

D'VARIM MIN HALEV - דברים מן הלב "Words from the Heart"

BY RABBI LEWIS KAMRASS

There is a Jewish prayer that is both a hope and a challenge: "May we go from strength to strength."

It is an acknowledgment that a person or even a congregation can be standing tall, proud of what they have accomplished, confident in their past, and at the same time, yearning to continue to grow, to transform, and to find new ways to create meaning. That is how I believe Wise Temple feels at this moment: proud of its great history, confident in our achievements and innovations of the recent past, and yet at the same time, determined to change for the sake of creating vibrancy and deeper meaning. This is the mandate to which Rabbi Isaac Mayer Wise called us. And in each age, we must answer that call in new ways.

A few weeks ago, we announced the selection of our two new assistant rabbis, Rabbis Rachel Maimin and Sydney Henning who will arrive this summer, along with our new associate rabbi, Rabbi Karen Thomashow (note adjacent photos). They are eager to come to know you and to form meaningful relationships with our congregants of all ages. They each hope to

bring their talents and passion for Judaism to do what rabbis love to do: to bring Judaism to life in a sacred community, so that your lives are enriched from your heritage, faith, and community. Our leadership has shaped an exciting new team to join me and our talented staff members in visioning a new time in the life of our congregation, responding to new challenges and opportunities for Jewish life. Yet rabbis and professionals alone cannot transform this congregation or take us from strength to strength.

Our congregational leadership is a real partner in that journey of renewed strength for us. I salute our Board for its bold decision to create an additional rabbinic position, to enable us to work differently, to dare to think of new ways of doing that which we do, and to encourage incubation of new ideas and creative experimentation. We need to learn new ways to reach out to those in the congregation and those not even involved in Jewish life. We need to find new ways to reach out to the larger community. And we will do so with rabbis, staff, and lay leadership working together. But this too, will not be sufficient for transformation.

That is where you come in. Joining hands with rabbis and professionals, you are the fuel that will help to take us from strength to strength. We will be turning to you, our members, to better understand what is in your hearts, and what meaning you search for in your Jewish life. We will want to find new ways to touch those needs and to respond to them. We will want you to help us experiment with alternative models of worship for families and for individuals and to create new avenues of purpose in your volunteer work through Wise Temple in the larger community. We will want to know how we can better connect you to others, and to gain a deeper and richer sense of community. For you see, Jewish life and Jewish connection to community does not happen as naturally or as easily as it once did. But when it does, our souls are touched, and our lives are immeasurably enriched. That is the strength towards which we seek to move. To reach that goal, and to take that journey, will require you.

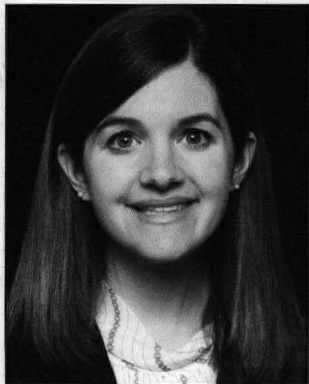
So when you meet our new rabbis in the months to come (and we will offer many opportunities to do so this summer), know that you are entering with us into a renewed and exciting journey that will bring meaning to your lives and to the lives of others, and that will truly take us from past achievements to innovation, from a proud past to a future of vision, or in short, that will help us individually and as a community to go from...strength to strength.

Warmly,

Lewis H. Kamrass

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Rabbi Lewis H. Kamrass



Rabbi Karen Thomashow



Rabbi Rachel Maimin



Rabbi Sydney Henning

Worship Services

Shabbat Evening Services 6:15 PM at Wise Center

Friday, March 1 – Shabbat Evening Service

Friday, March 8 – Shabbat Evening Service

Friday, March 8 – Got Shabbat Family Service with 2nd Grade Participation

Friday, March 15 – Shabbat Evening Service

Friday, March 22 – Birthday and Anniversary Blessings and Kol Rinah

Friday, March 29 – Shabbat Evening Service

Marriage Re consecration Service 8:15 PM at Wise Center

Friday, March 29

YoFi Shabbat (Ages 1 – 6) 6:15 PM at Wise Center

Friday, March 1

Shabbat Morning Services 9:30 AM at Wise Center 10:45 AM Torah Study

Saturdays, March 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30

Passover Services 9:30 AM at Wise Center

Tuesday, March 26 – Passover Morning Service

Monday, April 1 – Passover Morning Yizkor Service

Traditions and Treasures Gift Shop Hours

Tuesday: 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM
Wednesday: 2:30 – 5:45 PM
(when Religious School is in session)
Thursday: 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM
Sunday: 9:15 – 11:45 AM
(when Religious School is in session)

If you are interested in joining our Gift Shop team, please contact *Margie Meyer* at 984-2345.

B'nai Mitzvah



March 2, 10:45 AM
at Plum Street Temple

B'nai Mitzvah of **David and Jack Moskowitz**, sons of **Sara Moskowitz** and **James Moskowitz**.

March 9, 10:45 AM
at Plum Street Temple

Bar Mitzvah of **Henry Jay Pardo**, son of **Phoebe and Alexander Pardo** and grandson of **Dianne Dunkelman**.



March 16, 10:45 AM
at Plum Street Temple

Bat Mitzvah of **Emily Marmer**, daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. Randy Marmer** and granddaughter of **Mrs. Leah Levine**.

March 23, 10:45 AM
at Plum Street Temple

Bar Mitzvah of **Stephen P. Szuch**, son of **Cantor Deborah Cannizzaro** and **James M. Szuch**.



Ralph & Julia Cohen Library Hours

Monday: 1:00 – 7:00 PM
Tuesday: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
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(when Religious School is in session)

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Mazel Tov...

The Temple offers congratulations to the following families:

Births

Mrs. Gloria Wolfson on the birth of her great-granddaughter, **Elisheva Yuhidit**.

Margo and Alan Zeff on the birth of their grandson, **Max Lewis Bregen**.

Engagements

Tara Johnson-Nitzberg on her engagement to **Bob Bebber**.

Ellen and Corky Steiner on the engagement of their daughter, **Meredith Levin** to **Dr. Joe Marmuro**.

Debbie and Dick Westheimer on the engagement of their daughter, **Hannah Westheimer** to **Zack Beresin**.

Wedding

Robin and Barry Snyder on the wedding of their daughter, **Erica Snyder** to **Alan Surdyk**.

Condolences...

Debbie and Greg Cohen on the death of his father and **Ben and Ethan Cohen** on the death of their grandfather, **Stephen Cohen**.

Mert and Rick Friedman on the death of his father and **Benny Friedman** on the death of his grandfather, **Harry Friedman**.

June Hellman on the death of her brother, **Donald Levi**.

Gloria and Alter Peerless on the death of her father, **Drs. Betsy and Brian Peerless** on the death of his grandfather, and **Isabel and Jacob Peerless** on the death of their great-grandfather, **Bernard Udelson**.

Dr. Elizabeth Rabkin and Dr. Eric Stamler on the death of her step-father and **Sam and Ben Stamler** on the death of their step-grandfather, **Melvin Schneck**.

Bea Winkler on the death of her husband and **Sara Penhale and Dr. Allan Winkler** on the death of his father, **Dr. Henry Winkler**.

Answering the Call

BY BARBARA DRAGUL

This month we will celebrate the number one observed holiday among Jews, Passover.

For anyone who has participated in a Passover seder knows, the themes of the holiday center around freedom, faith, food, and (pesky) frogs. I want to suggest another theme for us to reflect on as we prepare for and participate in this year's seder: leadership. It is through retelling the Passover story each year that we reaffirm the tremendously significant role that Moses plays in the history of our people. He is considered the model, the epitome of Jewish leadership. But from what we learn about Moses from the *Torah*, he was a humble man and an unlikely leader.

When he first hears God's call to him at the burning bush saying, "...you shall free My people..." (Exodus 3:10), Moses replies in a way that can best be described as sheepish. Feeling completely unworthy of the task put before him, Moses says, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and free the Israelites from Egypt?" In several back and forth exchanges, Moses maintains that he is just not the man for this very important job that God has. Why would the Israelites listen to him, a shepherd? Even when God assures Moses that He will be with him, and tells him that He will provide "signs" to convince the people that Moses has been sent by God, still Moses demurs. He says, "Please, O my Lord, I have never been a man of words, either in times past or now that You have spoken to Your servant; I am slow of speech and slow of tongue." (Exodus 4:10)



Despite his reluctance and lack of confidence, Moses does answer God's call, and I know that I am not spoiling this story when I report that, in the end, Moses does negotiate with Pharaoh and he does lead the Israelite people to freedom with the help of his brother Aaron and with God's


promise to, "be with you." (Exodus 4:12) With his leadership of the Israelites out of bondage, into freedom, through the desert, and to the Promised Land, Moses secures his place in Jewish history as the one who turned this disparate group of twelve tribes into one people. Moses may be a reluctant leader, and a man beset by insecurity and doubt, but he is a leader nonetheless.

For me, one of the most fascinating aspects of this story comes much later in the *Torah*, when we find Moses and the Israelites escaped from slavery, having crossed the Red Sea, and on the edge of the next part of their journey. Forty years after wandering in the desert, Moses learns that he will not enter the Promised Land. After many years of shepherding this often difficult and ungrateful people, attempting to build them into a community in sacred covenant with God, Moses is told by God that he can view, "the land that I have given to the Israelite people" (Numbers 27:12) but that he himself will not go into the land. His life will end on the brink of arriving "home."

We can imagine what Moses' reaction might have been to this deeply disappointing news. Sorrow. Anger. Confusion. But it is none of these, at least outwardly. The first response of Moses in hearing that he is

denied entry into the land that he has led the Israelites to is about the people he leads. He asks God to appoint someone over the community so that the Israelites, "may not be like sheep that have no shepherd." (Numbers 27:17) God tells Moses to, "single out Joshua, son of Nun, an inspired individual, and lay your hand upon him." (Numbers 27:18) Here we see further evidence of Moses' strengths as a leader; at a time of personal crisis and disappointment, he thinks first of those he leads, and how they will fare without him.

Many of us can probably relate to Moses' reluctance to take on a big job he did not feel qualified for. As we learn from Moses' example, leadership is not an innate quality. We are not born leaders. We choose to take on a responsibility, to answer a call, to meet a need. Each one of us can and does step up at times, though we may be frightened and unsure of ourselves or of the outcome.

The raising up of leaders and the transmission of leadership from one generation to another is, I believe, one of the deeply sustaining values and traits of the Jewish people. The story of Moses endures as the story of a man transformed, and of a disparate people shaped into a holy community. With the story of Moses, we are given a gift, a gift of insight and understanding, and a gift of inspiration about the precious potential each of us has to lead, in our own ways, in our own time. 

Sisterhood Notes

Have you been waiting for the right time to get involved in Sisterhood? The time is now! The Sisterhood Nominating Committee is looking for Sisterhood members interested in joining the board. This is a great opportunity to build relationships with other Sisterhood members while learning all there is to know about Sisterhood, from our commitment to social action to our support of Temple youth. Board meetings are the first Wednesday of the month at 9:45 AM. However, ability to attend meetings does not exclude you from consideration as there are many ways to contribute as a board member. We have a variety of committees and roles that offer flexible scheduling. There really is something for everyone! For more information please contact Liz McOsker at 469-1748 or pandlmcosker@gmail.com.

Brotherhood Notes

To the Men of Wise Temple – think about this. In what way can you contribute to the congregation outside of your dues? The answer is simple – Brotherhood. The Temple needs our participation – sometimes in the background, sometimes out in front. Do you have an idea for a program? Are you willing to help make it happen with the support of Brotherhood? Contact David Snyder at brotherhoodpres@gmail.com and ask him to put your idea on the agenda at our monthly meeting (the second Thursday of each month). Come tell us about your idea and we will discuss it together. Are you interested in making your contribution within an existing program? Again, contact David. There are many ways to contribute your time and your ideas. That is what Brotherhood is about – helping our Temple community and creating connections in the process. Find a way to make that work for you!

The Mentoring Congregation

BY AMY J. KATZ, TEMPLE PRESIDENT

The experience of getting to know the rabbis and rabbinical students who interviewed for positions with our congregation was a true privilege, and one that often felt like sacred work.



Recently Rabbi Julie Schwartz, a professor at HUC who is serving our congregation this year, mentioned an article written by Larry Goleman titled, “What Seminaries Do Well.” Goleman observes, “Almost any church or synagogue can become a ‘teaching congregation’ with new clergy... provided

they see it as part of their mission to nurture new pastors, priests, and rabbis beyond their seminary experience for the sake of the wider church or faith community.” As our new rabbis join us, we will have the opportunity to guide and support them, just as they will guide and support us. In the process, they will more easily become part of our Temple community, and they also help to shape it.

It was gratifying to meet the many talented young people who will be the future leaders within the Reform Movement. But it was equally gratifying for the members of the search process to get to know each other in a way we had not before. As we listened to the applicants, we learned to listen carefully to each other as well. We all share a commitment and love for Wise Temple – that came through loud and clear. And yet, we also disagreed at times about what our congregation wants, needs, and values. Our conversations were surprising and frustrating at times, but they also brought us together in ways we had not imagined when we began our work. And that has been, at least for me, an unexpected gift, a gift that I hope each of you receives as you, too, participate in the life of our congregation. 🕯️

During meetings with the Search Committee and members of the Board of Trustees, they all spoke about the importance they place on relationships, their love of teaching our texts, the power of music to inspire them, and the holiness of their work in pastoral care. Keenly aware of the challenges within the Reform movement, they are undaunted, energized, and hopeful.

The candidates also described their respect for Wise Temple’s place in Reform Judaism, both our history as well as our commitment to preparing for the future. Our conversations with them made us proud of our congregation, and gave us insight into trends and practices in other congregations that we can learn from as well.

One idea that kept recurring through the interviews was that young rabbis and rabbinical students are looking for mentoring, not only from their senior rabbis and colleagues, but also from the members of the congregations they serve. They appreciate the wisdom and experience that congregants can share with them, and are eager to form positive lay/clergy partnerships.

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

**For more information:
See Listing of Events on page 6.
Call the Temple at 793-2556.
Visit www.wisetemple.org.**

**All events at
Wise Center
unless otherwise
indicated.**

PST = Plum Street Temple
O = Other Location

1
6:15 PM-Shabbat Evening Service
6:15 PM-YoFi Shabbat: Jewish Superheroes
7:15 PM-Cincinnati's Art Landscape Dinner and Program

*March 1
Art Dinner
and Program*

2
9:30 AM-Shabbat Morning Service
10:45 AM-B'nai Mitzvah of David and Jack Moskowitz (PST)
10:45 AM-Torah Study

3
9:15 AM-Open Room Family Program
9:30 AM-Grade 4 Geshet
11:45 AM-8th Grade iMitzvah
11:45 AM-6th Grade Bowling (O)
7:00 PM-Kulanu

*March 11
Critical Topics
Program*

5
12:00 PM-Tuesdays with Torah: End of Life Choices
5:30 PM-AA Meeting

6
9:45 AM-Sisterhood Board Meeting
4:30 PM-Midweek Hebrew School
4:45 PM-Adult Hebrew

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

8
6:15 PM-Shabbat Evening Service
6:15 PM-Got Shabbat: Religious School Family Service/2nd Grade Participation
7:00 PM-Got Shabbat: Religious School Family Dinner

9
9:30 AM-Shabbat Morning Service
10:45 AM-Bar Mitzvah of Henry Pardo (PST)
10:45 AM-Torah Study
1:00 PM-WiseUP: Freestore Foodbank (O)
6:00 PM-Brotherhood Winter Dinner (O)

10
9:30 AM-Grade 2 Geshet
10:00 AM-Israeli History and Politics for Religious School parents
10:00 AM-Sunday Series: Discussion with co-directors of *Parade*
11:45 AM-7th Grade B'nai Mitzvah Class
7:00 PM-Kulanu

11
7:00 PM-Critical Topics Program with John Stocks, Director of NEA

12
12:00 PM-Tuesdays with Torah: Israel, Iran, and Holocaust Denial
1:30 PM-Seniors: *And These Are Jews*
5:30 PM-AA Meeting

13
4:30 PM-Midweek Hebrew School
4:45 PM-Adult Hebrew

14
11:00 AM-Sisterhood Mah Jongg
5:30 PM-AA Meeting
5:45 PM-Brotherhood Monthly Meeting
7:30 PM-Kol Rinah rehearsal

15
JYG Kallah: 3/15-3/18 (GUCI)
6:15 PM-Shabbat Evening Service

16
9:30 AM-Shabbat Morning Service
10:45 AM-Bat Mitzvah of Emily Marmer (PST)
10:45 AM-Torah Study

17
Author Nina Strauss visiting Sefer Safari
9:00 AM-WiseUP: Bethany House (O)
9:30 AM-Grade 3 Geshet
10:00 AM-Sisterhood Chocolate Passover Seder
7:00 PM-Kulanu

18
7:30 PM-Sisterhood Book Club

19
11:00 AM-Tuesdays with Torah: Israel, Iran, and Holocaust Denial
5:30 PM-AA Meeting

20
4:30 PM-Midweek Hebrew School
4:45 PM-Adult Hebrew

21
11:00 AM-Sisterhood Mah Jongg
5:30 PM-Brotherhood Lighthouse Dinner (O)
5:30 PM-AA Meeting
7:30 PM-Kol Rinah rehearsal

22
6:15 PM-Shabbat Evening Service/Birthday and Anniversary Blessings/Kol Rinah

23
9:30 AM-Shabbat Morning Service
10:45 AM-Bar Mitzvah of Stephen Szuch (PST)
10:45 AM-Torah Study

24
No Religious School
No Kulanu

25
Erev Passover-1st Seder

*March 25
First Passover
Seder*

26
Passover-2nd Seder
Office Closed
9:30 AM-Passover Morning Service
5:30 PM-YoFi Pre-Seder Activities
6:00 PM-YoFi Passover Seder

27
No Midweek Hebrew School

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

29
6:15 PM-Shabbat Evening Service/Isaac M. Wise Shabbat
8:15 PM-Marriage Reconsecration Service

30
9:30 AM-Shabbat Morning Service
10:45 AM-Torah Study

31
No Religious School
No Kulanu



Brotherhood

Unless otherwise indicated, contact David Snyder at brotherhoodpres@gmail.com.

Brotherhood Winter Dinner
Saturday, March 9 at Parker's Blue Ash Tavern at 6:00 PM

Brotherhood Monthly Meeting
Thursday, March 14 at 5:45 PM

Brotherhood Lighthouse Dinner
Thursday, March 21 at 5:30 PM



Eitz Chayim

Continuing Adult Education

Register online at www.wisetemple.org/eitzchayimregistration or contact Sue Leen at 793-2556, ext. 5112 or eitzchayim@wisetemple.org. Find full class descriptions in your Program Guide or at www.wisetemple.org/eitzchayim.

Adult Hebrew, Beyond a Beginner
Wednesdays, March 6, 13, and 20 at 4:45 PM

Tuesdays with Torah

End of Life Choices

Tuesdays, February 26 and March 5 at Noon

This class will explore Jewish law around making end-of-life decisions for ourselves and our loved ones. Rabbi Maura Linzer will prepare, challenge, and push us to think about these difficult decisions by applying traditional Jewish texts to modern scenarios.

Israel, Iran, and Holocaust Denial

Tuesdays, March 12 and 19 at Noon

Ahmadinejad's bold statements of Holocaust denial have consistently made front page news around the world. This course with Rabbi Maura Linzer will explore the roots and motivations of such statements as a form of anti-Israel propaganda.

Sunday Series:

Discussion with Co-Directors of *Parade*
Sunday, March 10 at 10:00 AM

The 2000 Tony Award winner for "Best Book" and "Best Score," *Parade* is the story of Leo Frank, a Jewish factory manager wrongfully accused of murdering a 13-year-old girl in 1913 Atlanta. Join Ed Cohen and Dee Anne Bryll, Co-Directors of the Carnegie Visual and Performing Arts Center and the Cincinnati College Conservatory of Music's Musical Theater Department's production of *Parade*. They will discuss the historical and social context of the play and their approach to directing this timeless and relevant work of theater.



Religious School

Unless otherwise indicated, contact Terri Snavely at 793-2997 or tsnavely@wisetemple.org.

Sunday, March 3
Open Room Family Program at 9:15 AM
Grade 4 Geshet at 9:30 AM
Kulanu at 7:00 PM

Wednesday, March 6
Midweek Hebrew School at 4:30 PM

Sunday, March 10
Grade 2 Geshet at 9:30 AM
Israeli History and Politics for Religious School parents at 10:00 AM
7th Grade B'nai Mitzvah Class at 11:45 AM
Kulanu at 7:00 PM

Wednesday, March 13
Midweek Hebrew School at 4:30 PM

Sunday, March 17
Author Nina Strauss visiting Sefer Safari
Grade 3 Geshet at 9:30 AM
Kulanu at 7:00 PM

Wednesday, March 20
Midweek Hebrew School at 4:30 PM

No Religious School and No Kulanu
Sundays, March 24 and 31

No Midweek Hebrew
Wednesday, March 27



Seniors

And These Are Jews with Ruth Goldman
Tuesday, March 12 at 1:30 PM

Christmas tree trimming, ham on Passover, yarmulkes forbidden in the synagogue – and these are Jews? This documentary tells the story of the descendants of one of the most established and influential Jewish-American communities in the 19th and early 20th century: the German Jews of Cincinnati, Ohio. Through engaging, sometimes shocking, and often humorous stories about prejudice, assimilation, religious practices, and identity, *And These Are Jews* presents a provocative journey into a fascinating chapter of Jewish-American history. Co-Chairs: Sue Ransohoff and Elaine Singer.



Shabbat

Cincinnati's Art Landscape
Dinner and Program with Aaron Betsky and Tamara Harkavy
Friday, March 1 at 7:15 PM
RSVP by Friday, February 22 at www.wisetemple.org/artdinner.

Got Shabbat Family Service and Dinner with 2nd Grade Participation
Friday, March 8 at 6:15 PM
See page 7 for details. RSVP by Friday, March 1 at www.wisetemple.org/gotshabbatmarch8.



Sisterhood

Unless otherwise indicated, contact Ann Margolis at 794-0094 or ann.margolis@yahoo.com.

Sisterhood Board Meeting
Wednesday, March 6 at 9:45 AM

Sisterhood Mah Jongg
Thursdays, March 7, 14, 21, and 28 at 11:00 AM
For more information, contact Sherri Tieger at 821-8881 or stt105@fuse.net.

Sisterhood Chocolate Passover Seder
Sunday, March 17 at 10:00 AM.
See page 7 for details. For more information, contact Amanda Rosenberg at acrosenberg@cinci.rr.com.

Sisterhood Book Club

Monday, March 18 at 7:30 PM

The Arrogant Years, by Lucette Lagnado



WiseUP

Social Action Program

Register online at www.wisetemple.org/wiseupregistration. For more information, contact Margie Burgin at mburgin@wisetemple.org or 793-2556, ext. 5130.

Freestore Foodbank

Saturday, March 9 at 1:00 PM

Help receive, sort, and pack donated food items for the Freestore Foodbank. This agency successfully distributes over 12 million pounds of food per year to help feed those in need. Project Leaders: Kathy Claybon and Mert Friedman.

Bethany House

Sunday, March 17 at 9:00 AM

Volunteer to prepare and host brunch for women and children at the emergency shelter. After brunch, enjoy arts & crafts and fun activities with the children. Ages 9+ (ages 9 - 16 must be accompanied by an adult). Project Leaders: Bess Gordon and Kim Goldwasser.



Youth Activities

6th Grade Activity:

Bowling at Madison Bowl

Sunday, March 3 at 11:45 AM

For more information contact Rabbi Maura Linzer at mlinzer@wisetemple.org or 793-2556, ext. 4120.

8th Grade iMitzvah

Sunday, March 3 at 11:45 AM

For more information, contact PJ Schwartz at pschwartz@wisetemple.org or Matt Zerwekh at mzerwekh@wisetemple.org or 793-2556.

JYG Kallah

March 15 - 18 at GUCI

For more information, contact Matt Zerwekh at mzerwekh@wisetemple.org or 793-2556.



YoFI

(Ages 1 - 6)

Young Family Involvement

To register or for more information, contact Heather Spegal at hspegal@wisetemple.org or 793-2556, ext. 5111.

YoFI Shabbat: Jewish Superheroes

Friday, March 1 at 6:15 PM

YoFI Passover Seder

Tuesday, March 26 at 5:30 PM

See sidebar for details.



Miscellaneous

Critical Crossroads of Public Education with John Stocks, Director of NEA

Monday, March 11 at 7:00 PM

See page 8 for details.

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting

Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5:30 PM

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

Celebrate Passover

Passover Services at Wise Center

Passover Morning Service

Tuesday, March 26 at 9:30 AM

Passover Morning Yizkor Service

Monday, April 1 at 9:30 AM

Sisterhood Chocolate Passover Seder

Sunday, March 17 at Wise Center

10:00 - 11:30 AM

Sisterhood invites you to join us for its Women's Chocolate Seder. Get ready for Passover with our unique seder that will have you eating CHOCOLATE, CHOCOLATE, and MORE CHOCOLATE. What a delicious way to spend a Sunday morning! The traditional symbolic seder foods will be replaced with delicious chocolate alternatives including sugar-free chocolate options. RSVP to Lisa Cooper at lisacooper214@gmail.com or (727) 580-6212.

YoFI Passover Seder

Tuesday, March 26 at Wise Center

5:30 PM - Pre-Seder Activities

6:00 PM - Seder

We are very excited to offer this alternative Passover Seder designed specifically for our youngest members and their families. Children ages 0-6 should grab their parents, their grandparents, their older siblings, and their friends and join us for this special seder. Space is limited so register early at www.wisetemple.org/yofi/passoverseder. For more information, please contact Kari Fagin at kfagin@wisetemple.org or 793-2556.

Attention Grandparents:

Whether your young grandchildren live in town or are visiting from out of town, we encourage you to join us with your grandchildren and children for the YoFI Passover Seder. What a wonderful way to celebrate the holiday with your family.

Got Shabbat? Get Shabbat!

Friday, March 8

6:15 PM: Family Service with 2nd Grade Participation

7:00 PM: Family Shabbat Dinner



Come celebrate Shabbat and experience our newly designed program including an interactive worship experience, dinner, and evening activity. Through personal connection, family sharing, and reflection, your family will leave feeling refreshed and fulfilled. Got Shabbat is a perfect opportunity for you and your family to spend quality time together and experience the joy of Shabbat in the presence of friends and loved ones. We will enjoy participation from our 2nd grade students too! This Shabbat experience is especially geared for elementary age students and their parents. Please visit www.wisetemple.org/gotshabbatmarch8 for more information and to RSVP.



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Critical Crossroads of Public Education

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Monday, March 11 • 7:30 PM at Wise Center

John C. Stocks, Executive Director of the National Education Association (NEA), will speak on the "Critical Crossroads of Public Education" at Wise Center on Monday, March 11 at 7:30 PM. Stocks will offer his thoughts on possible solutions to some of today's pressing issues including the impact of guns and violence in our schools, and the effect of budget cuts on education.

As Executive Director, Stocks oversees the day-to-day operations of the Association, which has three million members, a

staff of 535, and an annual budget of \$371 million. NEA's membership includes teachers, education support professionals, higher education faculty and staff, school administrators, retired educators, and students preparing to become teachers. Since 1857, the NEA has worked diligently and effectively for the cause of public education in America.

An unmatched drive for social justice and positive change in education has been the signature of John Stocks' career. He has been recognized by leading national organizations as an agent for progressive change. In 1988, Stocks ran for State Senate in Idaho, defeating a four-term incumbent. From 1990 to 2004, he served as Assistant Exec-

utive Director for Public Affairs at the Wisconsin Education Association Council (WEAC). Stocks became Executive Director of the NEA in 2012 after serving as Deputy Executive Director from 2004 to 2011.

"At a time when our country is struggling with the cutting-edge subject of conditions in education, we are privileged to have a speaker of the stature of John Stocks," said Sandy Spinner, Chair of the Critical Topics

Committee. Join us for what promises to be a stimulating and enlightening program. For more information, contact Sandy Spinner at sspinner@cinci.rr.com.



John C. Stocks