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

The Jewish Impact on American Democratic Ideals:
Four Lessons Learned from the Holocaust with Rabbi David Saperstein,
Director of the Religious Action Center

Sunday, March 25, 10:00 – 11:30 AM at Wise Center

Described in a profile as the “quintessential religious lobbyist on Capitol Hill,” Rabbi Saperstein represents the national Reform Jewish Movement to Congress and the administration. During his 30 year tenure the Religious Action Center has not only advocated on a broad range of social justice issues but continues to provide extensive legislative and programmatic materials used by synagogues, federations and Jewish community relations councils nationwide, and coordinates social action education programs that train nearly 3,000 Jewish adults, youth, rabbinic and lay leaders each year. Rabbi Saperstein is a dynamic speaker – his energy and passion will inspire you!

The Lusía Hornstein Memorial Holocaust Lecture was established in memory of Dr. Lusía Hornstein, loving wife, mother and grandmother, talented pediatrician and dedicated teacher. She was born in Lvov, Poland on December 24, 1925 and died in Cincinnati, Ohio on August 12, 1998. She was a Holocaust survivor who lost her entire immediate family during World War II. Lusía fought in the Polish underground and participated in the Warsaw Uprising for which she was declared a “Hero of the City of Warsaw.” Following the war, she attended medical school at Heidelberg University where she married Dr. Stephen

Hornstein in 1948. Three years later, they moved to the United States.

She completed her internship at Beth Israel Hospital in Newark, New Jersey and her pediatric residence at Children’s Hospital in Cincinnati. Dr. Hornstein specialized in treating children with developmental disabilities. As a staff member at Children’s Hospital, and as the long-term Pediatric Director of the Cincinnati Center for Developmental Disabilities, she was nationally recognized for her work with special needs children, devoting her professional life not only to helping children, but their families, as well. As Professor of Pediatrics at Children’s Hospital Medical Center, she trained dozens of fellows and hundreds of residents and students, sharing with them her enthusiasm for teaching and her compassion for sick children.

Lusía had a special gift with children. Her gentle and loving manner often put frightened little patients and their nervous parents at ease. Her candid explanations and caring manner gave hope to those who needed it most. Her interests were varied including music (she was an accomplished pianist), literature, current events, art and travel, but her love for her family consumed most of her attention. Her happiest moments were

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D'VARIM מִן הַלֵב - דְּבָרִים מִן הַלֵב “Words from the Heart”

BY RABBI LEWIS KAMRASS

When we are young, we look at teachers as those few people who stand before us in the classroom. They give us assignments, evaluate us, and impact our lives. But when we get older and we move away from formal classroom experiences, we come to realize that teachers are those people who inhabit not merely the classrooms, but the circles of our lives. Such people would not consider themselves to be wise, or even think of themselves as teachers, but when we look and listen carefully to what they do, we find valuable life lessons from which we can learn and be inspired. Often I will visit with people in the hospital suffering from real illness or disease; even when they recover, they are never the same, for their perspective is changed to realize that the little things they once took for granted are something precious. Think of the husband of many years who lives in the neighborhood who courageously and devotedly takes care of his wife for years as she suffers from chronic illness. Consider the single parent whose spouse died at a young age, who raises the children alone, and rebuilds her life. Or what about the man who is willing to risk his career, because he sees something immoral or unsafe at his workplace and insists that the company must do better. Or recently, while eating at a local chain restaurant, I was chatting with the server who told me that she was happy to have this difficult job, for without a car, her options were limited. It is when people have limited or even no choices that their real valor and their deepest character often emerge. It is when the difficult decisions are before us that we often discern our deepest humanity. And if we are willing to listen and observe, there is so much for us to learn, we who have many options and so many possibilities. From such people, we learn about what really matters in life. We learn to reconsider our own lives in a different light.



We learn about the seemingly simple things that are really so profound. From such teachers, we learn lessons of life that send us back to our days with insight. Those are the kind of teachers from whom we learn much and they abound on every side. They are in our families, our neighborhoods, our offices and our circles of acquaintance. And if we listen and watch, we can learn.

The lessons of our ancestors teach us in the same way. From Biblical stories that scholars, commentators and literary critics have interpreted through the centuries, to the examples of the ancient rabbis, we Jews like to look carefully at the way that people live their lives. We are more than curious about what happens to people; we are eager to know what moves them, what prompts their noble responses to life. There are stories in Talmud of students who spent all day in the *yeshivot* learning rabbinic knowledge from their rabbis, and when the class day ended, followed their teachers in the marketplace and in the streets to glean their wisdom about life. We Jews treasure our religious tradition that is rich in examples of how we learn from the everyday teacher. We learn from the pages of their lives. We are taught to watch, to listen, to ask, to observe, and from it all, to draw insight for the manner in which we live our own lives.

I have been thinking about the many teachers I have had among you. I have visited you in the hospitals or sat with you in your homes that are touched by loss and grief. I have listened to the problems or concerns that you bring to me. And in it all, I try to help. But I also listen and learn from you. And in those circles of community and congregation, I find heroic responses to the tragedies of life. I find regular people living quietly noble lives. I watch people making choices that will change their lives. And I find people confronting life's circumstances in which they have little choices to make, except for their response to affirm life.

These are not heroes or people who are qualitatively different from the rest of us. They are just like us, but they have discovered something in their souls, sometimes even by accident, often spurred by the urgencies of the moment. I have come to realize that in some way, such everyday teachers are in fact embodying the wisdom from the verse from our Torah that we read each Yom Kippur, “I (God) have set before You life and death, blessing and curse. Choose life, therefore, in order that you and your descendants may live.” We, who are brought into life, not choosing whether or not to be born, in fact, choose the manner in which we live every day of our lives. And when we choose, it is not only our lives that are affected, but our “descendants,” those around us who observe our lives – our children, our family, our friends, our neighbors. They have the potential to live better lives because of what they learn from the example that we set. So we do “choose life” even in the small moments when we think that no one is looking or listening. Perhaps that can remind us to choose well, to live well, and to remember that every day we are weaving a legacy.

If even once each day, or even once a week (in Shabbat services!), we paused to think about what we are weaving in the tapestry of that legacy, the direction of our days would become clearer and the meaning we discover might grow deeper. We would listen with a more sensitive ear and observe with a keener eye. We would live our lives more fully. We would become better friends, parents, children, spouses and citizens. And we might become better teachers. And you know, from every measure I can see, the world could use more teachers. 🕯

Faithfully,

הרב לב בן דוד וחנה לאה

Rabbi Lewis Kamrass

Joy

BY BARBARA DRAGUL

On my windowsill next to the computer in my office sits a small gift given to me in my first year as the Director of Education at Isaac M. Wise Temple. It was given to me by a parent in our school, someone who has become a friend, with a note of appreciation for my work. The wonderful thing is over these past five or six years it is something I've appreciated each day because it reminds me of an important value. The gift is a small magnet, maybe three inches by three inches, with the following quote on it:



*Be glad of life
Because it gives you
The chance to love
And to work and to play
And to look at the stars.*
—By Henry Van Dyke

Be glad of life! Simple, profound, natural, challenging. The smallest messages are often the most powerful.

In Judaism one of our core values, and our value for the month of March, is *simchah*, joy; “being glad of life.” It is intended to be our go-to stance, the attitude we most wholly embrace. Rabbi David Wolpe defines it this way: “Deeper than pleasure is joy. Joy is a satisfaction of the soul, a combination of gratitude, safety and calm exultation. Growing in soul enables us to taste joy. There are those who, knowing little of Judaism, believe it is a tradition of suffering, guilt, and unrelieved remorse. But constant mourning is the sign of an ailing soul, one that needs healing. Joy is the natural condition of a human being relating to the Creator of the universe. Judaism is not a tradition of tragedy, and all the dire events of Jewish history have not changed its core of joy.”

The word “joy” conjures images of exuberant rejoicing, merriment and jubilation. We often use it as a noun to describe a joy-

ous occasion, “we’re going to a *simchah!*” But *simchah* can also mean happiness or contentment and satisfaction. A special occasion can stir feelings of *simchah*, but also, if we strive to internalize the quality of *simchah* it can become an abiding foundation for our expressions of joy. Judaism teaches us that there should be a sense of joy in our celebrations, festivals and Shabbat. It is with hopeful hearts that Jews have written so many joyful prayers and songs over the centuries. Consider this prayer from our Shabbat morn-

ing liturgy: “Grant me the privilege of the liberating joy of Shabbat....fill Your servant’s heart with joy and jubilation. Help me to extend the joy of Shabbat to the other days of the week, until I attain the goal of deep joy...” And, according to our tradition, we can forget about all those guidance books for healthy living. All we need is a joyful heart! In Proverbs we find that “a joyful heart makes for good health; despondency dries up the bones.” (Proverbs 17:22)

In the *Sefer Ha-Aggadah, The Book of Legends* we read: “R. Judah said: he who goes outdoors in the days of Nisan and sees trees blooming should say, ‘Blessed be He who has His world lack nothing and who has created in it goodly creatures and goodly trees for the joy of mankind.’”

Imagine, this text is telling us that God created the world to bring us joy. “For the joy of mankind” – I am struck by the significance of this teaching, the value it places on *Simchah*. Something we receive and yet we are also instructed to give joy. The ancient rabbis gave us instructions for how to bring joy to others – it is particularly noteworthy here that they distinguished between what brings joy to a man and what a woman finds joyful. From *The Book of Legends*: “Our masters taught: a man is obligated to cause his wife, his children and the members of his household to rejoice, as it is said, ‘thou shalt rejoice in thy feast, thou and thy son, and thy daughter, etc. (Deut. 16:14) With what is

one to cause them to rejoice? With wine. But R. Judah said: Men, with what is suitable for them, and women, with what is suitable for them. Men, with what is suitable for them – with wine. And women, with what? R. Joseph taught: In Babylonia, with colored garments. In the Land of Israel, with shiny linen garments.” Hah, the ancient rabbis knew a thing or two about women and their acquisition of garments!

According to *The Book of Legends* we even have a responsibility to cause God to rejoice: “On the festal days which I have given you, be joyful and cause the Holy One to rejoice. Even when a year of drought comes, go out to your vineyard, look around and be joyful; look around your olive yard and be joyful.”

Joy may seem like a simple concept at first glance but it is actually full of complexity. We are taught in the *Sefer Ha’Aggadah* that “rejoicing is designated by ten different terms: joy, gladness, merriment, a ringing cry, leaping, exulting, a shrill cry, jubilation, a resounding cry, shouting.” From the yearly festivals to Shabbat each week, the wisdom of our tradition inspires us to infuse our lives with joy, the quiet satisfaction that *simchah* can bring and when it’s time to dance and celebrate to do so with exuberance and jubilation.

Maintaining an ongoing sense of joy is not an easy task; perhaps not even possible. Barbara Kingsolver expresses what I often feel in her beautiful book of essays *Small Wonder*. She writes: “...maybe being perfectly happy is not really the point. Maybe that is only some modern American dream of the point, while the truer measure of humanity is the distance we must travel in our lives time and gain, ‘twixt two extremes of passion – joy and grief,’ as Shakespeare put it. However much I’ve lost, what remains to me is that I can still speak to name the things I love.”

As for me, because of the joyful gift of a friend I am reminded each day to “be glad of life because it gives you the chance to love.”

Senior Youth Group to Host Regionals

This spring, from April 12 – 15, our congregation’s senior youth group for 9th – 12th graders will be hosting an incredible event – one you should not miss. Over 120 high school students from all around the Ohio Valley region will be coming to Wise Temple to participate in NFTY-OV Regionals. This is quite an undertaking. For months now, the members of the youth group have worked hard to prepare for this four-day event. It promises to be filled with diverse experiences of learning, new friends, social action and fun.

If you haven’t participated in a youth group event yet this year, now is your chance! Parents, we need your help as well! The youth group is looking for volunteers to host, and transport out-of-town teens while in Cincinnati, as well as chaperone and support some of the weekend’s activities.

Contact Daniel Schwartz, the senior youth group advisor, for more information at 295-8770 or dschwartz@wisetemple.org.



A Most Incredible Summer

Teen travel to Israel. The idea brings a mix of feelings: adventure, discovery, Jewish connection, and perhaps some anxiety.

Teen travel to Israel has been determined to be a critical factor in a lifelong commitment to Judaism. This summer, hundreds of teens from across the country will participate in an experience they will never forget. Video games, instant messenger, the mall, and television will all be forgotten as they form a connection with the land of Israel and other Jewish youth.

For more than 50 years NFTY has been sponsoring summer and semester programs in Israel. During that time NFTY has earned a well deserved reputation for aspiring to the highest standards of safety and security in all its youth programs. This year, NFTY is offering three different experiences for teens who are interested in traveling to Israel during the summer months.

- **The NFTY Adventure** is a 4½-week trip in which teens will explore Israel from border to border.
- **The NFTY L’Dor V’Dor** is a 5-week trip that spends a week in the Czech Republic and Poland, and 4 weeks in Israel.
- **The NFTY Summer Semester** is a 6½-week experience in which teens will reside at NFTY’s EIE campus at Kibbutz Tzuba near Jerusalem and will have the opportunity for intense study and travel. Students may receive high school credit for this program.

• Each trip will be filled with unforgettable adventures, personal accomplishments, and meaningful memories.

Last year, 26 Wise teens experienced Israel and came back with a renewed commitment to their own Judaism and the Jewish community. And, thanks to the leadership of Rabbi Kamrass and others, there are generous grants from the Jewish Foundation that are available to all participants and *are not need based*. All you need to do is apply. **The cost of the program is funded almost entirely by these grants.**

Alan Gross, who is the chairperson of Wise Temple’s Connections with Israel Committee, shares, “As a parent who has experienced having a daughter travel to Israel for three wonderful, meaningful trips, I can tell you that it’s been a life changing experience each time. I am convinced that this contributed significantly to her current active Jewish life at college. Teens can push us to explore ourselves and through them we can become more full. Consider this experience with not only a Jewish mind but a Jewish heart as well.”

For more information on NFTY travel to Israel and other travel opportunities for youth, you can visit the NFTY website at www.NFTY.org or contact Barbara Miller in our local Federation office at bmiller@jfedcin.org.

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 or www.jewishcincinnati.org.

Help Us Stay In Touch

Due to the medical privacy laws now in place, our rabbis no longer receive information from hospitals about our congregants who are patients in the hospitals. So if you have heard that someone (a friend, a family member, a neighbor, another Temple member you know) is in the hospital, you would be doing a great *mitzvah* to let our rabbis know that information.

You can email Rabbi Kamrass' assistant, Luana Heinemeyer at lheinemeyer@wisetemple.org or call her at 793-2559. Even after office hours, you can leave that information on her voice mail by calling 793-2556, and then press extension 104. Please let us know the name of the congregant in the hospital and in which hospital they are currently a patient. The rabbis will treat this information with confidentiality and privacy, and will use it only to be able to do their important work of visiting Wise Temple members when they are ill.

The rabbis visit in the hospitals several days a week; it would be a shame for them to unknowingly walk right past the room of another Temple member who is there. So please go out of your way to inform our rabbis when your family, friends, and fellow Wise Temple members are hospitalized. It may be one of the few times when passing along information about someone else might be considered a *mitzvah*! 🕯

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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

Visit the Ralph & Julia Cohen Library



Library Hours:

Mondays	1:00 PM - 7:00 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

Senior Adult Annual Dinner and Entertainment

**Thursday, March 22
 6:00 PM at Wise Center**

Join us for good food, great conversation, and the wonderful Jazz and Dixieland music of the Lou Lausche Trio.

Also, mark your calendars for
 "A Conversation
 with Ellen van der Horst,"
 our fellow congregant and
 president of The Cincinnati USA
 Regional Chamber of Commerce
 on Thursday, April 26
 at 1:00 PM.

PURIM EVENTS

Saturday, March 3
 Purim Dinner at 6:00 PM
 Megillah Reading at 7:00 PM



Sunday, March 4
 Youth Group
 Annual Purim Carnival
 after Religious School



Games, Food, Fun, Prizes! A raffle with exciting gifts!

LISTING OF EVENTS



Brotherhood

Brotherhood Board Meeting

Thursday, March 8

6:00 PM at Wise Center

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

Brotherhood Dinner

Saturday, March 10

7:00 PM at Montgomery Inn in

Montgomery

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



Congregational Dinners

Purim Dinner sponsored by Sisterhood

Saturday, March 3

6:00 PM at Wise Center

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

Congregational Dinner

Friday, March 16

7:15 PM at Wise Center

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



Eitz Chayim

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

Adult Hebrew Classes

Second Semester continues

Wednesdays, 4:45 – 5:45 PM at Wise Center

Pre-registration necessary.

Israel's Rich Culture: A Multi-Faceted Gem with Rabbinic Intern Rachel Crossley

Thursday, March 1

7:00 – 8:30 PM at Wise Center

Pre-registration necessary.

92nd Street Y with Katie Couric

Tuesday, March 6

7:30 PM at Wise Center

Jewish Ethics: Downtown Lunch and Learn

Thursday, March 8

Noon – 1:00 PM

Katz, Teller, Brant and Hild Offices

Pre-registration necessary.

How to Read the Bible

with Rabbi Kamrass

Tuesdays, March 8 & 15

7:00 – 8:30 PM at Wise Center

Pre-registration necessary.

Worship of the Heart: Navigating Our Way Through the Prayerbook

with Rabbi Kamrass

Thursday, March 22

7:00 – 9:00 PM at Wise Center

Pre-registration necessary.

Hornstein Lecture featuring Rabbi David Saperstein, Director, Religious Action Center

Sunday, March 25

10:00 – 11:30 AM at Wise Center

No pre-registration necessary.

TUESDAYS WITH TORAH

The following classes are from Noon – 1:00 PM at Wise Center
For more information or to register, contact Terri Snavely at 793-2997.

Talmud with Training Wheels with Rabbi Shulman

Tuesdays, March 6 & 13

False Messiahs with Rabbi Baden

Tuesdays, March 20 & 27



Religious School

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

7th Grade B'nai Mitzvah Class

Saturday, March 3

8:30 – 11:00 PM at Wise Center

For more information, contact Debra

Dressler at 793-2556, ext. 109 or

ddressler@wisetemple.org.

Gesher Grade 4

Sunday, March 4

9:30 AM at Wise Center

For more information, contact Debra

Dressler at 793-2556, ext. 109 or

ddressler@wisetemple.org

CRJHS

Sundays, March 4, 11, 18 & 25

7:00 PM at Wise Center

Grade 1 Family Program

Sunday, March 11

9:15 AM at Wise Center

For more information, contact Debra

Dressler at 793-2556, ext. 109 or

ddressler@wisetemple.org.

Gesher Grade 2

Sunday, March 11

9:30 AM 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, March 18

9:00 - 11:45 AM at Wise Center

For more information, contact Debra

Dressler at 793-2556, ext. 109 or

ddressler@wisetemple.org.

Gesher Grade 3

Sunday, March 18

9:30 AM at Wise Center

For more information, contact Debra

Dressler at 793-2556, ext. 109 or

ddressler@wisetemple.org

Gesher Grade 6

Sunday, March 18

9:30 AM at Wise Center

For more information, contact Debra

Dressler at 793-2556, ext. 109 or

ddressler@wisetemple.org.

Gesher Grade 5

Sunday, March 25

9:30 AM at Wise Center

For more information, contact Debra

Dressler at 793-2556, ext. 109 or

ddressler@wisetemple.org.

No School

Wednesday, March 28

Sunday, April 1

Wednesday, April 4

Sunday, April 8



Seniors

Seniors Dinner and The Lou Lausche Trio

Thursday, March 22

6:00 PM at Wise Center

For more information, contact Karen Abel

(521-7353); Saranne & Tim Funk

(841-2583); Nancy Goldberg (791-4498);

Ruth Goret (351-6486).



Singles

Dinner

Sunday, March 11

6:00 PM at Don Pablo's in Norwood

For more information, contact Nancy

Mendelson at 489-8393 or email

singles@wisetemple.org.

Sisterhood

Sisterhood Board Meeting
Wednesdays, March 7 & March 28
9:45 AM at Wise Center
For more information, contact Robin Newland at 530-5516.

Sisterhood Mah Jongg
Thursdays, March 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29
11:00 AM at Wise Center
For more information or to RSVP, contact Cynthia Marmer at 984-0236.

Lilith Salon
Thursday, March 1
7:30 PM
For more information, contact Karen Sim at 777-2969 or Rachel Wells at 530-9881.

Sisterhood Museum Outing
Wednesday, March 14
11:00 AM at the Cincinnati Art Museum
For more information contact Inez Moses at 398-1163 or Pat Silver at 779-3599.

Sisterhood Book Club
Rashi's Daughters
Monday, March 26
7:30 PM at Wise Center
For more information, contact Eve Appleton at 321-0427 or Dian Deutsch at 891-3666.

WiseUP Social Action

To sign up for any of the projects below contact Carri Wasserberg at 793-2556, ext. 135 or cwasserberg@wisetemple.org.

Matzo Drive Continues Through March 24
Help our Jewish neighbors celebrate a joyous Passover. Bring boxes of matzo to the Jewish Family Services barrels in the Wise Center lobby. Kosher for Passover 2007 products only, please.

Mural Painting at IHN Day Center
Sunday, March 4
11:00 AM or immediately after Religious School
Share your artistic talents and help to paint something beautiful at the Interfaith Hospitality Network Day Center, where homeless families get assistance to find and retain stable housing. Bring a sack lunch and old clothes. (Ages 12+).

Cedar Village
Saturday, March 10
9:15 AM
All ages are invited to participate in the mitzvah of *kibud zekaynim* (honor the elderly) by sharing Shabbat services with seniors at Cedar Village. Young children especially welcome.

Sisterhood-sponsored Knitting Project
Wednesday, March 14
4:30 PM at Wise Center
For more information, contact Lynn Warm at 631-9193.

Speaking of Women's Health
Sponsored by Sisterhood
Thursday, March 15
7:30 AM – 12:30 PM or Noon – 5:00 PM
Join our Sisterhood in helping this non-profit organization fulfill its mission of educating women to make informed decisions about their health, well-being and safety. Volunteers will work together to help register participants, serve as guides and monitor breakout sessions.

Brotherhood Lighthouse Youth Services
Thursday, March 15
5:30 PM
Set a good example and bring joy to disadvantaged young men at Lighthouse Youth Services. Join our Brotherhood for an evening of sharing dinner, basketball, air hockey or foosball, and listening to what's on the minds of these young men. (Men ages 13+).

Youth Activities

Shabbat Story Time
Fridays, March 2 & 16
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 Tammy Ploetz at rontamz@yahoo.com.

(e)YGOW Purim Lock-in
Saturday, March 3 at Wise Center
For more information, contact Daniel Schwartz at 295-8770 or dschwartz@wisetemple.org.

(e)YGOW JYG Event
Friday, March 9 – Monday, March 12
GUCI
For more information, contact Daniel Schwartz at 295-8770 or dschwartz@wisetemple.org.

NOAR Program for Grades 5 & 6
Sunday, March 11
Noon – 1:30 PM
For more information, contact Karen Thomashow at 793-2556, ext. 202 or kthomashow@wisetemple.org.

Grade 6 Retreat
Friday, March 16 – Saturday, March 17
Camp Kern
For more information, contact Karen Thomashow at 793-2556, ext. 202 or kthomashow@wisetemple.org.

Grades 1 – 4 Program
Sunday, March 18
Noon to 1:30 PM
For more information, contact Karen Thomashow at 793-2556, ext. 202 or kthomashow@wisetemple.org.

Miscellaneous

Megillah Reading
Saturday, March 3
7:00 PM at Wise Center
For more information, contact the Temple office at 793-2556.

Purim Carnival
Sunday, March 4
11:45 AM at Wise Center
For more information, contact Daniel Schwartz at 295-8770 or dschwartz@wisetemple.org.

Political Advocacy Committee Program
Monday, March 12
Immigration at Home: Historical, Social, Economic Perspectives
7:00 – 9:00 PM at Wise Center
For more information, contact pac@wisetemple.org.

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.

MARCH 2007 ADAR/NISSAN

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

**FOR MORE INFORMATION,
PLEASE CALL THE TEMPLE
AT (513) 793-2556 OR VISIT
WWW.WISETEMPLE.ORG**

WC = Wise Center
PST = Plum Street Temple
O = Other Location

See listing of events for
more detailed information.

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11:00 AM-Sisterhood Mah
Jongg(WC)
5:30 PM-AA Mtg.(WC)
7:00 PM-Eitz Chayim - Israel's
Rich Culture...(WC)
7:30 PM-Lilith Salon(O)

2
10:00 AM-Storytime(WC)
**6:15 PM-Shabbat
Evening Service(WC)**

**3 9:30 AM-Shabbat
Morning Service(WC)**
**10:45 AM-Bat Mitzvah of
Rae Walters(PST)**
10:45 AM-Torah Study(WC)
6:00 PM-Congregational Purim
Dinner (WC)
6:00 PM-(e)YGOW Purim Lock
In(WC)
**7:00 PM-Megillah
Reading(WC)**
8:30 PM-7th Grade B'nai
Mitzvah Class(WC)

4
9:30 AM-4th Grade
Geshher(WC)
11:00 AM-Wise Up Mural
Painting(O)
11:15 AM-Purim Carnival(WC)
7:00 PM-CRJHS(WC)

5
7:00 PM-PAC Program(WC)

6
12:00 PM-Eitz Chayim - Talmud
with Training Wheels(WC)
5:30 PM-AA Mtg.(WC)
8:00 PM-92nd Street Y with
Katie Couric(WC)

7
9:45 AM-Sisterhood Board
Meeting(WC)
4:30 PM-Midweek Hebrew(WC)
4:45 PM-Adult Hebrew
Classes(WC)

8
11:00 AM-Sisterhood Mah
Jongg(WC)
12:00 PM-Eitz Chayim - Jewish
Ethics: Downtown Lunch and
Learn(O)
5:30 PM-AA Mtg.(WC)
6:00 PM-Brotherhood Board
Meeting(WC)
7:00 PM-Eitz Chayim - How to
Read the Bible(WC)

9
(e)YGOW JYG Event at GUCI(O)
**6:15 PM-Shabbat
Evening Service(WC)**

10
9:15 AM-Wise Up Cedar
Village(O)
**9:30 AM-Shabbat
Morning Service(WC)**
**10:45 AM-B'nai Mitzvah
of Benjamin & Sam
Casuto(PST)**
10:45 AM-Torah Study(WC)
7:00 PM-Brotherhood Dinner(O)

11
9:15 AM-1st Grade Family
Program(WC)
9:30 AM-2nd Grade
Geshher(WC)
12:00 PM-NOAR Program(O)
6:00 PM-Singles Dinner(O)
7:00 PM-CRJHS(WC)

12
7:00 PM-PAC Program(WC)

13
12:00 PM-Eitz Chayim - Talmud
with Training Wheels(WC)
5:30 PM-AA Mtg.(WC)

14
11:00 AM-Sisterhood Museum
Outing(O)
4:30 PM-Midweek Hebrew(WC)
4:30 PM-Sisterhood/WiseUP
Knitting Project(WC)
4:45 PM-Adult Hebrew
Classes(WC)

15
7:30 AM-WiseUP/Sisterhood-
Speaking of Women's
Health(O)
11:00 AM-Sisterhood Mah
Jongg(WC)
5:30 PM-AA Mtg.(WC)
5:30PM-WiseUP/Brotherhood
Lighthouse(O)
7:00 PM-Eitz Chayim - How to
Read the Bible(WC)

16
6th Grade Retreat(O)
10:00 AM-Storytime(WC)
**6:15 PM-Shabbat
Evening Service - Shir
Chadash; Grade 2
participation; Youth Choir(WC)**
7:15 PM-Shabbat Dinner(WC)

17
6th Grade Retreat(O)
**9:30 AM-Shabbat
Morning Service(WC)**
**10:45 AM-Bat Mitzvah of
Abby Richter(PST)**
10:45 AM-Torah Study(WC)

18
9:00 AM-7th Grade B'nai
Mitzvah Class(WC)
9:30 AM-3rd Grade
Geshher(WC)
9:30 AM-6th Grade
Geshher(WC)
12:00 PM-1st - 4th Grade
Program(WC)
7:00 PM-CRJHS(WC)

19
7:30 PM-Sisterhood Book
Club(WC)

20
12:00 PM-Eitz Chayim-False
Messiahs(WC)
5:30 PM-AA Mtg.(WC)

21
4:30 PM-Midweek Hebrew(WC)
4:45 PM-Adult Hebrew
Classes(WC)

22
11:00 AM-Sisterhood Mah
Jongg(WC)
5:30 PM-AA Mtg.(WC)
6:00 PM-Seniors Dinner &
Entertainment(WC)
7:00 PM-Eitz Chayim-Worship
of the Heart: Navigating Our
Way Through the
Prayerbook(WC)

23
**6:15 PM-Shabbat
Evening Service/Birthday
& Anniversary Blessings(WC)**
**6:30 PM-Wise Tykes
Service(WC)**

24
**9:30 AM-Shabbat
Morning Service(WC)**
**10:45 AM-Bat Mitzvah
of Allannah Jackson(PST)**
10:45 AM-Torah Study(WC)

25
9:30 AM-5th Grade Geshher
10:00 AM-Eitz Chayim -
Hornstein Program with Rabbi
David Saperstein(WC)
7:00 PM-CRJHS(WC)

26
7:30 PM-Sisterhood Book
Club(WC)

27
12:00 PM-Eitz Chayim - False
Messiahs(WC)
5:30 PM-AA Mtg.(WC)

28
No School
9:45 AM-Sisterhood Board
Meeting(WC)

29
11:00 AM-Sisterhood Mah
Jongg(WC)
5:30 PM-AA Mtg.(WC)

30
6:15 PM-Shabbat Evening
Service/Isaac M. Wise
Shabbat/Kol Rinah(WC)

31
**9:30 AM-Shabbat
Morning Service(WC)**
**10:45 AM-Bat Mitzvah
of Mackenzie
Baird(PST)**
10:45 AM-Torah Study(WC)

PROGRAMMING

Lilith Salon

Our second Lilith salon will be held Thursday, March 1 at 7:00 PM. More free flowing than a book club, not as spiritual as a Rosh Chodesh group, this is an opportunity for Sisterhood women to get together in a casual environment to share ideas, conversation and good company. Appetizers, wine and dessert will be served. Sisterhood members needed to pre-register and subscribe to Lilith magazine in order to attend. *For more information, please contact Rachel Wells at 530-9881 or rachelwells@cinci.rr.com or Karen Sim at 777-2969 or jsim@one.net.*

Congregational Purim Dinner

Please join our Purim celebration on Saturday, March 3 at Wise Center. The festivities include dinner at 6:00 PM, followed by the Megillah reading at 7:00 PM. All are encouraged to come in costume. Please RSVP by using the invitation you received in the mail. *For more information call Beth Hertzman at 271-4452 or Wendy Pelberg at 791-8838.*

March Program – Museum Outing

The Sisterhood Museum Outing will take place Wednesday, March 14 at the Cincinnati Art Museum. Please join us for a lovely and informative afternoon. Our outing will include a guided tour, lunch and a gift. \$25 per person. *For more information, please contact Inez Moses at 398-1163 or Pat Silver at 779-3599.*

Book Club

The Sisterhood Book Club will meet on Monday, March 26 at 7:30 PM at Wise Center. The featured book is *Rashi's Daughters* by Maggie Anton. *For more information, please contact Eve Appleton at 321-0427 or Dian Deutsch at 891-3666.*

Women's Seder

Our annual Women's Seder will be held Thursday, April 5 at 6:30 PM at Wise Center. Watch for your invitation in the mail. This is a very special Sisterhood evening. Feel free to bring female guests, over the age of 13. This is a great multi-generational event. Bring your daughters, nieces, moms, grandmothers to experience a Seder that speaks to a woman's heart and spirit. *For more information, please contact Mona Spitz at 891-9583 or Debby Rosen at 469-1255.*

Bingo & Poker Night

Sisterhood is hosting it's first ever "Are You Game" Bingo & Poker night on Saturday, April 14 from 7:00 to 10:00 PM. The night is sure to be a lot of fun. Watch your mail for invitations. Join in the excitement and try your luck at winning a great selection of prizes. The grand prize is a gourmet gift basket including dinner and wine. There will be an opportunity to win other prizes throughout the evening. A Reverse Raffle will take place and a raffle ticket purchase includes the price of one admission. You need not be present to win. Otherwise, tickets are available for \$5.00 in advance or \$7.00 at the door. A book of bingo games will be sold for \$18.00 or two for \$25.00. Poker and Texas Hold 'Em will be played with no minimum buy-in. Event co-chairs are Lorri Manning and Teri Junker and they promise an enjoyable evening filled with good times with good friends. Delicious snacks will be provided and beer and wine will be available for a nominal charge. This event is open to the community. *Call or e-mail Lorri at 984-9167 or smann38463@aol.com or Teri at 731-1499 or terijunker@hotmail.com. Don't miss out.*

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Speaking of Women's Health

"Speaking of Women's Health" is a national, non-profit organization that educates women to make informed choices about their health, well-being, and personal safety. Wise Temple members will be volunteering on Thursday, March 15 at the Northern Kentucky Convention Center. Volunteers are needed as registrars, guides, breakout session monitors and to help with set up. There are two shifts: 7:30 AM to 12:30 PM and 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM. You will receive lunch and be able to participate in some of the conference sessions while you're there. If you are unable to volunteer on Thursday, you may volunteer on Wednesday, Friday, or Sunday. Past volunteers have said their experience was very rewarding. *If you would like to volunteer or need more details, contact Nancy Apfel at njapfel@fuse.net or 793-9659 OR Adrienne Cooper at Acooper039@fuse.net or 542-0055.*

Knitting Project

Join us to KNIT and chat while making healing shawls. Yarn will be available, just bring your size 13, 15 or 17 needles. We will meet at Wise Center on Wednesday, March 14 from 4:30 to 5:45 PM. *For more information, contact Lynn Warm at 631-9193.*

KROGER CARDS

Wise Temple is part of the Kroger Neighborhood Rewards Program. Help support Wise Temple by purchasing a Kroger Neighborhood Rewards Card for just \$5 (which will be credited toward Kroger purchases, so the net cost is zero!). Once you purchase a card, you can add money to it while in the checkout line and use it to pay for your grocery purchases. Every time you add money to the card (and you CAN use your Credit Card), Wise Temple will get back a percentage of the dollars that you purchase. It's an easy way to help Sisterhood and Wise Temple while doing your regular grocery shopping. You can now use your Kroger card at the GAS PUMP at most Kroger stores. You can also use it to pay for pharmacy purchases. Stop in the Gift Shop and purchase your card today. *If you want a card but can't make it to the Gift Shop, or for more information, call Linda Berger at 631-1372.*

FLEA MARKET

Are you moving? Cleaning closets? Redecorating? The Flea Market will gladly help by getting 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.) *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

Passover Sale

20% off Passover items

Tuesday, March 20 thru Sunday, March 25

Seder Plates, Miriam Cups and more, everything except haggadahs. We have a great selection of gifts for every occasion.

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

New volunteers are always needed. If you are interested, please contact Margie Meyer at 984-2345.

Immigration at Home: Historical, Social, Economic Perspectives

Please join the Wise Temple Political Advocacy Committee on Monday, March 12 at 7:00 PM, for a panel discussion on immigration focusing on the historical roots of immigration in Cincinnati and its current social and economic impact.

How has immigration defined our region? How do immigrants fare in our community? How are the issues regarding immigration the same or different now from those of the past? How do new immigrants' concerns about schools, social services,

housing and jobs resonate with our own concerns? "Immigration at Home" will address this multilayered and emotional issue from multiple perspectives with panelists Sean Arthurs, an attorney with the Legal Aid Society of Greater Cincinnati; Dr. Nancy Bertaux, Professor of Economics, Xavier University; Dan Hurley, Assistant Director of History, Cincinnati Museum Center; and Rev. William Jansen, Director of Hispanic Ministries, Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

The program will be presented by The Wise Temple Political Advocacy Committee in co-sponsorship with the American Jewish Committee, Adath Israel Congregation, Archdiocese of Cincinnati, Cincinnati Chapter of Hadassah, Congregation Beth Adam, Jewish Women's Agencies, League of Women Voters of the Cincinnati Area, National Council of Jewish Women, The Interfaith Alliance and Woman's City Club.

More information may be obtained by writing to pac@wisetemple.org.

Traditional Passover Seder

This year, Passover will begin on the evening of Monday, April 2. It is traditional to join family and friends for the festive meal on the first and/or second night of the holiday. This meal is called the Seder, which in Hebrew means "order." This name is derived from the fact that the seder includes prayers, readings, and symbolic foods that appear in a particular order during evening.

In preparing for a Passover Seder, one must be sure to include the following ritual items on the Seder Plate:

Maror: *Bitter Herbs* (usually horseradish) symbolize the bitterness of Egyptian slavery. Some prefer mild horseradish at the seder; others say that it doesn't serve its purpose (to remind us of the bitterness of slavery) unless it's hot enough to bring tears to the eyes.

Karpas: *Vegetable* (usually parsley) is dipped into salt water during the seder. The salt water represents the tears shed during Egyptian slavery. The dipping of a vegetable as an appetizer is said to date back to biblical times.

Chazeret: *Bitter Vegetable* (often lettuce) is often used in addition to the bitter herb. The authorities are divided on the requirement of *chazeret*, so not all communities use it. Some use a green vegetable (such as lettuce – as

long as lettuce is not also used for karpas), some use the green top of a bitter herb, while some use a second bitter (such as radish) for the *chazeret*.

Charoset: *Apple, nuts, and spices* ground together and mixed with wine are symbolic of the mortar used by Hebrew slaves to build Egyptian structures. The *charoset* is sweet because sweetness is symbolic of God's kindness, which was able to make even slavery more bearable.

Zeroa: The roasted *Shankbone* is symbolic of the Paschal lamb offered as the Passover sacrifice in biblical times. Vegetarian households often use beets for the shankbone on the seder plate. The red beets symbolize the

blood of the Paschal lamb, which was used to mark the lintel and doorposts of the houses during the first Passover (Exodus 12:22).

Beitzah: The *Egg* is symbolic of the festival sacrifice made in biblical times. On Passover, an additional sacrifice (the Paschal lamb) was offered as well. It is also a symbol of spring – the season in which Passover is always celebrated. In many households, it is customary to use a brown egg on the seder plate. The egg should be baked or roasted if possible.

—The preceding list was adapted from the URJ's "virtual seder plate" (<http://nj006.urj.net/seder/plate.html>)

Please Join Us for the

Congregational Passover Seder

Thursday, April 3
6:00 PM at Wise Center



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

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EDUCATION CONNECTION

Upcoming Eitz Chayim Classes

Talmud with Training Wheels

Tuesdays, March 6 & 13
Noon – 1:00 PM

The Talmud is the ultimate source for Jewish learning, and yet it is perhaps the most enigmatic and complex. Join us as we delve into the world of Talmud exploring its rules and language, its rich and beautiful style and meanings. This text course with Rabbi Shulman is for absolute beginners and future Talmudic scholars alike!

Downtown Lunch and Learn Series on Jewish Ethics Continues

Thursday, March 8
Noon – 1:00 PM

Our Jewish values can guide us in all aspects of our lives – in our family life, our business life, our community life and even in places that we don't usually think of. Join Rabbi Shulman as we investigate what our ancient Jewish tradition can teach us about Hatred and Revenge.

How to Read the Bible

Thursdays, March 8 & 15
7:00 – 8:30 PM

Most people read the Bible, and thereby ignore the rich texture of our most sacred

text. From the cultural and historical context, to the literary approach, to the rabbinic enterprise of delving deeply into a single word, throughout the centuries, the Bible has been read, studied, probed, and interpreted through the many filters that point to its rich genius and highlight its holiness. Rabbi Kamrass will lead us in examining several texts of Bible in order to demonstrate these various approaches, to familiarize us, and to invite us into the multi-faceted dimensions of our most sacred literature.

False Messiahs

Tuesdays, March 20 & 27
Noon – 1:00 PM

Throughout the course of Jewish history, some communities yearned so badly for the messiah that they believed he had already arrived. In this course with Rabbi Baden, we will explore messianism from the Jewish perspective and will study several figures who were thought to have been the living messiah.

To register for any of these Eitz Chayim classes, contact Terri Snavely at 793-2997 or tsnavely@wisetemple.org.

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LECTURES, INTERVIEWS, PANELS & READINGS BROADCAST LIVE VIA SATELLITE

LIVE LINK AT WISE TEMPLE

92nd Street Y Returns: Tuesday, March 6, 8:00 PM with Katie Couric!

Katie Couric is the anchor and managing editor of the *CBS Evening News*, a 60 Minutes correspondent and the anchor of CBS News' primetime specials. She talks with Dr. Gail Saltz about her work as an anchorwoman covering world affairs and her personal and professional journey. Dr. Saltz is an associate professor of psychiatry at Weill Medical College of Cornell University, a contributor to NBC's *Today* show and an author.

The event is open to the Greater Cincinnati public – bring a friend! Tickets are \$5 and will be available at the door at 7:30 PM at Wise Center. For further information and to RSVP, contact Wise Temple at (513) 793-2556 or tsnavely@wisetemple.org.



Katie Couric

Hornstein Program

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spent playing with her grandchildren. She drew strength from her Judaism, incorporating Jewish values and teachings in her daily life. She called Wise Temple her spiritual home for several decades.

In her later years, she recorded the remarkable story of her Holocaust survival for the Spielberg Holocaust Project and the United States Holocaust Museum. She felt strongly that the Holocaust and both its victims and survivors not be forgotten.

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

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

No registration necessary for the program. 🕯

Rabbis on the Road!

Rabbis Kamrass, Baden and Shulman will be visiting college students in Columbus on March 6 and at Indiana University on March 20. We are looking forward to taking our former students out for dinner and to hearing about life in school.

If you haven't given us your college student's contact information yet, please forward their addresses and emails to cwasserberg@wisetemple.org so we can keep in touch.

Even though they are not here in Cincinnati, your college students are still a part of our congregation!

MAZEL TOV

The Temple offers congratulations to the following families:

B'nai Mitzvah

March 3 – Rae Walters, daughter of Dr. William Walters and Patti Walters. Granddaughter of Marcia Chesley.

March 10 – Benjamin and Sam Casuto, children of Scott and Leah Casuto.

March 17 – Abby Richter, daughter of Mark and Melisa Richter. Granddaughter of Stanley and Agnes Richter.

March 24 – Allannah Jackson, daughter of Martin and Phyllis Murray and Tom Jackson.

March 31 – Mackenzie Baird, daughter of Suzanne Baird and Timothy Baird.

Births

Jeffrey and Amy Friedman and Howard and Phyllis Ringel on the recent birth of their daughter and granddaughter, Nina Jane Friedman.

Don and Kathie Kaplan on the recent birth of their granddaughter, Cassidy Liat Randolph.

Jason and Shelley Heinen on the recent birth of their daughter, Olivia Harlow Heinen.

Brian and Elizabeth Kerstine and Dr. Richard and Mona Kerstine on the recent birth of their daughter and granddaughter, Carly Lynne Kerstine.

Ben and Dee Gettler on the recent birth of their grandson, Reed Michael Gettler.

Engagements

Dr. Stewart and Hindi Friedman and Lorrie Friedman on the recent engagement of their daughter and granddaughter, Alison Friedman to Chad Kripke.

Alvin and Gloria Lipson on the recent engagement of their daughter, Miriam Lipson to Jake Hodesh.

Teri and Ken Hiudt on the recent engagement of their daughter, Ashlee Hiudt to Alex Boymel.

Weddings

Steven and Carole Swillinger and Rhea Swillinger on the recent marriage of their son and grandson, Bradley Swillinger to Courtney Duncan.

Holly Corbin and Joshua Wolfson on their recent marriage.



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