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# Welcome!

BY ANDY BERGER, PRESIDENT

**H**ow do you welcome someone who's already part of the family? It may seem like an odd question at first blush, but it actually happens all the time. Think about the last time you went to the home of a family member for a Passover Seder, Thanksgiving, a Shabbat dinner, or just an informal get-together. When you came to their door, did they greet you, give you a smile and a hug, take your coat, offer you a beverage? Or did they just let you in, turn, and go about their business?

A great many of our members truly feel a part of the Wise Temple family and regard the Temple as a second home. I know I do. For me, when I enter the Temple lobby, it makes all the difference to be greeted by someone I know (or even someone I don't know) rather than just to see faces turn away. I assume it's the same for you, too.

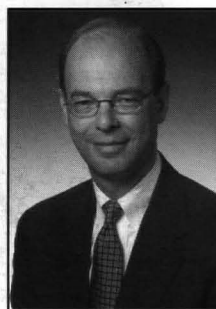
You may recall that several years ago Wise Temple adopted a Strategic Plan, after soliciting your input through a congregation-wide survey and by holding numerous Community Conversations. Two of the initiatives that came out of the strategic planning process are (1) to deepen the connections of both new and long-time members, and (2) to be more proactive in recruiting new members to join us. Both of these initiatives involve our doing a better job of welcoming. A better job of welcoming guests and prospective members. A better job of welcoming new mem-

bers so they soon get to feel like the Temple is their home, too. And, yes, even a better job of welcoming long-time members, some who have been "members of the family" all their lives, who may be seeking new ways to connect with their Temple home.

To help us do this job better, we have formed two new Committees at the Temple, the Member Connections Committee and the Member Recruitment Committee. You will begin to see the fruits of their labors in the days, weeks, and months ahead. And in carrying out these initiatives, we have found that we needed to enhance our staff.

So we have created a new staff position at the Temple, of Membership/Program Director. And we are fortunate to have filled this position with a talented, energetic, and committed person, someone who also happens to be a long-time member of the Temple. I know you will join me in giving a warm Wise Temple welcome to Sharon Marshall, our new Membership/Program Director. (Please learn more about Sharon and her connection with Wise Temple on page 5.)

Adding Sharon to our staff in this new position is an important step in furthering our strategic objectives. Sharon will staff our Member Connections and Member Recruitment Committees, and our existing Prospective Member Committee, in addition to other responsibilities. She will lead our efforts in these areas, and will work in part-



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

BY RABBI LEWIS KAMRASS

**P**assover is the perennial favorite of American Jewish life, the most widely observed home holiday of all the Jewish calendar. For more than just the joy of gathering around the table with family or friends, and more than the foods or even the ritual, the Passover Seder is a time when several important elements of Jewish life occur simultaneously:

First, there is the concept that the home becomes a *mikdash m'aht*, a miniature sanctuary. The table becomes not only a place to dine, but a sacred altar. We bring to this alter many things: a sense of the sacred, the holiness of time, the idea that we participate in a drama that every generation has reenacted, in every era and in every place. We gather in much the same way that our people have done throughout the ages, pausing to recognize the values that are holy in life: family, faith and gratitude.

Second, there is the concept of memory and time. We bring to the Seder table the memories of our past. We recall the people who sat with us in past years, the fullest idea of time. Whether we experienced our earliest Passover Seders when we were children, or when we were as adults, we carry our memories of past years forward to the table before us. And in that moment we realize that memory brings true spiritual wealth and fulfillment to our souls. Time is the theatre of that memory.

And finally, there is the story of Passover itself. Each year we tell the same story, not because we have forgotten the details, but because we seek to renew ourselves with its meaning. When we talk about the Israelites moving from servitude to redemption, we

• speak of our own lives. We remember that this is our story, and just like those former slaves who discovered a sense of responsibility, we too, rediscover our responsibility to others in the world. When we hear the phrases repeated so frequently in the Seder:

“remember the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Israel,” or “let all who are hungry come and eat,” we remember our responsibility to help those who are in need. Some need to be fed, some need to be rescued or freed, but all of us are either in need of redemption, or in need of helping to bring redemption to those in need. In reliving the ancient drama, we renew a personal

sense of contemporary responsibility. When the story is completed and the meal is finished, our job is not: for we are reminded of some of the holy tasks of being human.

So this year, beyond preparing the meal or routinely reading the Haggadah, I urge you to do this:

Consider the meaning of your home and your table being a holy place. Consider that this is more than an evening in April 2007, but rather an ongoing drama that spans the generations and miles. Recognize that the ritual and the moment are a foundation of holiness, reminding us to feel a sense of wonder and awe at the larger drama of Jewish history in which we take up our role. Talk about that at your table and pause for a moment to consider the wonder of it all.

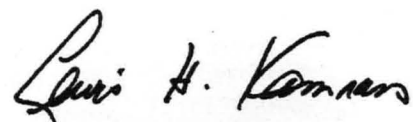
Consider the power of memory in your life, to enrich the moment, and to be filled with a deep sense of gratitude for the people who nourish meaning in your life. Then acknowledge that gratitude privately or publicly and thank those who have brought

• such meaning and contentment to your days. Recall aloud those who can be present only in memory, but who shape not only a memory, but have nurtured our character.

Consider that the drama of redemption told at the Seder, of our people moving from slavery to freedom to responsibility, is a drama that continues to this day. We are the people of that story, blessed, like the ancient Israelites with a responsibility to bring redemption into the lives of others. Think about how you are exercising your responsibility and how you can better bring redemption into the lives of others in our community and in our world. Let your festival of freedom propel you to bring the nourishment of redemption to a world, or a cause, or a person in need.

Try to digest more than a meal during this Seder; indeed, try to take in these values during the festival of Pesach. If our Passover Seder propels us to feed the hungry, to shelter the homeless, to be empathic toward the stranger, to express our gratitude to those who bring meaning to our lives, to sense the awe and the wonder of our history, then this holiday will be more than a good meal; it will become what it was always intended to be – a holy moment that continues to elevate us and calls us on a journey toward redemption. 🕯

Faithfully,



הרב לב בן דוד וחנה לאה

Rabbi Lewis H. Kamrass



# Our Urge To Do Good

BY BARBARA DRAGUL

I was talking to a college student who recently interviewed for an internship with the national office of Planned Parenthood. This young woman cares about issues of social justice and among other things, has spent part of her college career working for and learning about women's rights. She cares about making a contribution to the world around her and it shows in her words and in her deeds; she even teaches 3rd grade at a religious school, though not at Wise Temple. Here's what struck me about the interview with Planned Parenthood. As they were sharing details of the position the two interviewers said several times, "its not sexy work, but...." The young woman considered this sentiment and then decided that working in Washington DC., learning, through experience, about a significant non-profit organization that fights for things she cares about, sounds, well, maybe not sexy, but pretty incredible. Now the interviewers were just trying to make sure the young woman didn't have too high of expectations for what she'd be doing as an intern, but let's face it, doing good, in our cultural context, is not sexy. Necessary, and core to our identity as Reform Jews, but not sexy.

In Judaism, we are taught that we have two fundamental inclinations, the *Yetzer ra* and the *Yetzer Tov*, the evil impulse and the good impulse. According to Jewish teachings both impulses are necessary, but as Eugene Borowitz suggests, "while we all...may be sinners, Judaism insists that we are all free to be preponderantly decent, the classic Jewish measure of a *tzadik*" (a righteous person). Preponderantly decent. I like that. In other words, as we wrestle with these two urges, there's a good chance that we have a pre-

ponderance of the *yetzer tov*, the inclination for good.

At Wise Temple Religious School we work to nurture the *yetzer tov* in our students and in ourselves. We focus on a different Jewish value each month, such as: *erech apayim* (slow to anger), *tzaar balai chayim* (kindness to animals), and *derech erez* (good manners). We teach our students to treat one



another with *kavod*, respect and honor. Each week our students bring *tzedakah* (monetary contributions) which they decide as a class where to contribute. Another way we turn our passion for good into action is our award winning WiseUP Social Action program where congregants are invited to participate in a variety of projects that contribute to the

ideal of *tikkun olam* (healing the world). This is such a core principle in our community that to be true to the call of our *yetzer tov* we must include our children in this sacred work. Therefore, each of our Religious School students participates in an age appropriate WiseUP project each year within the context of their Religious School experience. Our students participate in everything from preparing a welcome for our Interfaith Hospitality Guests to planting flowers at the Jewish cemetery to singing songs for the residents at Cedar Village. Children naturally understand the spirit of doing real work in the world and can quickly sense when they are making a difference.

*Tikkun olam*, repairing the world, is a mighty task. How do we teach this core value? One way is by understanding that each time we act we choose between our *yetzer tov* and our *yetzer ra*. Each day we have the opportunity to touch one person's life in a positive way. As we learn from the

following story, told by Rabbi Aaron B. Bisno, *tikkun olam* begins with each individual act of repair.

"The story is of a young student who found a large map of the world in the newspaper. Curious, the student took the map to a teacher. Seeing an opportunity to challenge the student, the teacher took the map of the globe and tore it into many, many pieces. Fragments of paper fell to the floor at the student's feet. And then, handing over a roll of tape, the teacher challenged the student to reassemble the map of the world, and then the teacher looked away.

"The student dropped to the floor and, in short order, completed the assignment by correctly taping together each of the pieces of the whole of the world. Where only minutes before the image of the world we believed we had known so well was torn asunder and strewn across the floor, now it was being offered up as an intact whole. When the teacher asked the student how it had been possible to reassemble the fragmented world so quickly, the response was short and to the point. 'There was a picture of a person on the back side. I repaired that one person and the whole world got fixed too. It happened while you looked away.'"

Now, while many of us would question this teacher's teaching tactics, the child offers us a profound insight for our task of *tikkun olam*. Repair one person and it's possible the whole world will be fixed too.

The *yetzer tov* is inherent in each of us. It is our human response to the world around us. It moves through us and in us. Our Jewish tradition guides us in how to act upon that inclination for good. From *mitzvot* to our prayers, to the teachings of the ancient rabbis, we are reminded of the responsibility we have to bring good into the world. May our teachings, in the words of Eugene

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# Modern Holidays

BY RABBI ILANA BADEN

One of the wonderful things about being part of a religion that is thousands of years old is that we are the heirs to so many historically rooted holidays. When we celebrate festivals such as Chanukah, Purim, and Passover, we are reminded of our rich and extensive history as a people of faith. Nonetheless, there are several holidays on our Jewish calendar that were not instituted by our ancient sages and rabbis. In fact, this month we will observe three contemporary holy occasions: *Yom Hashoah*, *Yom Hazikaron*, and *Yom Ha-atzmaut*.

On April 15, we observe *Yom Hashoah*. *Yom Hashoah* is the Jewish day for remembering the Holocaust – to mourn for the victims and to honor the heroes of this tragic time in our people's recent past. The Israeli government formally established this solemn observance in 1953. The *Knesset* (parliament) decided that it was fitting to remember the Holocaust and its victims on the 27th day of the month of *Nisan*, which is a week after the seventh day of Passover. There are many ways for us to mark this day, including attending a community memorial service, lighting the memorial candles that we receive each year from our Temple Brotherhood, or taking a moment to study



about and reflect on the impact and lessons of the Holocaust through literature or the arts.

On April 22, we observe *Yom Hazikaron*. This is the Memorial Day for those who

have lost their lives while fighting to establish the modern state of Israel, as well as for all those who died while serving in Israel's armed forces. While our American Memorial Day is marked by parades and picnics, the Israeli Memorial Day is a much more somber occasion. All places of entertainment are closed during this 24-hour period

and there are two minutes of silence – one when a siren is sounded at 8:00 PM on the eve of *Yom Hazikaron*, and the other when a siren is sounded at 11:00 AM just before the public prayer services that take place at military cemeteries. Again, in our community, we can observe *Yom Hazikaron* by attending a community service or taking some time to learn more about the sacrifices that Israeli soldiers have made while defending the country by reading literature or by attending the *Eitz Chayim* Adult Education class, *The Wars of Israel*.

Finally, on April 23, the day immediately after *Yom Hazikaron*, we observe *Yom Ha-*

*atzmaut*, Israel's Independence Day. The Israeli government decided that this holiday should be held on the fifth day of the month of *Iyar*, which is the corresponding Hebrew date to the May 14, 1948 – the day on which the Declaration of Independence was read and signed in Tel Aviv. After observing the previous solemn occasions, *Yom Ha-atzmaut* is our opportunity to celebrate and rejoice in the fact that despite all the pain and hardships, the Jewish people have not only survived, but have flourished. In our greater Cincinnati Jewish community, there will be several programs in honor of *Yom Ha-atzmaut*. In addition to attending these events, we can also honor the State of Israel by listening to Israeli music (we have some great tapes and CDs in our Temple Library, or you can find some contemporary offerings on websites such as iTunes), eating some of your favorite Israeli cuisine (such as falafel or pita with hummus), or even by planning a trip to visit Israel in the coming months or years.

By marking these three contemporary holidays, we remind ourselves that even though we are part of an ancient religion, it is a religion that recognizes and honors new developments in our collective history and experience. We link ourselves not only to the past, but also to the present and the future of our people's continual journey. 🕯

## Our Urge To Do Good

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Borowitz, "...help us to become ever more effective allies of our *Yetzer Tov*, our urge to do good."

## VALUE OF THE MONTH

*Lo Titeyn Michsol* (Do not place a stumbling block)

"You shall not curse the deaf nor place a

stumbling block before the blind. You shall fear your God. I am the Lord" (Leviticus 19:14). On the surface, this verse appears to be directed against taking advantage of an individual's physical handicap. However, Rabbinic sources interpret this verse quite differently.

Maimonides explains, "Everyone who causes the blind to stumble in anything [in which he is not knowledgeable] and knowingly tenders him advice that is to his detri-

ment, or those who strengthen the hands of evildoers who are [figuratively] blind and who because of their lusts do not see the true way [of the Torah and the Divine Commandments] transgresses a negative commandment, even as it is written: 'You shall not put a stumbling block in the path of the blind.'" (Maimonides, *Mishneh Torah*, Laws of Manslaughter 12:14) 🕯

# Why Be A Teacher?

*Congregant Connection*

BY ROBERT KLEIN

Over the years many congregational friends and family have asked me why I choose to teach at Wise on Sunday mornings. While my personal reasons for teaching here have evolved over the years, they took on extra importance when my own children began attending Religious School.

**Reason #1:** The ability to interact and learn with children, while being a positive role model both for my students and two sons, Jay and Jonathan.

**Reason #2:** In some small way, here in Cincinnati at Wise Temple, I am taking part in creating a magical spark and lifelong love of Israel and Judaism.

**Reason #3:** A great opportunity to interact and learn with other teachers, professional staff, Rabbis, *Madrichim*, and especially

my students.

**Reason #4:** Teaching builds confidence, and it has been my wonderful experience knowing that everyone here shares ideas and provides support when you need it. Corporate America could learn a lot from Barbara Dragul's fine management skills!

**Reason #5:** I enjoy the diversion from my regular work schedule. If you're considering teaching, trust me, it brings your energy level up for the rest of the week.

**Reason #6:** Getting the privilege and opportunity to know so many of our congregation's children, and in turn, their families through my efforts as a teacher.

**Reason #7 and finally:** Every week of Sunday school is another chance to preview the future of our Jewish people. As a Jew, I'm sleeping well at night knowing our "Wise" children will be taking on major leadership roles in the Jewish community here and around the world. 🕎

## Sharon Marshall

I grew up in Evansville, Indiana and learned through the example set forth by my parents to actively participate and be involved in your synagogue. Moving to Cincinnati as a young bride, my husband and I joined Wise Temple where he was a third generation Temple member. We take pride in the fact that our adult children and grandchildren, fourth and fifth generation Wise Temple members are participants in many activities at the Temple. For us, our family tradition continues...L'Dor V'Dor (from generation to generation).

My work and life experiences as wife, mother, teacher, realtor, retail sales associate, entertainer and volunteer have helped me understand the importance of meeting the needs of others. Throughout my years at Wise Temple, I have served on the Board of Trustees, Sisterhood Board, coordinated the Experiment in Congregational Education (E.C.E.), chaired two successful fund raising garage sales for Sisterhood, the Chai "18"

project and the needlepoint Torah cover project for the Wise Center Chapel (my personal favorite).

These experiences afforded me the opportunity to connect with fellow congregants who shared the same passion for involvement at Wise Temple.

As Membership and Program Director, I look forward to working with our members, Temple leadership and staff to continue to make Wise Temple a place where our members can find comfort, worship, education, friendship and warmth. I invite you to make your own traditions at Wise Temple and I welcome the opportunity to help you connect and feel at home, as I do.

In my spare time, I enjoy traveling, knitting, needlepoint, walking and biking, and spending time with my family in Cincinnati, Chicago and Evansville. 🕎



### Welcome

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nership with our lay leadership and senior staff. You will be hearing more from Sharon and about new events and programs we will be offering to make it easier for you to participate in and contribute to the Wise Temple Community. In the meantime, if you would like to get more involved in the Temple, but aren't sure where to start, please contact Sharon. Sharon would love to meet with you, to hear from you, and to learn about your interests and abilities. She can then help to connect you to the people and programs that will be the right match for you. You can reach Sharon at the Temple office, 793-2556, or [smarshall@wisetemple.org](mailto:smarshall@wisetemple.org).

When you see Sharon at the Temple, even though she's a long-time member of the family, be sure to give her a warm welcome. Come to think of it, why not do so with everyone you see at the Temple? After all, we're all in the family. 🕎

# LISTING OF EVENTS



## Brotherhood

**Brotherhood Board Meeting**  
Thursday, April 12  
6:00 PM at Wise Center  
For more information, contact Lew  
Ebstein at 984-2045.



## Congregational Dinners

**Passover 2nd Seder**  
Tuesday, April 3  
6:00 PM at Wise Center  
For more information, contact the Temple  
Office at 793-2556.

**Congregational Dinner**  
Friday, April 20  
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](mailto:tsnavely@wisetemple.org).

**Adult Hebrew Classes**  
Second Semester continues  
Wednesdays, 4:45 – 5:45 PM  
at Wise Center  
Pre-registration necessary.

**Jewish Ethics: Sunday Morning Series**  
Sunday, April 15  
10:00 – 11:00 AM at Wise Center  
No registration necessary.

**Israel's Wars with Rabbi Baden**  
Thursdays, April 19 & 26  
7:00 – 8:30 PM at Wise Center  
Pre-registration necessary.

**Seeds of Sun**  
Sunday, April 22  
10:00 AM at Wise Center  
No registration necessary.

**Paper Clips: The Film**  
Saturday, April 28  
7:00 – 9:30 PM at Wise Center  
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 or  
[tsnavely@wisetemple.org](mailto:tsnavely@wisetemple.org).

**Shabbat in the Reform Movement  
with Rabbinic Intern Evon Yakar**  
Tuesdays, April 10, 17 & 24



## 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).

**No School**  
Sunday, April 1  
Wednesday, April 4  
Sunday, April 8

**Gesher Grade 2**  
Sunday, April 15  
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**  
Saturday, April 15  
Noon – 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).

**CRJHS**  
Sundays, April 15, 22 & 29  
7:00 PM at Wise Center

**Grade 4 Family Program**  
Sunday, April 22  
9:15 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 3**  
Sunday, April 22  
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).

**Grade 3 Parents Meeting**  
Sunday, April 22  
9:15 AM at Wise Center

**Grade 6 Parents Meeting**  
Wednesday, April 25  
5:00 – 6:00 PM at Wise Center

**7th Grade B'nai Mitzvah Class**  
Sunday, April 29  
9:15 AM at Wise Center  
For more information, contact Debra  
Dressler at 793-2556, ext. 109 or  
[ddressler@wisetemple.org](mailto:ddressler@wisetemple.org).

**Grade 5 Family Program**  
Sunday, April 29  
9:15 AM at Wise Center  
For more information, contact Debra  
Dressler at 793-2556, ext. 109 or  
[ddressler@wisetemple.org](mailto:ddressler@wisetemple.org).



## Seniors

**A Conversation with Ellen van der Horst**  
Thursday, April 26  
1:00 PM at Wise Center  
For more information, contact the Temple  
at 793-2556.



## Singles

**Dinner**  
Sunday, April 15  
6:00 PM at Szechwan Wok Restaurant in  
Silverton  
For more information, contact Nancy  
Mendelson at 489-8393 or email  
[singles@wisetemple.org](mailto:singles@wisetemple.org).



## Sisterhood

**Sisterhood Board Meeting**  
Wednesdays, April 4 & May 2  
9:45 AM at Wise Center  
For more information, contact Robin  
Newland at 530-5516.



### Sisterhood Women's Seder

Thursday, April 5

6:30 PM at Wise Center

For more information, contact *Mona Spitz* at 891-9583 or *Debby Rosen* at 469-1255.

### Sisterhood Mah Jongg

Thursdays, April 5, 12, 19, & 26

11:00 AM at Wise Center

For more information or to RSVP, contact *Cynthia Marmer* at 984-0236.

### Sisterhood "Are You Game" Night

Saturday, April 14

7:00 PM at Wise Center

For more information contact *Lorri Manning* at 984-9167 or *Teri Junker* at 731-1499.



## Youth Activities

### Shabbat Story Time

Friday, April 20

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](mailto:acrosenberg@cinci.rr.com) or *Tammy Ploetz* at [rontamz@yahoo.com](mailto:rontamz@yahoo.com).

### NFTY Regional Convention

April 13 - 15 in Cincinnati

For more information, contact *Daniel Schwartz* at 295-8770 or [dschwartz@wisetemple.org](mailto:dschwartz@wisetemple.org).

### NOAR Program for Grades 5 & 6

Sunday, April 22

Noon - 2:00 PM

For more information, contact *Karen Thomashow* at 793-2556, ext. 202 or [kthomashow@wisetemple.org](mailto:kthomashow@wisetemple.org).

### 8th Grade Trip to Nashville

April 28 - 29

For more information, contact *Rabbi Shulman* at 793-2556, ext. 115 or [mshulman@wisetemple.org](mailto:mshulman@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

# Summer 2007

## Teen Israel Experience

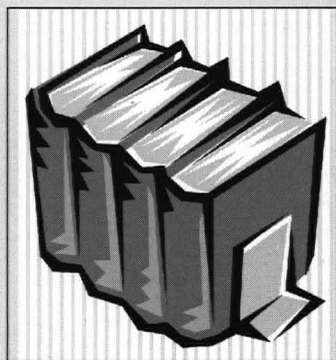
Wise Temple teens can have an Israel experience for little more than the cost of a round trip ticket to New York!

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).

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

# APRIL 2007 NISSAN/IYAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> NO SCHOOL	<b>2</b> FIRST NIGHT OF PASSOVER - SEDER	<b>3</b> OFFICE CLOSED  <b>9:30 AM-Passover Morning Service(WC)</b> 6:00 PM-Congregational Seder(WC)	<b>4</b> NO SCHOOL  9:45 AM-Sisterhood Board Meeting(WC)	<b>5</b> 11:00 AM-Sisterhood Mah Jongg(WC) 5:30 PM-AA Mtg.(WC) 6:30 PM-Sisterhood Women's Seder(WC)	<b>6</b> <b>6:15 PM-Shabbat Evening Service(WC)</b> <b>8:15 PM-Marriage Reconsecration Service(WC)</b>	<b>7</b> <b>9:30 AM-Shabbat Morning Service(WC)</b> 10:45 AM-Torah Study(WC)
<b>8</b> NO SCHOOL	<b>9</b> OFFICE CLOSED  <b>9:30 AM-Passover Morning Service/Yizkor(WC)</b>	<b>10</b> 12:00 PM-Eitz Chayim - Shabbat in the Reform Movement(WC) 5:30 PM-AA Mtg.(WC)	<b>11</b> 4:30 PM-Midweek Hebrew(WC) 4:45 PM-Adult Hebrew Classes(WC)	<b>12</b> NFTY Regional Convention(WC & PST) 11:00 AM-Sisterhood Mah Jongg(WC) 5:30 PM-AA Mtg.(WC) 6:00 PM-Brotherhood Board Meeting(WC)	<b>13</b> NFTY Regional Convention(WC & PST) <b>6:15 PM-Shabbat Evening Service - Shir Chadash(WC)</b>	<b>14</b> NFTY Regional Convention(WC & PST) <b>9:30 AM-Shabbat Morning Service(WC)</b> <b>10:45 AM-Bat Mitzvah of Amanda Pescovitz(WC)</b> 10:45 AM-Torah Study(WC) 7:00 PM-Sisterhood Bingo/Poker Game Night(WC)
<b>15</b> YOM HASHOAH  NFTY Regional Convention(WC & PST) 9:30 AM-Grade 2 Geshet(WC) 10:00 AM-Eitz Chayim - Jewish Ethics: Sunday Morning Series(WC) 12:00 PM-7th Grade B'nai Mitzvah Class(WC) 6:00 PM-Singles Dinner(O) 7:00 PM-CRJHS(WC)	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 12:00 PM-Eitz Chayim - Shabbat in the Reform Movement(WC) 5:30 PM-AA Mtg.(WC)	<b>18</b> 4:30 PM-Midweek Hebrew(WC) 4:45 PM-Adult Hebrew Classes(WC)	<b>19</b> 11:00 AM-Sisterhood Mah Jongg(WC) 5:30 PM-AA Mtg.(WC) 7:00 PM-Eitz Chayim - Israel's Wars(WC)	<b>20</b> 10:00 AM-Storytime(WC) <b>6:15 PM-Shabbat Evening Service - Shir Chadash; Grade I participation; Youth Choir(WC)</b> 7:15 PM-Shabbat Dinner(WC)	<b>21</b> <b>9:00 AM-Bat Mitzvah of Denae Beilliti(PST)</b> <b>9:30 AM-Shabbat Morning Service(WC)</b> 10:45 AM-Torah Study(WC) <b>11:15 AM-Bat Mitzvah of Alexandra Benmayor(PST)</b>
<b>22</b> YOM HAZIKARON  9:15 AM-Grade 3 Parents Meeting(WC) 9:15 AM-Grade 4 Family Program(WC) 9:30 AM-Grade 3 Geshet(WC) 10:00 AM-Seeds of Sun(WC) 12:00 PM-NOAR Program(WC) 7:00 PM-CRJHS(WC)	<b>23</b> YOM HAATZMAUT	<b>24</b> 12:00 PM-Eitz Chayim - Shabbat in the Reform Movement(WC) 5:30 PM-AA Mtg.(WC)	<b>25</b> 4:30 PM-Midweek Hebrew(WC) 4:45 PM-Adult Hebrew Classes(WC) 5:00 PM-6th Grade Parents Meeting(WC)	<b>26</b> 11:00 AM-Sisterhood Mah Jongg(WC) 1:00 PM-Seniors Program(WC) 5:30 PM-AA Mtg.(WC) 7:00 PM-Eitz Chayim - Israel's Wars(WC)	<b>27</b> 8th Grade Trip to Nashville(O) <b>6:15 PM-Shabbat Evening Service - Birthday &amp; Anniversary Blessings; Kol Rinah(WC)</b> <b>6:30 PM-Wise Tykes Service(WC)</b>	<b>28</b> 8th Grade Trip to Nashville(O) <b>9:00 AM-Bat Mitzvah of Jainie Winter(PST)</b> <b>9:30 AM-Shabbat Morning Service(WC)</b> 10:45 AM-Torah Study(WC) <b>11:15 AM-Bar Mitzvah of Michael Craig(PST)</b> 7:00 PM-Eitz Chayim - Paper Clips: The Film(WC)
<b>29</b> 8th Grade Trip to Nashville(O) 9:15 AM-7th Grade B'nai Mitzvah Class(WC) 9:15 AM-Grade 5 Family Program(WC) 7:00 PM-CRJHS(WC)	<b>30</b>	WC = Wise Center PST = Plum Street Temple O = Other Location  See listing of events for more detailed information.	<b>FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL THE TEMPLE AT (513) 793-2556 OR VISIT <a href="http://WWW.WISETEMPLE.ORG">WWW.WISETEMPLE.ORG</a></b>			



## PROGRAMMING NEWS

### Women's Seder

Our annual Women's Seder will be held Thursday, April 5 at Wise Center at 6:30 PM. 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 spirits. Please RSVP with the invitation you received in the mail. *For more information, please contact Mona Spitz at 891-9583 or Debby Rosen at 469-1255.*

### Are You Game?

Join us for a fun-filled bingo and poker night on Saturday, April 14. Enjoy an evening of fun with lots of bingo and poker prizes, complimentary appetizers, desserts and coffee. There is a cash bar for beer and wine. There is also a reverse raffle (\$25, includes one admission), otherwise admission is \$5 in advance, \$7 at the door. *For more information, please call Lorri Manning, 984-9167.*

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

### Summer Picnic at the YWCA's Battered Women's Shelter

Calling all Women at Wise Temple! We are looking for volunteers to help us at the annual Wise Temple Summer Picnic at the YWCA Battered Women's Shelter. This dinner picnic will be held Sunday, June 24 to provide a fun and social evening for the shelter residents and their children. We need Wise Temple members who are willing to:

- \* Help host the party,
- \* Make food for the picnic,
- \* Donate time and talent to provide entertainment at the event.

*Please contact Karen Brownlee at 871-5013 or karenbrownlee@fuse.com OR Gina Blatt at 321-3407 or gblatt@hotmail.com if you are interested in participating.*

## FLEA MARKET

When spring-cleaning, please remember the Sisterhood Flea Market. Also, please remember the Flea Market at 2095 Seymour Avenue (across from Cincinnati Gardens) when outfitting your college student or new graduate's first apartment! When you donate your gently used household items, you are helping Wise Temple Sisterhood underwrite many of our worthwhile programs for the Temple community. We continue to need donations of furniture, costume jewelry, bedding, table linens, working small appliances, vans, cars and boats! (No clothing, books or toys please.) Donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. *Just drop off your donations at Phyllis Fine's house, 3145 Fairhaven Lane, or call Phyllis at 731-6063 to arrange pick up of large items or for more information about purchasing from the Flea Market.*

## KROGER CARDS

Wise Temple is part of the Kroger Neighborhood Rewards Program. Help support Wise Temple by purchasing a Kroger Neighborhood Rewards Card for just \$5 (which will be credited toward Kroger purchases, so there is no cost to you!) Once you purchase a card, you can add money to it while in the checkout line and use it to pay for your grocery purchases. Every time you add money to the card (and you CAN use your Credit Card), Wise Temple will get back a percentage of the dollars that you purchase. It's an easy way to help Sisterhood and Wise Temple while doing your regular grocery shopping. You can now use your Kroger card at the gas pump at most Kroger stores. You can also use it to pay for pharmacy purchases. Stop in the gift shop and purchase your card today. *If you want a card but can't make it to the Gift Shop, or for more information, call Linda Berger at 631-1372.*

## FUND FACTS

### YES Fund and GIVTY Fund

Confirmation and Graduation are just around the corner.

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

## WISE MAILERS

Volunteers are needed to help assemble mailings and announcements sent to Temple members. This group meets at 9:00 AM one Wednesday each month for work and fun. Upcoming dates are April 25 and May 30. *Please contact Pam Meyer for more information, 984-6633.*

## Traditions & Treasures Gift Shop

**We are just back from the gift show! Stop in to see all the new and wonderful handcrafted items.**

### 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.*

**SAVE THE DATE • BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND**

Wise Temple Brotherhood Presents...

# The Men's Health Fair

**Monday, June 11 • 7:00-9:00 PM at Wise Center**

Free supper, free health screenings, informational displays and relevant lectures.

# Upcoming Eitz Chayim Classes

## Shabbat in the Reform Movement

Tuesdays, April 10, 17 & 24

Noon – 1:00 PM

To register contact Terri Snavelly at  
793-2997 or [tsnavely@wisetemple.org](mailto:tsnavely@wisetemple.org).

This class with Rabbinic Intern Evon Yakar will explore the history of Shabbat in our Jewish tradition. We will look at traditional origins and observance as well as the Reform movement's perspectives on Shabbat. Our goal for this class will be to develop our own vision of a Reform Shabbat observance that is respectful of tradition and reflective of our modern lifestyle and Reform ideology.

## Jewish Ethics Series Continues

Sunday, April 15

10:00 – 11:00 AM

No registration necessary

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 Kamrass as we investigate what our ancient Jewish tradition can teach us about Truth and Lying.

## Israel's Wars

Thursdays, April 19 & 26

7:00 – 8:30 PM

To register contact Terri Snavelly at  
793-2997 or [tsnavely@wisetemple.org](mailto:tsnavely@wisetemple.org).

Since 1948 to today, the modern state of Israel has had to endure a number of battles. In this class, we will study the various wars by taking a look at what brought them on, who fought them, and how they were (or were not) resolved. Join Rabbi Baden for this pertinent and important exploration.

# Musicians-In-Residence Seeds of Sun

Sunday, April 22  
10:00 AM at Wise Center

Seeds of Sun, a fantastic jazz ensemble from Israel, will be performing in celebration of Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israel Independence Day.

Back by popular demand, this group has been to Wise Temple twice before.

The group is led by Mattan Klein, flautist, who was born and raised in Jerusalem. He completed his studies at the Berkley College of Music in Boston. He was also co-founder and bandleader of the "Massa U'Mattan" trio, which performed in numerous venues across North American. Mr. Klein was a winner of the year 2000 John Lennon Songwriting contest under the category of Jazz Composition.

You won't want to miss the spirit (ruach) and talent that this group is bringing to Wise Temple!

# MOVIE NIGHT AT WISE TEMPLE!

## *Paper Clips: The Film*

Saturday, April 28

7:00 – 9:30 PM

To register contact Terri Snavelly at  
793-2997 or [tsnavely@wisetemple.org](mailto:tsnavely@wisetemple.org).

In 1998, a group of Tennessee middle schoolers, under the tutelage of their teachers, took on a paper clip collection project. Their initial objective was to contextualize the number six million. In 2004, a documentary was released capturing the emotional, transformative, and inspiring journey that these middle schoolers, teachers, and their families went on for the sake of answering one question. Eventually, the lessons they learned reached much farther and deeper. Please join us for a viewing of *Paper Clips*, accompanied by a discussion afterward. (We encourage older children, ages 11 and older, to join us.)



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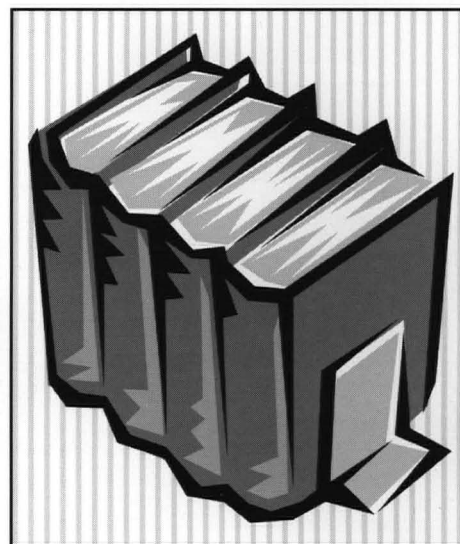
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## EDUCATION CONNECTION

# 10 Reasons to Visit the Temple Library For Passover

BY ANDREA RAPP, TEMPLE LIBRARIAN

1. You can borrow *whole sets* of Haggadahs for your seder.
2. Check out the video *When Do We Eat*, starring Jack Klugman and Lesley Ann Warren, to see a holiday comedy that has been called "My Big Fat Jewish Seder."
3. To include some feminist readings at your seder, check out the book *Women at the Seder*, by Joel B. Wolowelsky, or *The Women's Passover Companion*, by Sharon Cohen.
4. Learn or review the traditional seder songs by borrowing a CD such as: *Haggadah shel Pesah: Songs from a Passover Haggadah* (this CD accompanies the Reform movement's Haggadah), or an audiocassette such as *Songs for a Family Seder*.
5. Borrow videos for the children, such as *Rugrats Passover* or *Prince of Egypt*.
6. For some totally innovative ideas for Passover, see Noam Zion's creative Haggadah and Leader's Guide, called *A Different Night*. Or try other resources such as *Creating Lively Passover Seders*, by David Arnow, or *Make Your Own Passover Seder*, by Rabbi Alan Kay.
7. See our section of Passover cookbooks for some delicious holiday recipes. If you are watching fat, carbs, cholesterol, and/or salt, try a book like *Passover Lite*, by Gail Ashkanazi-Hankin.
8. Read up on Passover and learn some holiday trivia: What does the Biblical book of Song of Songs have to do with Passover? What is the evidence that our ancestors observed a spring festival

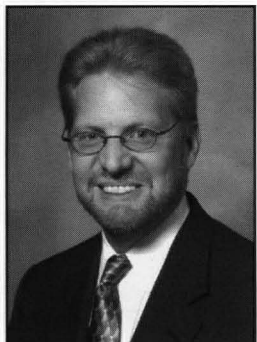


before the Exodus from Egypt? How was Passover observed in the days of the Second Temple – i.e. before the year 70 – as opposed to how it is observed today? Why was Passover a time of great fear for European Jews after the 13th century? What Jewish group still sacrifices lambs on Passover eve? What has been the role of the Haggadah in the development of Jewish art? Trick question: What was the name of the Pharaoh of the Exodus?

9. Check out one of Ruth Esrig Brinn's easy-to-make crafts books for children, and have the children make matzah covers, floral table decorations, or a colorful *afikomen* cloth for the seder.
10. Go to our online catalog from the Temple website at [www.wisetemple.org](http://www.wisetemple.org). Click on LIBRARY. Click the SUBJECT icon and enter: Passover, Seder, or Haggadah for your subject and browse all the sources in our library for learning about Passover. 🕯



## Rabbi Kamrass To Be Honored



Rabbi Kamrass has been selected to receive BRIDGES for a Just Community's (formerly NCCJ) Distinguished Service Citation at their Annual Dinner on May 24, 2007 at the Hyatt Regency. The vision of BRIDGES is to create a more unified regional community where all people are welcomed and valued. Rabbi Kamrass is richly deserving of this honor. For further information, contact BRIDGES at 381-4660.

## MAZEL TOV

*The Temple offers congratulations to the following families:*

### B'nai Mitzvah

April 14 – Amanda Pescovitz, daughter of Charles and Kathleen Pescovitz. Granddaughter of Shirley Pescovitz.

April 21 – Denae Belillti, daughter of Shelli Belillti and Yaacov Belillti.

April 21 – Alexandra Benmayor, daughter of Mark and Dianne Benmayor.

April 28 – Jainie Winter, daughter of Steve Winter and Wendy Levinson-Winter.

April 28 – Michael Craig, son of Robert and Trudy Craig.

### Births

Ryan and Galite Silverman on the recent birth of their son, Matthew Tzvi Silverman. Harold and Josepha Silverman and Gira Ginsburg on the recent birth of their grandson and great-grandson, Matthew Tzvi Silverman.

Scott and Sarah Langbein on the recent birth of their daughter, Lilah Grace Langbein.

Drs. Andrew Lowy and Haydee Ojeda-Fournier on the recent birth of their daughter, Hannah Lowy.

Adam and Eafat Newton on the recent birth of their son, Lev Cohen Newton.

Marty and Anne Pinales on the recent birth of their granddaughter, Reese Maya Osterman.

Dick and Lynda Deuble on the recent birth of their granddaughter, Jordan Kenzie Schaefer.

Vic and Karen Young on the recent birth of their grandson, Alexander Michael Young.

Bill and Ellen Wyler on the recent birth of their granddaughter, Katherine Wyler Allison.

Drs. Michael and Jeanne Schmerler and Isadore and Tanya Schmerler on the recent birth of their grandson and great-grandson, Samuel Shapiro.

Dr. Steven and Susan Lipson and Sam and Esther Lipson on the recent birth of their granddaughter and great-granddaughter, Mia Bailey Lipson.

### Engagements

Steven and Dr. Judith Stein and Jacob and Polly Stein on the recent engagement of their son and grandson, Eric Stein to Natalie Posteau.

## \*Save the Date\* Our Annual Shavuot Sensation

Tuesday, May 22  
7:00 PM at Wise Center

You won't want to miss this evening of prayer, study and sensational desserts!



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