

# Wise Temple Keshher

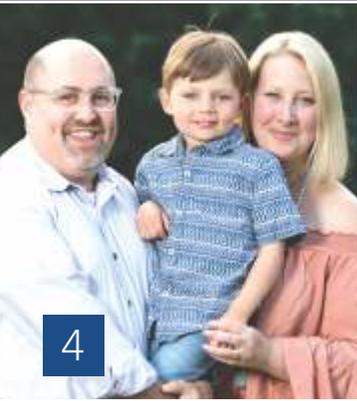
WORSHIP | STUDY | SOCIAL JUSTICE | COMMUNITY



## This Is Us

page 4

# TABLE OF CONTENTS



## Cover Photo:

**MJS Photography Limited**  
www.mjsphotography.photoshelter.com

Pictured as one big happy family:  
Margie and Lester Burgin, Teresa and Mark Deutsch, Steve Hirschberg, Jennifer, Len, and Arielle Lewis, Elise, Jeremy, Celia, and Simon Rubinstein, Nancy and Don Seltz, Cheryl, Don, Logan, and Brayden Strunk.

Special thanks to Christine Katzman, Deb LaFrance, and Ken Revelson for volunteering their time to take photos of temple events! Got snaps of Temple events you want to share? Contact Nina Kieffer at [nkieffer@wisetemple.org](mailto:nkieffer@wisetemple.org).

page **Features**

- 3 From Rabbi Lewis Kamrass
- 3 From Elissa Habib, Temple President
- 4 This Is Us
- 9 Love at First Bite
- 13 A Touch of Torah with Rabbi Michael Danziger
- 23 A Ribbon of Life

page **Community**

- 7 Know Someone "Temple Shopping"?
- 7 Potential Member Socials
- 8 Yappy Hour
- 8 Pups at the Playground
- 14 Wise at Work and Play
- 17 Mazel Tov
- 17 Condolences
- 18 Contributions
- 20 Welcome Courtney Anthony
- 20 Sublime Summer Reads

page **Social Action**

- 21 Summer Social Action Opportunities

page **Worship and Holidays**

- 10 B'nai Mitzvah
- 11 Worship Services
- 12 Justice Richard Bernstein
- 16 A Special YoFi Shababa
- 22 Tailgate Shabbat
- 22 S'lichot

page **Calendar/Listing of Events**

- 11 4-Page Pull-out

## From Rabbi Kamrass



### דְּבָרִים מִן הַלֵּב – Words from the Heart

—By Rabbi Lewis Kamrass

Immediately after our ancient ancestors crossed the sea fleeing Egypt, beginning the journey of freedom in the wilderness wanderings, they undertook their first communal project, the building of the tabernacle. That was among their first opportunities to realize that the foundation of freedom is responsibility, not only for oneself, but for others. It was perhaps among their first realizations of what community meant. In that great narrative, there emerged architects, artisans, craftsmen, and builders. To fashion it all, God told the Israelites: “Bring me gifts;” and those whose talents had made them the builders were to accept gifts for God’s tabernacle, accepting those gifts from every person whose heart so moved him or her, in order for the Israelites “to make a sanctuary, that I (God) may dwell among them...” (Exodus 25). The earliest story of our people was a narrative of generosity toward community: not only the gifts of resources, but of talent, time, expertise, enthusiasm, participation. Each of these gifts reflects a deeper feeling of the heart and the desire to share in “building tabernacle,” in shaping community, in helping others, in deepening our lives with meaning.

I love watching that narrative unfold every day at Wise Temple, a drama not only for the ancient wilderness, but for our own time as well. I watch people give graciously of their precious time; by volunteering to plan something, by serving in our soup kitchen or night shelter, by bringing their talents to helping our congregation prosper, by singing in our choir to enrich our worship, by working on a team along with Temple staff toward a shared goal. I am not only grateful for the untold hours that people give in implementing new ideas and finding better ways for us to advance our sacred mission, I am inspired by it. I marvel at the work of our teachers who also work to build a tabernacle by shaping the Jewish spirit of our children and our teens (teens who help teachers with younger children, even as they continue their own learning later that same day).

To watch the energy, volunteerism, generosity, expertise and giving spirit at Wise Temple on any given day, is to see the drama of the wilderness flourish here, as we build a tabernacle of meaning, joy, celebration and support, for our own journey, in our own time. It begins with one step forward, one gift to offer, even one tentative response to the ancient spiritual call to bring something genuine and real from our hearts. In the sacred meeting with others whose hearts are also so moved, we are each moved from the mundane of everyday life to shape meaning, purpose, and joy that is found in sacred community that we build together.

Faithfully,

חַרַב לֵב בֵּן דָּד וְחָנָה לֵאמֹר

Rabbi Lewis H. Kamrass

## From the President



### Board of Trustees: Diverse and Committed

—By Elissa Habib, Temple President

This issue of *Kesher* highlights the efforts of our fellow congregants and the impact this work has on our congregation. In keeping with the spirit of this “This Is Us” issue, I thought it appropriate to highlight the wonderful and committed people I have the privilege to work with on the Board of Trustees.

First a little bit about them. They are a very diverse group in every way. We have board members working full-time – who are parents of young children – and still commit to making a difference for all of us. We have board members who are part of inter-faith families. There are board members who have been congregants since they were children. And, of course we have board members who some would refer to as seniors but demonstrate the energy of people half their age. In short, our Board of Trustees has the same diversity as our membership, which enables them to best represent our entire congregation.

This dedicated team invests in excess of a combined 2,000 hours each year, working directly with the temple rabbinical and professional staff to ensure that the Isaac M. Wise Temple meets the needs of our congregational family and our community.

I would be remiss if I did not take this opportunity to say how much I appreciate their leadership and efforts during my tenure as President. Our Board of Trustees is comprised of the following people: Jonathan Chaiken, Julie Kantor, David Snyder, Lisa Cooper, Howard Kaplan, Stuart Susskind, Claire Eichner, Rick Lefton (outgoing), Joel Fogel (incoming), Sue Voos, Marcia Goldsmith, Amy Magenheim, Gayle Warm, Hon. Brad Greenberg, Andy Markiewitz, MD, Sherri Weiss, Shelley Heinen, Ken Revelson, Caroline Wells, Phyllis Jackson-Murray, J. David Rosenberg, and Felicia Zakem.

A sincere thank you to these Board of Trustees, and every congregant who gives their time and talents to this congregation. If you’re looking for ways to give of yourself to your congregational family, reach out to any Board of Trustees member. We would love to help you find the best place to use your time and talents. 🌍



Jenna Shaifer with husband Seth and son Aidan



Barry Weinstein hard at work at Wise Temple.

Modesty is a common theme for these do-ers who often humbly explain that they don't think they're doing anything special.

# This Is Us

The heart of a community can be found in its “familiar”– the folks who pitch in, participate, and do what needs to get done, often without even being asked. The efforts of these individuals create an outcome that is greater than the sum of its parts.

Every community needs these unsung heroes, who work behind the scenes (often in non-glamorous roles), who can always be counted on, and who ask for no recognition for their efforts.

Luckily for us here at Wise, we have no shortage of these tried-and-true members of our community. Although, it was no easy task to get them to talk about their work or themselves. Modesty is a common theme for these do-ers who often humbly explain that they don't think they're doing anything special. They're just doing what they think is important for their temple family.

Here are just three of the countless congregants whose quiet contributions help make us who we are – together.

This is Wise Temple. This is us.

## In a New York Minute

“It takes me forever to pick out a couch. How am I going to pick a temple before the

holidays?” These were Jenna Shaifer's words after learning that her family was relocating from NYC to Cincinnati in the summer of 2016. But no worries, Jenna's five-year-old son, Aidan, made the decision for the family after Rabbi Kamrass let Aidan hold the Kiddush cup during the blessings one Friday evening. “Aidan fell in love with Rabbi Kamrass and called him his ‘best guy,’” Jenna explains. “Of all the relocation decisions, joining Wise was the easiest, and Aidan wasn't wrong. Seth, Aidan, and I love it here.”

Jenna has a warmth and contagious positivity that is present in her busy life as mother, wife, and entrepreneur. Last year she opened Ombre Gallery, a contemporary art jewelry gallery featuring handmade works from 70 esteemed artists. Although Jenna had a lengthy career in the fashion industry, it was working as a curatorial graduate intern in the Smithsonian that

showed her that jewelry, like other art, could be a form of artistic expression. As a part of the move to Ohio, Jenna vowed to open the gallery she always dreamed of.

And Jenna made another vow. "I wanted to make sure our family had a Jewish community – people who would be there for each other." It took all of a New York minute for Jenna to make good on her promise. In addition to regular participation at Wise Temple, she started raising her hand to plan and host events, the first of which was a mom's night out hosted in her gallery. As a new event, expectations of turnout were low, but in the end, 24 moms came. "We wanted a way for moms to really get to know each other. We had a blast! Then each time I saw those people at other temple events, we had this foundation to build on – getting to know each other better and better."

Jenna's next project was Sukkot. "This was the first time I had ever had a backyard in my adult life, so I was excited to build a sukkah and host Sukkot." While Mother Nature didn't cooperate, the community did. "It was the rainiest night, but we just brought the celebration inside. What was supposed to be a short open house turned into hours of everyone talking, eating, and having a good time. When you work to get to know people on a personal level, it's so much easier to get involved."

So what's next for Jenna? "I see myself getting even more involved as I learn more about the community." (Remember she's only been in town for two short years!) "I think it's important to parlay my interests into what Wise Temple needs."

## Barry Weinstein: Man in Black

A Certified Public Accountant with a Masters in Business Administration, Barry has a special love of working with non-profits. He started out in a public accounting firm, auditing non-profits including Cincinnati Children's Hospital, and later moved into positions as Chief Financial Officer and then Chief Operating Officer at Children's. Along the way he developed special skills that make him a sought-after commodity in the non-profit world.

He now uses his vast expertise to benefit organizations like Wise Temple, where he not only serves on the Budget and Finance committee, but has also spent the last year improving Wise Temple's accounting procedures related to fund accounting, spending hundreds (yes, hundreds) of hours of his personal time. He has provided a level of sophistication and expertise to our fund accounting that most non-profits could only dream of.

Barry has also shared his knowledge with the Jewish Federation, LADD (Living Arrangements for the Developmentally Disabled), Cincinnati Public Radio, ArtsWave and ArtWorks. He derives satisfaction and fulfillment from providing his financial talent to organizations who need, but can't afford to pay for, top-notch skills that larger companies can. As a member of finance committees for most of these organizations, he's worked to reposition more than one out of the red column and into the black with his esoteric knowledge of non-profit accounting.

Some of the best career advice Barry ever

got came from his father, who owned a men's clothing store: "Don't go into retail!" So Barry went to college to study economics. Although the theory provided him with a good background, he realized that being an economist was not terribly practical and settled on accounting. His father also said "Work is luck," and Barry elaborates on that, noting "it's a combination of luck, opportunity, and using your own hard-won abilities."

Even in his casual white collar shirt, blue pullover and jeans, he looks like a professional. He gazes calmly through the spectacles perched on his nose, listening intently to every question. There is a pause, as he takes time to think through what he will say before he starts talking. Every question deserves a measured response in an unruffled tone. He doesn't look like a man who ever made a rash decision. Although some people pine for their retirement to release them from the drudgery of their work lives, Barry has filled his professional gap with new





Ilana Nadel teaching her kids Cole and Sarit about giving back.

purpose, musing that “Volunteering is my current work, and it gives me the same satisfaction, with the added bonus of giving back to the community.”

Then he’s back to the business at hand with this “bottom-line” advice to volunteers: “Don’t say yes to the first organization that comes along. Choose wisely, your time is valuable. I make the most of my skills and experience by volunteering at the temple. It’s a great fit.”

### Ilana Nadel: It’s a Family Affair

Ilana is a multi-tasking, working mother of two, with two dogs and a husband who’s in school full-time. Somehow, she manages to keep all the moving parts of her life in motion, and still give her time and talents to Wise Temple. When she’s involved, she gives 100%.

The can-do approach that Ilana brings with her was evident when she was just a kid. Her family believes in volunteering. Her bat mitzvah project was a family affair that lasted for many years. She organized a run/walk/jog event in Sharon Woods, with proceeds donated to a variety of charities. One year, her project was recognized by the Paul Newman “Make a Difference Day” award.

Some of you may remember Ilana from her recent participation in the Wise Journey Street Fair, where she masterfully coordinated the complicated set-up and calmly juggled the many complexities of this multi-faceted event. But Ilana plays more informal roles at every temple event she attends. She simply pitches in whenever a hand is needed. Unexpected rainstorm blowing in during a Blue Jean Shabbat? Not to worry – Ilana didn’t think twice – just rolled up her sleeves and started moving tables without even being asked!

Doing is important, and she wants her children (ages 4 and 5) to know that giving your time is just as important as giving money. “It’s a no brainer, I know the temple couldn’t function without volunteers,” she says of this space she calls home. “I consider it ‘me time’ and enjoy doing it for myself. Different people have different talents and skills, and I might as well use mine to give back to my temple.”

She’s introducing her kids to the concept of paying it forward at an early age. In lieu of birthday gifts, the kids give their “birthday money” to the charity of their choice. This year, it was buying paint and canvases for the Penguin Pitter Patter Splatter program at the Newport Aquarium, which benefits the Wave Foundation. The kids will tell you the best part wasn’t just the warm fuzzy feeling they got from their generosity, but the fun they had playing hooky with Mom and Dad when they delivered their gift to the aquarium.

She and her husband Neil are also teaching the kids about environmental responsibility. “We don’t just take walks,” she laughs, “we pick up trash along the way for fun!”

As a team member of Operations and Development at the JCC, she handles safety and security. So she knows what it takes to make things happen on the ground level at any event. “So use me and abuse me! I’ll park cars, move tables, set up, take down, whatever I need to for my Wise Temple community.” 🇺🇸

# Know Someone “Temple Shopping?”

Summer may be the season of lazy days for some, but not for those looking for a great religious school or a meaningful place to worship during High Holy Days.

People look for different things when seeking out a temple to join. Here's how you can help a friend, loved one, neighbor, or colleague determine if Wise Temple is the right place for them:

- **Talk about it.** Tell them why you love your temple home. Ask what they're looking for and discuss how Wise Temple can meet those needs.
- **Invite them to services.** Any Friday evening or Saturday morning will do, but consider these extra special opportunities:
  - Tailgate Shabbat (see page 22)
  - S'lichot (see page 22) – the beginning

of our High Holy Days, but no tickets required

- Potential Member Socials (see below)
- **Share an issue of Keshet** (it's pretty awesome, isn't it?)
- **Schedule a tour** of Plum Street Temple (led by one of our docents who double as congregants)
- **Ask them to tag along** with you to one of our many social action projects (see page 21)

Here's an example of how these kinds of gestures can make all the difference: On a recent Friday night, a potential member was sitting by herself in the Wise Center chapel waiting for services to begin. Suddenly, she felt a tap on her shoulder. When she turned around, she saw a group of women who asked, “Would you like to sit with us?” (She did, in fact.) A week later, this potential member made it official. “It just made me feel so welcomed,” she told us. “Who wouldn't want to be a part of that?”



## Potential Member Socials

August 3, August 17, and August 24, 5:30 PM

Potential members meet congregants and staff, tour Wise Center, get all their questions answered, and enjoy some wine and cheese (or juice and goldfish crackers for the little ones).

Are you eager to tell others what you love about your temple home? If you want to help potential members feel at home during these social events, contact Alex Burte to volunteer: [aburte@wisetemple.org](mailto:aburte@wisetemple.org) or 513-793-2556.





# Yappy Hour

*It's Bark and Beer, Wag and Wine, a dog friendly evening of fun and friendship (adults ages 21+)*

**Saturday, June 23, 7:30 PM  
at Wise Temple Field**

Bring your dog (on a leash please), or just yourself (no dog required).

Enjoy wet noses, soft ears, adorable faces, and the most natural conversation starters ever – dogs!

Stick around for a super short “Have Doggie Havdalah” service and kibitzing by the bonfire. Friends, drinks, laughs, and storytelling: the stuff summer Saturdays are made of.

\$5/person includes two drink tickets for beer or wine and all the unconditional love you can handle.

**If you're an empty nester, this Saturday soirée is for you. Designed for and by empty nesters. RSVP now at [www.wisetemple.org/yappyhour](http://www.wisetemple.org/yappyhour).**



# Pups at the Playground

**Saturday,  
June 23  
3:00 – 4:30 PM  
at  
French Park**



Join other Wise Temple families for a fun Shabbat afternoon at the park including the furry four-legged members of your families! Bring your kids and your dogs to the French Park playground, where we'll play, socialize and enjoy treats (doggie and human!) together.

No dogs? No kids? You're still welcome!

RSVPs (helpful, not required) to: [eperry@wisetemple.org](mailto:eperry@wisetemple.org).

# Love at First Bite

A senior financial investment officer who springboards to chef school. Isn't that an unlikely pairing, like red wine and fish? For Larry Post, it is more like merging sweet and salty – the ultimate satisfaction! And what was the impetus for his odd, but spicy career combination? The Wise Temple Brotherhood of course. "I enjoy my day job, but there's something about cooking that is really fulfilling. Volunteering with the Brotherhood gave me the courage to enroll in culinary school."

Larry and his wife have always been foodies, enjoying both cooking at home and trying the city's newest eateries. This casual interest in cooking led Larry to the Brotherhood, and in an interesting turn of events, the Brotherhood led him to culinary school.

If you've been to a year-end religious school picnic or a Shabbat barbeque, you know the Brotherhood can put out a spread like no other. The joy we get from sharing a delicious meal together is made possible because of people like Larry who (sight unseen in the temple kitchen) chop, sauté, and stir untold quantities of scrumptious dishes.

"I used to cut, cut, cut," Larry jokes of his 10-year role with the Brotherhood. "You know you've made it when you're not on the prep side anymore." Now he supports Ed Waterman on the planning side, working out menus, deciding how to prepare the main course and developing side dishes. "This made me start to think about how great it would be to be a part-time chef when I retire. I looked into it and within two weeks, I enrolled in Cincinnati State's culinary school."

As a part of Larry's passion for food, he's in the process of perfecting his grandmother's coffee cake recipe. His initial go at it was the first time it had been made in 35 years – not surprising since it's a six hour endeavor. Admittedly, Larry is more of a cook than a baker. "Baking is waiting. Cooking is constant – it's all about the timing." The hustle and bustle of making everything come out at the right time and temperature is an exciting challenge.

Hustle and bustle isn't just for the kitchen. Larry packs his life full of meaningful activities. As an instructor for the Kaplan Financial Certified Financial Planner program at Xavier University, he takes an enthusiastic approach to teaching tax and investment planning classes. Textbooks are his go-to for pleasure reading. And although he could graduate from culinary school in April, he's staying on to tuck a few more electives under his belt.

But don't let his busy schedule fool you into thinking he's a high stress guy. There's a calm about him, brought on by a warm, crinkly smile and an easy-going manner that has a way of drawing people in. One conversation with Larry, and you'll walk away thinking, "What a nice guy."

Larry's warmth plays out in more places than just Wise Temple. Originally from Massachusetts, he has long history of giving back, including a 12-year stint at Boston's Avon Walk for Breast Cancer, toting suitcases and tents for hundreds of walkers and crew members. His involvement was a no brainer, since his wife, mother-in-law, and an aunt are all breast cancer survivors. His emotions a little more on the surface, he declares "I don't think there's a single person in our country who doesn't know somebody with breast cancer, whether it's a family member, a co-worker, or a friend." Since moving to Cincinnati, Boys Hope Girls Hope, the Dayton Art Museum, and the Ronald McDonald House have all benefitted from his time and talents.

So what is Larry going to do with his newly-mastered culinary skills? He's not sure yet, toying with the idea of eventually retiring from the finance business into a part-time chef, personal chef, caterer or corporate chef position. Meanwhile, lucky congregants will reap the rewards of Larry's passion for cuisine as he rattles those pots and pans in the temple kitchen with the rest of the Brotherhood. 🍳



Larry heating up a crepe at a family and friends breakfast buffet hosted by his cooking class at Cincinnati State

"Volunteering with the Brotherhood gave me the courage to enroll in culinary school."

# B'nai Mitzvah

June 2, 2018  
Wise Center, 10:45 AM

Bar Mitzvah of **Benjamin Schwartz**  
son of Shelly Schadick and  
Jonathan Schwartz



July 21, 2018  
Wise Center, 10:45 AM

Bat Mitzvah of **Tahlia Little**  
daughter of Todd and Megan Little



June 9, 2018  
Plum Street Temple, 10:45 AM

Bar Mitzvah of **Jack Ringel**  
son of Dr. Jennifer and  
Mr. Robert Ringel  
grandson of Jane Friedman,  
Phyllis and Howard Ringel



August 4, 2018  
Wise Center, 10:45 AM

Bar Mitzvah of  
**Ian Alexander Richards**  
son of Erin and Louis Richards



June 16, 2018  
Plum Street Temple, 10:45 AM

Bar Mitzvah of **Miles Edward Pishotti**  
son of Dana and Anthony Pishotti



August 18, 2018  
Plum Street Temple, 10:45 AM

Bar Mitzvah of **Benjamin Vigran**  
son of Tara and Ross Vigran



June 23, 2018  
Plum Street Temple, 10:45 AM

Bat Mitzvah of **Samantha Lilly Hess**  
daughter of Dr. Ron and  
Mrs. Teresa Hess



August 18, 2018  
Wise Center, 10:45 AM

Bar Mitzvah of **Ian Saladonis**  
son of Tony and Melissa Saladonis



July 7, 2018  
Wise Center, 10:45 AM

Bar Mitzvah of **Daniel Archer Cohen**  
son of Alan and Maria Cohen



# Worship Services

## Shabbat Evening Services

**Fridays, 6:15 PM at Wise Center (unless otherwise indicated)**

### JUNE

- June 1 – Shabbat service
- June 1 – Family Shabbat, with blessing for summer campers  
6:45 PM service; 6:00 PM dinner
- June 8 – Shabbat service, with Justice Richard H. Bernstein. See page 12 for details.
- June 8 – NextGen Shabbat  
6:30 PM, Plum Street Temple
- June 15 – Shabbat service, with Board of Trustees Installation
- June 22 – Shabbat service
- June 29 – Shabbat Service with birthday and anniversary blessings

### JULY

- July 6 – Shabbat service
- July 6 – Family Shabbat  
6:45 PM service; 6:00 PM dinner
- July 13 – Shabbat service
- July 20 – Shabbat service
- July 27 – Shabbat service with birthday and anniversary blessings

### AUGUST

- August 3 – Shabbat service
- August 10 – Shabbat service with Tailgate to follow
- August 17 – Shabbat service
- August 24 – Shabbat service
- August 31 – Shabbat service with birthday and anniversary blessings

### Save the Date

S'lichot  
September 1  
See page 22 for details.

## Shabbat Morning Services

- 9:30 AM service
- 10:45 AM Torah study
- June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
- July 7, 14, 21, 28
- August 4, 11, 18, 25

## Shabbat Morning B'nai Mitzvah Services

See page 10.

## Brotherhood

Joel Fogel, President  
[president@wisetemple.org](mailto:president@wisetemple.org)  
[www.wisetemple.org/brotherhood](http://www.wisetemple.org/brotherhood)

### Monthly Meeting and Dinner

Thursdays, June 14, July 12, August 9  
5:45 PM

### Lighthouse Youth Services Dinner

Thursday, June 21  
5:30 PM, Offsite

## Community

### Tailgate Shabbat

August 10  
6:15 PM Services  
7:15 PM Tailgate  
See page 22 for details.

### Potential Member Socials

Fridays, 5:30 PM  
August 3, 17, 24  
See page 7 for details

### HUC Ordination

June 2  
9:00 AM  
Plum Street Temple

## Empty Nesters

### Yappy Hour

Saturday, June 23  
7:30 PM  
Wise Center Field  
See page 8 for details.

## Families

Questions? Call the Temple office at 513-793-2556 or visit any of the URLs listed.  
[www.wisetemple.org/familyengagement](http://www.wisetemple.org/familyengagement)

### Family Shabbat

First Friday of each month  
6:00 PM dinner; 6:45 PM service  
June 1  
July 6

### Pups at the Playground

Saturday, June 23  
3:00 PM  
French Park  
See page 8 for details.

## Religious School

### Back to School Ice Cream Social

Sunday, August 26  
3:00 PM – 4:30 PM  
See page 20 for details.

### Madrichim Orientation

Sunday, August 26  
12:00 PM – 3:00 PM

## YoFI (ages 0-5)

[www.wisetemple.org/yofi](http://www.wisetemple.org/yofi)

### YoFI Shababa Worship

Saturday, June 9  
10:00 AM  
With Musical Guest Karina Zilberman  
See page 16 for details.

### YoFI Shababa BBQ

Saturday, June 16  
10:00 AM  
Offsite

### YoFI Summer Music Class

Sundays, 10:00 AM  
July 8, 15, 22, 29  
Blue Ash Summit Park  
Community Room  
See page 16 for details.

### YoFI Shababa Reunion

Saturday, August 25  
10:00 AM

**Grades 9 – 12**

[www.wisetemple.org/youthengagement](http://www.wisetemple.org/youthengagement)

**NFTY Leadership Training Kallah**

Friday, August 17 – Sunday August 19  
Dayton

**NextGen (Young Professionals)**

Rabbi Michael Danziger  
513-793-2556  
[mdanziger@wisetemple.org](mailto:mdanziger@wisetemple.org)  
[www.wisetemple.org/nextgen](http://www.wisetemple.org/nextgen)

**Shabbat Services**

Friday, June 8  
6:30 PM, Plum Street Temple

**Havdalah Cookout and Bonfire**

Saturday, July 14  
7:00 PM, Wise Center Field

**Sisterhood**

Claire Eichner, President  
[claireichner@gmail.org](mailto:claireichner@gmail.org)  
[www.wisetemple.org/sisterhood](http://www.wisetemple.org/sisterhood)

**Sisterhood Mah Jongg**

Thursdays at 11:00 AM  
Sherri Tieger: 513-821-8881  
[Stt105@fuse.net](mailto:Stt105@fuse.net)

**WiseUP – Social Action Projects**

Alex Burte: 513-793-2556  
[aburte@wisetemple.org](mailto:aburte@wisetemple.org)  
[www.wisetemple.org/wiseup](http://www.wisetemple.org/wiseup)  
RSVP for IHN: [www.wisetemple.org/ihn](http://www.wisetemple.org/ihn)

**Cincinnati Homeless Families at Wise Center (IHN)**

June 24 – July 1  
August 12 – 19

**Over-the-Rhine Soup Kitchen**

Sunday, June 3  
Sunday, August 5  
9:30 AM – 2:00 PM  
1620 Vine Street

**The Giving Fields**

Saturday, July 21  
11:00 AM – 1:30 PM  
101 Anderson Lane, Melbourne, KY

**Miscellaneous**

Temple Office: 513-793-2556  
[info@wisetemple.org](mailto:info@wisetemple.org)

**Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting**

Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5:30 PM

**Michigan State Supreme Court Justice Richard Bernstein to Speak During Shabbat Services**

*Inclusion: The importance of including all people and what that looks and feels like*

**Friday June 8**

Blind since birth, Justice Bernstein is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of Michigan and earned his Juris doctorate from Northwestern University. As an attorney, Justice Bernstein’s cases set national standards for protection of the rights and safety of people with and without disabilities. He has spearheaded the initiative to include people with disabilities in the Israeli armed forces and been invited to speak throughout the world on inclusion, including before the UN and Supreme Courts. In addition, Justice Bernstein has completed 21 marathons and 1 triathlon.



**Be a Shabbat Host**

Share a smile and extend a hand to others as they enter the building for services or events. We all appreciate a cheerful welcome, warm conversation, and maybe even an invitation to sit next to you. Interested? Contact Alex Burte: [aburte@wisetemple.org](mailto:aburte@wisetemple.org) or 513-793-2556.





# A TOUCH OF TORAH

—By Rabbi Michael Danziger

“Six days you shall do your work, but on the seventh day you shall rest; so that...”

This commandment from Exodus 23:12 is not surprising. We know well that Shabbat is meant to be a day of rest, and similar *mitzvot* appear other places in the Torah. But how does the sentence end? So that what?

I might have guessed it would end, “so you can be refreshed.” Or, “so that you can pray.” Or, “so that you can spend time with your family.” Or, “so you don’t burn out.” I might have guessed that the sentence would have ended with any or all of the benefits that we know a person reaps from resting on the Sabbath.

This is how the verse actually reads: “Six days you shall do your work, but on the seventh day you shall rest; so that your ox and your donkey may have rest, and the son of your handmaid, and the stranger may be refreshed.”

Here, the reason we should rest isn’t about us or what we might get out of it at all. It is about what our participation means for everyone around us; for everyone our lives touch. When we refrain from our work, it means everyone else who might be involved in what we do gets to rest as well. The obligation isn’t to ourselves, or even to God. It is to our community.

I find that the same phenomenon this Exodus verse describes holds true on Shabbat, and every day, in our congregational community. By participating, we help make things possible, better, and more meaningful for each other. Can

someone be personally enriched by being at Shabbat services? Certainly. But the effects of being there ripple out well beyond ourselves and our families. When we participate at services, we help make the community, the Shabbat, the Wise Temple, and the Judaism that is experienced and shared by every worshipper.

Whether we volunteer for social action or justice initiatives, staff the gift shop, come to learn or teach, or simply schmooze, we are making Wise Temple different for everyone else. Consider this: Is your Judaism simply a collection of services, programs, and experiences? Or is it colored by, or even defined by, relationships; by the people you’ve shared those things with? The people who are there with us matter.

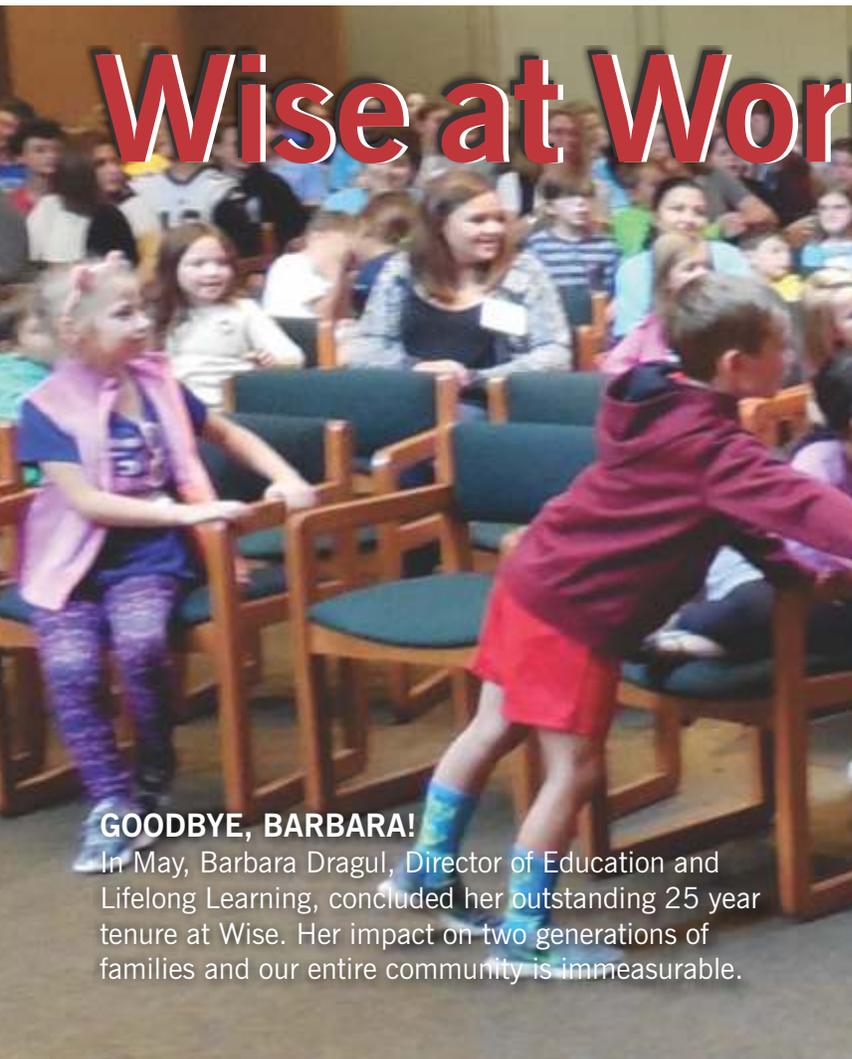
That means it matters when we are the people who are there. Each of us – just by our presence, let alone our active participation and leadership – changes everything. Each of us makes our entire enterprise together richer.

The Rabbis of the Talmud write, “All Israel is responsible for one another.” (Shavuot 39b) Though this famous saying was offered as a comment on how we can better preserve and follow Jewish law, I find it a powerful reflection, as well, on how our communities remain vital, enjoyable, and meaningful. Each of us has a role to play simply by bringing ourselves, and offering our presence, as well as our gifts. The more we each play that role, the more glorious it becomes to look around and think, “This is us!” 



When we refrain from our work, it means everyone else who might be involved in what we do gets to rest as well.

# Wise at Work and Play



## GOODBYE, BARBARA!

In May, Barbara Dragul, Director of Education and Lifelong Learning, concluded her outstanding 25 year tenure at Wise. Her impact on two generations of families and our entire community is immeasurable.



## MARCH FOR OUR LIVES

We followed the lead of our youth and rallied at Plum Street Temple for the "March for Our Lives" in favor of common sense gun legislation.



## DONOR HONOR WALL

In February, Wise Temple held an event honoring high-level donors to the Wise Journey Anniversary Fund.

Barbara gets ready for the start of her last-ever Wise Temple religious school year with a game-day ready entrance.



### A WISE JOURNEY THANK YOU

As a final Wise Journey event, we raised a glass and toasted the incredible volunteers who donated their time and talents to the sacred work of our anniversary celebrations.



### LA SOUPE

Our first-ever volunteer event with La Soupe took place at Wise Center in January. Congregants helped the nonprofit put together nutritious meals for food-insecure families using rescued produce from local grocers and restaurateurs.



### CHICKEN SOUP COOK-OFF

With 32 entrants, January's Chicken Soup Cook-off, now in its 14th year, broke records for most soups ever, most gallons donated to the soup kitchen, and highest gross and net for any Chicken Soup ever – WOW!

### FAMILY RETREAT

Nearly 100 of us made a "Splash" at Great Wolf Lodge, bonding with other families and experiencing fun Jewish programming with our kids.

# A Special YoFI Shababa!

Sing, dance, smile, and celebrate at YoFI Shababa with Shababa Network founder, Karina Zilberman



**Shababa™**  
at Wise

A Young Family  
Shabbat Service  
and More

Featuring Karina Zilberman  
Saturday, June 9  
10:00 AM YoFI Shababa  
10:30 AM Brunch and Play Time with Karina  
[www.wisetemple.org/shabababrunch](http://www.wisetemple.org/shabababrunch)

We have the incredible opportunity to enjoy Shababa with special musical guest Karina Zilberman. Karina created an innovative Jewish community of families with young children and began doing Shababa services in 2007 at the 92nd Street Y in New York City. Later, she founded The Shababa Network which connects 52 organizations from the US, Israel and other countries, who use Shababa as an intergenerational family Jewish experience. Wise Temple is proud to be one of those organizations!

Equipped with her guitar, beloved puppet Coco, and a background as a community leader, educator, puppeteer, and singer, Karina has developed a playful, soulful Shabbat adventure for the whole family.

Karina will co-lead this special YoFI Shababa with Rabbi Karen Thomashow and Songleader Ben Pagliaro.

Karina believes that Jewish life can be like a playground, with families

connecting to Judaism and each other in a relaxed, meaningful way.

Fill your Shabbat with music, puppets, and creative prayer for an experience you won't soon forget. No Shabbat experience necessary!

Karina currently leads Shababa training around the world and co-leads retreats focused on self-discovery and collaborative living. She is a native of Buenos Aires, Argentina. She sings in English, Spanish, Portuguese, Ladino, Hebrew and Yiddish.

All YoFI Shababa services are especially geared toward those aged 0-5, while engaging older siblings, parents, grandparents, other family members and friends as well. Following the service, we will host a special brunch and enhanced play time with Karina. RSVP for brunch at [www.wisetemple.org/shabababrunch](http://www.wisetemple.org/shabababrunch).

**KNOW SOMEONE WHO WOULD LOVE TO JOIN THE FUN? INVITE THEM!**

**Shababa regular? DON'T MISS IT!**

**Haven't tried it yet? NOW'S THE TIME!**

**YoFI Summer Music Class  
July 8, 15, 22, 29, 2018  
10:00 AM – 10:30 AM**

**Summit Park Community Room**

This Jewish music class is participatory, fun, and especially geared to those newborn through age 4. Bring a grandparent, an older sibling, or anyone else who enjoys singing and dancing and making new friends. Open to members and non-members alike.

## Mazel Tov...

**Engagements:**

**Margo and Dr. Elliot Kirstein** and the late Dr. Robert Cooper on the engagement of their daughter, and **Renee and Sam Frankel** on the engagement of their granddaughter, Alexandra Cooper to David Behar.

**Sandy and Rick Stern** on the engagement of their daughter Julia Stern to Y'air Walton.

**Robbin and Chuck Dell** on the engagement of their son Alex Dell to Kristen Clegg.

**Sally and Tom Schott** on the engagement of their son, Cameron Harding to Angie Zaroff.

**Judi and Dan Cohen** on the engagement of their daughter, Allison Cohen to Harris Mandel.

**Dr. Dennis and Caryn Baum** on the engagement of their daughter, Becca Baum to Dustin Fry.

**Nancy and Tom Horwitz** on the engagement of their son and **Leah Levine** on the engagement of her grandson, Joshua Horwitz to Eliana Sigel-Epstein.

**Weddings:**

**Laurel and Ron Abrams** on the marriage of their daughter Kerri Abrams to Matthew Schiff.

**Dr. Richard and Renee Greenberg** on the marriage of their daughter, Mindi Greenberg to Avi Rosen.

**Rosemary and Dr. Michael Safdi** on the marriage of their son, Dr. Adam Safdi to Jimmie Manning.

**Robin and Van Newland** on the marriage of their son, Ben Newland to Jessie Gusman.

**Stephanie and Marty Ackerman** on the marriage of their son, Greg Ackerman to Megan Schriefer.

**Births:**

**Ilene and Gary Fingerman** and **Judi and Dan Cohen**, on the birth of their grandson, Ethan Jack Fingerman.

**Barbara and Dr. Greg Sherman** on the birth of their grandson, and **Sara and Julian Hirschberg** on the birth of their great grandson, Asa Emanuel Greenwalt Sherman.

**Brittany Levy and Brad Ringel** on the birth of their son, Theodore Ringel.

**Matt Nitzberg** on the birth of his granddaughter and **Tara Bebber** on the birth of her step-granddaughter, Sadie Ella Foskuhl.

**Jamie and Brian Schwartz** on the birth of their grandson, William J. Kreutz, IV.

## Condolences To...

**Jackie Meyers** on the death of her husband, **JoAnn and Eliot Meyers** on the death of his father, and **Max and Sydney Meyers** on the death of their grandfather, **Mitchell Meyers**.

Family of **Jeanette Klein**.

**Julie and Rick Ruskin** on the death of his mother, and **Ben, Sam, and Lindsay Ruskin** on the death of their grandmother, Susan Trenkamp.

**Robin and Ken Senser** on the death of her mother, Annette Spector.

**Brooke and Andy Friedrich** on the death of her father, and **Ryan, Kyle, and Garrett Friedrich** on the death of their grandfather, Laurence Wexler.

**Ken Levy** on the death of his wife, and **Todd and Stacy Levy** on the death of his mother, **Natalie Levy**.

**Kristi Nelson and Stewart Goldman** on the death of her father, Douglas Nelson.

**Dr. Michael and Andrea Rapp** on the death of his mother, **Dr. Jonathan and Laura Rapp** on the death of his grandmother, and **Julia, Vivian, and Nathan Rapp** on the death of their great-grandmother, Evelyn Rapp.

Family of **Elise Wolff**.

Family of **Lucille "Twink" Carothers**.

**Boris and Lena Makutonin** on the death of his mother, Galina Makutonin.

**Marvin Rosenberg** on the death of his wife, **Elaine Rosenberg**.

**Ethel and Marvin Guttenberg** on the death of their granddaughter, **Dr. Abbie and John Youkilis** on the death of their niece, and **Matthew, Daniel, and Ryan Youkilis** on the death of their cousin, Jaime Guttenberg.

**Karen and John Sim** on the death of her mother, **Elaine R. Schiffer**.

Family of **Frances Cohen**.

**Dr. Susan and Dr. Mark Schapiro** on the death of his mother, Judith Schapiro.

**Dr. Mary Sutton and Dr. Daniel Kanter** on the death of her mother, and **Sarah and Robert Kanter** on the death of their grandmother, Marjorie Sutton.

**Katie Rothfeld and Leon Spitz** on the death of her mother, **Ella Abraham**.

**Julie and Rick Ruskin** on the death of his mother and **Ben, Sam, and Lindsay Ruskin** on the death of their grandmother, Beth Ruskin.

Family of **Adrienne Cooper**.

**Rose Mazer** on the death of her son, **Marla Mazer** on the death of her husband, **Jeff and Elissa Mazer** on the death of his father, **Michael Mazer** on the death of his brother, and **Mitchell and Sadie Mazer** on the death of their grandfather, **Terry Mazer**.

**Hindi and Dr. Stewart Friedman** on the death of her father, Irvin Lichtenstein.

We acknowledge with appreciation...

## **Barbara Glas Critical Topics**

### **In honor of:**

Birthday of Walter Glas by Susan Glas  
 Birthday of Walter Glas by Andrew Glas

---

## **Bess Shavzin Library Fund**

### **In honor of:**

Golden anniversary of Sharon and Steve Marshall by Mary Lee and Louie Sirkin  
 Special anniversary of Pat and Mo Passer by Mary Lee and Louie Sirkin  
 Special birthday of Barbara Fried by Mary Lee and Louie Sirkin  
 Special birthday of Jim Katz by Mary Lee and Louie Sirkin  
 Birthday of Helen Benjamin by Julie and John Cohen  
 Birthday of Mary Lee Sirkin by Margo and Alan Zeff  
 Special birthday of Alan Zeff by Mary Lee and Louie Sirkin

### **In loving memory of:**

Elaine Schiffer by Mary Lee and Louie Sirkin  
 Evelyn Rapp by Nancy Apfel  
 Evelyn Rapp by Mary Lee and Louie Sirkin

---

## **Edward Kanter Fund for Innovation**

### **In loving memory of:**

Jaime Guttenberg by Marcy and Mark Kanter

---

## **Fine/Marshall/Allen Scholarship Fund**

### **In honor of:**

50th anniversary of Sharon and Steve Marshall by Judy and Richard Masinter  
 50th anniversary of Sharon and Steve Marshall by Inez Allen and Stefan Eckert  
 75th birthday of Arlene Katz by Margo and Alan Zeff  
 75th birthday of Arlene Katz by Jon Marshall  
 Bar Mitzvah of grandson of Natalie and Jack Schwab by Margo and Alan Zeff  
 Bar Mitzvah of grandson of Natalie and Jack Schwab by Jon Marshall  
 Birthday of Alan Zeff by Jon Marshall  
 Birthday of Breck Unger by Sharon and Steve Marshall  
 Birthday of Alan Zeff by Ann and Bob Unger  
 Birthday of Alan Zeff by Sharon and Steve Marshall  
 Birthday of Burt Reiter by Sharon and Steve Marshall  
 B'nai Mitzvah of Natalie and Jack Schwab's grandchildren by Sharon and Steve Marshall  
 David and Erin's engagement by Margo and Alan Zeff  
 Friendship of Inez Allen and Stefan Eckert by Arlene and Bill Katz  
 Friendship of Jon Marshall by Arlene and Bill Katz  
 Lindsay Ruskin's Bat Mitzvah by Margo and Alan Zeff

## **Fine/Marshall/Allen Scholarship Fund**

### **In loving memory of:**

Beth Ruskin by Sharon and Steve Marshall  
 Beverly Levine by Sharon and Steve Marshall  
 Bob Leshner by Margo and Alan Zeff  
 Elaine Rosenberg by Inez Allen and Stefan Eckert  
 Elaine Rosenberg by Jon Marshall  
 Elaine Rosenberg by Margo and Alan Zeff  
 Marlin Marshall by Jon Marshall  
 Mitch Meyers by Margo and Alan Zeff  
 Peggy Katz by Jon Marshall  
 Peggy Katz by Margo and Alan Zeff  
 Sam Boymel by Inez Allen and Stefan Eckert  
 Sam Boymel by Jon Marshall  
 Sam Boymel by Margo and Alan Zeff  
 Sam Boymel by Sharon and Steve Marshall  
 Sanford Fogel by Joni and Dan Green  
 Skip Richard by Ann and Bob Unger  
 Sue Trenkamp by Sharon and Steve Marshall

---

## **General Fund**

### **In loving memory of:**

Elaine Schiffer by Dianne and David Rosenberg  
 Elaine Schiffer by Donna and Ken Hyams  
 Elaine Schiffer by Cheryl Schriber

---

## **Gloria and Alvin Lipson Youth and Experiential Education Fund**

### **In honor of:**

The Family Retreat Team and Committee by Amy and David Weiskopf and family

---

## **Hunger Task Force/I.H.N. Fund**

### **In honor of:**

Recovery from illness of Diana Herbe by Betty Gooten  
 Speedy recovery of David Lichtenfeld by Betty Gooten  
 Speedy recovery of Sue Voos by Betty Gooten  
 Tzedakah by Twin Lakes Senior Community c/o Ashley Depeel  
 Tzedakah by Judy Adams

### **In loving memory of:**

Paul Weil by Michelle Weil  
 Adrienne Cooper by Camille and Carl Servizzi  
 Adrienne Cooper by Michelle Neabrey  
 Adrienne Cooper by Carol and Robert Sprengard  
 Adrienne Cooper by Peggy and Bob Hunt  
 Adrienne Cooper by Dee Pittinger  
 Arthur Carne by Sue Voos  
 Arthur Carne by Judi and Mack Evans  
 Beth Ruskin by Terry and Stuart Susskind  
 Douglas Nelson by Karen and David Hoguet  
 Elaine Schiffer by Kathy and Michael Hinger and family  
 Elaine Schiffer by Kathy and Louis Claybon  
 Elaine Schiffer by Carol and Ken Kabel  
 Elaine Schiffer by Leslie and Larry Newman

Elaine Schiffer by Becky Dolin  
 Elaine Schiffer by Elaine and Aaron Cohen  
 Hannah Schachtel by Sue Voos  
 Hannah Schachtel by Judi and Mack Evans  
 Helen Voos by Sue Voos  
 Helen Voos by Judi and Mack Evans  
 Kurt Voos by Sue Voos  
 Kurt Voos by Judi and Mack Evans  
 Maryann Betagole by Sue Teller  
 Maryann Betagole by Ronnie and John Shore  
 Milton Thurman, Jr. by Dianna Wykoff

---

## **Judith S. Carsch Library Fund**

### **In honor of:**

80th birthday of Renee Diamond by Jean and Dave Simmons  
 Anniversary of Gail Zeifman by Jean and Dave Simmons  
 Birthday of Jean Simmons by Gail and Fred Zeifman  
 Birthday of Ivan Steinberg by Ellen and Stewart Dunsker  
 Significant birthday of Bill Sivitz by Gail and Fred Zeifman  
 Special birthday of Renee Diamond by Gail and Bill Zeifman

### **In loving memory of:**

Evelyn Rapp by Renee and Lewis Kamrass  
 Evelyn Rapp by Carol and Ronald Calabrese  
 Evelyn Rapp by Terri Snavely  
 Evelyn Rapp by Esther and Ernie Zimmerman  
 Jeanette Klein by Jean and Dave Simmons

---

## **Julian Vigran Learning Resource Fund**

### **In honor of:**

50th anniversary of Sharon and Steve Marshall by Carol and Stuart Lowitz  
**In loving memory of:**  
 Sue Trenkamp by Carol and Stuart Lowitz

---

## **Lusia and Stephen Hornstein Holocaust Remembrance Fund**

### **In loving memory of:**

Elaine Schiffer by Sandy and John Isidor

---

## **Natalie Feld Floral Fund**

### **In honor of:**

Tzedakah by Susan Smith  
**In loving memory of:**  
 Sigmund Sachs by Lilo Sachs and Irene Bolnick

---

## **Orla Mielziner GIVTY Fund (Temple Youth)**

### **In honor of:**

B'nai Mitzvah of Peter Brownell and Matthew Leader by Nancy, Becki, and Ed Apfel  
 Daniel Goldstein's Bar Mitzvah by Nancy Apfel  
 Matthew Leader's Bar Mitzvah by Nancy, Becki, and Ed Apfel  
 Peter Brownell's Bar Mitzvah by Nancy, Becki, and Ed Apfel  
 Speedy recovery of Paul McOsker by Saranne and Tim Funk

**Donate online at [www.wisetemple.org/donate](http://www.wisetemple.org/donate)**

We acknowledge with appreciation...

**In loving memory of:**

Elaine Schiffer by Margie and Lester Burgin  
 Elaine Schiffer by Saranne and Tim Funk  
 Elaine Schiffer by Nancy Apfel  
 Elaine Schiffer by Susan Sim Raley  
 Elaine Schiffer by Susan Smith  
 Richard Payton by Miretta Stroheim  
 Richard Payton by Elaine Pockrose

**Plum Street Temple Historic Preservation Fund**

**In honor of:**

90th birthday of Ivan Steinberg by Mary and George Croog  
 90th birthday of Ivan Steinberg by Maxine Berkman and Ralph Buncher  
 95th birthday of Irene Block by Midge Selonick  
 Birthday of Rhoda Mayerson by Karen and David Hoguet  
 Special birthday of Ivan Steinberg by Ethel Zemsky  
 Tzedakah by Dennis Funk  
 Tzedakah by Tami and Robert Weiser  
 Tzedakah by Betty Schneider  
 Tzedakah by Adele Lane

**In loving memory of:**

Alan R. Mack by Jackie Mack  
 Dr. Michael Merren by Bea Schaen  
 Elaine Rosenberg by Dian Levine  
 Elaine Rosenberg by Alice and Barry Lucas  
 Elaine Rosenberg by Betsy and Marvin Schwartz  
 Elaine Schiffer by Lorie Kleiner Eckert  
 Elaine Schiffer by Valerie Friedman  
 Elaine Schiffer by Leah Levine  
 Elaine Schiffer by Robin and Van Newland  
 Evelyn Rapp by Dee Gettler  
 Galina Makutonin by Nancy Goldberg  
 Giesa Diamond by Leah Levine  
 Goldie Heilbrunn by Bea Margolis  
 Jaime Guttenberg by Barbara and Alvin Pearlman  
 Jaime Guttenberg by Leah Levine  
 Mitchell Meyers by Bonnie and Randy Loftspring  
 Natalie Levy by Paula Holstein  
 Ted Schwartz by Betsy and Marvin Schwartz  
 Mother of David Drooker by Frances Friedman-Schloss

**Prayerbook Fund**

**In loving memory of:**

Helen Fabe by Helen Benjamin

**Rabbi Danziger Discretionary Fund**

**In honor of:**

Tzedakah by Cory Weiss  
 Tzedakah by Sherry and Mark Kaplan  
 Tzedakah by Roshelle and Ben Rodriguez

**In loving memory of:**

Elise Wolff by Lori, Melissa, and Steven Wolff  
 Ella Abraham by Katie and Anita Schneider  
 Fran Cohen by Martha Cohen  
 Jeanette Klein by Bobbi and Gail Davis  
 Jeanette Klein by Charles Miller

**Donate online at [www.wisetemple.org/donate](http://www.wisetemple.org/donate)**

**Rabbi Kamrass Discretionary Fund**

**In honor of:**

Lilah Ploetz's Bat Mitzvah by Tammy, Ron, Shoshi, Lilah, and Micah Ploetz  
 Tzedakah by Ina and Ed Loftspring

**In loving memory of:**

Adolph Jacobs, Ethel Jacobs, A. Robert Toffler, and Florence Toffler Minson by June and Marvin Jacobs  
 Annette Spector by Nancy Goldberg  
 Bob Leshner by Carol and Stuart Lowitz  
 David P. Kamrass by Mazal and Chuck Rosenblatt  
 David P. Kamrass by Renee and Brad Lemberg  
 Elaine R. Schiffer by Danielle and Ken Revelson  
 Elaine Rosenberg by Renee and Brad Lemberg  
 Elaine Schiffer by Phyllis and Martin Murray  
 Elaine Schiffer by Lauren Scharf  
 Fan G. Epstein by Lauren Scharf  
 Galina Makutonin by Lena and Boris Makutonin  
 Lillian G. Scharf by Lauren Scharf  
 Maryann Betagole by Jill, Danny, Elliott and Simon Fisher  
 Maryann Betagole by Renee and Brad Lemberg  
 Melvin Mayerson by Marlene Kantor  
 Mitch Meyers by Renee and Brad Lemberg  
 Natalie Levy by Ken Levy

**Rabbi Thomashow Discretionary Fund**

**In honor of:**

Lilah Ploetz's Bat Mitzvah by Tammy and Ron Ploetz  
 Nathan Barron's Bar Mitzvah by Carrie and Michael Barron  
 Tzedakah by Trish and Scott Joseph  
 Tzedakah by Sherry and Mark Kaplan  
 Wells Family by Amy and David Weiskopf

**In loving memory of:**

Anita Jacobs by Sue Voos  
 Anita Jacobs by Judi and Mack Evans  
 Anita Jacobs by Judith Pauly  
 Helen Fabe by Barbara Friedberg  
 Lorynne W. Gillman by Gail and Bill Gillman  
 Stanley Price by Nancy Price  
 Terry Mazer by Marla Mazer

**Ralph and Julia Cohen Library Fund**

**In honor of:**

Savannah Reppart's Bat Mitzvah by Wendy Reppart and Robert Butts

**In loving memory of:**

Barbara Grosswald by Wendy Reppart and Robert Butts

**Recognition, Arts & Judaica Fund**

**In loving memory of:**

Maryann Betagole by Michele and Gary Fisher

**Renee and Rabbi Lewis Kamrass Social Action Fund**

**In honor of:**

90th birthday of Ivan Steinberg by Sue Teller  
 Lewis Mayer by Victoria Rosenwald

**In loving memory of:**

Adrienne Cooper by Kathy and Frank Murphy  
 Adrienne Cooper by Astrid and Douglas Mast  
 Adrienne Cooper by Cynthia Wills  
 Adrienne Cooper by Eilyn and Larry Prigosin  
 Adrienne Cooper by Debbie Hall  
 Adrienne Cooper by Jill and Vince Frieden  
 Bootsie Oster by Karen and David Hoguet  
 David P. Kamrass by Amy and David Weiskopf  
 Elaine Rosenberg by Sue Teller  
 Elaine Schiffer by Patti and Fred Heldman  
 Twink Carothers by Sue Teller

**Ruth Strull Youkilis Youth and Social Justice Fund**

**In loving memory of:**

Elaine Schiffer by Meryl Gruber and Bruce Maisel  
 Adrienne Cooper by Valerie Allendorf  
 Adrienne Cooper by Kathleen and Daniel Krazl  
 Adrienne Cooper by Terri Spiegel  
 Adrienne Cooper by Pamela Zerbe

**Wise Journey**

**In honor of:**

Tzedakah by Nancy Goldberg

**Wise Temple Youth Scholarship Fund**

**In honor of:**

Mindi and Avi Rosen's marriage by Margie and Glen Meyer

**In loving memory of:**

Ella Abraham by Steve Kirk

**Y.E.S Fund (Youth, Education, Special Projects)**

**In loving memory of:**

Elaine Schiffer by Elissa and Mitchell Habib  
 Elaine Schiffer by Marcy and Mark Kanter  
 Elaine Schiffer by Margie and Glen Meyer

# Welcome Courtney Anthony, Wise Temple's New Religious School Director

Courtney brings a warm spirit, a passion for Jewish education, and a



wealth of experience to this role. She has been serving as Director of Education at Temple Emanuel in Winston Salem, NC. Previously, Courtney served as the Principal for grades 7-12 at Temple Rodef Shalom in Falls Church, VA, a large congregation similar in size to ours.

Joining the Wise Temple team will be a sort of homecoming for Courtney, as she spent three years teaching religious school here while pursuing a Masters degree at Xavier University.

Courtney can't wait to meet our amazing families. Meet her here.

## Back to School Ice Cream Social

Sunday, August 26th  
3:00 – 4:30 PM



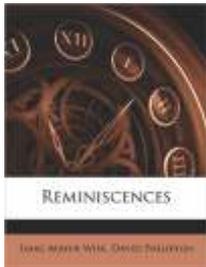
We're kicking things off with some fun as we get ready for another amazing religious school year! Reconnect with friends after summer break, meet your child's teacher(s), and enjoy ice cream and activities for all. Mark your calendars now!

# SUBLIME SUMMER READS

Temple librarian Andrea Rapp recommends a few favorites that are worth the space in your suitcase on your summer vacation, and are available at the temple library.

### Reminiscences by Isaac Mayer Wise

"Honest! One of the liveliest and most entertaining memoirs you'll read. Wise's personality in all its cockiness, enthusiasm, and daring comes through loud and clear. It begins with his arrival in America in 1846 ("I landed in New York with a wife, child, and two dollars in my pocket") and the volume concludes in the late 1850s, by which time he was rabbi in Cincinnati and on his way to fulfilling his vision for an American Judaism. After re-reading parts of the book this past year, I can say with certainty that Wise is also a figure for our own age; I can easily see him as an enthusiastic devotee of Twitter – he'd love it."



### The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah

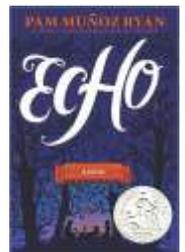
"A gripping novel about two non-Jewish sisters in Nazi-occupied France who become involved with the Resistance. Told in flashback by one of the now-elderly sisters living in Oregon, she narrates the tale of sorrow, pain, and great heroism of two ordinary women. You won't see the ending coming as it does – have the Kleenex ready."



### Echo, by Pam Munoz Ryan

"Taking a family road trip and want something the entire family will like listening to in the car? This winner of the Newbery Honor Award (and many others) is written for middle schoolers, but loved by all who listen to it. (Listen, don't read it. Music plays a major role in the book, and the audio book allows the

"reader" to hear some of that music. This also added significantly to the experience.) It features the most wonderful readers I've heard, who bring the masterful storytelling to life. Echo tells three separate stories: that of a youngster in Hitler's Germany; one in Pennsylvania in the same era; and the other in California after the Pearl Harbor attack. All three kids experience sadness and hardship, but also love and happiness. When the three stories amazingly converge in the final section, the reader/listener's heart will just about burst."



### Library Summer Hours

Monday: 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM  
Tuesday: 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM  
Wednesday: 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM  
Thursday: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

# Summer Social Action Opportunities

*You and the fam might be in a summer state of mind, but our less fortunate neighbors still need your help*

## Over-the-Rhine Soup Kitchen

Sunday, June 3

Sunday, August 5

9:45 AM – 2:00 PM

1620 Vine Street

Help prepare, cook, and serve a much-needed meal to guests of Cincinnati's Over-the-Rhine neighborhood soup kitchen. 8-10 volunteers needed; appropriate for ages 12+.

RSVP: [www.wisetemple.org/wiseup](http://www.wisetemple.org/wiseup).

## Cincinnati Homeless Families at Wise Center (IHN)

June 24 – July 1

August 12 – 19

Wise Center

Be one of 75 volunteers needed over the course of a week to help families going through transitional homelessness. We need people of all ages to:

- Create a comfortable, home-like environment for our visitors
- Provide meals
- Socialize with families
- Stay overnight to help guests with any needs

This is an incredible and unique opportunity, particularly for families with children, to interact with other young families they might not otherwise meet.

Learn more or RSVP: [www.wisetemple.org/ihn](http://www.wisetemple.org/ihn).

## The Giving Fields

Saturday, July 21

11:00 AM – 1:30 PM

101 Anderson Ln, Melbourne, KY

The Giving Fields, Freestore Foodbank's community farm provides farm-to-table produce to northern Kentucky food pantries, soup kitchens, and other agencies that provide emergency food, ensuring hungry neighbors have farm-to-table access to fresh, nutritious foods. The Giving Fields depends on over 2,000 volunteers each season to plant, water, weed, and harvest the ten acres of crops.

Great social action for families.

RSVP: [www.wisetemple.org/wiseup](http://www.wisetemple.org/wiseup)



# Tailgate Shabbat

Friday, August 10

6:15 PM Casual Shabbat Service, 7:15 PM Tailgate

Calling all Buckeyes, Bearcats, Hoosiers, Wildcats, Redhawks, Wolverines, Bengals and even Steelers.

No team is "off sides." Whether you shout "Who Dey" or "O-H... I-O" or something else entirely, huddle up for Tailgate Shabbat.

Wear your favorite spirit wear to Shabbat services.

Then head out back for an evening of friendly tailgate fun.

Know how to throw the perfect spiral? Consider yourself a corn hole champion? Invented the best touchdown dance? This event is for you!

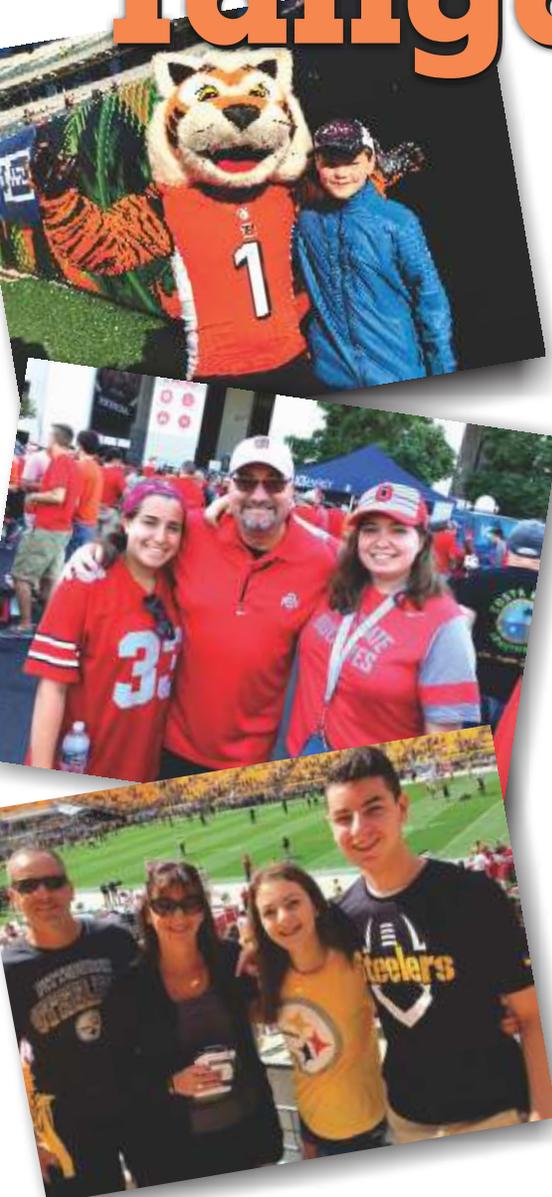
Not a sports fan? This event is for you too. Swapping stories of our alma maters is a great way to make friends.

**Just \$7/person includes a top notch tailgate spread cooked up by the Brotherhood. Ice cream and activities provided by the Sisterhood.**

**\$4 per person age 21+ for craft beers on tap from Fretboard Brewery.**

Oh, and don't forget your Super Bowl ring if you have one!

RSVP: [www.wisetemple.org/tailgate](http://www.wisetemple.org/tailgate)



**Calling all experienced tailgaters!**

Have you got the very best tailgate gear? Be a part of the fun by setting up your tailgate at the event.  
Call Kari Fagin (513-793-2556)

## S'lichot

Saturday, September 1  
8:30 PM Dessert Reception  
9:30 PM S'lichot Service  
Plum Street Temple

Invite a friend, neighbor or colleague to join you at S'lichot services. A moving, poetic, reflective service. Peaceful, spiritual, transcendent.

This Service of Forgiveness officially ushers in the Days of Awe and Repentance.

Music with Simon Barrad.



# A Ribbon of Life

Dian Deutsch was born into a non-observant family, but had a burning desire to belong to the Jewish community. So, while she was only fourteen, she went all in, organizing a local B'nai B'rith Youth chapter – a very mature task for such a young woman. “I started going to regional and national conventions, and saw the excitement of everybody enjoying each other. Judaism was a ribbon of life woven into it all. I thought it was really wonderful. My whole life then focused on being part of that movement.” By age 17, she was the regional president, coaching girls in other chapters on leadership and programming.

Boldly, Dian told her parents that if they were going to be Jewish, she needed to know something about being Jewish, so for a few years the family belonged to Wise Temple. In a twist of fate, she met Thom, her husband-to-be, at religious school and went on three “eighth-grade dates” with him before parting ways for a number of years, then reconnecting and marrying as young adults.

Thom's family are fourth generation Wise Temple members, and Dian is building her own legacy, exceeding 35 years of membership. Dian muses on her Wise community, “I think the interesting part about being Jewish is, if you choose, you can be here every day for something. Judaism's real tricky about that. They keep you coming back,” she laughs.

Judaism was Dian's ribbon that wove its way through every stage of her life. Her kids became camp age, she joined the Wise Center Day camp board, eventually becoming chairman. She was looking for Jewish friendships, she joined the Sisterhood board, eventually becoming president. Her kids became high schoolers, she joined the Hebrew High board (now called Kulanu), eventually becoming chairman.

See a pattern? Life stage always leads Dian to important work within her temple community. “If you want something from your community, then you have to be a part of it,” she says.

Dian has also woven that ribbon through the lives of others. She was the first leader of our OTR soup kitchen when it began in the '80s, and today organizes holiday care packages for congregants who are housebound.

Behind Dian's bright hazel eyes and soft-spoken manner lies a resolve to grow and learn, and a keen organizational capacity and attention to detail (what she calls her “OCD”). Over the years, while raising her family and volunteering, Dian taught herself bookkeeping so she could work from home while her children were young. She worked in retail, developing inventory systems for multiple local merchants, joking that she “organized people who didn't want to be organized.”

She's parlayed these skills into valuable contributions at the temple gift shop: doing the books, developing instructions for volunteers, and expanding inventory. “To me, working in the gift shop is like a busman's holiday.” Lately, she's teamed up with Sisterhood members Randi Chaiken and Cara Alpern to pass along the baton when the time comes.

Dian recalls her early days in the Sisterhood when her infant son sat on her lap during board meetings. “Sisterhood became my life. It's where my friends were, which is the wonderful thing about being active in a community.”

Involvement at every life stage is Dian's mantra. “I thought if I lived a Jewish life and became part of the community, it would feel better. And it does. I figured it was my responsibility to live and model, as much as possible, the same values that I wanted for my kids. My aunt told me once that ‘Everyone contributes to the needs of the general community, but it's our responsibility as Jews to contribute to our own community, as we are the only ones who will support the organizations that are such a part of our Jewish lives.’ I've never forgotten that.” 



“If you want something from your community, then you have to be a part of it,” Dian says.



Isaac M.  
**Wise Temple**  
ק.ק. בני ישורון

8329 Ridge Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45236  
www.wisetemple.org

Non Profit Org.  
U.S. Postage  
PAID  
Cincinnati, Ohio  
Permit No. 1414

**CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED**

Founded in 1842 | AFFILIATE: Union for Reform Judaism

**Board of Trustees**

**Elissa Habib**, President  
**Stuart Susskind**, Vice President  
**Sue Voos**, Secretary  
**David Snyder**, Treasurer  
**Julie Kantor**, Executive Board Member at Large  
**J. David Rosenberg**, Executive Board Member at Large  
**Gayle Warm**, Executive Board Member at Large  
**Jon Chaiken**, Immediate Past President  
Lisa Cooper | Marcia Goldsmith | Hon. Brad Greenberg | Shelley Heinen  
Phyllis Jackson-Murray | Howard Kaplan | Amy Magenheim | Andrew Markiewitz, M.D.  
Ken Revelson | Sherri Weiss | Caroline Wells | Felicia Zakem

**Claire Eichner**, Sisterhood President

**Joel Fogel**, Brotherhood President  
**Karen Sim**, URJ Representative

**Past Presidents**

**Bruce J. Baker** | **Amy J. Katz** | **Mark S. Kanter** | **Mitchell B. Cohen, M.D.**  
**Andrew R. Berger** | **Deborah R. Herman** | **Suzanne S. Teller** | **Dianne M. Rosenberg**  
**Michael R. Oestreicher** | **Lynn W. Warm** | **Patricia H. Passer** | **Peter M. Bloch**  
**James J. Friedman** | **Richard Snyder** | **Louis J. Ullman** | **David J. Schiebel**  
**Robert Kanter** | **Edward H. Saeks, M.D.** | **Jacob K. Stein**

**Senior Staff**

**Lewis H. Kamrass**, Senior Rabbi  
**Karen R. Thomashow**, Associate Rabbi  
**Michael E. Danziger**, Assistant Rabbi  
**Sally Harding Schott**, Executive Director  
**Kari R. Fagin**, Director of Member Engagement and Communication  
**Elana E. Perry**, Director of Family Engagement

Temple Office 513-793-2556 | Religious School 513-793-2997 | Rabbinic Line 513-793-2559



# Throw Yourself Into the Spirit of Tailgate Shabbat

See page 22  
for details.



## Friday, August 10

Are you ready for some football?! The season is right around the corner, and Wise Temple is getting started early.

**THROW** together your favorite spirit wear

Casual Shabbat services (6:15 PM):

**THROW** up a prayer.

Tailgate (7:15 PM):

**THROW** down some famous Brotherhood nosh.

**THROW** down the gauntlet in a corn hole tournament.

**THROW** in with Wise Temple friends and you have the perfect Friday night.

**THROW** caution to the wind – RSVP now at [www.wisetemple.org/tailgate](http://www.wisetemple.org/tailgate)