the many names for these sacred days is...the Day of Remembrance.

That is the Jewish way. We turn with possibility and with hope to the future, by first remembering the past. Many years ago, the famous author Leon Uris, wrote in his novel of historical fiction about the Warsaw Ghetto, *Mila 18*, "When a Jew says, 'I believe,' he really means, 'I remember.'"

And it is true. When we remember, we recall; and when we recall, we are renewed in our belief and in our principles. That is one of the reasons we read the Torah anew each and every year. The story does not change from one year to the next,

but we do. We change. And so we return each year at Simchat Torah and each Shabbat throughout the year to renew the story, remembering the ancient drama, played out on an ever-changing and ever-renewing stage: our own lives. To remember is to be renewed with belief.



In a similar manner, each week, at the end of our Shabbat evening and morning services, we read *yahrtzeit* names. We engage in this practice, because to remember is to be renewed; to remember is to believe. I do not believe that we need to come to services to hear a departed loved one's name read aloud in order to remember him or her. We each remember those we have lost in

the many ways and the myriad of memories that each of us carries in our own hearts. But to hear the name read aloud at *yahrtzeit*, to say the Kaddish for that loved one, is to renew ourselves with this belief: my loved one's life mattered and counted for something. It is to be inspired anew with the fact that memory moves through us and in us, and lifts us up to deeds of goodness in ways that keep the memory of that husband or wife, mother or father, brother or sister, or child, alive within us. When we say Kaddish for our deceased

“But Repentance, Prayer and CHARITY Temper Judgment’s Severe Decree”

These are familiar words from our prayerbook for Rosh Hashanah. During these reflective days, please consider how charity can convey a powerful message about the values and beliefs that have shaped you during your lifetime. Also consider how charity can allow you to leave your mark... your legacy...where you have celebrated life cycles and have shared a sense of community with others.

The Wise Covenant Capital and Endowment Campaign is necessary to increase the endowment funds for both Wise

THE WISE COVENANT

Celebrating Our Past—Securing Our Future

Temple and the Plum Street Temple, in order to provide income for current program and activity needs and to provide financial stability for our future.

We are close to reaching our goal and plans are now underway to permanently recognize Wise Covenant participants. If you have not yet made a gift to the Campaign or if you have any questions, please call our Director of Development, Susan G. Kulick, at 513-793-2556, to discuss a gift that is both meaningful and comfortable for you and your family.

Every Gift Is Important.

Every Gift Makes a Difference.

Together We Will Secure Our Future.

Record Number of Wise Temple Youth Attend Goldman Union Camp Institute (GUCI)

This summer, 47 Wise Temple youth spent at least four weeks at the Goldman Union Camp Institute, located just outside of Indianapolis, in Zionsville Indiana. Goldman Union Camp Institute (GUCI) is a URJ regional camp, attended by nearly 600 Reform Jewish youth from several mid-Western states. One of twelve Reform movement regional overnight camps, it has long been known for its innovation in programming, and for its high caliber staff, attracted from all over the United States, Canada, and Israel. Among the Wise Temple participants this summer were campers and staff, including Rabbi Kamrass. “Goldman Union Camp Institute has a unique magic to it,” commented Rabbi Kamrass. “Every year, 600 Jewish youth find a singular Jewish experience that cannot be replicated anywhere else. The Jewish singing that takes place at every meal, the study, the daily creative services, and the quality camp activities, all come together to foster a wholesome and exciting daily schedule. It is such a joyous place, with such a fullness of

Jewish life. Its uniqueness is seen by campers and staff alike from the first moment they are here. I am especially delighted that so many of our own Temple youth spend many summers at Zionsville because it becomes such a special place in their lives. Their friendships continue throughout the years and this special sense of community that they learn here becomes a key element of their individual Jewish identity.”

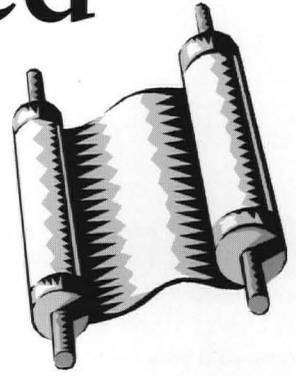
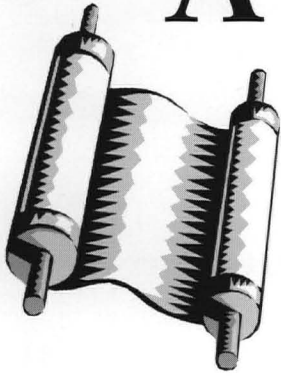
Once again this year Wise Temple was represented by one of the largest congregational contingents in the region. In its 47th year, the camp renews itself with new programs. Perhaps the most quantifiable evidence of the camp’s success is the large number of the staff who returned from prior years, and who themselves grew up as campers at Goldman Union Camp. It is precisely the high level of staff development, training and experience that makes for the outstanding programming that has characterized Goldman Union Camp Institute’s reputation for many years. Daily activities include: Hebrew, *Shiur* (Jewish creative learning

centered around themes), daily creative worship written and offered by campers, instructional and free swim, sports, camp-wide song sessions three times daily, canoeing, high-ropes challenge climbing tower, drama, art, dancing, and many other activities. Rabbi Ron Klotz, who has been director of Goldman Union Camp Institute for 32 years, is the primary reason that the standards of GUCI are so high, that the camp has consistently run an outstanding program, and that the camp enjoys one of the highest retention rates of returning campers and staff, of any camp in the Jewish world.

Camp Director, Rabbi Ron Klotz will be at Wise Center on Wednesday, October 25 from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. to provide information about GUCI to interested campers and their parents. Please join us to learn more about this wonderful opportunity.

For further information about Goldman Union Camp Institute, contact Wise Temple, or the Camp Director, Rabbi Ron Klotz, at (317) 873-3361.

A Wonder-Filled Beginning



BY BARBARA DRAGUL

Wasn't it just a few years ago that everyone was quoting Robert Fulghum's *All That I Ever Learned I Learned In Kindergarten*? I've always found it to be an insightful description of life's core lessons. Here is an excerpt: "Share everything. Play fair. Don't hit people. Don't take things that aren't yours. Say you're sorry when you hurt somebody. Warm cookies and cold milk are good for you. Live a balanced life. Learn some and think some and draw and paint and sing and dance and play and work some every day. Take a nap every afternoon. When you go out into the world, watch for traffic, hold hands, and stick together. Be aware of wonder."



It might be said that our kindergarten program at Wise Temple is an exploration of the Jewish version of Fulghum's teaching. What are the essential things we learn Jewishly when we are five and six? Like Fulghum, at Wise Temple we focus a lot on the values that shape who we are and how we act in the world. Only we approach those values from a Jewish perspective. Treating others with *Kavod* (respect); acting with *derech erez* (good manners); practicing *ba'al tashchit* (taking care of the environment); valuing *k'lal yisrael* (looking out for one another); living with *simcha*, (joy); celebrating *Shabbat* (a day of rest), etc. Through values, Bible stories and holiday celebrations our students explore the richness of Jewish living and learning. Doing so in the context of a warm caring environment our children learn what it means to be part

of a community, partners with one another in making the world a better place. We celebrate this wonder-filled beginning of our children's Jewish learning with our annual consecration service. Consecration is an innovation of American Reform Judaism and it is most fitting that our celebration of new Jewish beginnings for our young children coincides with our observance of the holiday Simchat Torah. This festival of rejoicing with the Torah marks the annual cycle of reading the Torah. We read the last section of Deuteronomy and then immediately begin the cycle again by reading the first verse in Genesis. Our young consecrants participate in the service and at this

time they receive an individual blessing from the rabbis. Consecration and Simchat Torah are together a time of celebration for each family and for the entire congregation. With joy and gratitude we look upon our newest students as we welcome them into a life of Jewish learning.

At *Dictionary.com* consecration is defined as: n: a solemn commitment of your life or your time to some cherished purpose (to a service or a goal). Our Consecration service represents the commitment our families make to a cherished Jewish life. It is a sacred celebration of our children's initial steps into Jewish study. As we celebrate Torah and its cycle of study so, too, do we elevate those who at this cycle in their lives begin to discover Torah and its teachings as "a tree of life." The entire congregation is invited to

join us on Friday, October 13 at Plum Street Temple at 7:00 p.m. for our Simchat Torah and Consecration celebration. To watch our young children walk down the aisle of Plum Street Temple, their eyes wide with wonder, their hearts full of the significance of the occasion, and their little Torahs in their small hands is a sight worth seeing – please join us!

VALUE OF THE MONTH

For the month of October we are focused on the value of *derech erez*. Literally meaning "the way of the land," *derech erez* is difficult to define but it describes something we can all recognize. It has often been understood as decency, decorum, good manners, common courtesy, but it also implies high standards of honorable dignified behavior and genuine concern for others' feelings. One who practices *derech erez* may be called a *mensch*. In the Talmud and Midrash there are approximately 200 teachings concerning *derech erez* as decent, polite, respectful, thoughtful, and civilized behavior. One teaching is that, "*Derech erez* comes before Torah" (9:3) – one cannot personify Torah until s/he demonstrates *derech erez* in everything that s/he does. Another way of putting it: Rabbi Elazar ben Azariah said, "If there is no Torah there is no *derech erez*. And if there is no *derech erez*, there is no Torah." (Pirke Avot, 3:21) At first glance this seems like a confusing idea but I think perhaps it suggests that we need both Torah and *derech erez* to lead us to a good heart and a worthy life. 🕯

Shabbat: A Special Time for All Ages

BY RABBI ILANA BADEN

Going to Temple on Friday nights for Shabbat has been very meaningful to me for many, many years. Over time, I have learned not only to appreciate – but also to treasure – this sacred time as an opportunity to gather within a Jewish context and celebrate another week’s completion. Each and every week, I look forward to seeing both the familiar and new faces of others who, like myself, have made the decision to mark the onset of the Sabbath in this communal context.

While being present at Shabbat Services as an adult has special meaning to me, I have to say that I have always found great joy in being at Temple on Friday nights, even when I was a very small child. However, I must admit, during my earlier years, I did not enjoy my Shabbat Temple experience at a worship service, but rather in a sitter service.

When I was young, my parents became extremely active in our home congregation. As part of their Temple lives, they made a commitment to faithfully attend Shabbat evening services. They tried taking us kids along at first, but it soon became apparent

to them that we were just not ready to sit still for an extended period of time. They, along with some other young parents, did some research and started a sitter-service program.

It was great being in sitter-service. Not only did I get to see my Religious School friends and play with all the great toys our Temple had, but I also had the pleasure of being a part of the larger community later in the evening during the Oneg. I was able to be better acquainted with our rabbi and the other members of the congregation, and I gained a real sense of ownership and investment in our Temple – even at age six! Being in sitter-service at Temple also conveyed to me how important it was for my parents to be able to worship in an adult setting. The experience powerfully demonstrated the fact that Judaism is not just about holidays and children activities – it is a life-long commitment to community and faith.

We are fortunate that we, too, have sitter-



service at our congregation almost every Friday night for children ages one to six. The only exception is on the evenings when we hold our concurrent “Wise Tykes” Service at 6:30 p.m., which is designed for very young children. It is a real blessing to be able to know that when we are in the chapel for services, our children are being cared for by professional childcare providers – free of charge – with plenty of fun toys and activities to keep them happily occupied while we spend time together in prayer. Furthermore, children are welcome to join the sitters at

any point in the service. Therefore, if your child wants to start out with you in services, but then gets fidgety, you can always excuse yourself for a moment, bring your child to Room 223, and then rejoin us in the chapel.

I hope that we can all feel comfortable coming to services – as adults and as children – knowing that this is an incredibly special place to be on Friday nights. 🕯️

Good News!



The renovation of the Wise Center Wohl Chapel has received top honors in the Cincinnati Magazine interior design competition. Architects David Lee Smith and James Postell were recognized for their design of the chapel renovation. The Cincinnati Magazine Interior Design Awards honor outstanding and innovative residential and commercial interior design in Cincinnati, Dayton and Northern Kentucky.

Attention Parents of College Students

The Temple wants to stay in touch with your children away at college. Please help us by sending the following contact information:

Student’s Name
College Name
College Mailing Address
Student’s Email Address
As well as your name and phone number to:

Wise Temple
8329 Ridge Rd.,
Cincinnati, OH 45236
or email to cwasserberg@wisetemple.org.

Rich In Friends

BY LORIE KLEINER ECKERT

Congregant Connection


On August 5, 2002, my mother, Rose Kleiner, died after a brief illness. I pledged at the time to attend Shabbat services for a year in order to say Kaddish. A small glitch in the plan was that I was not affiliated. Indeed, this fact of my life had saddened Mom and so I also decided that as a final gift to her, I'd join a temple. This is how I became a member of the Isaac M. Wise Temple family.

My mom's own affiliation at Temple Shaare Emeth in St. Louis, had been a large part of her life and at the time of her death, she had clocked approximately 35 years of volunteer work. Though she served her Temple in many capacities, one very long-

standing commitment was her work in the gift shop. It was odd, therefore, that immediately upon joining Wise Temple, I received my weekly *Wisebytes* only to learn that the Sisterhood Gift Shop was looking for volunteers. With such a nudge from heaven, how could I *not* sign up for duty?

As people got to know me through my weekly stint in the gift shop, other volunteer opportunities came my way. I was asked to sit on the Sisterhood Board and to work on such projects as Monte Carlo and the Tikkun Olam-athon. I also got heavily involved in the formation of Wise Temple Singles. The reward for saying "yes" to the Temple in this manner has been a wealth of new friends.

Recently I was asked to step up my involvement with the Sisterhood by becoming a part of its Executive Board and serving as Recording Secretary for the 2006-2007 year. Wondering if I wanted even more volunteer responsibility, I conferred with my dad, who is a Past President of his Temple Brotherhood in St. Louis. He said, "Don't think twice. Grab it!" I have followed Dad's advice, trusting his opinion that I will soon be even richer in friends.

Looking back on this four-year saga, I realize something amazing: my last gift to Mom also turned out to be her last gift to me. My involvement at Wise Temple is a gift I treasure. 

Age Does Have Its Advantages...

New Tax Development for IRS Distributions

A new bill was signed into law recently that will allow certain people to make a charitable donation to the Temple and reduce their income taxes.

If you are age 70½ or older, this change in the law will allow you to exclude up to \$100,000 per year from your gross income for cash gifts that are directly transferred from certain IRAs to a qualified charity, like Wise Temple or Plum Street Temple. This IRA Charitable Rollover provision is

only available for "qualified charitable distributions" made during 2006 and 2007 and only applies to traditional and Roth IRAs.

What an ideal way to make a gift to the Wise Covenant Campaign or make other charitable contributions to the Temple!


For additional information, call Susan G. Kulick, Director of Development, at the Temple, 513-793-2556, or email at skulick@wisetemple.org.

SUKKOT CAMPOUT!

Join the Brotherhood as we host a family Sukkot campout as yet another way to celebrate and honor the Festival of Sukkot on Saturday, October 7. It is said in Leviticus, "For seven days you shall live in huts [Sukkot], every citizen in Israel shall dwell in huts, so that your generations know that I made the children of Israel dwell in huts when I brought them out from the Land of Egypt."

Ours will be one night of learning, singing, eating, and sleeping. Bring a tent, some sleeping bags, weather appropriate clothes, some lawn chairs to sit around the fire, and your good spirit to enjoy this special event. Brotherhood will supply "fixins" for s'mores, as well as bagels and juice for breakfast Sunday morning.

You're more than welcome to join us for just the evening portion if you are unable to stay the entire night.

Please let us know if you plan to attend by responding to: Billy Bie at 984-3559; Lew Ebstein at 984-2045; or email brotherhood@wisetemple.org 

LISTING OF EVENTS

Brotherhood

Brotherhood Sukkot Campout
Saturday, October 7
6:00 p.m. at Wise Center

For more information, contact Lew Ebstein at 984-2045, Billy Bie at 984-3559 or email brotherhood@wisetemple.org.

Brotherhood Board Meeting
Thursday, October 12

6:00 p.m. at Wise Center

For more information, contact Lew Ebstein at 984-2045.

Brotherhood Membership Dinner
Saturday, October 21

6:00 p.m. at Wise Center

For more information, contact Lew Ebstein at 984-2045.



Congregational Shabbat Dinners

Sisterhood-Sponsored Congregational Sukkot Dinner

Friday, October 6

7:15 p.m. at Wise Center

For more information, contact Wendy Pelberg at 791-8838 or Beth Hertzman at 271-4452.

Congregational Shabbat Dinner

Friday, October 20

7:15 p.m. at Wise Temple

For more information, contact Nancy Schwarberg at 793-2556 or nswarberg@wisetemple.org.



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.*

Tikkun Olam: Partners in Fixing the World with Rabbi Shulman

Sunday, October 8

10:00-11:30 a.m. at Wise Center

No registration necessary.

The Art of Jewish Parenting: Setting the Stage with Andrea Rapp

Sunday, October 15

10:00-11:30 a.m. at Wise Center

No registration necessary.

Growing up Jewish in Cincinnati: The German/East European Cultural Divide

Wednesday, October 18

7:00 p.m. at The American Jewish Archives at Hebrew Union College

Pre-registration necessary.

Worship of the Heart: Navigating Our Way Through the Prayerbook

Sunday, October 22

9:45-11:45 a.m. at Wise Center

Pre-registration necessary.

Understanding Islam with Rabbi Shulman

Thursday, October 26

7:00-9:00 p.m.

Pre-registration necessary.

Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society: A Vital Organization for World Jewry

with Jerry Teller, Chair of the National Board of HIAS

Sunday, October 29

10:00-11:30 a.m. at Wise Center

No registration necessary.

TUESDAYS WITH TORAH

All classes are from Noon – 1:00 p.m. at Wise Center

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

How to Read the Bible with Rabbi Kamrass

Tuesdays, October 17, 24 & 31



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, October 1

Gesher Grade 3

Sunday, October 8

9:30 a.m. at Wise Center

For more information, contact Debra Dressler at 793-2556, ext. 109 or ddressler@wisetemple.org.

Consecration Rehearsal

Sunday, October 8

9:30 a.m. at Plum Street Temple

2nd Grade Family Program

Sunday, October 15

9:30 a.m. at Wise Center

For more information, contact Debra Dressler at 793-2556, ext. 109 or ddressler@wisetemple.org.

Gesher Grade 4

Sunday, October 15

9:30 a.m. at Wise Center

For more information, contact Debra Dressler at 793-2556, ext. 109 or ddressler@wisetemple.org.

7th Grade B'nai Mitzvah Class

Sunday, October 15

11:45 a.m. at Wise Center

For more information, contact Debra Dressler at 793-2556, ext. 109 or ddressler@wisetemple.org.

Gesher Grade 5

Sunday, October 22

9:30 a.m. at Wise Center

For more information, contact Debra Dressler at 793-2556, ext. 109 or ddressler@wisetemple.org.

Confirmation Class Retreat

Friday & Saturday, October 27 – 28 at Camp Kern

For more information, contact Evon Yakar at 793-2556, ext. 209 or eyakar@wisetemple.org.

Gesher Grade 6

Sunday, October 29

9:30 a.m. at Wise Center

For more information, contact Debra Dressler at 793-2556, ext. 109 or ddressler@wisetemple.org.



Seniors

Rembrandt and the Golden Age at the Dayton Art Institute

Thursday, October 26

Noon – 6:00 p.m.

The group will travel by bus to the Dayton Art Institute to experience *Rembrandt and the Golden Age: Treasures from the Rijksmuseum*. To RSVP, contact Elaine Schiffer at 351-6620.



Singles

Dinner and a Movie

Sunday, October 8

5:30 p.m. Dinner at Mio's Pizzeria in Milford and Movie at Showcase Cinemas in Milford

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

Sisterhood

Sisterhood Board Meeting
Wednesday, October 4
9:45 a.m. at Wise Center

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

Sisterhood Mah Jongg
Thursdays, October 5, 12, 19 & 26
11:00 a.m. at Wise Center
For more information or to RSVP, contact Cynthia Marmer at 984-0236.

Sisterhood Bridge
Tuesdays, October 10 & 24
1:00 p.m. at Wise Center
For more information, contact Vivian Barr at 631-6528 or Rose Liskow at 631-7094.

Sisterhood/WiseUP Knitting Project
Wednesday, October 11
4:30 p.m. at Wise Center
For more information, contact Lynn Warm at 631-9193.

Sisterhood Book Club
Monday, October 16
7:30 p.m. at Wise Center
For more information, contact Eve Appleton at 321-0427 or Dian Deutsch at 891-3666.

Sisterhood Opening Lunch
Wednesday, October 18
11:45 a.m. at Wise Center
For more information, contact Inez Moses at 398-1163 or Pam Kohn at 891-1516.

WiseUP Social Action

Tikkun Olam-athon
Sunday, October 15
Noon at Wise Center
For more information, contact the Temple at 793-2556 or TikkunOlam@wisetemple.org.

Interfaith Hospitality Network
Next Hosting: November 5 - November 12
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.

WiseUP/Sisterhood Knitting Project
Wednesday, October 11
4:30 p.m. at Wise Center
For more information, contact Lynn Warm at 631-9193.

Youth Activities

Storytime
Fridays, October 6 & 20
10:00 a.m. at Wise Center
For more information, contact Tammy Ploetz at 336-6226 or rontamz@yahoo.com.

(e)YGOW Lunch & Corn Maze (Grades 9-12)
Sunday, October 8
Noon, beginning at Wise Center
For more information, contact Daniel Schwartz at dschwartz@wisetemple.org or 295-8770.

8th Grade iMitzvah Program with Tikkun Olam-athon
Sunday, October 15
Noon at Wise Center
For more information, contact Rachel Crossley at 793-2556, ext. 204 or rcrossley@wisetemple.org.

GUCI Pizza/Information Dinner
Wednesday, October 25
6:00 p.m. at Wise Center
For more information, contact Luana Heinemeyer at 793-2559 or lheinemeyer@wisetemple.org.

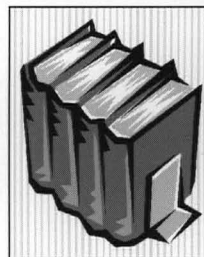
(e)YGOW Pizza Drop-In (Grades 9-12)
Sunday, October 29
5:30 p.m. at Wise Center
For more information, contact Daniel Schwartz at dschwartz@wisetemple.org or 295-8770.

Miscellaneous

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting
Tuesdays & Thursdays
5:30 p.m. at Wise Center
For more information, contact the Temple at 793-2556.

Usher In Shabbat
Ongoing
Usher at either Wise Center or Plum Street Temple. Through friendly greetings and prayer book distribution you help provide a peaceful, orderly and caring atmosphere for our sanctuaries.
For more information, contact Rod McFaull at 859-426-5587.

Visit the Ralph & Julia Cohen Library






Library Hours:

Mondays	2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Tuesdays	9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Wednesdays	Noon - 6:00 p.m.
Thursdays	9:00 a.m. - Noon
Sundays	9:00 a.m. - Noon (when school is in session)

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www.wisetemple.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!**

Ann Margolis: 794-0094
Tara Nitzberg: 891-8809
Pat Passer: 533-3395
Rachel Wells: 530-9881

OCTOBER 2006 TISHRI/CHESHVAN

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
1 EREV YOM KIPPUR NO SCHOOL 5:45pm—Yom Kippur Evening Service(WC) 8:15pm—Yom Kippur Evening Services (WC & PST)	2 YOM KIPPUR DAY 8:45—Yom Kippur Early Morning Service(WC) 10:00—Yom Kippur Morning Service(PST) 11:00—Yom Kippur Morning Service(WC) 2:15pm—Youth Group Creative Service(WC) 3:00pm—Yom Kippur Afternoon Service(WC & PST) 6:00pm—Break-the-Fast(WC & PST) 6:00pm—YAC Break-the-Fast(O)	3 5:30pm—AA Meeting(WC)	4 9:45—Sisterhood Board Meeting(WC) 4:30pm—Midweek Hebrew(WC) 4:45pm—Adult Hebrew Classes(WC)	5 11:00—Sisterhood Mah Jongg(WC) 5:30pm—B'hood Lighthouse (O) 5:30pm—AA Meeting(WC)	6 EREV SUKKOT 10:00—Storytime(WC) 6:15pm—Sukkot Service/Shir Chadash(WC) 7:15pm—Sisterhood-Sponsored Sukkot Dinner(WC)	7 SUKKOT 9:30—Sukkot Morning Service(WC) 10:45—Torah Study(WC) 10:45—Bar Mitzvah of Kaleb Brill(PST) 4:00pm—YAC Sukkah Building(O) 6:00pm—Brotherhood Sukkot Campout(WC)	
8 9:30—Geshher Grade 3(WC) 9:30—Consecration Rhysl.(PST) 10:00—Eitz Chayim-Tikkun Olam: Partners in Fixing the World(WC) Noon—(e)YGOW Lunch and Corn Maze(WC/O) 5:30pm—Singles Dinner at Mio's and Movie(O) 7:00pm—CRJHS(O)	9	10 1:00pm—Sisterhood Bridge(WC) 5:30pm—AA Meeting(WC)	11 4:30pm—Sisterhood/WiseUP Knitting Project(WC) 4:30pm—Midweek Hebrew(WC) 4:45pm—Adult Hebrew Classes(WC)	12 11:00—Sisterhood Mah Jongg(WC) 5:30pm—AA Meeting(WC) 6:00pm—Brotherhood Board Meeting(WC)	13 7:00pm—Simchat Torah Service/Consecration(PST)	14 SIMCHAT TORAH 9:30—Simchat Torah/Yizkor Service(WC) 10:45—Torah Study(WC) 10:45—Bar Mitzvah of Max Kadish(PST)	
15 9:30—2nd Grade Family Program(WC) 9:30—Geshher Grade 4(WC) 10:00—Eitz Chayim:The Art of Jewish Parenting: Setting the Stage(WC) 11:45—7th Grade B'nai Mitzvah Class(WC) Noon—Tikkun Olam-athon(WC) Noon—8th Grade iMitzvah Program(WC) 7:00pm—CRJHS(O)	16 7:30pm—Sisterhood Book Club(WC)	17 Noon—Tuesdays with Torah: How To Read the Bible(WC) 5:30pm—AA Meeting(WC)	18 11:45—Sisterhood Opening Luncheon(WC) 4:30pm—Midweek Hebrew(WC) 4:45pm—Adult Hebrew Classes(WC) 7:00pm—Eitz Chayim: Growing Up Jewish in Cincinnati(O)	19 11:00—Sisterhood Mah Jongg(WC) 5:30pm—AA Meeting(WC)	20 10:00—Storytime(WC) 6:15pm—Shabbat Evening Service; Birthday and Anniversary Blessings(WC) 7:15pm—Cong. Shabbat Dinner(WC)	21 9:30—Shabbat Morning Service(WC) 10:45—Torah Study(WC) 10:45—Bat Mitzvah of Samantha Bernfeld(PST) 6:00pm—Brotherhood Membership Dinner(WC)	
22 9:30—Geshher Grade 5(WC) 9:45—Eitz Chayim: Worship of the Heart: Navigating Our Way Through the Prayerbook(WC) 7:00pm—CRJHS(O)	23	24 Noon—Tuesdays with Torah: How To Read the Bible(WC) 1:00pm—Sisterhood Bridge(WC) 5:30pm—AA Meeting(WC)	25 4:30pm—Midweek Hebrew(WC) 4:45pm—Adult Hebrew Classes(WC) 6:00pm—GUCCI Pizza/Information Dinner(WC)	26 11:00—Sisterhood Mah Jongg(WC) 11:30—Seniors—Dayton Art Institute Outing(WC/O) 5:30pm—AA Meeting(WC) 7:00pm—Eitz Chayim: Understanding Islam(WC)	27 Confirmation Class Retreat (O) 6:15pm—Shabbat Evening Service(WC) 6:30pm—Wise Tykes Service(WC)	28 Confirmation Class Retreat(O) 9:00—Bat Mitzvah of Casey Dressler-Wright(PST) 9:30—Shabbat Morning Service(WC) 10:45—Torah Study(WC) 11:15—Bar Mitzvah of Max Pescovitz(PST)	
29 9:30—Geshher Grade 6(WC) 10:00—Eitz Chayim: Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society: A Vital Organization for World Jewry(WC) 5:30pm—(e)YGOW Drop-In(WC) 7:00PM—CRJHS(O)	30	31 Noon—Tuesdays with Torah: How To Read the Bible(WC) 5:30pm—AA Meeting(WC)	WC = Wise Center PST = Plum Street Temple O = Other Location See listing of events for more detailed information.	FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL THE TEMPLE AT (513) 793-2556 OR VISIT WWW.WISETEMPLE.ORG			

PROGRAMMING NEWS

Sisterhood Opening Luncheon

Our Opening Luncheon will take place Wednesday, October 18 at Wise Center. This year we will welcome as our speaker Scott Boberg, Curator of Education of the Contemporary Arts Center. Watch your mail for the invitation. *For more information contact Inez Moses, 398-1163 or Pam Kohn, 891-1516.*

Sisterhood Book Club

The Sisterhood Book Club will meet on Monday, October 16 at 7:30 p.m. at Wise Center. The featured books are *Night* by Elie Weisel and *The Shawl* by Cynthia Ozick. *For more information please contact Eve Appleton at 321-0427 or Dian Deutsch at 891-3666.*

Sisterhood-Sponsored Sukkot Dinner

The Sisterhood-sponsored Sukkot Dinner, the first congregational dinner of the year, will be held on Friday, October 6. Services will start at 6:15 p.m. with dinner immediately following. This is a well-attended event, so make sure you send in your reservations using the invitation mailed to your home. *If you have any questions please contact Wendy Pelberg at 791-8838 or Beth Hertzman at 271-4452.*

COMMUNITY SERVICE

JOIN US to KNIT and kibitz while making scarves for adults and children in need. Bring your own yarn and needles. While this is a time to gather, you may also knit at home. We will meet at Wise Center on Wednesdays from 4:30 to 5:45 p.m. on October 11, November 8, and December 13. *For more information, contact Lynn Warm at 631-9193.*

South Avondale Room Mothers Program

This year give the gift of your time and energy by volunteering as a room-parent for four parties throughout the school year at South Avondale Elementary School (Halloween, Winter Holiday, Valentine's Day, End of the Year). Sisterhood provides treats, games and fun for the students. Your reward is a true experience of *mitzvot*. *For more information, contact Barb Levy Wall at 891-6152.*

KROGER CARDS

Help support Wise Temple Sisterhood by purchasing a Kroger Gift Card for just \$5. Once you purchase a card, you can refill it while in the checkout line at Kroger. Every time you add money to the card (and you can use a credit card), Sisterhood will get back a percentage of the dollars that you purchase. Your card can be used at Kroger gas pumps and for pharmacy purchases. Stop in the gift shop and purchase your card today. *If you want a card but can't make it to the Gift Shop, or for more information, call Linda Berger at 631-1372.*

FLEA MARKET

Are you moving? Cleaning closets? Redecorating? The Flea Market will gladly get those no-longer needed items out of your way. Among the many items we accept are costume jewelry, furniture, bedding, table linens and even cars and boats. (No clothing, books or toys please.) Also, please keep the Flea Market in mind as you furnish apartments for your college student or new graduate! *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*

Traditions & Treasures Gift Shop

During our recent buying trip to New York, we supported many Israeli artists and vendors by selecting their merchandise for our gift shop. These beautiful items have arrived! Stop by to check out the great new merchandise and support these wonderful Israeli artists.

Also, don't miss:

CHANUKAH IN OCTOBER!!

All menorahs 20% off for the entire month.

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

We are in need of more volunteers. If you can help, even for just a few hours each month, please contact Margie Meyer at 984-2345.

BROTHERHOOD BUZZ

We are off to a running start and still have much to accomplish in what will prove to be another grand year of fun and service!

September Highlights: On the fun front, Thom Deutch coordinated a great trip to the Belterra Casino in Indiana. The Brotherhood sponsored an informative tour of Plum Street Temple prior to Selichot services. Our sukkah crews assembled a growing number of sukkot enabling families to enjoy the festival. And we spent an evening dining with the young men at the Lighthouse.

To all those who have joined and participated, thank you. And if you have yet to give Brotherhood a try, remember that we are building a new organizational model. Like most men today, we are typically over-scheduled, often

overwhelmed, and on occasion consider jumping overboard! Yet we all find a way to fit the Brotherhood into our lives. Some of us drop by once or twice a year to help with a major project. Others are content to camp out behind the Temple with our kids during Sukkot. Another group joins the board to provide long-term leadership and planning. It is also common for members to vary their involvement as their lives and stresses dictate – a phenomenon that is not only routine, but also anticipated and accepted. We are building a group that adds value and meaning to our lives – not stress or unwanted commitments. Each of us has found his niche within our new organizational framework, and all of us are finding friendship and fulfillment.

Our membership roll and impact on our congregation and community is steadily growing. So what are **you** waiting for?

Our third Chicken Soup Cook-off is in full swing and in need of volunteers – now and for the day of the Cook-off. We are also sponsoring a free Membership Dinner on Saturday, October 21. We will feed you, your family, and provide in-Temple sitters for your kids!

When was the last time you were on the Bimah for services? Join us on November 3 for the Brotherhood Shabbat (English and Hebrew parts available, your choice).

Pick up the phone or shoot us an email ... Join TODAY!

Sefer Safari – It’s Not Just for Little Kids Anymore



BY ANDREA RAPP

Safari means adventure and discovery, and for over fifteen years, that’s what Wise Temple’s first, second, and third graders have found in our Library’s Sefer Safari program. Last year alone, our eager explorers read well over a thousand books, learning about Judaism and earning stickers, prizes, and ultimately the purchase of more library books by our Temple’s Brotherhood.

This year, the Library and Religious School announce an expansion of our voluntary reading program. We want to encourage our students in grades 4-6 to continue to explore and discover the beauty of our tradition through our Temple’s outstanding library. These new programs are:

For Fourth Grade – “Eitz” Fun to Read for Israel. “Eitz” means “tree” and each 4th grade will start off the year with a large, but bare tree on the classroom wall. However, by reading library books, students can make

the tree bloom: for every library book read, students will fill out a leaf with the book’s title and author, and put their leaf on the classroom tree. At year’s end, our Sisterhood will contribute a dollar for each leaf on the tree – these dollars will go to the Israeli charity or cause that the class chooses. Throughout the year, 4th graders will be learning about Israel, and by May, they should have some definite ideas of where they want to donate this *tzedakah*.

Fifth Graders will have the opportunity to play Reading Tic-Tac-Toe. Each square of a tic-tac-toe game board represents a different type of book – biography, folktale, historical fiction, and so on. Three books in a row on the game board earns small prize – the most prolific reader in the class will get something extra special. Just ask Hannah Pennington, who read *forty* books last year when her class did tic-tac-toe as a pilot project!

Sixth Graders are invited to join the Sydney Taylor Club. Sydney Taylor was the author of the beloved *All-of-a-Kind Family* books of the early 20th century, and a special award for Jewish books for young people is given annually by the Association of Jewish Librarians in her honor. Our library has many dozens of Sydney Taylor Award and Honor books; they are the best in Jewish literature for your children. Students “join” the club by reading just one Sydney Taylor book; at our first meeting they will learn more. Your child’s teacher and I will arrange our first meeting during school hours, and I will begin by introducing the children to some of my very own favorite Sydney Taylor award winners.

Reading good literature is not only an adventure – it builds vocabulary, reading level, and is central to learning. Wise Temple’s Religious School and the Ralph and Julia Cohen Library are intent on assisting our children to experience these pleasures. 📖

Sometimes, Even Adults Have To Stay After School

Kids who are naughty may be told to stay after school.

But grown-ups who enroll in Wise Temple’s *Eitz Chayim* classes *want* to stay after class, to keep on learning and discussing.

This year, the Ralph and Julia Cohen Library invites you to “continue the discussion” after your *Tuesdays With Torah* adult education classes. Bring your brown-bag lunch into the library at 1:00 and spend a leisurely extra half-hour with your classmates and our librarian, Andrea Rapp. She’ll have lots of suggestions in case you

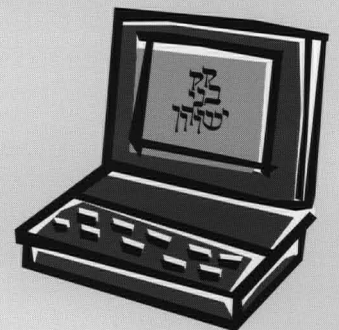
want to follow up on your class with some outside reading.

You can even arrive before class to make a stop in the Temple Gift Shop to see the latest acquisitions.

Don’t forget, *Eitz Chayim* classes are open to everyone – newcomers to Jewish learning and “grad students.” Tuesday classes begin October 17. Check your *Eitz Chayim* booklet or the Temple website to see the range of classes that are offered.

You’ll find that staying after class isn’t a punishment after all. In fact, you will enjoy it! 📖

Did You Know?



Did you know that Wise Center has wireless internet access? It’s easy for you stay connected and get a little work done on a Sunday morning or Wednesday afternoon, while still having time to visit with other Wise Temple families. There are “hot spots” in the lobby and the library.

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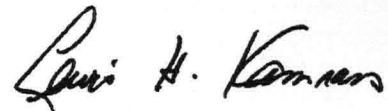
loved ones, we are affirming that their lives were of deepest value. To speak the Kaddish in their memory is to renew ourselves with the idea that we believe in that value. It is to be reminded in our own spiritual journey of what our moorings are: that the gifts of life, of values, of heritage, of example, given to us by those who have left us, do indeed remain with us as gifts and blessings that abide, even after the loss of those loved ones. What a beautiful and compelling message that is for us all. We could even say that in recalling the sanctity and the meaning of their lives to ours, we are finding a path of spirituality, by affirming God as the Creator of our loved one's life, and of ours, as well.

So that is why we read aloud the names of those we mourn. Unlike some synagogues who do not read the names, we believe that to see the names and hear the sound of those loved ones' names, is to remember in sacred ways; and to remember in holiness, is to affirm what we believe.

I write this message with the hope that you will reconsider your own practice during our four *Yizkor* services: Yom Kippur Afternoon, Simchat Torah Morning (Saturday, October 14, 9:30 a.m.), last morning of Passover (Monday, April 9, 9:30 a.m.) and Shavuot (Wednesday, May 23, 9:30 a.m.). Perhaps you have never attended a holiday *Yizkor* service because you did not know that

it was a time for your recollection and consecrated memory, or perhaps you thought it was only if your loved one died in the last year. But it is for all of us – to remember at the seasons of the year and to remember through all the years. And I ask you to consider what you do when you are notified of a *yahrtzeit* throughout the year. We can read aloud your loved one's name, as we are sure to do whether or not you are there to say Kaddish. But we cannot sanctify memory. Only you can do that. Only with your presence for that service, by hearing the name, and speaking the Kaddish praise, can you affirm and reassert belief. It is not the reading of a name, but your sacred remembering that connects you to the blessing of your departed family member's life as a continuing gift in your own heart, and a lasting inspiration to your own character. Sacred memory requires you – your presence, your remembering, your prayers and your sacred intention. For "When a Jew says, 'I believe,' he really means, 'I remember.'" 

Faithfully,



הרב לב בן דוד וחנה לאה

Rabbi Lewis H. Kamrass

WiseUP Social Action Corner

October October October



Tikkun Olam-athon

Sunday, October 15

12:00 p.m.

after Religious School

Join us for the 2nd annual Tikkun Olam-athon, when we reach out as a congregation to our neighbors in need with acts of loving kindness.

For more information check your mailboxes and our website
www.wisetemple.org

Eitz Chayim

Eitz Chayim – Adult Jewish Learning – returns for another exciting year! Be sure to check your Eitz Chayim booklet for all the classes and programs. Here are just a few of the highlights for October!

The Art of Jewish Parenting: Setting the Stage

Join our librarian, Andrea Rapp, on **Sunday October 15** at 10:00 a.m. for a presentation and discussion of the books and resources that help set the stage for Jewish life and learning in the home. From Jewish parenting books, to “how-to-do” Jewish books, to children’s books, films and music, our library can be a rich resource for you! No registration necessary.

Growing up Jewish in Cincinnati: The German/East European Cultural Divide

On **Wednesday, October 18** at 7:00 p.m. you are invited to see *And These Are Jews*, a documentary film focusing on identity, assimilation and prejudice in the German-Jewish community of Cincinnati. Created by Cincinnati native Ruth Goldman, the film contains interviews with Barbara Allen, Bill Friedlander, Sally Korkin, Alice Perlman, Regine Ransohoff, Frances Schloss, Joe Stern, and others. View the film and meet the director. Free and open to the public, but reservations are required: 621-4020, at The American Jewish Archives at Hebrew Union College – space is limited.

Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society: A Vital Organization for World Jewry

Join congregant Jerry Teller, **Sunday, October 29** at 10:00 a.m. to learn about the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, also commonly known as HIAS. HIAS is the American Jewish community’s rescue and resettlement agency assisting Jews and other religious minorities in escaping from lands where they are persecuted because of their religion. HIAS has been in continuous service for 125 years and currently provides its services in five continents throughout the world. Jerry Teller serves as Chair of the National Board of HIAS. No registration necessary.

CONGREGATIONAL CONNECTION

MAZEL TOV

The Temple offers congratulations to the following families:

B’nai Mitzvah

October 7 – Kaleb Brill, son of Edwin and Marianne Brill. Grandson of Charles and Audrey Comins.

October 14 – Max Kadish, son of Scott and Melissa Kadish.

October 21 – Samantha Bernfeld, daughter of Dr. Jonathan Bernfeld and Wendy Bernfeld. Granddaughter of Ethel Bernfeld.

October 28 – Casey Dressler-Wright, daughter of David and Debra Dressler.

October 28 – Max Pescovitz, son of Eric Pescovitz and Kelly Mahan. Grandson of Shirley Pescovitz and Joseph Simon.

Engagements

Dr. Eric and Pat Silver on the recent engagement of their son, Daniel Silver to Lauren Kirschenbaum.

Weddings

October 8 – Daniel Lipson and Abbie Brant on their marriage. Roslyn Brant on the marriage of her granddaughter, Abbie Brant.

October 28 – Brian Stoller and Karen Flayhart on their marriage.

Births

Phillip and Allison Schneider on the recent birth of their son, Aaron Asher Schneider. Dr. Lawrence and Marsha Schneider and Joel Gemunder on the recent birth of their grandson, Aaron Asher Schneider.

Aaron and Dr. Jennifer Ploscowe on the recent birth of their son, Samuel Charles Ploscowe. Susan and Rodney Kaplan and Calvin Kaplan on the recent birth of their grandson and great-grandson, Samuel Charles Ploscowe.

Susan and Rodney Kaplan and Calvin Kaplan on the recent birth of their granddaughter and great-granddaughter, Maggie Gray.

Adam Reece and Jessie Kloos on the recent birth of their son, Wyatt Parker Reece.

Barry and Ellen Finestone on the recent birth of their daughter, Mia Tal Finestone.

Eric Abroms and Gabrielle Joubert on the recent birth of their daughter, Zoe Joubert Abroms.



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