

# KESHER

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## A Holiday for the Senses

BY RABBI ILANA BADEN

**C**hanukah is a very sensory-sensitive holiday. We use all five of our senses during our celebration of this festival: We see the candles that burn in the Chanukiah (the 9-branched menorah); we smell the oil that lingers long after we have cooked our latkes (potato pancakes); we hear the tunes of *Maoz Tzur* (Rock of Ages) and *Mi Y'maleil* (Who Can Retell); we taste the delicious *sufganiyot* (jelly donuts); and we touch the dreidle as we blow on it for good luck right before we take our turn at spinning this traditional toy.

In addition to these five traditional senses, Chanukah also inspires some more, alternative senses.

The sense of nostalgia: How many of us look at the wax that has dripped from the candles onto the Chanukiah, and are transported back to our earlier years? How many of us smile wistfully as we remember watching to see which candle would burn out first? How many of us can still feel our parents' or grandparents' fingers that grasped onto our smaller hands as we took the *shamas* and lit the rest of the candles for the evening?

The sense of hope: In our region, Chanukah falls during the darkest and coldest days of the year. It is all too easy to feel the chill (literally and figuratively) of the winter season. However, this holiday reminds us that we must not give in to the darkness. Rather, we must kindle the flames that can spiritually warm us.

The sense of community: Whether we gather with family, with friends, or with other members of our congregation at our Chanukah Shabbat Service (this year it will be held on the first night of the festival, December 15), Chanukah is a time to get together with others who share our love of the holiday and our faith. There is nothing quite like hearing our voices joined with others as we tell the story of the brave Maccabees and sing the songs that praise God for the many miracles of life.

As we each welcome the Chanukah festival into our homes and hearts this year, may we all feel the sense of spirit that this holiday carries.

In order that we may all celebrate Chanukah in our homes this year, we are pleased to provide you with a Chanukah guide on page 11 of this issue of *Kesher*.



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

BY RABBI LEWIS KAMRASS

**D**ecember is a season of vacation, a time when people who have not lived at home for many years often say that they are “going home.” For it is not uncommon to have a home in which we live now, a place in which we build our lives, live out our hopes and our commitments, and strive to find fulfillment, even while there is another image in our minds of “home” – the place in which we grew up and that gave shape and contour to our character. And so it is that we can have more than one “home.”

In much the same way, that is how we American Jews view Israel. America is our home, the place in which we live, the soil in which we raise our children and our grandchildren. This is where we build Jewish life and strive to create a strong and vital community to nurture us and to nourish our Jewish souls. We plant deep roots here because this is home. But we have another “home,” an image of the place in which our people grew up, and in which many of our relatives still live, that shapes and defines our spirit. And every so often, we even return to that home for a visit. Such a visit allows us to reconnect to our past and to relatives who share our destiny. Such a visit sends us back to our everyday home with a renewed sense of grounding, with deeper roots that can spiritually nourish us for years to come. Such a visit is less a vacation in traditional terms, and more a renewal of the spirit, a pilgrimage of sorts. And that is why I believe that every Jew should visit Israel – less for the benefits of tourism for the State of Israel, and much more so for the benefits to our souls and to our own identity. Visiting Israel is to visit a state of renewal and discovery of ourselves.

This June, Wise Temple will once again



• sponsor a Congregational Trip to Israel. This twelve-day trip will certainly be an educational and spiritually meaningful experience for adults traveling to Israel and for families traveling with children or grandchildren.

The trip will include a meaningful itinerary geared for families and adults to encounter Israel together in all its history, beauty, joy and spiritual magic as a memorable personal or family experience. We will explore the excitement of the coast, the beauty of the Galilee and Golan, and discover the wonder and the complexities of Jerusalem. If you have never been to Israel, then I invite you to think about this trip as your first opportunity to journey “home.” If you have

been before, but several years have passed, you will marvel at the changes, even changes where one would not expect them, for example in ancient sites such as the Western Wall. No matter how many times I have led trips to Israel in the past, or hope to do so in the future, few things in my rabbinate bring me as much fulfillment as watching members of our own congregational family discover Israel through their own eyes. What I see in those moments includes an adventure of the spirit: surprise and realization, wonder and awe, learning and meaning, discovery and joy. I want to encourage that extraordinary Jewish journey of the spirit for you, our congregational family. It is a journey that will always stay with you, and move within you. For discovering or rediscovering Israel is like visiting a different kind of “home.” It stays with you and reminds you of your roots, of who you are, and even of where you are going.

If you want to learn more about our congregational trip to Israel for mid-June 2007, please contact my assistant, Luana

Heinemeyer at [lheinemeyer@wisetemple.org](mailto:lheinemeyer@wisetemple.org) or 793-2559. We will happily get the information to you and help you consider making this journey of the spirit “home.”

Faithfully,

*Lewis H. Kamrass*

חרב לב בן דוד וחנה לאה

Rabbi Lewis H. Kamrass

## Summer 2007 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 2007 5-week Europe/Israel program.

*This is the year to go!*

For more information contact Barbara Miller at 985-1528 or [bmiller@jfedcin.org](mailto:bmiller@jfedcin.org) or [www.jewishcincinnati.org](http://www.jewishcincinnati.org).

# A Heymish Home

BY BARBARA DRAGUL

I was talking with my children one day when they were young about a visit we'd made to a friend's house. The house was warm and homey. They served us hot cocoa and made us feel very welcome. It was so comfortable we didn't want to leave. In fact I had to pry my children loose from the fun games they were playing and the prospect of "just one more cookie." On the way home I commented on how *heymshe* our friend's home was. My children looked at me puzzled. In my mind there are certain "Jewish" words Jews tend to know even if they aren't very literate Jewishly. For instance, the word *mensh* – it's hard to define but we know who is a *mensh* and who isn't, or when our child is acting *menschy*. *Heymish* falls into the same category. At least I thought it did. A word that's not easily defined but everyone knows it when they encounter it. Clearly, I had missed instilling this piece of Jewish enculturation in my children. But here was my opportunity. What is a *heymshe* home, or classroom or synagogue? How will we know one when we see one? I asked my children what they liked about being at our friends house. The first word out of their mouths was "COOKIES!" But the next words were "fun" and "comfortable," and "they were nice to us." My children could feel they were in a place that welcomed them and valued them. It was safe and warm. They felt good about themselves and the world just by being in that place with those people.

As I thought about what *heymshe* means I was reminded of my next-door neighbor's home growing up. We lived on a street of modest middle class homes. I knew people who lived in big fancy houses that were impressive and exciting but one of the places I loved to be most besides my own home was my neighbor's. Most likely there was something good cooking on the stove, it was warm and cozy inside. They were always glad to see me and I was embraced as if I was one of their own. It was noisy and

laughter bounced off the walls. I felt safe there.

In my work as a Jewish educator at Wise Temple the teachers and I talk a lot about creating a school where all of our children feel welcomed, valued, and safe; a place where people know their name and care about what happens in their lives; a place where they feel comfortable and connected. What we are striving for is to create a *heymshe* classroom, school and congregation. *Heymshe* describes a place, but it comes into being only because of the people who imbue that place with goodness and caring. It is felt in the welcoming ambiance that people provide. Some places impress us with their décor or affluence but a *heymshe* place doesn't seek to impress, it focuses on making those who enter its doors feel safe and comfortable and welcomed. *Heymshe* comes across in each encounter, each handshake and greeting, each message of "I'm glad you are here."

As a school and as a congregation each of us is responsible for making Wise Temple a *heymshe* place. Each time we reach out our hand or offer our smile we add to the warmth of our congregation. Sometimes it is hard to remember that we have that responsibility. Especially when we are busy waiting for that warmth and welcome to be extended to us, or we are quietly weighing who we feel comfortable with and who we don't. The author Rabbi Sandy Eisenberg Sasso touches upon this in a story in Norman Cohen's book, *Hineni in Our Lives...*

*A story is told of a young student who desperately wanted to meet Elijah (the prophet). The boy's father assured him that if he would stay up all night and study with his whole heart, Elijah would come to greet him. The student did as his father instructed, yet nothing happened. Then one night while he was studying, there was a knock at the door. When he opened it, there was no one there but an old man who wanted something to eat. The student was too busy for such a distraction from his holy tasks, so he sent the man away. When the boy told his father about the intrusion of the late night visitor, the father sighed. "That intrusion," said the father, "was*

*Elijah, and you have missed the opportunity of speaking with him. Now it is too late." From that day on, the boy always warmly greeted everyone he met, no matter how busy he was. He later became a rabbi.*

I think the boy in the story would have acted differently had he known my neighbors. Or perhaps he should have remembered our patriarch, Abraham, the host par excellence; Abraham whose tent was open on all sides and who is spoken of as the model of *hachnasat orchim* – welcoming the stranger. One of my favorite stories in the Torah is Genesis 18:1-8, in which Abraham welcomes three strangers who happen to be passing by. What is wonderful about Abraham is that he welcomed the strangers not knowing anything about them. He wasn't watching for Elijah, and in fact, he is completely unaware that his guests are angels. But he tells them, essentially, "Please, be our guest, come in, stay awhile, let me get you a nosh, here have the best seat in the tent, tell us your story, we're glad to see you." It turns out that the strangers were angels with an important message; they had come to tell Abraham and Sarah that they would have a son. But Abraham welcomed them as he would any guests to his home, because the welcoming is what mattered most. Had the angels known the word *heymshe*, they would have walked away from Abraham's tent saying, "that Abraham, he has a real *heymshe* place there!"

## VALUE OF THE MONTH

*Lo Tachmod* (do not covet) is the last of the Ten Commandments. Coveting is a profound envy that can prove destructive both to oneself and to others. Breaking this commandment can lead to breaking the preceding nine – killing, stealing, committing adultery, dishonoring parents, taking God's name in vain, devaluing Shabbat, and worshipping idols – ultimately, denying God.

Coveting happens between people. Extreme envy of others can have negative, even disastrous results. Coveting can damage

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# Tikkun Olam-athon

This year, over 500 congregants participated in our 2nd annual Tikkun Olam-athon. Volunteers helped out in over 30 tikkun olam projects around the city by cooking, cleaning, building, singing, sharing, donating, packing, sorting, painting, welcoming, knitting and decorating. Wise Temple partnered with organizations such as AJC, the Freedom Center, SPCA, IHN, the Drop Inn Center, Tender Mercies, Talbert House, WRC, Planned Parenthood and Cedar Village to make this day of repairing a piece of our world both meaningful and a huge success.



*Cleaning up a Walnut Hills neighborhood with the Work Resource Center*



*Taking care of homeless animals at the League for Animal Welfare*



*Making matzo covers for the AJC Community Seder*



*Creating care packages for Jewish soldiers*



*Cleaning up French Park*



*Hosting a karaoke party at Tender Mercies*



*Sprucing up our outdoor chapel*

# How I Stopped Being a Twice-A-Year Jew and Learned to Love Temple

*Congregant Connection*

BY SUE RANSOHOFF

**D**id something magic happen? A lot of things. My husband, Jerry, and I were rare attendees, but somehow we began dropping in on Friday night services. We agreed that they were very pleasant, and we went – more and more.

Then I had the idea that I'd like to do oral histories of older people. I mentioned it to my cousin, Jean Rothenberg (just turned 98!), who mentioned it to Rabbi Kamrass, who said, "I want her to do it HERE."

So I did. A wonderful committee was formed to complete this enterprise. I could write pages about this, but briefly, *Wise Words* became a great success (the video is in the Library – check it out!). We interviewed 23 people, and although their lives were enormously varied, each had his or her clear and unique association with the Temple; to each it was important to be a Jew, and to be

a congregant here.

This was the most delightful project I had ever been involved in. I learned that the Temple was much more than a place of occasional worship; it was a living and lively community, ready to offer support to the project whether in terms of space, staff time or financial support.

Did this contribute to a growing sense of spirituality? And if so, how could that be? These were committee projects, not times of worship – but yes, it did create in me a growing sense of belonging to a special community, a religious one, which lent power to the ongoing work of these teams.

When *Wise Words* was complete, Phyllis Tobias, the staff member who had worked with the Committee, said: "You have to do something else here – would you tackle the Archives?" Considering that my desk and

work space are disastrous, how could I do that for the Temple? Ridiculous!

So I said "Yes." And it's fun! The loyal group of volunteers plus the extraordinary Librarian, Andrea Rapp, have joined together to produce a working Archive, something we know will be an ongoing, undying part of the Temple.

Each new activity and involvement binds me closer to this extraordinary community; each one brings me new friends; each one – the work and the worship – enhances the other.

And now, when Jerry and I attend a Friday night or a Saturday morning service, we feel a part of a larger whole, the privilege of belonging to and participating in Isaac M. Wise Temple. 🕍

The 92nd Street Y Presents via Live Satellite:

## Israeli Singer/Songwriter David Broza in Concert



*"To hear David Broza's music is to be moved. To see Broza in concert is to be mesmerized."*

—New York Post

■ The Whole Family is Invited!

■ Sunday, December 24 at Wise Center

■ Concert Begins at 8:00 PM (doors open at 7:30)

■ \$5.00 for an individual, \$10.00 per family

For more information or to RSVP, contact Terri Snavelly at 793-2997 or [tsnavelly@wisetemple.org](mailto:tsnavelly@wisetemple.org).

With 16 gold, platinum, and multi-platinum albums, Israeli singer-guitarist David Broza has gained fans in every corner of the world. An ambassador for UNICEF, he uses the power of his music to heal and promote international peace.

His performance career includes headlining with Paul Simon, Bob Dylan, Van Morrison, Jose Feliciano and other superstars in Israel's yearly Masada concert and other special events, dueling guitar solos on stage with Sting, performing at the Rabin Memorial in Madison Square Garden at the request of President Clinton – and giving time and song to his appointment as goodwill ambassador for UNICEF and other humanitarian causes. A

modern-day troubadour traveling the globe with his unique blend of urban folk rock, the world of David Broza is passionate, dedicated and unique. Armed with his early classical guitar training in Madrid and the cultural and linguistic facility of three languages, David has produced 23 albums in Hebrew, English and Spanish. His American debut album *Away From Home* featured an all-star lineup of musicians including Sting/Weather Report drummer Omar Hakim and Spyro Gyra saxophonist Jay Beckenstein.

Containing a wealth of diverse cultural influences, *Away From Home* was praised by the *New York Times* as one of the best pop albums of the year.

# LISTING OF EVENTS



## Brotherhood

**Brotherhood Board Meeting**  
Thursday, December 14  
6:00 PM at Wise Center  
For more information, contact Lew Ebstein at 984-2045.

**Lighthouse Youth Services**  
Thursday, December 21  
5:30 PM at the Lighthouse  
For more information, contact Ed Waterman at 794-1700.



## Congregational Dinner

**Sisterhood-Sponsored Congregational Chanukah Dinner**  
Friday, December 15  
7:15 PM at Wise Center  
For more information, contact Beth Hertzman at 271-4452 or Wendy Pelberg at 791-8838.



## 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).

**Adult Hebrew Classes**  
First Semester continues

**December Dilemma: An Interfaith Discussion with Alan and Paula Gross**  
Sunday, December 3 at Wise Center  
10:00 – 11:30 AM  
Pre-registration necessary.

**Jewish Ethics: Sunday Morning Series**  
Sunday, December 10  
10:00 – 11:00 AM at Wise Center  
No registration necessary.

**92nd Street Y featuring David Broza in Concert**  
Sunday, December 24 at Wise Center  
8:00 PM at Wise Center;  
Doors open at 7:30 PM  
(Cost: \$5 per person/\$10 per family)

**Preparing a Jewish Path with Phyllis Tobias**  
Monday, January 8  
7:00 – 8:30 PM at Wise Center  
Pre-registration necessary.

## TUESDAYS WITH TORAH

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

**Jews in Film with Rabbi Baden**  
December 5

**Lighting the Chanukah with Rabbinic Intern Karen Thomashow**  
December 12 & 19



## 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).

**8th Grade iMitzvah Program**  
Saturday, December 2  
7:00 – 10:00 PM at Wise Center  
For more information, contact Rachel Crossley at 793-2556, ext. 204 or [rcrossley@wisetemple.org](mailto:rcrossley@wisetemple.org).

**Gesher Grade 5**  
Sunday, December 3  
9:30 AM at Wise Center  
For more information, contact Debra Dressler at 793-2556, ext. 109 or [ddressler@wisetemple.org](mailto:ddressler@wisetemple.org).

**7th Grade B'nai Mitzvah Class**  
Sunday, December 3  
11:45 AM – 3:00 PM at Wise Center  
For more information, contact Debra Dressler at 793-2556, ext. 109 or [ddressler@wisetemple.org](mailto:ddressler@wisetemple.org).

**Cincinnati Reform Jewish High School**  
Sundays, December 3, 10 & 17  
7:00 PM at Temple Sholom

**Confirmation Class at FreeStore/Food Bank**  
Saturday, December 9  
2:00 PM  
For more information, contact Rabbi Baden at 793-2556 ext. 108 or [ibaden@wisetemple.org](mailto:ibaden@wisetemple.org).

**Gesher Grade 3**  
Sunday, December 10  
9:30 AM at Wise Center  
For more information, contact Debra Dressler at 793-2556, ext. 109 or [ddressler@wisetemple.org](mailto:ddressler@wisetemple.org).

**Gesher Grade 4**  
Sunday, December 10  
9:30 AM at Wise Center  
For more information, contact Debra Dressler at 793-2556, ext. 109 or [ddressler@wisetemple.org](mailto:ddressler@wisetemple.org).

**Gesher Grade 2**  
Sunday, December 17  
9:30 AM at Wise Center  
For more information, contact Debra Dressler at 793-2556, ext. 109 or [ddressler@wisetemple.org](mailto:ddressler@wisetemple.org).

**No School**  
Wednesday, December 20  
Sunday, December 24  
Wednesday, December 27  
Sunday, December 31  
Wednesday, January 3



## Seniors

**An Afternoon at the Movies**  
Thursday, December 7  
1:00 PM at Wise Center  
For more information, contact Ruth Lowenthal at 281-8608.

**Phyllis Martin: Are You a Word Watcher?**  
Monday, January 8  
1:00 PM at Wise Center  
For more information, contact Joyce Alperin at 489-3989 or Cynthia Marmer at 984-0236.



## Singles

**Chanukah Service and Congregational Dinner**  
Friday, December 15  
6:15 PM at Wise Center  
For more information, contact Nancy Mendelson at 489-8393 or [singles@wisetemple.org](mailto:singles@wisetemple.org).

**Bowling Party and Pizza Dinner**  
January 14  
6:00 PM at Crossgate Lanes in Blue Ash  
For more information, contact Nancy Mendelson at 489-8393 or [singles@wisetemple.org](mailto:singles@wisetemple.org).





## Sisterhood

**Sisterhood Board Meeting**  
Wednesdays, December 6 & January 3  
9:45 AM at Wise Center  
*For more information, contact Robin Newland at 530-5516.*

**Sisterhood Bridge**  
Tuesdays, December 5 & 19  
1:00 PM at Wise Center  
*For more information, contact Vivian Barr at 631-6528 or Rose Liskow at 631-7094.*

**Sisterhood Mah Jongg**  
Thursdays, December 7, 14, 21 & 28  
11:00 AM at Wise Center  
*For more information or to RSVP, contact Cynthia Marmer at 984-0236.*

**Children's' Holiday Boutique**  
Sundays, December 3 & 10  
9:15 AM at Wise Center  
*For more information, contact Sarah Roberts at 474-9789.*

**Sisterhood/WiseUP Knitting Project**  
Wednesday, December 13  
4:30 PM at Wise Center  
*For more information, contact Lynn Warm at 631-9193.*

**Sisterhood Luncheon Program**  
Wednesday, December 13  
12:15 PM at Wise Center  
*For more information, contact Nancy Goldberg at 791-4498 or Nancy Seltz at 683-6876.*



## WiseUP Social Action

**Bedtime Bundles – sponsored by the Sisterhood**  
December 1 – 18  
*For more information, contact Jody Tsevat at 794-9616 or Julie Elkus at 891-1236.*

**Knit for Charity – sponsored by Sisterhood**  
Wednesday, December 13  
4:30 PM at Wise Center  
*For more information, contact Lynn Warm at 631-9193.*

**Interact with Disadvantaged Young Men – sponsored by the Brotherhood**  
Thursday, December 21  
5:30 PM at the Lighthouse  
*For more information, contact Ed Waterman at 794-1700.*

**Interfaith Hospitality Network**  
December 24 – 31  
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 more information, contact Mona Spitz at 891-9583 or Steve Willins at 233-0243.*

**Holiday Gift Wrap**  
Monday, December 25  
7:30 AM in Covington, KY  
*For more information, contact Marlene and Burt Gross 489-4341.*

**Holiday Soup Kitchen**  
Monday, December 25  
11:00 AM in Norther Kentucky  
*For more information, contact Marlene and Burt Gross at 489-4341.*



**Family Chanukah Party**  
Wednesday, December 20  
6:00 PM at Wise Center  
*For more information, contact Rabbi Shulman at 793-2556, ext. 115 or mshulman@wisetemple.org.*

**Social Action Day: Christmas Project**  
Monday, December 25  
*For more information, contact Rabbi Shulman at 793-2556, ext. 115 or mshulman@wisetemple.org.*



## Youth Activities

**Shabbat Story Time**  
Fridays, December 1 & 15  
10:00 – 11:30 AM at Wise Center  
Read stories, sing songs and celebrate Shabbat with the Rabbi in a kid-friendly environment. Open to children 0 – 5 with their parents.  
*For more information, contact Amanda Rosenberg at acrosenberg@cinci.rr.com or Tami Ploetz at rontamz@yahoo.com.*

**(e)YGOW Shabbaton**  
Friday, December 8 – Saturday, December 9  
5:45 PM at Wise Center  
*For more information, contact Daniel Schwartz at 295-8770 or dschwartz@wisetemple.org.*

**(e)YGOW New Year's Lock In**  
Sunday, December 31 – Monday, January 1  
8:30 PM at Wise Center  
*For more information, contact Daniel Schwartz at 295-8770 or dschwartz@wisetemple.org.*



## Miscellaneous

**Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting**  
Tuesdays & Thursdays  
5:30 PM 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.*

## 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

# DECEMBER 2006 KISLEV/TEVET

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL THE TEMPLE AT (513) 793-2556 OR VISIT WWW.WISETEMPLE.ORG</b>			WC = Wise Center PST = Plum Street Temple O = Other Location  See listing of events for more detailed information.		<b>1</b> 10:00 AM-Storytime(WC) <b>6:15 PM-Shabbat Evening Service;</b> Birthday & Anniversary Blessings; Kol Rinah(WC)	<b>2</b> <b>9:30 AM-Shabbat Morning Service(WC)</b> 10:45 AM-Torah Study(WC) <b>10:45 AM-Bar Mitzvah of Max Krieger(WC)</b> 7:00 PM-8th Grade iMitzvah Program (WC)
<b>3</b> 9:15 AM-Children's Holiday Boutique (WC) 9:30 AM-Gesher Grade 5(WC) 10:00 AM-Eitz Chayim - December Dilemma(WC) 11:45 AM-7th Grade B'nai Mitzvah Class(WC) 7:00 PM-CRJHS(O)	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Noon-Tuesdays with Torah: Jews in Film(WC) 1:00 PM-Eitz Chayim: Library Bag Lunch & Discussion(WC) 1:00 PM-Sisterhood Bridge(WC) 5:30 PM-AA Mtg.(WC)	<b>6</b> 9:45 AM-Sisterhood Board Meeting(WC) 4:30 PM-Midweek Hebrew(WC) 4:45 PM-Adult Hebrew Classes (WC)	<b>7</b> 11:00 AM-Sisterhood Mah Jongg(WC) 1:00 PM-Seniors: Afternoon at the Movies(WC) 5:30 PM-AA Mtg.(WC)	<b>8</b> 5:45 PM-(e)YGOW Shabbaton (WC) <b>6:15 PM-Shabbat Evening Service(WC)</b>	<b>9</b> <b>9:30 AM-Shabbat Morning Service(WC)</b> 10:45 AM-Torah Study(WC) <b>10:45 AM-Bat Mitzvah of Bari Schwartz(PST)</b> 2:00 PM-Confirmation Class at Freestore/Food Bank(O)
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<b>17</b> 9:30 AM- Gesher Grade 2(WC) 7:00 PM-CRJHS(O)	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Noon-Tuesdays with Torah: Lighting the Chanukah(WC) 1:00 PM-Eitz Chayim: Library Bag Lunch & Discussion(WC) 1:00 PM-Sisterhood Bridge(WC) 5:30 PM-AA Mtg.(WC)	<b>20</b> NO SCHOOL 6:00 PM-YAC Family Chanukah Party(WC)	<b>21</b> 11:00 AM-Sisterhood Mah Jongg(WC) 5:30 PM-AA Mtg.(WC) 6:00 PM-Brotherhood/WiseUP- Lighthouse(O)	<b>22</b> <b>6:15 PM-Shabbat Evening Service(WC)</b> <b>6:30 PM-Wise Tykes Service(WC)</b>	<b>23</b> <b>9:30 AM-Shabbat Morning Service(WC)</b> 10:45 AM-Torah Study(WC)
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<b>24</b> NO SCHOOL 8:00 PM -92 <sup>nd</sup> St. Y: David Broza in Concert(WC)  IHN Hosting	<b>25</b> OFFICE CLOSED 7:30 AM-WiseUP: Holiday Gift Wrap(O) 11:00 AM Holiday Soup Kitchen (O) Confirmation Class optional Soup Kitchen/Gift Wrapping Event (O) YAC: Social Action Day- Christmas Project (O) IHN Hosting	<b>26</b> 5:30 PM-AA Mtg.(WC)	<b>27</b> NO SCHOOL  IHN Hosting	<b>28</b> 11:00 AM-Sisterhood Mah Jongg(WC) 5:30 PM-AA Mtg.(WC)	<b>29</b> <b>6:15 PM-Shabbat Evening Service(WC)</b>	<b>30</b> <b>9:30 AM-Shabbat Morning Service(WC)</b> 10:45 AM-Torah Study(WC)
<b>31</b> NO SCHOOL 8:30 PM-(e)YGOW New Year's Lock In(WC) IHN Hosting		IHN Hosting	IHN Hosting	IHN Hosting	IHN Hosting	IHN Hosting



## PROGRAMMING

### December Luncheon Program

A special Torah study program, featuring *parashat Chayei Sarah*, from the Torah commentary, *The Torah: A Women's Commentary* will be led by Rabbi Baden at a luncheon program on Wednesday, December 13 at 12:15 PM at Wise Center. This is a very exciting opportunity for Sisterhood members to preview this extraordinary resource and enjoy Torah study informed by a feminine, scholarly and contemporary voice — a voice that has not been heard for more than two thousand years. Join us at this innovative and exciting program. *For more information, call Nancy Seltz at 683-6876 or Nancy Goldberg at 791-4498.*

### Chanukah Dinner

The Sisterhood-sponsored Chanukah dinner will be held on Friday, December 15. Services will start at 6:15 PM with dinner immediately following. This is a well-attended event, so make sure you send 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.*

### Sisterhood Retreat

**SAVE THE DATE:** Saturday, February 10

from 9:00 AM to 5:30 PM

*You Can't Bring a Bucket to a Dry Well*

As women, we know that we are here on earth to take care of our husbands, children, and parents — not to mention our friends, cousins, and neighbors. But who is going to take care of us when we start to run empty? Sisterhood comes to the rescue with a really FUN

Retreat! **\*\*Refresh \*\*Relax \*\*Refuel \*\*RETREAT!**

## CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY GIFT BOUTIQUE

Sunday December 3, 9:00AM- Noon

Sunday, December 10, 9:00 AM — Noon

Children can shop for the perfect pre-wrapped gift to give to their family, friends, and teachers. Volunteers needed to work the Boutique during Religious School hours.

*If you'd like to help or have questions, please contact Sarah Roberts at 474-9789 or sarahandmike@fuse.net.*

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

### YWCA Shelter "Day of Beauty"

The Sisterhood/WiseUP Social Action **YWCA Battered Women's Shelter "Day of Beauty"** Luncheon will be held Sunday, January 28, from approximately 10:30 AM to 4:00 PM. The day will include preparing and serving lunch to women living at the shelter, caring for their children, complimentary hairstyling by Pure Concepts, and a special guest speaker. Always an inspirational day for all. Volunteers can sign up for all or part of the day. *For more information, contact Julie Kantor at 745-9461 or Laurie Katz 733-3112.*

## KNITTING PROJECT

Join us to knit and kibbitz 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 Wednesday, December 13 from 4:30 to 5:45 PM. *For more information, contact Lynn Warm 631-9193.*

## KROGER CARDS

Please help support Wise Temple Sisterhood by purchasing a Kroger Gift Card for just \$5 (which will be credited to the card). Wise Temple Sisterhood is now part of the Kroger Neighborhood Rewards Program. 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 your Credit Card**), Sisterhood 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. The gift card is also accepted at the GAS PUMP at most Kroger stores, and also in Kroger's **pharmacy department**. 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, purses, furniture, bedding, table linens and even cars and boats. (No clothing, books or toys please.) *Just drop off your donations at Phyllis Fine's house, 3145 Fairhaven Lane, or call Phyllis at 731-6063 to arrange pick up of large items.*

## Traditions & Treasures Gift Shop

*Stop by the gift shop for all of your Chanukah needs.*

### Don't forget our Chanukah Sale!

Tuesday, November 28 — Sunday, December 3

**20% off all Chanukah items excluding**

books, cards and CDs

### Gift Shop Hours (and by appt.)

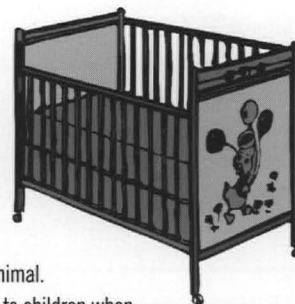
Tuesday	9:30 - 1:30
Wednesday	2:30 - 5:45
Thursday	9:30 - 1:30
Sunday	9:15 - 11:45

*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.*

# Bedtime Bundles Bring Comfort to Young Victims of Domestic Violence

Wise Temple Sisterhood is inviting all congregational families to assist children staying at the YWCA's Battered Women's Shelter by putting together a "bedtime bundle."

The bundles contain basic necessities (a new toothbrush and toothpaste, underwear, pajamas, and socks) as well as a new book or stuffed animal.



The bundles are given to children when they arrive at the shelter and are a means of providing comfort at a difficult and frightening time. The need for the bundles is on-going, as the shelter continues to stay at or above capacity. If you haven't participated in this wonderful holiday *mitzvah* before, this would be a great year to start! If you have donated a bundle in the past, we hope you will do so again this year and make creating a bedtime bundle a holiday tradition for your family. Use the "Bedtime Bundles Checklist" below to assemble your bundle, then label your bundle by filling out the checklist and attaching it with a safety pin. While we hope that Temple families will assemble complete bundles, donations of any of the items on the checklist will be greatly appreciated. Drop off your bundle(s) in the crib set up in the Temple lobby anytime from December 1 through December 18. Families can also bring their bundles to the Congregational Chanukah dinner on December 15. *If you have any questions, please call Jody Tsevat at 794-9616 or Julie Elkus at 891-1236.*

Fill a new or gently used pillowcase with items greatly needed by children at the YWCA's Battered Women's Shelter. Please tie your "Bedtime Bundle" with two new shoelaces, check off the items included, and **safety pin this form to your bundle.**

This bedtime bundle includes the following newly purchased items:

- ☐ Underwear
- ☐ Pajamas
- ☐ Socks
- ☐ Child's toothbrush
- ☐ Toothpaste
- ☐ Storybook or stuffed animal

Size: \_\_\_\_\_ (ages infant through child's size 14)

Gender: ☐ Boy ☐ Girl

# Third Annual Brotherhood Chicken Soup Cook-Off

**0**nly one more month until Chicken Soup! Make your plans to attend, the Third Wise Temple Brotherhood Chicken Soup Cook-Off on Sunday, January 28. Come and help us award the People's Choice Award.

You may still be able to enter your own soup – for information, contact Michael Kernish immediately at [mkernish@mba2005.hbs.edu](mailto:mkernish@mba2005.hbs.edu) or 984-1623. All winners receive prizes, and of course our major winners all receive the coveted Chicken

Soup Trophy, a towering 3 feet of brilliant brass.

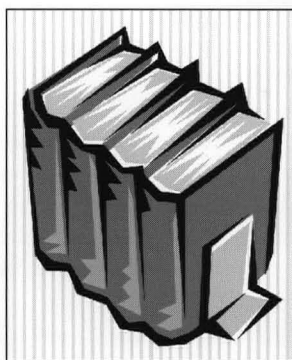
This year we will be able to sample the soup of Izzy's, Montgomery Inn, Carlo and Johnny's, Chef's Café, Burbank's Real BBQ, Irv's Kosher Deli, Rusty's Ristorante, Bravo's, DeSha's, The Great Wolf Lodge Restaurant and, of course, our talented amateurs. Special judges include Gary Burbank and Jack Atherton.

The auction will be more exciting as this year we are planning on even more items.

We will have delicate lace porcelain bowls, real Rosenthal art work, a framed oil painting of a wooded setting, a Belterra Hotel trip for two, golf for two, Reds tickets, many restaurant gift certificates and much more.

So gourmets, gastronomes and gourmands, fire up your palates and clean off your taste buds. It is almost time for the 2007 Chicken Soup Cook-Off.

For more information or if you want to enter, click on our link through the Temple website, [www.wisetemple.org](http://www.wisetemple.org).



## Our Library... By the Numbers

Children's books and videos in the library	3,763
Books for adults	11,292
DVDs	64
VHS tapes for adults	349
Audiobooks	31
Posters	662
Educational games of Jewish interest	34
Music CDs	96
Reference volumes	429
Books in large print	131
College Course Lectures on Jewish subjects on Tape or CD	12
Individual library patrons enrolled in our database	1,319
Volunteer hours spent automating our catalog	3,000+

Hours per week our library is open	25
New items added each year	250
Items in the library	19,372

## Visit the Ralph & Julia Cohen Library

### Library Hours:

Mondays	2:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Tuesdays	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Wednesdays	Noon - 6:00 PM
Thursdays	9:00 AM - Noon
Sundays	9:00 AM - Noon
(when school is in session)	

Or browse our online catalog anytime at  
[www.wisetemple.org](http://www.wisetemple.org)

## Calling All Committee Chairs

*The Archives Committee wants  
YOU –  
or rather, some of your material.*

We collect and preserve brochures, fliers, program announcements, minutes, and photos of Temple activities and committees. For history's sake, please write the year in pencil on your items, and note that we need dates, events, and names of people on any photographs you would like the Temple Archives to keep. Please give your items to Andrea Rapp, our Librarian.

— Thank you!  
Archives Committee co-chairs:  
Sue Ransohoff and Fran Goldman

## Thank You for Feeding the Hungry

We are pleased to announce that our recent **High Holy Day Mitzvah Bag Project** yielded a record contribution of **19,300 pounds of food for our city's hungry**. Our fast on Yom Kippur resulted in nearly 10 tons of food this year. In our 18th year of the High Holy Day Mitzvah Bag Project, we have collected 521,000 pounds of food to feed the hungry.

We take pride in the support and the generosity of our congregational family in this great mitzvah and we thank you for your participation this year, and your generous and consistent participation through the years.



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## A HOLIDAY FOR THE SENSES

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### INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DREIDLE GAME

1. Gather peanuts, M&Ms, pennies, raisins, jelly beans, or other small items and divide them among the players.
2. Each player puts one or two of their items into the center.
3. Take turns spinning the dreidle. The letter that faces up when the dreidle falls indicates what the player should do:

**Nun** – Do nothing.

**Gimmel** – Take everything that is in the center.

**Hey** – Take half of what is in the center.

**Shin** – Put two of the items into the center.

### LATKE RECIPE

- 6 medium potatoes, peeled and grated
- 1 small onion, grated
- 1 teaspoon of salt
- 2 eggs
- 3 tablespoons flour or matzo meal
- 1 teaspoon baking powder

1. Beat the potatoes, onion, salt and egg well.
2. Mix remaining ingredients and beat into potato mixture.
3. Drop by spoonfuls into hot oil (enough so that the latkes are almost completely covered).
4. Cook well on both sides until brown.
5. Place on paper towels to drain.
6. May be served with applesauce, sour cream, or sugar.

## Blessings for the Chanukah



*Put the candles in from right to left.*

*Light the candles from left to right in order to mark the newest day of Chanukah.*

*Baruch Atah Adonai, Eloheinu melech ha-olam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav vitzivanu l'hadlik ner shel Chanukah.*

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם,  
 אשר קדשנו במצותיו וצונו  
 להדליק נר של חנוכה.

Blessed are You, Lord our God, Ruler of the universe, who has hallowed us with commandments and commanded us to kindle the lights of Chanukah.

*Baruch Atah Adonai, Eloheinu melech ha-olam, she-asah nisim la-avoteinu bayamim haheim baz'man hazeh.*

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם,  
 שעשה נסים לאבותינו בימים ההם  
 בזמן הזה.

Blessed are You, Lord our God, Ruler of the universe, who worked miracles for our ancestors in days of old at this season.

*On the first night of Chanukah, we also recite the Shecheyanu:*

*Baruch Atah Adonai, Eloheinu melech ha-olam, shehecheyanu v'ki-y'manu v'higiyanu laz'man hazeh.*

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם,  
 שהחיינו וקיימנו והגיענו לזמן הזה.

Blessed are You, Lord our God, Ruler of the universe, who has kept us in life, preserved us, and enabled us to reach this season.



# Eitz Chayim

## Jews in Film

Date: Tuesdays, November 28 & December 5

Time: Noon – 1:00 PM

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

From the *Jazz Singer* to *Keeping Up with the Steins*, it seems that Hollywood has an obsession with the Jewish persona. In this class with Rabbi Baden, we will view clips of various films and discuss the portrayal of Jewish characters. We will also talk about if and how these cinematic representations of our people influence modern-day Jewish children, teens, and adults.

## December Dilemma:

### An Interfaith Discussion

Date: Sunday, December 3

Time: 10:00 – 11:30 AM

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

As we head into the winter holiday season, many questions arise regarding celebrations and observances. Join us as we delve into the topics surrounding the December dilemma.

Facilitators: Alan and Paula Gross

## Lighting the Chanukah:

### The Development of Chanukah – Informed Rituals from the Talmud Through Today

Date: Tuesdays, December 12 & 19

Time: Noon – 1:00 PM

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

This class with Rabbinic Intern Karen Thomashow will explore how it is that the rabbis in the Talmud envisaged Chanukah to be celebrated, how that understanding developed over hundreds of years, and its relation to what we do today. Prepare for Chanukah by learning more about it this year!

## Jewish Ethics:

### Sunday Morning Series

Time: 10:00 – 11:00 AM

Dates: Sunday, December 10

Our Jewish tradition acknowledges that giving and receiving criticism can be a complex and tricky art form. Fortunately, our sages have left us a number of thought-provoking commentaries on this subject. At this session with Rabbi Baden, we will explore some of the texts regarding criticism, and discuss how we can apply the wisdom of our heritage to our modern-day situations.

## MAZEL TOV

*The Temple offers congratulations to the following families:*

### B'nai Mitzvah

December 2 – Max Krieger, son of Steven Krieger and Karen Kreiger.

December 9 – Bari Schwartz, daughter of James and Wendy Schwartz.

December 16 – Brittney Delev, daughter of Gregory and Deborah Delev.

### Births

Buddy and Diane Goldstein and Nancy Goldstein-Levine on the recent birth of their son and grandson, Adam Jacob Goldstein.

Sydney and David Tasner on the recent birth of their son, Alexander Howard Tasner. Lynn and Alex Warm and Eleanor Warm on the birth of their grandson and great-grandson, Alexander.

### Weddings

Dr. John and Julie Cohen on the recent marriage of their son, Howard Cohen to Tawny Featherston.

Michael and Helene Elkus on the recent marriage of their son, Adam Elkus to Gina Ryan.

Dr. Murray and Debbie Passo on the recent marriage of their son, Brad Passo to Katie Grywalski.

Deborah Ullner on the recent marriage of her son, Jason Ullner to Danielle Blumberg.

## A HEYMISH HOME

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friendships and other relationships by leading to distrust, estrangement, awkwardness, resentment. When content, one does not feel threatened by the success and good fortune of others. One can rejoice in what others have while appreciating their own lot in life. How a person feels about himself can have an impact on his attitude toward others. Here are some texts and questions to consider:

In the Mishnah we read: Who is rich? "One who is content with one's portion" (Pirke Avot 4:1). Do you think that this is true? Do you know people who have little material wealth but are thrilled with what they have? What can we learn from them?

The only instance in which envy is tolerated is when it might promote learning, for example when one person is envious of another's knowledge (Baba Batra 21a). Do you agree with this sentiment? Are there other times when envy can be a good thing?

"Who sows envy, reaps regret" (Immanuel, Machberot, chapter 9). Why would this be true? Has this ever happened to you?

"There are four types of people: One who says, 'What is mine is mine and what is yours is yours' is a neutral character. One who says, 'What is mine is yours and what is yours is mine' is a boor. One who says, 'What is mine is yours and what is yours is yours' is a saint. One who says, 'What is yours is mine and what is mine is mine' is a wicked person" (Pirke Avot 5:13). Which of these four types of people do you consider yourself to be? Which of these four types of people do you think that most people are? Do you agree with the labels given to each of these four types of people?

—(Excerpted from *Teaching Jewish Virtues* by Susan Freeman)



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