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“Happy Trails To You...”

BY ANDY BERGER

As my two-year term as President of Wise Temple comes to end, it's natural for me to be a bit reflective. To me, it was only yesterday when I had the privilege of being installed. (I know, I know, to *you* I'm sure it seems a lot longer! Isn't it interesting how the perception of the passage of time can be so different for different people? But I digress.) Back then, I must admit, I had my share of anxiety. Not only about how I might try to fill the gigantic shoes my predecessors left for me. As much or more, how would I be able to fulfill my responsibilities to my family and my partners and still try to fill those shoes? There turned out to be two, or at least two, answers to these questions.

First, the unbelievable support I have received from so many quarters: from fellow Temple members, who have always shaped the direction of the Temple, whose good words gave me confidence, and whose questions made me aware of issues that needed to be addressed. From our Officers and Board of Trustees, a truly remarkable group of people, who provided vital counsel, expertise, and perspective. From our Past Presidents, who offered their wisdom in every way possible, who jumped in when asked, and who offered advice, sometimes unsolicited, which always proved to be invaluable. From our Senior Staff, particularly Rabbi Kamrass and Betti Greenstein, who worked constantly and unselfishly to make my job easier and to make me look good. From my law partners, several of whom are Temple members, who understood the demands of this job and who covered for me

when I could not be two places at once. And last, but truly first in my heart, from my family, and especially my wife Linda, who gave me constant encouragement and never made me feel like I was letting them down when I was at Temple and not at home, as I would otherwise have been.

Second, as it turns out, when you work on something you love, with people you respect and admire, and when you continually learn from both the work and the people, it's not really work at all. We call it "work", but that misses the mark. We are always able to make additional time in our busy lives for something we care deeply about, for people we relish being with, and when we feel we can make a difference.

So yes, the time has flown by, and yes, I have been a very busy boy, these last two years. But it has truly been a labor of love, something I would not have missed for anything. And so I thank you, all of you, for giving me this privilege, and for all of your support, encouragement, and advice.

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Just as we did last year, as our program year closes, let's look at the year that just ended, and mark so many wonderful beginnings. If you'd like more details, please join me at our Annual Meeting on Monday July 9 at 6:30 PM to hear more. I would also like to invite you to join us as we install the new President of Wise Temple, Dr. Mitchell Cohen, and our new Board of Trustees,

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“Words from the Heart”

BY RABBI LEWIS KAMRASS

Something interesting has been happening at Wise Temple over the last few years, quietly and without fanfare. It has not been announced in *Kesher* or in *Wisebytes*. It was not even something planned, although it could be said that it was planned thousands of years ago. What has occurred is that more and more people are coming to Shabbat services, and more people are coming more regularly and frequently as a consistent and valued pattern in their lives. What people have told me is that they are often surprised when they walk into the Chapel on Shabbat evening, and see so many people there. Some people have jokingly remarked that if they knew they had been missing such a “happening,” they would have come sooner. Others have started frequenting our Shabbat morning informal Lobby service that takes place at Wise Center at 9:30 AM and might stay for an enjoyable hour of Torah study that follows at 10:45 AM, as that service grows in number and appeal to people. What has happened on Friday night and Saturday morning is that often people come once, perhaps for *yahrzeit* or because someone invites them, and find themselves quite surprised at the meaning and enjoyment that they have found in those moments of renewal and reflection. And so they return again, this time not for a reason, other than the fact that it is Shabbat and they enjoy it. So what might be motivating people to change their old patterns and come more regularly to Shabbat worship? Allow me to share some other sentiments expressed to me by those who have come once and were intrigued, and then returned more regularly to “discover” the value and the meaning of Shabbat and Shabbat prayer in their busy lives that can only be found with consistency.



◆ Some people have made Shabbat worship a regular moment in their lives because they appreciate a regular opportunity to be challenged with stimulating thought, ideas, and conversation. Whether it is the sermon, the discussions, the Torah study, or the ideas presented in our multi-faceted prayer book, *Avodat Halev*, Shabbat worship gives them the opportunity to be challenged and to fill the head with ideas, possibility and stimulation.

◆ Some people have made Shabbat worship a regular moment in their lives because they want to fill the soul with reflection and with renewal. They see themselves as a vessel into which they can pour these moments of reflection to carry with them throughout the week. They value the opportunity to pause, consider their lives, and prioritize their values. They find that Shabbat worship gives them a regular renewal, the brief moments to take a spiritual breath, and to realign their deeds with their feelings.

◆ Some people have made Shabbat worship a regular moment in their lives because they find great comfort in the prayers, the music and the feeling that they can be renewed with an inner strength, and perhaps even find a stronger sense of hope. Whether it is a personal challenge, a difficult moment in life, or simply the ongoing challenge of balancing our ideas, our schedule, and our reality, they find comfort and strength in prayer and in community, and feel stronger and more hopeful as a result of the sense of God's presence that they find in these moments.

◆ Some people have made Shabbat worship a regular moment in their lives because they enjoy the music that fills them with comfort or joy. For many, that is increasingly happening as their increasing attendance allows them to come to know the music that was

once unfamiliar to them. They are joining others in lifting up their voices, singing along with our choir, *Kol Rinah*, or our Band *Shir Chadash*, or our cantorial soloist, or even with each other in our Saturday morning service. They recognize how music helps us to feel part of something, and that there are few opportunities in our adult lives to simply sing along and join in. And on Shabbat this is not only invited, but urged.

◆ Some people have made Shabbat worship a regular moment in their lives because they enjoy the service and then beyond it, the opportunity to know Shabbat as moments of joy that extend to dinner with family or with friends. It is heartening to me to see friends inviting others to join them for services at Wise Center on Friday night and then go from there to share a Shabbat dinner with people about who they care and want to spend time, or a Shabbat lunch after joining in Saturday morning services and study. There is in fact, something quite different about the conversation and the tone of a dinner shared with family and friends, when it has been preceded by worship, thoughtful-ness, reflection and joy.

◆ Some people have made Shabbat worship a regular moment in their lives because they have fused the moments of renewal with moments of connection. They want to connect to others and feel a part of a larger community. They feel strengthened as Jews when they can celebrate a Jewish moment with others, share in Jewish ideas, and simply feel that they belong in ways more than affiliating. They appreciate being part of something that is bigger than themselves, and find a certain vitality and energy in connecting with that feeling more frequently. They come not only for the prayers, but for the sense of community, which is in part, a deeply spiritual experience for us as Jews.

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Sustaining Our Jewish Life

BY BARBARA DRAGUL

What a year it's been ... Jewishly! From celebrating Shabbat together to reading Jewish books, our congregation has participated in meaningful and fun-filled Jewish activities. We've done *mitzvot* together, studied Hebrew, learned from engaging teachers and special guests. We've joined in Jewish song and prayer, heard Jewish authors and musicians, and celebrated the holidays. What a year it's been – and it doesn't have to stop here. Jewish life is a year-round proposition. So what will you do this summer to nurture and sustain your Jewish life? Here are some ideas.



If you are traveling, check out the Jewish sights along the way. In our library you can find a book called: *The Jewish Traveler: Hadassah Magazine's Guide to the World's Jewish Communities and Sights* to help you in your planning. As well as giving you the history and information about present-day communities of cities as diverse as Charleston, Dublin and Hong Kong, it can also tell you about the best bagels in Toronto, talented Jewish artists around the world, and the Jewish ski club of Zurich. If you are traveling by car, bring some Jewish music along with you – we have lots of CDs in the library.

One of the wonderful things about Shabbat is that it comes each week. Throughout the summer, we hope you will find the time to join us for services on Friday night or Saturday morning. The slower pace of summer truly lends itself to including a piece of Shabbat in the rhythm of your week. On Friday nights in the summer at Wise Temple the tone is casual, but the feeling is warm. It's a wonderful way to stay connected to Temple friends over the summer, and kids are especially welcome!

As we all know, summer is a wonderful time to catch up on your reading. Be sure to include some of the Jewish books you've been meaning to read. In November 1997, Rabbi Eric Yoffie unveiled an initiative to encourage every Reform Jew to read significant Jewish books each year. Since then, the URJ has selected eight volumes each year to recommend. The latest selections are: *Maimonides* by Sherwin B. Nuland, and *Someone to Run With* by David Grossman. Check out the URJ web site at urj.org/books to find previously recommended options and then check out our library for a huge selection of fiction and non-fiction books.

Are there *mitzvah* projects you've wanted to participate in but haven't had time for? Organizations you want to learn more about and support? Friends who could use a hand?

Make it a goal to find time for at least one *mitzvah* project over the summer because as our sages taught: one *mitzvah* leads to more *mitzvot*. If you have children at home, continue collecting *tzedakah* each week, as we do in religious school, and decide as a family where to contribute it to.



Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, in his book *The Sabbath*, explained that Judaism is a religion which sanctifies time above space. He teaches that we have an opportunity, and perhaps a responsibility, to make time holy. Summer, that glorious time of year when the days linger, beckons to us with the possibility of fun-filled adventure and moments of relaxation and quiet. I hope your summer includes time for Jewish exploration and fulfillment too!



The Mitzvah of Caring... For Ourselves

BY RABBI ILANA BADEN

The sages teach us that Jews are responsible for no less than 613 commandments, or *mitzvot*. These are holy obligations given to us by God. Many of them have to do with religious observance, such as how to mark the festivals; others have to do with morality, such as how to make atonement for transgressions we have committed; and some deal with our social responsibility toward one another, such as feeding the hungry and clothing the naked. These are three categories of commandments that most people associate with Jewish tradition: God, ethics, and community. However, there is another important group of *mitzvot* that we should not overlook: our obligation to care for our own health.

Believe it or not, our ancient texts have much to say in regards to personal health. Our Jewish law system very clearly states that we must bathe regularly and take note of how our body is functioning. In fact, in our congregational prayer book, we read in



the morning blessings: "Praised be the Lord our God, Ruler of the universe, who has made our bodies with wisdom, combining veins, arteries, and vital organs into a finely balanced network." If we look closely at the Hebrew text, we see that the original prayer actually thanks God for giving us our necessary holes and orifices, without which we would not be able to exist. Clearly, the rabbis understood the importance of caring for our bodies as part of living a meaningful and spiritual life.

Therefore, paying attention to our physical health should be regarded not just as a good idea, but as a *mitzvah* – a sacred and holy obligation. Just as we regard our holiday observance and prayer experiences as part of our religious life, so too should we see our medical check-ups and procedures in the context of our spiritual landscape. After all, God created us and gave us our bodies so that we could live our lives to the fullest. We

owe it to our Divine Creator (let alone ourselves!) to take good care for our physical wellbeing.

Fortunately, in our day and age, we have many resources that can assist us in this holy task. While there are certainly many conditions and diseases that we have not yet figured out as a scientific community, there are a variety of tests, procedures, and drug regimens that can help identify, treat, and alleviate what might be ailing us. It is important to be in touch with our trained medical professionals and do what we can to take care of ourselves. Whether it is by attending the Brotherhood's Health Fair this month (which is open to both men and women, and will feature some information that can be used by all), or by making an appointment with our personal doctors, it is important that we take an active interest in our medical health and physical wellbeing. By doing so, we not only learn how to take better care of ourselves, but we also fulfill the *mitzvah* to honor all that God has created. 🙏

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 another Temple member (a friend, a family member, a neighbor) 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 a message by calling 793-2556, and then pressing 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. 🙏

Saturday Mornings At Wise Center

Congregant Connection

BY STUART SUSSKIND

I was born into a family that attended a traditional synagogue and have been in the habit of attending Shabbat morning services regularly for most of my adult life. Knowing my background, Rabbi Kamrass had been encouraging me to come to Wise Temple services but I had to turn him down because I was needed to help ensure a *minyan* in the synagogue in which I was raised. Due to natural attrition, that synagogue closed its doors in late 1999.

In August 2001, Rabbi Kamrass instituted an alternative Saturday morning service at Wise Center and I found from the first service that it met my needs. The existing Torah Study group was transformed into a formal separate service. This new service was first named the "Alternative Service at Wise Center," but is now known as the "Lobby Service."

The original concept was to offer a formal service for those congregants who wanted to attend Shabbat services but did

not wish to participate in a Bar or Bat Mitzvah ceremony every Shabbat. After conclusion of the formal service, the previous practice of Torah study would continue and the addition of refreshments, in the form of a Kiddush, was intertwined between the service and the study. Early in the program I became the designated coffee maker.

After more than half a decade, Rabbi Kamrass' suggestion has proven to be a success. On any given Shabbat morning, if you come, you will usually find 30 or more people present. The service, led by one of the rabbis or rabbinic interns, starts at 9:30 AM and ends no later than 10:30 AM, to be followed by a Kiddush (including bagels, schnecken and kibbitz time), after which many of the attendees remain for the Torah study, which may cover that week's portion or any other timely subject matter. The study ends promptly at 11:30 AM.

Each of us, members as well as non-members, attends for various reasons. Some attendees, observing a *yahrzeit*, find the

convenience of the service at Wise Center appealing, especially if unable to attend the previous Friday night service. I, as well as many other regulars, attend as part of our lifestyle religious practice and for the ability to perform the *mitzvah* of learning at the Torah study session. There are, from time to time, visitors who are not Jewish, or those that are born as a Jew but not having practiced, wish to learn more about Judaism. In the last year, participants have led part of some of the services, either to commemorate a significant event in their lives or to apply their skills in reading and/or chanting Torah and possibly present a *d'var Torah*. Whatever the reason for coming, everyone has felt welcomed and new friendships have evolved.

I believe this service meets many of the needs of those who choose to participate. All congregants are invited to experience the warmth, intimacy and spiritual uplifting of this service at Wise Center each Shabbat morning. 

Schedule of High Holy Day and Festival Services

SELICHOT
Saturday, September 8

ROSH HASHANAH EVENING
Wednesday, September 12

ROSH HASHANAH MORNING
Thursday, September 13

YOM KIPPUR EVENING - KOL NIDRE
Friday, September 21

YOM KIPPUR DAY
Saturday, September 22

EREV SUKKOT
Wednesday, September 26

SUKKOT MORNING SERVICE
Thursday, September 27

SIMCHAT TORAH - CONSECRATION
Wednesday evening, October 3

SIMCHAT TORAH - YIZKOR
Thursday, October 4

LISTING OF EVENTS

Brotherhood

Brotherhood Men's Health Fair
Monday, June 11
6:00 PM at Wise Center
For more information, contact Lew Ebstein at 984-2045.

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

Seniors

Senior Participation Shabbat
Friday, June 8
6:15 PM at Wise Center
For more information, contact Rabbi Baden at 793-2556, ext. 108 or ibaden@wisetemple.org.

Singles

Annual Picnic
Saturday, June 9
4:00 PM at Dulle Park
For more information, contact Nancy Mendelson at 489-8393 or email singles@wisetemple.org.



Call Us If You Need Assistance

Neighbor-2-Neighbor can lend a helping hand for occasional short term needs.

These may include:

-  Making a trip to the grocery store or pharmacy
-  Providing rides to services or Temple activities
-  Picking up books from the Temple Library

We're only as far away as your phone!

Ann Margolis: 794-0094
Pat Passer: 533-3395
Deb Sussman: 469-1197
Rachel Wells: 530-9881

Sisterhood

Sisterhood Board Meeting
Wednesday, June 6
10:30 AM at Wise Center
For more information, contact Robin Newland at 530-5516.

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

WiseUP Social Action

To sign up for any of the projects below contact the Temple Office at 793-2556.

Lighthouse Dinner sponsored by the Brotherhood
Thursday, June 21
5:30 PM

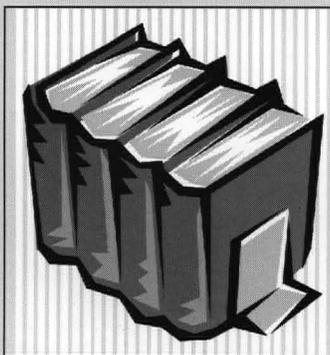
YWCA Batter Women's Shelter
sponsored by the Sisterhood
Sunday, June 24
4:00 PM

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 McFaul at 859-426-5587.

Visit the Ralph & Julia Cohen Library



Summer Library Hours:

Mondays	Noon - 7:00 PM
Tuesdays	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Wednesdays	Noon - 5:00 PM
Thursdays	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Or browse our online catalog anytime at
www.wisetemple.org

SAVE THE DATE

Annual Meeting of the Congregation

Monday, July 9
6:30 PM at Wise Center

Installation of our new Board of Trustees and Temple President, Dr. Mitchell Cohen

Friday, July 16
at Shabbat Services
6:15 PM at Wise Center

JUNE 2007 SIVAN/TAMMUZ

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

For more information, please call
the Temple at (513) 793-2556.

Kesher takes off July and August. We'll see you
in September. Until then, check Wisebytes or
visit the website at www.wisetemple.org
for current information.

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

See listing of events for
more detailed information.

1
6:15 PM-Shabbat
Evening Service(WC)

2
9:30 AM-Shabbat
Morning Service(WC)
10:45 AM-Bar Mitzvah
Matthew Kaltman(WC)
10:45 AM-Torah Study(WC)

3

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5
5:30 PM-AA Meeting(WC)

6
10:30 AM-Sisterhood Board
Meeting(WC)

7
11:00 AM-Sisterhood Mah
Jongg(WC)
5:30 PM-AA Meeting(WC)

8
6:15 PM-Shabbat
Evening Service-
Blessings for Summer Israel
Travelers; Senior Adult
Participation; Kol Rinah(WC)

9
9:30 AM-Shabbat
Morning Service(WC)
10:45 AM-Bat Mitzvah
of Leigh Fidler(PST)
10:45 AM-Torah Study(WC)
4:00 PM-Singles 3rd Annual
Picnic(O)

10

11
6:00 PM-Brotherhood Health
Fair(WC)

12
5:30 PM-AA Meeting(WC)

13

14
11:00 AM-Sisterhood Mah
Jongg(WC)
5:30 PM-AA Meeting(WC)
6:00 PM-Brotherhood Board
Meeting(WC)

15
6:15 PM-Shabbat
Evening Service;
Birthday & Anniversary
Blessings(WC)

16
9:00 AM-Bar Mitzvah
of Bo Broadnax(WC)
9:30 AM-Shabbat
Morning Service(WC)
10:45 AM-Torah Study(WC)
11:15 AM-Bar Mitzvah
of Joshua Tunis(WC)

17

18

19
5:30 PM-AA Meeting(WC)

20

21
11:00 AM-Sisterhood Mah
Jongg(WC)
5:30 PM-WiseUP/ Brotherhood
Lighthouse Dinner(O)
5:30 PM-AA Meeting(WC)

22
6:15 PM-Shabbat
Evening Service(WC)
6:30 PM-Wise Tykes
Service(WC)

23
9:30 AM-Shabbat
Morning Service(WC)
10:45 AM-Bat Mitzvah
of Elissa Hoffman(PST)
10:45 AM-Torah Study(WC)

24

4:00 PM-WiseUP/Sisterhood -
YWCA Battered Women's
Shelter(O)

25

26
5:30 PM-AA Meeting(WC)

27

28
11:00 AM-Sisterhood Mah
Jongg(WC)
5:30 PM-AA Meeting(WC)

29
6:15 PM-Shabbat
Evening Service(WC)

30
9:30 AM-Shabbat
Morning Service(WC)
10:45 AM-Bat Mitzvah
of Alyssa Stein(PST)
10:45 AM-Torah Study(WC)

Happy Trails To You...

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at Shabbat services on Friday, July 16. Both events are at Wise Center. The Temple is blessed to have Mitch's extraordinary leadership for the next two years.

The following is a brief summary of the things that stood out for me in the past year. (I have omitted so much that I could have included, but this is an article, not a book!)

- Installation of new Board of Trustees.
- Election of Mitch Cohen as President – Look for great things to come!
- Installation of Liz McOsker as Sisterhood President and continuation of Lew Ebstein as Brotherhood President – Terrific continuing leadership.
- Sharon Marshall, our new Membership/ Program Director, joined us, bringing her talents, energy, and commitment.
- Tikkun Olam-athon – once again, this WiseUP program helped over 500 Wise Temple members spend a meaningful day working with other Temple friends and family to heal the world in a myriad of ways.
- Eitz Chayim – in addition to our continuing programs at Wise Center, this year we added a new Jewish Ethics series, including “Downtown Lunch and Learn” programs to make adult Jewish education more accessible to our members who live and work there and continued our successful 92nd Street Y series.
- Wise Covenant, our development effort, has completed its initial phase. We raised \$8.7 million toward our goal of \$10 million. Thanks to all who have participated.
- Plum Steet Temple Improvements – We continue to restore our historic Plum Street Temple. During the spring and summer we will repair and paint all exterior wood windows, doors and the inside of the minarets. We will also spot tuckpoint exterior masonry and apply waterproofing. Our last major building renovation was in 1993-1994.
- Strategic Planning – We formed three new committees in order to continue to implement our strategic plan: Member Connections, Member Recruitment, and Communications. The Communications Committee led Temple leadership in developing consensus around specific

statements that we have committed to making increasingly reflective of our members' experience.

- Building and Grounds – Our newly reconstituted Building and Grounds Committee has begun to study improvements to the Wise Center lobby and social hall. We also completed the resurfacing of the Wise Center parking lot.
- New Prayer Book – With the leadership of the Temple's Avodah Committee, we conducted a “mock Shabbat” with the new Reform Movement prayer book, *Mishkan T'filah*. The Board of Trustees approved the acquisition of the new prayer book, which we will use beginning Fall 2007, together with a bound version of our existing prayer book, *Avodat Halev*.
- Jewish Travel – Rabbi Lewis and Renee Kamrass were scheduled to lead our congregational trip to Israel in July 2006, but the trip was postponed to June 2007 due to the war in Lebanon. Over 60 Wise Temple members are participating.
- Legacy Heritage Grant – We have designed and implemented new family education initiatives based on our award of a \$30,000 grant for one year. This year we enriched and broadened our parent and child Geshet program, as well as created a new 8th grade iMitzvah service learning program. Next year, we will begin exciting and innovative early childhood programming.
- Chicken Soup Cookoff, sponsored by the Brotherhood, was a huge success, once again.
- The Sisterhood continued to have a myriad of events during the past year, including a one day Women's retreat with overwhelming participation. The Sisterhood continues to fund the Madrichim program (teen age teaching assistants), Youth Activities and a new Early Childhood initiative. They have also pledged a substantial contribution towards the renovation of our Social Hall at Wise Center.
- Day Camp – we reached an agreement with the JCC, our new neighbors up Ridge Road, on the formation of a community day camp, combining Wise and JCC programs.
- Cemetery – we continued to play a leadership role in the formation of a new entity to combine all of Cincinnati's

Jewish cemeteries, Jewish Cemeteries of Greater Cincinnati, Inc.

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In addition, let's review some facts and figures that tell another part of our story for the past year:

New members	57
Members departing congregation through...	
Death	20
Relocation	17
Other	10
Worship services we held	197
Attendance for...	
High Holy Day services	7600
Eitz Chayim programs	198
WiseUP programs	529
Religious School...	
Number of students (PK-12)	668
Consecrants	47
Confirmands	57
Number of parents in Geshet	232
Graduates (CRIHS)	29
GUCI attendees	39
B'nai Mitzvah	46
Weddings	13
Funerals performed by our rabbis	32
Births	19

This is my farewell article for Keshet. “... until we meet again” – maybe next week in the Lobby?

Comments? Contact me at aberge@katzteller.com.

SISTERHOOD 2007-2008 DIRECTORY

The Sisterhood directory is "under construction" for the year 2007-2008. Please check your name, address, phone number **and** email address in the current "RED" directory to see if it is listed correctly. If you have already notified the Temple office of a change of address, there is no need to contact us. For any corrections or changes that you would like included in the fall directory, please contact Lorie Eckert at 489-7627 or email, lorieke@fuse.net. As we work on the directory we would also welcome your help in the following ways:

INDIVIDUAL SPONSORS – Please become a directory sponsor by sending your desired listing, along with a minimum donation of \$20 (payable to Wise Temple Sisterhood), to Esther Zimmerman 3649 Tiffany Ridge Ln., 45241.

BUSINESS SUPPORTERS – If you know of a business or individual who would benefit by advertising in our directory (distributed to over 700 homes), please ask them to place an ad. *For details on rates, call Ann Mintz at 339-0661.*

DUES BILLING

You recently received your annual Sisterhood dues bill. We hope that all current Sisterhood members will choose to renew their membership and welcome all those who wish to join for the coming year. Your dues help support the many programs and projects that Sisterhood undertakes for the congregation. *For more information, contact Mona Spitz at 891-9583.*

PROGRAMMING

Mah Jongg

Come play Mah Jongg with Sisterhood members every Thursday, 11:00 AM -2:30 PM at Wise Center. Bring your lunch. *For more information, please call Cynthia Marmer at 984-0236.*

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.**

If you are interested in participating, please contact Gina Blatt at 321-3407 or gblatt@hotmail.com or Karen Brownlee at 871-5013 or karenbrownlee@fuse.com.

FUND FACTS

During this season of graduation and confirmation, please remember that a donation to one of our Sisterhood Funds is a wonderful way to honor these special students. You may send contributions directly to the Fund Chairs or call for more information: GIVTY Fund (Elaine Pockrose, 351-6425 or Pam Kohn, 891-1516), YES Fund (Joan Scheineson, 351-5077), Florence Weil Tribute and Equipment Fund (Elaine Schiffer, 351-6620), or Floral Fund (Laura Cramer, 794-0742).

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

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

HONEY SALE

Sisterhood is sponsoring the "Honey" for Rosh Hashanah again this year. Be sure to watch your mail for this year's flyer. Now is the time to get your "Honey List" ready. *For questions or to volunteer to help, call Shelley Tessel at 794-9787.*

Traditions & Treasures Gift Shop

Gift Shop Summer Hours (and by appt.)

Tuesday & Thursday 9:30 - 11:30 AM

If you are interested in volunteering, summer is a great time to get started. Please call Barbi Sherman at 891-7370 if you are interested.

Mission Accomplished!

Mission statements can seem dry and somewhat vague. However, when put into action, they lead to wonderful things. Here then, is the Sisterhood's Mission Statement, a bare bones document followed by the meat – examples of our work during the 2006-2007 year, work of which we are very proud:

Isaac M. Wise Temple Sisterhood, an affiliate of Women of Reform Judaism, is an organization of multigenerational women dedicated to family, synagogue and community. Through religious, educational and social endeavors, we work to fulfill God's commandments and to nourish our souls. By practicing acts of tzedakah and tikkun olam, we embrace the principles of our faith. Isaac M. Wise Temple Sisterhood works within our congregation to insure the strength and future of Reform Judaism.

The translation of this is as follows: Our Sisterhood is nearly 700 women strong, with women of every age – from their twenties to

• their nineties – in our ranks. In any given month we have a handful of activities going on. For example, this past year, we served families by providing Congregational dinners at Sukkot, Chanukah and Purim; by sending holiday packages to our college kids at Rosh Hashanah, Chanukah, and Passover; and by having Caring Corps volunteers visit and bring gifts to our shut-ins at various holidays as well. To more directly serve the Temple, we made a very significant donation to help underwrite the cost of the Madrichim Program, supporting these students who work as teaching assistants in the Religious School. In addition, we continued to provide funding to all Temple Youth Groups, grades one through high school. Beyond this, we served the Cincinnati community in many ways such as providing two programs at the YWCA Battered Women's Shelter and sending "Bedtime Bundles" to the children there.

• To educate ourselves we organized many

• programs including a panel discussion exploring the complexities of caring for an ailing spouse or aging parents and our annual Library Tea, featuring our community *shaliach*, Amir Yarchi. Though we had religious, educational and *tikkun olam* projects galore, we also managed to have a lot of fun along the way, particularly enjoying our first ever Retreat this winter and our new Lilith Salons, not to mention our ever-popular Women's Seder at Passover, and our Museum Outing – this year to the Cincinnati Art Museum.

Clearly, the Isaac M. Wise Temple Sisterhood has programming for women of all ages and it works to serve people of all ages. Your \$36.00 membership check helps to support it all. We encourage all women of the Congregation to become members and to get involved as we face a new year of meaningful work – and play. 🕯

Words From The Heart

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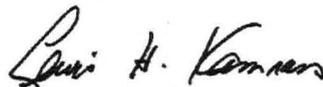
◆ And some people have made Shabbat worship a regular moment in their lives because they begin to discern an otherwise unknown sense of peace and security in having Shabbat serve as an anchor, a moment of certainty that anchors them in the otherwise hectic rhythm of the rest of the week. They mark time and reorient themselves from that anchor in the storms of time. They feel that as the pages of the calendar turn too quickly, and the demands of life can overwhelm, that celebrating Shabbat anchors them with some predictable and yet surprising moments of calm, strength, and renewal that brings not only meaning to their lives, but a welcomed stability and rhythm to their days.

Perhaps now you can begin to understand why more people are coming to services. Many of them would have never predicted that they would be coming to Temple two, three and even four times a month. They are at first surprised by this new pattern in their lives. But they are also soon grateful for what enrichment it brings to them on so many levels. And so, if you ask me what it is that has precipitated the larger numbers of people

• worshipping at Wise Temple, I would say it is not the rabbis, nor the music, nor the prayer book, nor our renovated Chapel; I would say that what has happened is the discovery of the timeless spirit of Shabbat – the sense of ideas, reflection, joy, renewal, community, friendship, comfort, strength, connection, and anchoring our souls. This is what Shabbat has always meant to the Jewish people, and increasingly, this is what Shabbat is coming to mean to us at Wise Temple.

So next time you come to services and see something quiet and special going on, next time you come and find yourselves surprised to see many people there, consider that the surprise is still yours to discover – the surprising joy and meaning of Shabbat that enriches our days, and is your gift, waiting for you to discover it. I will welcome the chance to hear your comments about that journey of discovery that happens one moment at a time. 🕯

Faithfully,



חרב לב בן דוד וחנה לאה

• Rabbi Lewis H. Kamrass

NEW MEMBERS

We extend a warm welcome to these new members who have joined our Wise Temple family.

Jane and Henry Heimlich

Sylvia Kandler

Jodi and Todd Kart and their son Matthew

Rachel Crossley and Doug Saphire

Karen and Gary Shilling and their children Molly and Max

Rachel Silverman

Charlie Stix

Lisa Simpson and Dick Wittenberg and their children Sydney and Ethan

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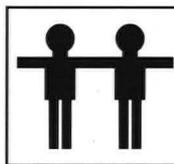
CONGREGATIONAL CONNECTION

Men's Health Forum Monday, June 11

On June 11, the Brotherhood will be offering its second Men's Health Fair. We are pleased to present several new speakers this year. Dr. Scott Joseph, a primary care physician with the Cincinnati VA Medical Center will discuss "What is Primary Care and why you should see your physician." Returning this year will be Anita Dock who will discuss selected topics in nutrition. In addition, Dr. Jeff Zipkin will speak on prostate health.

We will again offer free screenings for blood pressure, blood glucose and cholesterol. The poster presentations will once again represent a wide range of organizations throughout the greater Cincinnati area. Among the participants in poster presentations last year were: American Heart Association, American Cancer Society, American Red Cross, Arthritis Foundation, American Diabetes Association, Greater Cincinnati Nutrition Council and Jewish Hospital.

Back by popular demand will be Ed Waterman and his kitchen magicians preparing what will surely be a delectable nutritious meal, free for all who send in their RSVP. (We need to have an idea of numbers.)



On May 31, 1994 President Bill Clinton signed a bill which established the week ending on Father's Day as National Men's Health Week (NMHW). The purpose of Men's

Health Week is to heighten the awareness of preventable health problems and encourage early detection and treatment of disease among men and boys. Congressman Bill Richardson was quoted as saying "Recognizing and preventing men's health problems is not just a man's issue. Because of its impact on wives, mothers, daughters and sisters, men's health is truly a family issue." Wise Temple Brotherhood added the Men's Health Fair to its calendar of events to celebrate and promote National Men's Health Week.

The Men's Health Fair will be Monday June 11 from 6:00 - 8:30 PM at Wise Center. We strongly encourage all to attend and especially extend our invitation to all the women in the congregation who will undoubtedly want their significant others to attend. Men's Health is a family issue of importance to all. We are certain you will not be disappointed and look forward to sharing time with you.

WiseUP CORNER



3rd Annual

Tikkun Olam-athon

Sunday, October 7, 2007

Repairing the world, one Mitzvah at a time.

Plans are underway for the 3rd annual Tikkun Olam-athon!

We are building on last year's successful event and are seeking some new projects. If you have an idea for a fun, engaging, meaningful project around the community and think it would be a great addition to Tikkun Olam-athon in October, 2007, please contact Deborah Birkhead at RDB@fuse.net, or Pam Kohn at lkohn@cinci.rr.com or Judi Pollak at jpollak@cinci.rr.com.

Plan Events • Save-the-Date

CONGREGATIONAL CONNECTION

MAZEL TOV

The Temple offers congratulations to the following families:

B'nai Mitzvah

June 2 – Matthew Kaltman, son of Leonard Kaltman and Dr. Dana Drazner.

June 9 – Leigh Fidler, daughter of Mark and Wendy Fidler.

June 16 – Bo Broadnax, son of Dr. Marcia Bowling and Jim Lehmann. Grandson of Cynthia Bowling.

June 16 – Joshua Tunis, son of Adam and Holly Tunis.

June 23 – Elissa Hoffman, daughter of Mark and Milynn Hoffman.

June 30 – Alyssa Stein, daughter of Dr. Stephen and Rebecca Stein.

July 7 – Michaela Honkomp, daughter of Craig Honkomp and Jennifer Kazin.

July 14 – Molly Loftspring, daughter of Eugene and Renee Loftspring.

July 21 – Sarah Goldschneider, daughter of Dr. Kenneth and Jennifer Goldschneider.

July 21 – Ethan Stieha, son of John and Vicki Stieha.

July 28 – Jennifer Seelig, daughter of Richard and Karen Seelig. Granddaughter of Herbert and Eva Seelig.

July 28 – Daniel Gilbert, son of Michael and Susie Gilbert. Grandson of Eleanor Aronoff and Arthur and Sonnie Sirkin.

August 4 – Samantha Siler, daughter of Dr. Randolph and Beth Siler.

August 11 – Stephen Lubitz, son of Dr. Lester and Rebecca Lubitz.

August 18 – Johanna Wegner, daughter of Kenneth Wegner and Fern Goldman.

August 25 – Samuel Stamler, son of Dr. Eric Stamler and Dr. Elizabeth Rabkin. Grandson of Alvin and Isabelle Stamler.

August 25 – William Gunzenhaeuser, son of Dr. Leslie and Mary Beth Gunzenhaeuser.

Marvin and Gerry Kraus on the recent Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Max Brumberg-Kraus.

Births

John and Karen Brownlee on the recent birth of their son, David Brownlee.

Drs. Joseph Dagenbach and Andrea Lukin and Dr. Robert and Marcia Lukin on the recent birth of their daughter and granddaughter, Mari Lukin Dagenbach.

Craig and Emily Hertzman and Stanley Hertzman and Lois Hertzman on the recent birth of their son and grandson, Zachary Hertzman.

Michael and Carolee Schwartz, Hilda Schwartz, and Virginia Okum on the recent

birth of their granddaughter and great-granddaughter, Keira Lynn Donohue.

Dr. Alter and Gloria Peerless on the recent birth of their granddaughter, Nathalie Rachel Schwartz.

Engagements

Oliver Shepherd on his recent engagement to Meredith Angner.

Norman and June Slutsky and Bernard and Muriel Clayton on the recent engagement of their daughter and granddaughter, Molly Slutsky to Marc Simons.

Rabbi Lewis and Renee Kamrass are delighted to share their joy over the upcoming summer wedding of their daughter

Jenna

to

Jacob Morvay

The entire congregational family is invited to celebrate with the Kamrass family as Jenna and Jacob receive pre-wedding blessings during Shabbat Evening services Friday, June 1 at 6:15 PM at Wise Center.

The Kamrass Family will sponsor an Oneg Shabbat prior to the Shabbat Service.



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