

# Wise Temple Keshher

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There's  
a Path  
for You...  
*Rain or  
Shine*



Top left to right: Jay Burgin, Teri and Kevin Junker  
 Bottom left to right: Maya Goldenberg, Bettina Ernst, Mary Lee Sirkin, Samantha (front), Sarah (back), Jessica and Brent Carroll

# Embracing the Rain

The story behind the cover photo

*“Some people embrace the rain, while others just get wet” is more than just an old saying, it’s an accurate description of this issue’s cover photo.*

After nearly a month of planning, it was finally time to take the cover photo for this issue of *Kesher*. It would represent congregants of varying ages and stages in life, gathered together at Wise Temple’s brand-new outdoor play area, on a beautiful summer’s day. Ten congregants, photographer Michael Snyder, and members of Wise Temple’s communications team had assembled in the Wise Center lobby. Everything was going according to plan, except for one major problem – it was pouring rain!

While the forecast called for rain the remainder of the week, and rescheduling was a daunting task, a thought began to emerge. Here at Wise Temple, whether your interest is in worship, learning or social action, there are many paths to engagement. It’s a place where congregants of all ages can come together to share Jewish life. Perhaps you’ll gain inspiration, discover something new, better someone’s life, make a friend, share a common experience, or find a new community. *Ultimately, regardless of your age, you’ll grow as a person. But, without the rain, nothing grows!* So, with no hesitation, everyone grabbed their umbrellas and eagerly headed outside.

The result: A photo of people of all ages, who have taken different paths on their Wise journey, coming together, having fun, and embracing what others may see as an obstacle.

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## From Rabbi Kamrass



D'varim Min HaLev דְּבָרִים מִן הַלֵּב

### Words from the Heart

-by Rabbi Lewis Kamrass

Throughout our lives, we always seem to journey in progression and in stages; we matriculate from one grade to the next in school, graduate from one school

to the next, and even move from one career stage to the next. Moving forward usually means leaving something else behind. As a result, rarely do our lives' natural progressions keep us in one place; indeed, there are very few arenas in which we live our lives that are able to accommodate that progression and growth in one setting and for all stages of our lives.

But the synagogue, the oldest continuous arena of Jewish life, has always been a place for *all* generations, the rare place in which we can plant roots and move through every stage of our lives while remaining in one community. The three Hebrew names of the synagogue (House of Assembly, House of Study, House of Prayer) embody the community connection, the intellectual growth, and the spiritual soil that sustain our hearts, minds, and souls. They feed our growth and nourish us with meaning. Put simply, we are not merely an institution with programs to be consumed; rather, we are the most enduring and fertile soil in Jewish life designed to sustain us with Jewish meaning, change, growth and progression throughout the span of our lives.

At Wise Temple, we take seriously that mission of providing a nourishing soil and a lifelong journey for Jews at every age and stage – from our youngest children (YoFI - Young Family Involvement), our young school children, our teens, and their families (Family Engagement and Youth Engagement), our college students, our young adults (NextGen@Wise), our Empty Nest cohort, to WiseGen (those 70+). And beyond the stages of our lives, we nourish souls with backdrops of varied interests open to us all: from social action, lifelong adult learning, worship, spirituality, civic engagement, social activities, and so many other ways to enrich our minds and souls and to give voice to our deepest Jewish values.

We are more than programs – we are the soil, the nourishment, the lifelong arena for your Jewish life. Look to us as an enriching and inviting field, a place to plant your roots more deeply in one place, with nutrients that are never depleted and that can feed your Jewish soul for a lifetime.

Faithfully,

הרב לב בן דוד וחנה לאה

## From the President



### Small Groups Increase Connection

-by Stuart Susskind, Temple President

Nationwide, organized religions, including our Judaism, are facing

a serious problem with individuals not affiliating or, if affiliated, not remaining as such in their respective churches or temples. While our congregation is not immune to this reality, happily, Wise Temple is faring much better than the average congregation.

I believe this is due in great part to member engagement being one of the primary goals that the Board of Trustees has addressed in recent years and that continues to remain at the top of our list of priorities. Accordingly, our congregation is dedicated to providing opportunities for each congregant to participate in meaningful Temple activities that connect us with Wise Temple, with Jewish life, and with one another.

To that endeavor, in addition to broad Temple offerings open to all congregants, smaller groups or “cohorts” have been formed and are primarily focused upon stage of life. The purpose of each cohort is to connect Temple members based on the common experiences, challenges and questions at their shared life stage.

On occasion in the past, I have heard both prospective members and even members themselves express concerns that our congregation is too large, that people can feel lost in the crowd. I sincerely believe that becoming involved with a cohort (or any other congregational activity) will help congregants feel more a part of the congregation and, more importantly, get to know others similarly situated in their stations in life. We are blessed with so many wonderful people in our congregation and participating in cohort events will undoubtedly expand your own circle of friends and acquaintances with whom you may enjoy activities at the Temple and even beyond.

The formation of these groups and the response by members so far has been very positive. Please take the time to read the articles in this *Kesher* to learn of the experiences of fellow congregants who have participated in a cohort's activities recently. The sharing of similar interests and goals by participants has afforded our congregants more choices about how to get the most out of what Wise Temple has to offer. I encourage you to explore this approach as one of the many ways to engage.

# *No Matter Your* **AGE OR STAGE,** *Find Your* **ROOTS** *and* .....

Learn how these congregants are making friends, connections and communities, sharing experiences and finding their roots.

## Newlyweds Natalie and Josh Adler “Click” with **NextGen**



Natalie, Josh, Taco, Chloe, and Nico Adler

### **WiseGen/NextGen Friendship Sparks Connections**

*Natalie:* Growing up, I went to a Christian church with my best friend a lot. It was fun, but it just never clicked. I think I had certain core beliefs and values that were never expressed through any religion until I came here. My friend, Bonnie Kennelly (a congregant in the WiseGen group), invited me to Wise Temple. I fell in love with everything I heard, and it all made sense to me. Tikkun olam, the holidays, the traditions and the meaning behind them – all of it. About a year later, I decided to convert to Judaism. I feel like I was born Jewish but it wasn't official until I was in my 20s!

*Josh:* That was my in. That's how I got her to date me. "Hey, I'm Jewish. Look at me!"

*Natalie:* I didn't believe him at first. I thought it was a really weird pickup line. When he showed me pictures of himself at the wall in Israel, I finally believed him.

### **Proud Heritage**

*Josh:* One of the greatest influences in my life is my grandpa who is a Holocaust survivor. He's 91 and is a very special person in my life. He told me the story of how he was the one who

# Wings at Wise Temple

answered the door when the Nazis came for them. It's a terrible story, but I have a sense of pride being the grandson of a Holocaust survivor.

## Genuinely Good People

*Josh:* The first time we came to a NextGen event we had this overwhelming sense that everyone here was a genuinely good person. It made us want to be surrounded by that. We kept coming back and now we have a great group of friends. We found our community here.

*Natalie:* With NextGen, getting to create this community that we'll have throughout the next stages of our lives is so big. It's important to be around other people who have similar interests and values, and who are our age. I love that it's not just sitting and listening – it's having conversations and thinking things through with other people and getting their perspective.

*Josh:* And it's not just the social stuff. Coming to temple is a good time to reflect on life, and to be thankful for everything we have and to ask for continued help for our friends and family who need it. On a Friday night, there might be other things to do, but every time we come, it feels right. We need it. Once we're here, it's like, "Ah."

## A Teaspoon Is Within Our Power

*Natalie:* The best thing to happen to me this last year, other than marrying my best friend, was a trip to the Women of Reform Judaism social justice conference in DC. One thing they talked about was when putting out a fire, if you don't have a bucket,

if everyone brought a teaspoon of water, you could still put out the fire. It was a beautiful and true idea. I was so inspired. It really made me think about how I spend my time, and how best to use my "Gifts, Passions and Skills" that Wise Temple talks about.

*Josh:* Natalie is so passionate about social action. At her core, she genuinely wants to make the world better. We daydream about starting a nonprofit and using our professional skills to help coach families going

through hard times. We can't quite pull the trigger yet, but luckily, we have opportunities through NextGen and Wise Temple to give back now – to do things like Wise Family Shelter.

*Natalie:* For now, we have power over our teaspoons. Little things are doable and anything we do to repair the world is huge.

## Adlers in Action

Natalie is a proud dog mom of Taco, Chloe and Nico – all rescues. Her vegetable garden shares their backyard with the massive ancient tree pictured on left page. Natalie is a business analyst at 5/3 Bank. Josh is admittedly obsessed with building complex Lego constructions. He and Natalie get together regularly with friends to play board games. Josh is also a business analyst and works with clients and software engineers for a software development company.



## Empty nester Sara Rollman finds opportunities to grow

### Spokes on a Wheel

"Retirement has been a time of exploration. I've focused on how I'm going to fill all the aspects of my life – what spokes I want to put in my wheel. One spoke is for being active, one for community service, one for spiritual activities, one for healthier cooking, one for travel."

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Sara, a retired industrial product designer, has also saved a spoke for creativity which brings her back to her roots at U.C.'s design school. "Sometimes I just get out a canvas and paint or go to creative events around the city."

Thankfully, Wise Temple as a whole, and the Empty Nest group specifically, share one of Sara's spokes too. "Once my kids left, I started coming to services once a month. I like seeing everyone and schmoozing, but it's just showing up, which is good, but it's not the same as being involved in planning something at Temple. Now that I have more time, I thought, 'why not help plan something?'" So, Sara dove in, using her positive, I'll-try-anything attitude to co-lead the first Empty Nest Yappy Hour and co-lead an Empty Nest chavurah. "By being involved, now I go into a room, look around, and I know even more people. It's easier to be Jewish when you have a community to be a part of."

### Teaching Breeds Confidence

When asked the best thing that's happened to her in the last year, Sara doesn't hesitate. "Substitute teaching at Wise Temple's Religious School, and then in public schools. It has helped me grow, become stronger and more confident." Sara had an especially powerful experience teaching Wise Temple's middle schoolers. "These 7th and 8th graders were engaged in some really incredible conversations and were so mature. I was like, 'Oh my gosh, you are so impressive!'" As someone who simply loves kids, she was moved to tears of joy when some younger students eagerly asked if she would be coming back the next week.

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**Ask Sara About:**  
the five Jewish mothers on a bike ride and how she got back on the bike (twice!).

### Out From Behind the Camera

Sara's husband, Jeff, is a physician with a passion for photography. He has generously volunteered his skills to capture the beauty of Plum Street Temple and the excitement of Empty Nest events like Purim and the 70s Dance Party. Sara, who's more the social butterfly of the two, is happy about Jeff's involvement. "I've really enjoyed watching Jeff make his way into the space in a comfortable way. He can be behind the camera a little, and then in front of the camera. It's been really exciting for me to see him ease into things here."

### Comedy and Positivity Help Manage Life's Challenges

Sara has found a special way of coping with life's hiccups. "I try to take a positive look on life, but there was a

time when things weren't too good, so I decided to take a comedy class. It was a way of looking at life – a perspective that sometimes things can be crappy, but I can put a positive or funny spin on it and it's a way to manage it." So, in true Mrs. Maisel fashion, Sara finished her class and performed a standup comedy routine. "If they had cast me as Mrs. Maisel, the show would have been a flop. She's funny!"

### Not All Fun and Games

Knowing humor isn't the cure all, Sara talks about her more serious experiences. "The most meaningful experience I've had with Wise Temple was when my mom passed away. It was the first time I had a significant personal loss. I was really struggling, but Rabbi Thomashow was so great. I'm going to cry talking about it because she was so great to me. It was the same weekend as I did the Adult B'nai Mitzvah, which was the other most meaningful experience I've had here. It was an emotional weekend and I'm glad I had my community to help me through."

# Simply Simpatico: the Morris Family



## More Than I Had

**Lindsay:** I grew up in Indianapolis. Judaism wasn't a huge part of our lives, and I didn't have many Jewish friends. That's why it's important to me for our kids to be involved in Temple. I want them to have a sense of community that I didn't have, to feel connected to other Jewish kids in a way that I didn't. It's important that not just our religion, but our culture, heritage, history, and traditions are carried on. Everything about Judaism is positive. It's all about teaching us to be good people.

## Teams: Baseball and Judaism

**Seth:** I wasn't raised Jewish, and church was no big deal. My big deal was baseball. I played college ball at UK and played in the minor leagues for the Chicago White Sox before getting injured and released. Being part of a baseball team my whole life, there was a sense of community and my best friends in life are from those situations.

This same feeling is what drew me to Wise Temple. It's a community of people with similar goals and I feel a part of something bigger. When I met Lindsay and started learning about Judaism, it just made sense to me.

## Interfaith Makes for Greater Knowledge

**Seth:** My parents are super supportive of what we're trying to do. They come to everything at Wise. They want to be a part of it.

**Lindsay:** It makes everything richer because we celebrate Jewish holidays here, with both our families. And it has furthered our knowledge of Judaism. Sometimes Seth's parents will ask a question that we don't know the answer to, which prompts us to find out. So, we're all learning more in the process.

## Just Showing Up = Connection

**Seth:** Wise Temple has opened up our world. We go to Family Shabbat where we all meet a lot of people. We also helped plan the Family Retreat at the Great Wolf Lodge which was a lot of fun. One of my favorite things is Sunday School. The kids go to their classrooms and then we sit outside the Temple gift shop with other parents. Lindsay grades papers, and we watch people come and go. We've met people that way, just

talking about what we're involved in at Temple and hanging out.

## Giving Back – Locally and Across the Border

**Lindsay:** I think the social action piece is important for our kids. We've done Freestore Foodbank, Sweet Cheeks, Bedtime Bundles. We love that the girls have chances to help people who are less fortunate.

Service projects like the ones we've done at Wise Temple have inspired us. There's a little island in Mexico that we go to on spring break. This year we brought supplies to a school for kids with disabilities. They gave us a tour and the kids got to see the impact of their project. It's a lesson they can't get out of a book.

## Creating Values and Memories for a Lifetime

**Lindsay:** I want the kids to appreciate their Jewish background, and to pass it on to their families. I want them to love learning all throughout their lives, and to cultivate a love of service. There are so many opportunities at the Temple to help kids develop these important values.

**Seth:** Hey kids, what's your favorite part of Wise Temple?

**Isabel (7):** My favorite thing is learning Hebrew words and the music at services.

**Harper (8):** My favorite thing is how kind everyone is. And on the last day of Sunday School we have ice cream!



Seth, Harper, Lindsay, and Isabel Morris

## More about the Morrises

"I teach Spanish at Indian Hill Middle School. I knew in high school I would be a Spanish teacher. I got my Master's in Mexico, which has a special place in my heart. I love traveling, learning about culture, art and literature – it fills my bucket!"  
– Lindsay

"I was drafted by the Minnesota Twins after high school, but I wanted to go to college first. I got drafted again after my junior year by the Chicago White Sox, and finished my finance degree in the off-seasons. Now I'm a business analyst for Prasco Pharmaceuticals and coach my girls' softball, basketball, and soccer teams."  
– Seth



# Celebrating the HIGH HOLY DAYS at Wise Temple

Everything you need to know about the High Holy Days schedule, resources, and ticket policies can be found in your High Holy Days Brochure which was mailed with your tickets the last week of August.

## Options abound for all ages

Wise Temple offers *thirty* services, events, or programs during the High Holy Days.

Any age is welcome to attend any service, but we do offer ten special worship options that are tailored especially to families – grandparents, extended family, and special friends are also welcome to attend.



With advance registration, we also offer babysitting for members' children ages 6 months – age 3 during 11:00 AM Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services at Wise Center.

## Special Moments at Plum Street Temple

While we offer services at both of our locations, there's something special about the High Holy Day services at Plum Street Temple. Eleven High Holy Day worship experiences are offered at Plum Street Temple. It's worth the drive and the parking to experience at least one of the holidays in the awe of our uniquely special and historic space where Cincinnati Jews have been marking these holidays for over 150 years.

## S'lichot SERVICES

### Best Kept Secret: No Tickets Needed!

That's right. Bring any guest to S'lichot services at Plum Street Temple. No tickets required. Share this reflective holiday, this historic building, this spiritual service, and this peaceful experience with neighbors, co-workers, relatives, and friends.

### Saturday, September 21

8:30 PM Dessert Reception  
9:30 PM S'lichot Service  
Plum Street Temple

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

you've never been to this service, say yes this year – you'll be glad you did.



## A View from Afar

Out of town or home bound? You can still enjoy services via

live stream at [wistemple.org/livestream](http://wistemple.org/livestream):

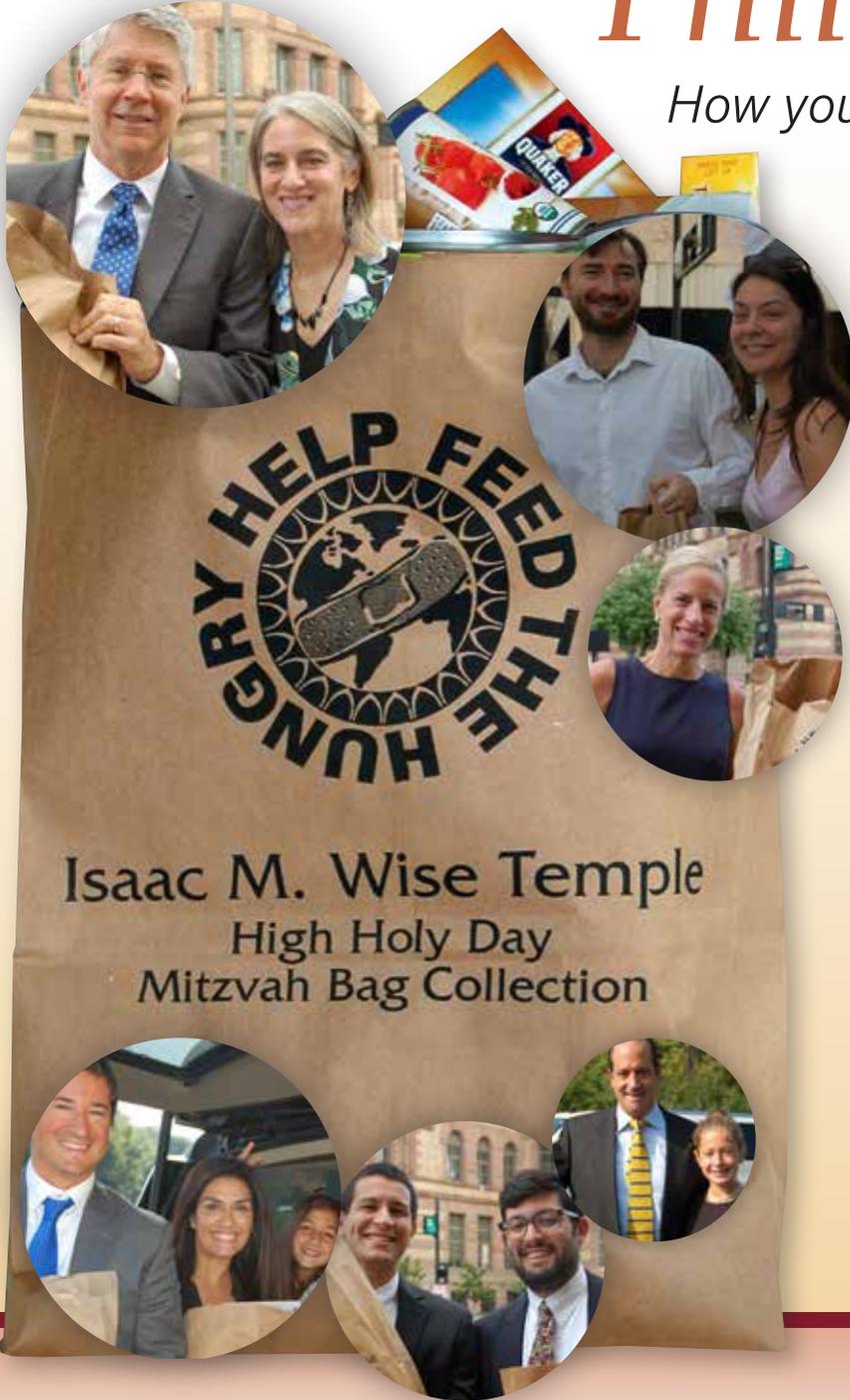
Rosh Hashanah and  
Yom Kippur Eve | 8:15 PM

Rosh Hashanah and  
Yom Kippur Day | 11:00 AM  
Yom Kippur Day | 3:00 PM

Live stream also available every Friday evening throughout the year.

# Turn Your Fast Into Philanthropy

*How you can help feed the hungry*



Nearly **three decades ago**, our very own **Rabbi Lewis Kamrass** pioneered the **Yom Kippur Mitzvah Bag Project**, encouraging Wise Temple congregants to bring in bags of non-perishable food and personal care items to be distributed to those less fortunate in the Cincinnati area, via the **Freestore Foodbank**.

Since its inception, we have donated **more than 681,000 pounds** of such items to **assist our neighbors in need** at local shelters and soup kitchens in the tri-state. And that number rises significantly when you consider the hundreds of congregations around the country who followed our lead and adopted this practice.

**Keep the momentum going** with your contribution.

## **Carry the Mitzvah: Bring Bags to Yom Kippur Services**

A Freestore Foodbank representative will be on hand to collect your bag(s) at both Wise Center and Plum Street Temple. Want to drop items off early? We'll take them! A donation bin is currently located in the Wise Center lobby.

## **Click the Mitzvah: Buy Online**

Difficulty transporting heavy bags? Simply purchase items online and they'll be shipped directly to Wise Temple. Go to [wisetemple.org/clickthemitzvah](http://wisetemple.org/clickthemitzvah) before October 6.

## What to Donate:

### Non-perishable food items like\*:

- Canned meats
- Canned soups
- Boxed cereals

*\*No glass jars or containers please.*

### Personal care items like:

- Toothpaste/toothbrush
- Deodorant
- Disposable diapers

# Sukkot from *start to finish*

Start under a Sukkah in a congregant's home  
Finish under the stars in the Wise Temple field

## **START:** Family Sukkot Open Houses

Sunday, October 13 | 4:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Bring your family to celebrate Sukkot under another Wise Temple family's sukkah! Choose the location that best fits your family, and join in for food, fun, and the mitzvah of shaking the lulav and etrog. At each location, you will find kid-friendly food, age-appropriate activities, a Wise Temple Rabbi or Educator, and other friendly Wise Temple families!



### Family Sukkah #1: Mount Lookout

*Hosted by Miriam, Jacob, Naomi, and Pearl Hodesh*

### Family Sukkah #2: Montgomery

*Hosted by Shana, Scott, Tillie, Lila, and CiCi Berge*

### Family Sukkah #3: Mason

*Hosted by Tammy, Ron, Shoshana, Lilah and Micah Ploetz*

### J.WOOT Sukkah For 6th, 7th, & 8th grade families Loveland

*Hosted by Shelley, Jason, Olivia and Max Heinen*

Address details provided upon registration.  
**RSVP:** [wisetemple.org/sukkotopenhouse](http://wisetemple.org/sukkotopenhouse)

#### Questions?

Contact Robyn Friend, Interim Family Engagement Coordinator: [rfriend@wisetemple.org](mailto:rfriend@wisetemple.org)

## **FINISH:**

Friday, October 18th

6:15 PM Sukkot Shabbat service

7:15 PM Cookout, campfire, and optional campout

*Sponsored by the Brotherhood*



## Sukkot Shabbat, Cookout, Campfire and Campout

*“Our family loves this event – we come every year!”*

Put on some comfortable clothes for a casual Shabbat service celebrating Sukkot! Afterward, enjoy a free cookout dinner – simply bring a side dish, salad, or appetizer to share. Then gather at the field for songs and s'mores by the campfire.

Continue the fun with an optional overnight campout! Bring tents and sleeping bags to “live in booths” just as our ancestors did and wake the next morning to a breakfast of bagels, lox, and coffee.

**RSVP:** [wisetemple.org/sukkotcampout](http://wisetemple.org/sukkotcampout)

#### Questions?

Contact Rob Alpern: 513-871-9880



# Come...

# as you are

Melanie and Jeff Blumental  
conquer parenthood day by day

## Come as You Are

**Melanie:** The biggest challenge for us is trying to do it all and do it all well. I want to be a good mom, wife, employee, and community member. But with YoFI there's no pressure. We support each other. Obviously YoFI helps kids create foundations and memories and develop a spiritual connection to Judaism, but for me it's also about having connections with other moms and dads. I was the first of my friends to have kids. I felt isolated, alone and anxious as a first-time mom but YoFI really helped my mental health, and helped me regain confidence and learn how to be a parent through the friends I've made here. Whether it's your first or your fifth kid, YoFI is a safe space where you feel supported.

**Jeff:** I think that's why I come too. I know I'll see people that otherwise I wouldn't. I've built relationships with other parents. YoFI is a space where I feel really comfortable and where I can just be myself. Even as adults, Shababa has actually rekindled our spiritual and religious connection too.

## Building Blocks

**Melanie:** Our son, Jacob, who's almost four, lives and dies for Shababa. When we pull into the Wise Temple parking lot, he gets really excited to be here. To have such a positive association with this space is really special.

**Jeff:** I love the welcoming atmosphere of Shababa. YoFI is a place where the kids can fall in love with being Jewish.

## Challah!

**Melanie:** One of our favorite YoFI activities is making challah. There's something to be said for baking with my child, but it's even more special to make the challah we eat on Shabbat. It's a sweet bonding moment, helping him mix and pour and getting a little messy. We even bring baby Simon with us. Jacob is excited to tell everyone "Mommy and I are making challah after school today!"



Simon, Melanie, Jacob and Jeff Blumental

## Kids Leading the Parents

**Jeff:** We were watching a football game with friends, when the kids let us know it was time for Havdalah. There were all these adults in the room, some of whom were rabbis, and it was the kids who reminded us. So we stopped watching football and did Havdalah! This story is a testament of the love the kids have for their Judaism and the traditions. They've found their own meaning and fun in their religion.

## An Idea Blossoms

**Melanie:** A group of us (Miriam Hodesh, Laura Rapp, me and Rabbi Thomashow) thought it would be wonderful to have an outside space where we could celebrate Shababa. We had meetings with the community, parents, and Religious School teachers to make sure we designed a space that everybody could use in meaningful ways. We wanted to make sure it was safe and inclusive for everyone, from crawling babies to grandparents. Now

that it's finished, it feels amazing to see people using it and having fun.

**Jeff:** It's funny, I was on an Israel trip during the initial planning stages of the playground. Everyone else was looking at the Israeli landmarks, but Rabbi Thomashow and I were looking at the playgrounds and their features! (see cover photo)

## Better and Better

**Melanie:** I would tell anyone that the best thing that's happened to us in the past year is our involvement here. It's been important to us personally, socially and spiritually. It's helped me become a better mom and a better person.

**Jeff:** It does my heart good to see my kid being comfortable in his Jewish skin and engaging at Temple in a joyful, genuine, heartfelt and enthusiastic way. My kids will enter the world being able to explain their religion and being proud of it. So much of that has come out of the YoFI experience.



# Shared Shabbat CELEBRATION

with all Cincinnati Reform Congregations  
*A very special musical and communal experience*

Friday, October 25 | 6:15 PM | Wise Center

## Joyous Community

*Worship, sing, and pray in your own chapel at Wise Center with congregants of Wise Temple, Rockdale Temple, Temple Shalom, and Valley Temple.*

As Cincinnati welcomes guests from throughout the Jewish world for the inauguration of Dr. Andrew Rehfeld as the new President of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, we are pleased to host at Wise Center a very special evening of Shabbat worship where we will be joined by congregants from all Cincinnati Reform Congregations.

## Special Musical Guests

*Enjoy a service in song, featuring a most talented, large group of cantors who will share their gifts of Jewish music.*

We are delighted that faculty and students of HUC-JIR's Cantorial School, the Debbie Friedman School of Sacred Music ("DFSSM") in New York, will be our musical guests. The DFSSM, a world leader in the field of Jewish music, is home to an exceptional group of vocalists and liturgical leaders. We will hear DFSSM Choir members, along with cantors and other artists from the HUC-JIR faculty. Music will include familiar favorites and selections from a wide array of creative styles representing the best of Reform worship.

Join your congregation, friends from other local Reform congregations, and out of town guests, as we lift our voices in song, to rejoice in Shabbat and this exciting weekend for Reform Judaism worldwide that we host here in Cincinnati.

## B'nai Mitzvah



September 14, 2019  
Plum Street Temple, 10:45 AM

Bat Mitzvah of **Isabel Peerless**  
daughter of Drs. Betsy and Brian Peerless, granddaughter of Dr. and Mrs. Alter Peerless

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September 21, 2019  
Wise Center, 10:45 AM

Bar Mitzvah of **Adam Jacob Goldstein**  
son of Diane and Buddy Goldstein

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October 26, 2019  
Plum Street Temple, 10:45 AM

Bar Mitzvah of **Alex Tasner**  
son of David Tasner and Sydney Warm, grandson of Alex and Lynn Warm

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November 9, 2019  
Plum Street Temple, 10:45 AM

Bar Mitzvah of **Jason Hershenson**  
son of Trent and Karen Hershenson

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November 16, 2019  
Plum Street Temple, 10:45 AM

Bat Mitzvah of **Nina J. Friedman**  
daughter of Amy and Jef Friedman, granddaughter of Phyllis and Howard Ringel

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### Not Pictured:

October 12, 2019  
Plum Street Temple, 10:45 AM

Bar Mitzvah of **Matthew Hanna**  
son of Karen and Claudio Hanna

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## High Holy Days

Please see *High Holy Days brochure and tickets for specific programs and service times.*

### S'lichot

Saturday, September 21

### Rosh Hashanah Evening

Sunday, September 29

### Rosh Hashanah Day

Monday, September 30

### Yom Kippur Evening

Tuesday, October 8

### Yom Kippur Day

Wednesday, October 9

### Sukkot Evening

Sunday, October 13

### Sukkot Day

Monday, October 14

### Simchat Torah Evening/ Consecration

Sunday, October 20

### Simchat Torah/Yizkor

Monday, October 21

## Worship Services

### Shabbat Evening Services

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

### SEPTEMBER

- 6 Shabbat service
- 6 Family Shabbat  
6:00 PM Shabbat dinner;  
6:45 PM service
- 13 Shabbat service
- 13 Ohm Shalom Meditation Shabbat
- 13 NextGen@Wise Shabbat  
6:30 PM | Plum Street Temple
- 20 Shabbat service
- 27 Shabbat service with birthday  
and anniversary blessings

### OCTOBER

- 4 Shabbat service

- 4 Family Shabbat  
6:00 PM Shabbat dinner;  
6:45 PM service
- 11 Shabbat service
- 11 NextGen@Wise Shabbat  
6:30 PM | Plum Street Temple
- 18 Sukkot Shabbat service with  
birthday and anniversary  
blessings and cookout  
*See page 10 for details.*
- 25 Shared Shabbat Celebration  
with all Cincinnati Reform  
Congregations  
*See page 12 for details.*

### NOVEMBER

- 1 Shabbat service
- 1 Family Shabbat  
6:00 PM Shabbat dinner;  
6:45 PM service
- 8 Shabbat service
- 8 NextGen@Wise Shabbat  
6:30 PM | Plum Street Temple
- 15 Shabbat service
- 15 Limmud Shabbat  
Gun Violence and Jewish Values
- 22 Congregational Shabbat service  
and dinner with Musician in  
Residence Noah Aronson  
*See page 20 for details.*
- 29 Shabbat service with birthday  
and anniversary blessings

### Shabbat Morning Services

#### Saturdays at Wise Center

9:30 AM service  
10:45 AM Torah study  
September 7, 14, 21, 28  
October 5, 12, 19, 26  
November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

### NextGen@Wise Morning Service

**Friendsgiving Musical Shabbat  
with Noah Aronson**  
November 23

### YoFI Shababa Services

2nd and 4th Saturdays, 10:00 AM  
September 14 | October 12, 26 |  
November 9

### Shabbat Morning B'nai Mitzvah Services

*See page 12.*

### Brotherhood

Joel Fogel, President  
president@wisebrotherhood.org  
wisetemple.org/brotherhood

### Monthly Meeting and Dinner

Thursdays | 6:00 PM  
September 12 | October 10 |  
November 14

### Lighthouse Youth Services Dinner

Thursday, September 19  
5:30 PM – 7:00 PM | Offsite

### Eitz Chayim – Adult Education

Alex Burte: 513-793-2556  
aburte@wisetemple.org  
wisetemple.org/adulteducation

### Tuesdays with Torah

Noon – 1:00 PM

RSVP:

wisetemple.org/tuesdayswithtorah

### The Good Place:

#### A Jewish Perspective

October 29 | November 5, 12  
Rabbi Karen Thomashow  
This series on Netflix has garnered a lot of interest — partially because of the caliber of the acting and partially because of the intrigue of the central plot: there being a good place, a medium place, or a bad place in the afterlife. Other courses have beautifully and thoroughly addressed Jewish theology of the afterlife. This class will take a slightly different, and yet certainly parallel approach, studying the folktales, midrashim (interpretive literature), and other unusual texts that give us a Jewish glimpse into how our actions on this earth are deemed to have an impact. You don't have to have any familiarity with this television series to enjoy this class.

**A Tough Act to Follow: Isaac Mayer Wise's Successors**

Andrea Rapp

November 19, 26

Learn about the first rabbis of our congregation who followed the rabbinate of Rabbi Isaac Mayer Wise.

**Civil Discourse Seminar**

5:15 PM – 6:30 PM

RSVP: [wisetemple.org/civildiscourse](http://wisetemple.org/civildiscourse)

**Rabbinic Concepts of the Beit Midrash Way**

*(the first of 6 in this series)*

Rabbi Lewis Kamrass

November 4

Can text study of Biblical stories and their diverse interpretations empower us to engage more constructively in disagreements today? Today, civil discourse between the political divides is turning less and less civil. In response, the Pardes Center for Judaism and Conflict Resolution (PCJCR) has created a new initiative: Mahloket Matters: How to Disagree Constructively – The Beit Midrash Way. At the core of the traditional beit midrash (study hall) are havrutot (study pairs), critically studying together mahloket, conflicting opinions, found on every page of classic Jewish texts. This methodology of studying text can be used to increase the desire and ability to understand and engage more constructively with conflicting political opinions today, improving civil discourse. Please sign up once for the entire year of studies—but if you can't make every session, you are still welcome to attend as many as you can.

**Distance-Wise**

RSVP:

[wisetemple.org/distancewise](http://wisetemple.org/distancewise)

2019-2020 Distance-Wise season will be on our website soon.

**Israel Salon**

7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

RSVP: [wisetemple.org/israelsalon](http://wisetemple.org/israelsalon)

Rabbi Karen Thomashow and Lior Tzoref, Israeli musician and educator

October 24, November 21

This year-long endeavor is a combination of a living room learning, a traditional salon, and an Israeli cultural experience! This small group is designed for deep conversations on a variety of Israeli topics from politics to poetry and history to Judaism. Each conversation will be made accessible through learning. Each class will begin with Israeli music and Israeli tea and coffee.

**Downtown Lunch and Learn**

11:45 AM – 1:00 PM

1 East Fourth Street, 14th Floor

Optional lunch available.

RSVP:

[wisetemple.org/lunchandlearn](http://wisetemple.org/lunchandlearn)

**Counting Down to the Awesome 80s (Rosh Hashanah 5780)**

Rabbi Michael Danziger

September 5

A Jewish new year is approaching, but what is the real significance of Rosh Hashanah? What role has it played in the life of the Jewish people, and how might it resonate in our own? Stories, poetry, Jewish texts, observances through history and more will have us ready when "New Year's Eve" arrives.

**The Jewish Supernatural**

Libby Fisher

October 24

As people around the country prepare to celebrate the spookiness of Halloween, we will spend an hour delving into some thematically appropriate stories and myths of Jewish tradition. Please join this exploration of the Jewish Supernatural!

**Wise in Zion: Revisiting Our Past**

September 8 | 3:00 PM

Zion Temple First Pentacostal Church

See page 30 for details.

**Preparing for the High Holidays:**

**A Workshop on Forgiveness**

Thursday, September 5

7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Linda Fabe

As the holidays approach, forgiveness is on our minds, but how do we achieve forgiveness? How do we forgive others? How do we ask others for forgiveness? Linda Fabe, Counselor, will lead this practical workshop in which participants will work on the practice of forgiveness.

**Community**

**Sukkot Shabbat, Cookout, Campfire and Campout**

Friday, October 18

See page 10 for details.

**Congregational Shabbat service and dinner with Musician in Residence Noah Aronson**

Friday, November 22

6:15 PM Shabbat Service

7:15 PM Shabbat Dinner and Special

Post Dinner Experience

See page 20 for details.

**Mussar Yoga**

Saturdays | 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

November 2, 9, 16, 23

**Empty Nesters**

Kari Fagin: 513-793-2556

[kfagin@wisetemple.org](mailto:kfagin@wisetemple.org)

[wisetemple.org/emptynest](http://wisetemple.org/emptynest)

**Summer Camp: Adult Take Over**

Saturday, September 7, 9:15 AM –

Sunday, September 8, 11:00 AM

Camp Livingston

**Fowling for Empty Nesters**

Saturday, November 2

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Fowling Warehouse Bar

2940 Highland Avenue

See page 18 for details.

## Families

513-793-2997

[wisetemple.org/familyengagement](http://wisetemple.org/familyengagement)

### Family Shabbat

First Friday of each month  
6:00 PM Shabbat dinner;  
6:45 PM service  
September 6 | October 4 | November 1

### Family Social Action Matthew 25 Ministries

Saturday, September 14  
12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

### All-School Parent Meeting

Sunday, September 15  
9:30 AM – 10:45 AM

### Sukkot Family Open Houses

Sunday, October 13 | 4:30 PM – 7:30 PM  
*Various locations, see page 10 for details.*

### Family Social Action United Pet Fund

Saturday, November 9  
2:00 PM – 5:00 PM

### Parent Social Event

Saturday, November 16  
*Time and location to be determined*

### Noah Aronson Religious School Concert

Sunday, November 24  
11:00 AM – 11:45 AM  
Parents and grandparents welcome.  
*See page 20 for details.*

### Religious School

Sundays 9:15 AM – 11:45 AM  
September 8, 15, 22  
October 6, 13, 20, 27  
November 3, 10, 17, 24

## YoFI (ages 0 - 5)

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

### YoFI Shababa Worship

2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month  
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM  
September 14 | October 12, 26 |  
November 9

### Monday FunDay

Monday, September 2  
9:00 AM – 11:00 AM  
Ziegler Park  
*RSVP requested, but not required:*  
[wisetemple.org/mondayfunday](http://wisetemple.org/mondayfunday)

### Rosh Hashanah Playdate

Tuesday, October 1  
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
*For more information, please visit:*  
[wisetemple.org/RHplaydate](http://wisetemple.org/RHplaydate)

### 3s Classes

Sundays | 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM  
October 6, 20 | November 3, 17

### YoFI Support for Families of Ill Children

Sunday, November 17  
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM  
*RSVP: [wisetemple.org/yofisupport](http://wisetemple.org/yofisupport)*

### Fall Concert with Noah Aronson

Saturday, November 23  
3:30 PM Child-friendly Snack Reception  
4:00 PM Concert

## Open Room - Grade 3

### Family Programs

Sundays, 9:30 AM – 11:45 AM  
3rd Grade | October 20  
2nd Grade | November 10  
1st Grade | November 17  
Open Room | December 15

### Consecration

Sunday, October 20 | 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM  
Plum Street Temple

### 2nd and 3rd Grade Social Event

Sunday, October 27 | 11:45 AM – 2:15 PM

## Grades 4 - 5

### Family Programs

Sundays | 9:30 AM – 11:45 AM  
4th Grade | October 27  
5th Grade | November 3

### 4th and 5th Grade Social Event

Sunday, November 10  
11:45 AM – 2:15 PM

## Grades 6 - 8

### J.WOOT Reds Game

Sunday, September 8  
11:45 AM – 4:00 PM

### J.WOOT Sukkot Open House

4:00 PM – 6:00 PM  
Offsite  
*See page 10 for details*

### J.WOOT at Scene 75

Saturday, November 9  
4:00 PM – 7:00 PM

## Grades 9 - 12

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

### Kulanu

Sundays at Wise Center  
5:30 PM – 7:10 PM  
Optional dinner 5:00 PM  
September 8, 15, 22  
October 6, 27  
November 3, 10, 17, 24

October 20  
1:00 PM – 2:40 PM  
Optional lunch 12:30 PM

### NFTY Regional Event

Grades 6 – 12  
Friday, September 20 –  
Sunday, September 22  
Offsite  
*Register: [ohiovalley.nfty.org/event/nfty-ov-midwest-mesibah/](http://ohiovalley.nfty.org/event/nfty-ov-midwest-mesibah/)*

### WOOTY Sukkot Havdalah and Bonfire

Saturday, October 19 | 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM  
Wise Temple Field

### WOOTY Halloween Event

Thursday, October 31 | 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM

**NextGen@Wise**

Rabbi Michael Danziger: 513-793-2556  
mdanziger@wisetemple.org  
wisetemple.org/nextgen

**Shabbat Services**

2nd Fridays of the month  
6:30 PM, Plum Street Temple  
September 13 | October 11 | November 8

**Study/Sip**

Wednesday, September 25  
Offsite

**Friendsgiving Musical Shabbat with Noah Aronson**

Saturday, November 23  
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM  
Offsite

**WiseGen**

Alex Burte: 513-793-2556  
aburte@wisetemple.org  
wisetemple.org/wisegen

**The Songs and Stories of Legendary Folk Singer Pete Seeger**

Sunday, September 15 | 6:45 PM – 8:15 PM  
See page 19 for details

**Sukkot Hike**

Sunday, October 20 | 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM  
See page 19 for details

**Challah Bake with a Twist**

Thursday, November 14  
5:00 PM – 6:30 PM  
See page 19 for details

**Sisterhood**

Cara Alpern, President  
cbalpern@yahoo.com  
wisetemple.org/sisterhood

**Bedtime Bundles**

November 11 – December 18

**Wisdom to Live the Life You Crave Guest speaker Iris Ruth Pastor**

Thursday, October 24 | 7:00 PM  
See page 30 for details

**Mah Jongg**

Thursdays, 11:00 AM  
Sherri Tieger: 513-821-8881;  
sherritiegier@gmail.com

**WiseUP – Social Action Projects**

Alex Burte: 513-793-2556  
aburte@wisetemple.org  
www.wisetemple.org/wiseup

**Wise Family Shelter**

A Partner with IHN  
Sunday, September 1 –  
Sunday, September 8

When a family experiences temporary homelessness, they can feel helpless and alone. You can help by making families feel at home at Wise Center, which becomes a temporary refuge. Share a meal with a family, play a game with a child, or be an overnight host.

Learn more and RSVP at [wisetemple.org/wisefamilysHELTER](http://wisetemple.org/wisefamilysHELTER).

**Dress for Success**

Saturday, November 2  
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM  
205 West 4th Street, Suite 900  
Dress for Success provides services and resources to nearly 1,800 women

each year who are working to secure a job and achieve self-sufficiency. Dress for Success Cincinnati is the only source for ongoing job retention and advancement support and coaching available to a woman for the entirety of her working life.

**St. Francis Seraph Soup Kitchen**

Wednesday, November 27  
3:30 PM – 6:00 PM  
1615 Republic Street  
Prepare and serve a holiday meal to hundreds in need. Age 12+

**Miscellaneous**

Temple Office: 513-793-2556  
welcome@wisetemple.org

**Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting**

Tuesdays and Thursdays | 5:30 PM  
Except October 8 and November 28

*S'lichot*  
Poetic, reflective, beautiful service.  
Peaceful, spiritual, transcendent.

**Saturday, September 21**  
8:30 PM Dessert Reception  
9:30 PM S'lichot Service  
Plum Street Temple

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

**Share this holiday, this building, this feeling.  
Invite a friend to join you.**

# There's a Path for you

Connect with others who are at the same life stage, experiencing similar milestones, and willing to share in your common joys and challenges.



## YOFI SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES OF ILL CHILDREN

Sunday, November 17  
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Provide some normalcy for children at Children's Hospital by packaging personal care and art supply kits. \$5 per family contribution in honor of Wise Temple YoFI requested, but not required (to be donated to the Ronald McDonald House).  
*RSVP requested: wisetemple.org/yofisupport*

## THREE'S CLASS

Sundays, 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM  
October 6, 20 | November 3, 17

Music, open play, story telling, puppetry, snack, art exploration, and community led by Jackie Preston, preschool teacher, with visits from our song leader.  
*Register: wisetemple.org/threesclass*

## SHABABA AT WISE

A Young Family Shabbat Service and More

2nd and 4th Saturdays of every month  
10:00 AM

September 14 | October 12, 26  
November 9

Half-hour service geared toward our youngest children. Designed for parents and grandparents too! An open space where children are encouraged to be who they are and grow at their own pace. Music, ritual, and community building are the focus. Following the service, snacks, crafts, and open play abound. Open to members and non-members alike.



Family Engagement

## J.WOOT REDS GAME

Sunday, September 8  
11:45 AM – 4:00 PM

All Wise Temple 6th-8th graders invited to join J.WOOT's first event of the year. Cheer on the Reds against the Arizona Diamondbacks! Lunch provided immediately following Religious School. Will travel to and from the stadium together. Cost is \$10 per student – includes admission, transportation to the ballpark, and lunch.  
*RSVP to Rhys Ivan: rivan@wisetemple.org*

## UNITED PET FUND

Saturday, November 9  
2:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Help our furry, four-legged friends in need, and meet animals and their rescuers. United Pet Fund supplies independent animal shelters, rescue operations, and even individuals with vital resources of food, bedding, supplies, leashes, etc. for (mostly) cats and dogs, as well as wild animal rescues. Hand out donated items on distribution day. A great learning and giving experience for adults and kids 5 and older.  
*RSVP: wisetemple.org/unitedpetfamily*



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NextGen@Wise



## Be challenged, be inspired, be part of something special!

Open to all Jewish young adults, age 22-35, and their partners.

### NEXT GEN @ WISE SHABBAT

Shabbat services  
2nd Fridays of the month  
6:30 PM, Plum Street Temple  
September 13 | October 11 | November 8

An alternative downtown Shabbat experience with live music at a truly unique and amazing location.

### STUDY / SIP

Wednesday, September 25  
5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Tradition is on tap as we gather around town for drinks and discussion, friends and fun!



## SUMMER CAMP: ADULT TAKE OVER!

It's gonna be

**EPIC!**

Saturday, September 7 at 9:15 AM -  
Sunday, September 8 at 11:00 AM

If you've already registered, we'll see you soon at this awesome summer camp experience - adult style. Adult summer camp: where you choose your fun and no one tells you "Lights Out!"

### FOWLING FOR EMPTY NESTERS

November 2, 2019  
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM  
Fowling Warehouse Bar  
2940 Highland Ave.

Experience Cincinnati's latest entertainment craze - Fowling. An interesting mash up of football toss and bowling pins for corn-hole style fun for all abilities. It's really about an

afternoon of fun and friendship in a cool, new, trendy atmosphere. Wear your favorite football jersey, bring an appetizer to share, and hang out with friends new and old. Massive bar with hundreds of beer choices (cash purchase). Just \$8/person which includes two hours of play on private lanes.

Register: [wisetemple.org/fowling](http://wisetemple.org/fowling)



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

### EMPTY NEST SPEAKEASY

Saturday, February 1

Get your flapper dresses and three-piece suits ready for this underground evening of the roaring '20s.



**WiseGen**  
70+: Experienced. Awesome. Ageless.

# An incredible start for WiseGen

Congregants age 70+ have got it going on!

Three amazing events to connect and engage congregants age 70+

## THE SONGS AND STORIES OF LEGENDARY FOLK SINGER PETE SEEGER

Sunday, September 15

6:45 PM – 8:15 PM

Allan Winkler will play Seeger's songs, tell stories of Seeger's life, and anchor it all to important historical moments in the civil rights, labor, anti-war, and environmental movements. Allan will bring to life the creation and impact of songs like "Turn! Turn! Turn!",

"Where Have All the Flowers Gone?," and "If I Had a Hammer."

Allan is a congregant, retired history professor, and musician who worked directly with Seeger to write his biography. Allan sat in Seeger's kitchen, talked about how his songs became the anchor of activism, and even had the honor of playing music with Seeger. You won't want to miss this interactive and lively evening of music and history.

Just \$12/person for entertainment, desserts, wine and cheese.

Register: [wisetemple.org/peteseeger](http://wisetemple.org/peteseeger) or call 513.793.2556



**AWESOME  
WISEGEN  
KICKOFF  
EVENT**

## SUKKOT HIKE

Sunday, October 20

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Sharon Woods

A crisp walk through nature is the perfect way to celebrate this fall holiday. Hike the paved trails of beautiful Sharon Woods for the full 2.6 miles or cut the route in half. Along the way, learn interesting facts about nature and the environment from a Nature Interpreter. After the hike, enjoy Sukkot snacks under the Buckeye Shelter where we will shake the lulav and etrog, make new friends, and savor the vibrant Fall colors.

Free but registration requested: [wisetemple.org/wisegenhike](http://wisetemple.org/wisegenhike) or call 513.793.2556

## CHALLAH BAKE WITH A TWIST

Thursday, November 14

5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

Rich Moschel, congregant and challah baker extraordinaire, demonstrates his special techniques for making the most beautiful and delicious challah. Make and take a fresh challah for your Shabbat dinner. A fun twist to the evening will help you get to know other WiseGeners.

Limited space. Register: [wisetemple.org/wisegenchallah](http://wisetemple.org/wisegenchallah) or call 513.793.2556

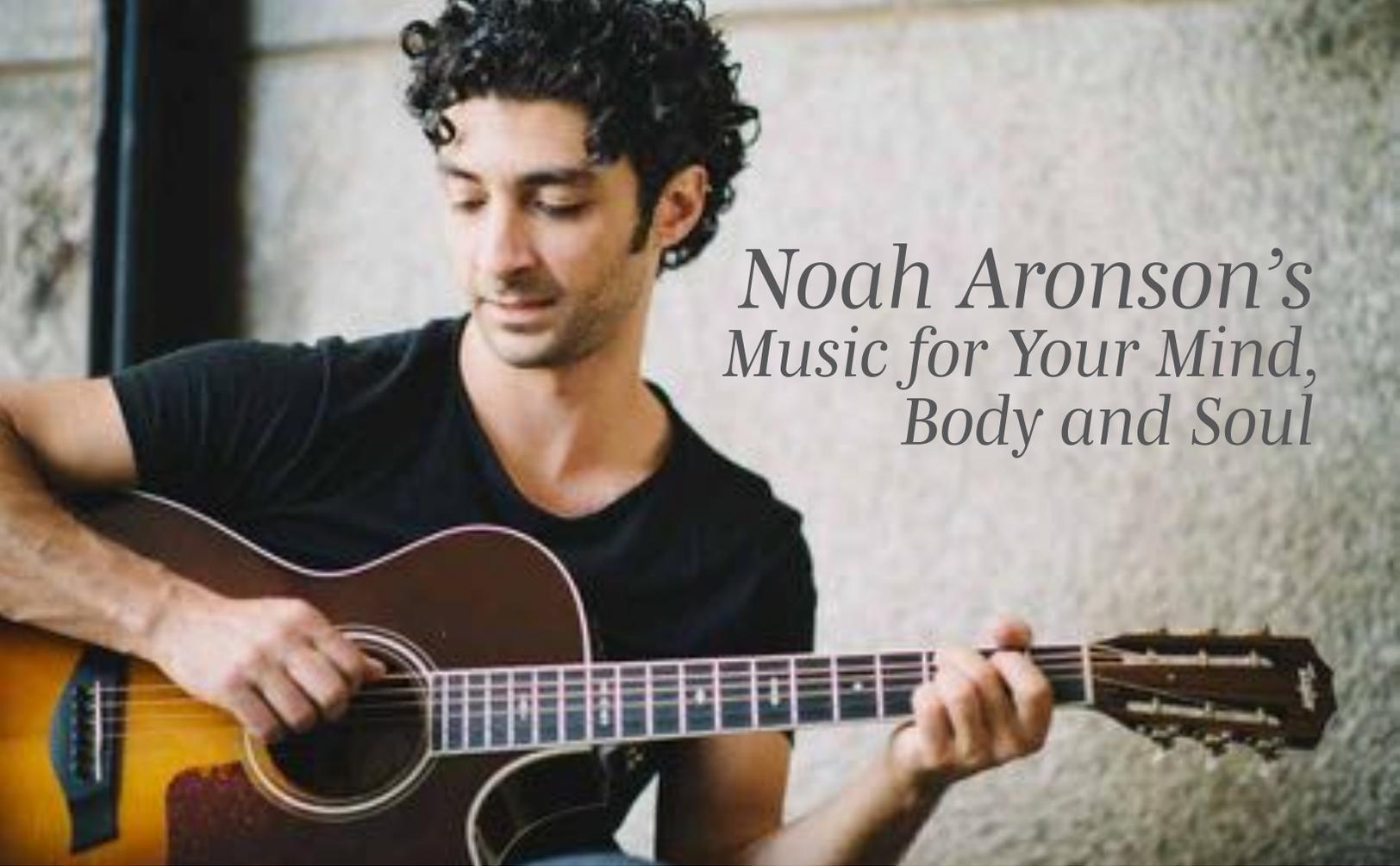
**LET'S  
GO!**



**TIPS  
FROM AN EXPERT!**

This is just a small sampling of the rich and diverse programming available for each group. See Calendar (pages 13 – 16) for all Wise Temple has to offer in the coming months.





# Noah Aronson's Music for Your Mind, Body and Soul

*Be inspired by Noah Aronson's uniquely engaging and spiritual music, which appeals to every age from YoFI through WiseGen!*

Noah collaborated on four albums of Jewish communal music, produced three solo full-length albums, and most recently produced a new album featuring his five-member band. Music from these albums is sung in progressive communities and summer camps worldwide and has been included as part of the curricula in all major progressive U.S. cantorial schools.

Noah lives in New York City and tours year-round. He pursues his love of teaching as faculty of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion's School of Music in Manhattan, and on faculties of Jewish conferences in the U.S. and abroad.

Noah Aronson brings his soulful, energetic, and inspiring music to Wise Temple for a weekend of events for everyone

Check out  
Noah's latest  
song,  
"More Love"

**Congregational  
Shabbat Service  
and Dinner Experience**  
Friday, November 22

6:15 PM Shabbat service  
led by Noah Aronson

7:15 PM Shabbat Dinner  
and Special Post Dinner  
Experience with Noah Aronson

**NextGen@Wise  
Friendsgiving  
Musical Shabbat**  
Saturday, November 23  
11:00 AM

**YoFI Fall Concert**  
Saturday, November 23

3:30 PM Child-friendly  
snack reception

4:00 PM Concert

*Noah is sure to teach us his  
acclaimed Goofy Guf children's  
movement song that inspires  
people to get moving, be silly,  
and be joyfully expressive!*

**Religious School Concert**  
Sunday, November 24

11:00 AM – 11:45 AM

For students in grades 1 – 8.

Parents and grandparents  
welcome!  
No RSVP required.

RSVP: [wisetemple.org/noaharonson](http://wisetemple.org/noaharonson)

*(Events at Wise Center unless otherwise noted.)*

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

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#### **In honor of:**

50th wedding anniversary of Alice and Barry Lucas by Julie and John Cohen  
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Birthday of Irene Frieman by Mary Lee and Louie Sirkin  
B'nai Mitzvah of granddaughters of Sharon and Steve Marshall by Julie and John Cohen  
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Dr. Raymond B. Fine by Mary Lee and Louie Sirkin  
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B'nai Mitzvah of Samantha Marshall and Zachary Green by Lynn and Alex Warm  
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Father of Ann Mintz by Sharon, Mark, Michael and Aaron Natarus  
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Phil Cohen by Sharon and Steve Marshall  
Phil Cohen by Inez Allen and Stefan Eckert

### **General Fund**

#### **In honor of:**

45th wedding anniversary of Judi and Mack Evans by Trish and Scott Joseph  
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Ruth Miller by Nancy Apfel

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## Help Kids in Need with Your Bedtime Bundles

*Provide comfort to children ages 0-16 at the YWCA Domestic Violence Shelter.*

Donate your bundle in the crib located in the Wise Center lobby from **November 11 – December 18.**

### How to make a Bedtime Bundle

*Fill a new pillowcase (available at the Temple office) with the following NEW items:*

- Pajamas
- Underwear or diapers/wipes
- Socks
- Toothpaste/toothbrush
- Small toy, stuffed animal, or book

### Other ways to help:

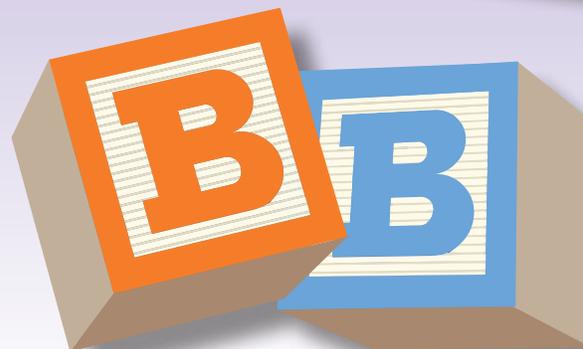
Donate new bath towels, washcloths, twin bed sheets, toiletries, shampoo, deodorant, diapers, and baby bottles, for which there is always a need.

### Cash donations are also encouraged!

Help Sisterhood make additional Bundles and fulfill other shelter needs. *Please make checks payable to Wise Temple Sisterhood and mail to:*  
**Wise Temple Sisterhood**  
ATTN: Bedtime Bundles  
8329 Ridge Road,  
Cincinnati, OH 45236

### Questions?

Call Alex Burte @ 513-793-2556 or email [aburte@wisetemple.org](mailto:aburte@wisetemple.org)



# Wise at Work &

Purim was a blast whether you enjoyed the Million Shekel Quartet spiel or the Greatest Purim spiel.



We dedicated the new playground!

Our teens led a powerful Civil Rights Seder

# pLay!

A look back at all the kibitzing, kvelling, and schmoozing that happened at Wise Temple these past few months.



Rabbi Isaac Mayer Wise made a surprise appearance at his 200th birthday party



We celebrated the blessing of freedom during the Passover festival.



We came together at Beatles Shabbat (sponsored by the Empty Nesters).

## Mazel Tov

### Weddings

**Sarah Habib and Eric Elias** on their marriage, and **Elissa and Mitchell Habib** on the marriage of their daughter, **Sarah Habib to Eric Elias**.

**Mark Levine** on the marriage of his son, and **Herschell Levine** on the marriage of his grandson, Joshua Levine to Devra Laserson.

**Natalie and Josh Adler** on their marriage.

### Births

**Marlene and Danny Guttman** and **Howard Wolkoff** on the birth of their grandson, Blaine Ezra Wolkoff.

**Blair and Micah Kamrass** on the birth of their daughter, **Renee and Rabbi Lewis Kamrass, Marlene and Danny Guttman**, and **Howard Wolkoff** on the birth of their granddaughter, **Anna Lee Kamrass** and **Vivian Slotin** on the birth of their great granddaughter, Ava Pearl Kamrass.

**Barbie and Dr. Greg Sherman** on the birth of their granddaughter, Jamie Arielle Sherman.

**Dr. Betsy and Mr. Peter Levick** on the birth of their grandson, Jordan Bernard Levick.

**Lindi and Adam Vernick** on the birth of their daughter, Maya Elizabeth Vernick.

**Brandy and Jeffrey Kaufman** on the birth of their daughter, Isla Rose Kaufman.

**Karen and David Hoguet** on the birth of their grandson, Jack Allen Leonard.

## Condolences

**Robin Levine and Michael Cassity** on the death of her father, **Jensen Cassity** on the death of her grandfather, Charles M. Levine.

**Tricia and Ron Gold** on the death of his father, **Seth Gold and Andrew Gold** on the death of their grandfather, Dr. Jack Gold.

**Andrea Kaplan** on the death of her husband, **Rabbi Paul Kaplan**.

**Anne and Martin Pinales** on the death of her mother, **Michelle and Ian Pinales** on the death of his grandmother, Ruth A. Schwartz.

**Lindi and Adam Vernick** on the death of her father, Michael Shane.

**Lois Cohen** on the death of her husband, **Robbie and John Michelman** on the death of his brother-in-law and **Josephine Rosenblum** on the death of her brother-in-law, **Philip S. Cohen**.

**Mr. Ivan Steinberg** on the death of his wife, **Barbara Steinberg**.

**Phyllis Fine** on the death of her husband, **Dr. Mindie Hastie and Tim Goldsmith** on the death of her father, **Sue and Henry Rollman** on the death of her father, **Tammy Fine and Jeff Koreman** on the death of her father, **Emily and Elizabeth Hastie, Asher, Eli and Gabe Koreman, Justin and Amy Rollman** on the death of their grandfather, and **Lyla Schultz, Henry and Rosie Rollman** on the death of their great-grandfather, **Dr. Raymond B. Fine**.

Family of **Annette Horwitz**.

Family of **JoAnn Bass**.

**Jeff Deutsch** on the death of his wife, **Karen Deutsch**.

**Vera Gutin** on the death of her husband, **Barbara and Michael McCoucha** on the death of her father, **Bertram Gutin**.

**Shirley and Herb Behr** on the death of her brother, Irwin Jacobson.



# a touch of Torah

—by Rabbi Michael Danziger

**In the Talmud**, we find a passage which tells us that a person of Torah is only allowed to live in a city that has these 10 things: a law court; a tzedakah fund that is collected by two people and distributed by three; a synagogue; a bath house – mikveh; a bathroom; a doctor; a scribe; a bloodletter; a butcher; and a teacher of children.

In other words, in order to be a suitable place for a Jewish person to live, a community must be equipped with different ways to provide for its members' various needs. The passage goes on to add, "... the community must also have varieties of fruit, because varieties of fruit illuminate the eyes." Both nutritionally and spiritually, an array of colorful sources of nourishment leads to enhanced satiety and vigor.

The Rabbis of the Talmud knew that different moments in life come with different wants and needs. There are moments when we crave justice, or we need to care for those in need; moments when we want to provide loving instruction to the next generation, and, evidently, moments when we need our blood let?!? They also knew that a plentiful array of ways to meet the community's needs would lead to greater vitality.

All of this was part of a bigger, important message – that Judaism is meant to be experienced in community. The Rabbis were telling us to be in community and showing us how to make sure that large-scale enterprise would work for each individual and each season of life. What they knew then, we still see as we work together to create and re-create a vibrant Wise Temple. We know that our experiences are made richer by sharing them, and we

also know that every person isn't looking for the same thing at every moment.

Sometimes our needs are met in Amberley, and sometimes downtown on Plum Street. Sometimes they are met in an evening with Wise Family Shelter guests, and sometimes in a morning around the Shabbat Torah study table. Sometimes at a hospital bedside, and sometimes traveling in Israel or Cuba.

There are many ways for our Temple to meet our various wants and needs, some of which are connected to the many stages of life. Our youngest families find unique connection to each other in the fun and warmth of our YoFI community, just as families of school-aged kids do in the range of Family Engagement offerings. Youth Engagement helps our teens grow safely into their best selves. NextGen@Wise keeps young adults in their 20s and 30s connected to Judaism and each other, nurturing our future membership and leadership. Exciting Empty Nest programming keeps empty nesters engaged in Jewish life and in community with others experiencing this new life stage, and our newest group, WiseGen, brings community to life in exciting ways for our "experienced, awesome, and ageless" 70+ crowd.

The Rabbis teach us that the cherished enterprise of Jewish community is not a one-size-fits-all proposition. The bathroom has been taken care of and the bloodletter may be a thing of the past, but their message resonates today in the colorful variety of opportunities and pathways that help Wise Temple members of any age or stage to connect more deeply, and to enjoy the life of our whole community.

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# The 4 Pillars of Wise

## WORSHIP



- A variety of services – customary, meditative, musical, learning, healing.
- A variety of locations – our Wise Center chapel, our historic Plum Street Temple, our library, a park.

“ A place for kids, for adults, for everyone.

Wise makes worship meaningful, relevant, and engaging. It's my spiritual deep breath. I leave services feeling connected to my faith, to God, and to other congregants. ”

## SOCIAL JUSTICE



- Ways for everyone to get involved in the sacred obligation to repair the world. Opportunities for every ability and interest.
- Serve children, elderly, disabled, or animals. Care for the environment. Feed the hungry. Welcome the stranger. Teach. Cook. Play. Hug. Listen. Care.

“ Wise Temple makes it easy to participate in social justice, and when I do, it puts things in perspective and gives meaning to my life. ”



Find Meaning.



Better someone's life.

# Temple

Where congregants of all ages come together.  
Find your area of interest or growth.

## STUDY



- Learning for every age.
- Learning that is approachable, stimulating and relevant to our daily lives.
- A variety of formats – hands-on, discussions, lectures, distance, and virtual.

“Religious School gives kids a strong sense of Jewish identity. But learning isn’t just for them; it’s for me too. Wise Temple really does make learning life long.”

## COMMUNITY



- Special attention given to making a big place feel small.
- The energy of many people and the closeness of small groups.
- Dozens of chances to connect with others in meaningful, personal ways.

“I feel part of something big, exciting, and vibrant at Wise Temple. But I also feel a warm, close connection to the people of this congregation.”



Learn something new.



Share an experience.



Wise Temple Consecration Class of 1931



Wise Temple in 1949

# Wise in Zion: *Revisiting Our Past*

Sunday, September 8 | 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM  
Zion Temple First Pentecostal Church  
3771 Reading Road, Cincinnati 45229

Did you know that prior to building Wise Center in Amberley, Wise Center was located in North Avondale?

Perhaps you attended services or religious school at this former site. Or perhaps you're just interested in our rich Cincinnati history.

That building, which now houses the Zion Temple First Pentecostal Church, was recently added to the National Register of Historic Places.

To recognize this designation, Zion Temple has invited us to share in their celebration by attending an afternoon of fellowship, a dessert reception, tour, and special presentation on the building's history and how it came to receive the honor of entry onto the National Historic Register.

**RSVP:** [wisetemple.org/adulteducation](http://wisetemple.org/adulteducation)

# Wisdom to live the life You Crave

Guest speaker Iris Ruth Pastor on  
"Preserving Your Bloom"

Thursday, October 24, 2019 | 7:00 PM  
Wise Center



Author, blogger, speaker and storyteller, Iris Ruth Pastor is a self-admitted "book collector, coffee lover and sunshine seeker." She's been writing her slice-of-life column, "Incidentally, Iris," since the mid-1980s, sharing her reflections about everyday life – navigating marriage, raising her five sons and coping with what life throws her way. Iris is a columnist for the American Israelite.

Pastor's mission is to foster connection, encourage a life of more than just coping, cultivate greatness, and preserve the bloom of women by helping them recognize and use their talents and resources to be the best they can be.

**\$5.00 per person.** Presentation followed by dessert reception hosted by the Sisterhood. Open to the community.

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# The Many Loves of WiseGener

## Cindy Rovai

As a child growing up on the South Side of Chicago, Cindy Rovai discovered the first of many loves: languages and the cultures that come with them.

*From* her Lithuanian grandparents, Cindy was exposed to Yiddish, in grades 1 – 3 she learned some Spanish, and at age nine began studying Hebrew.

"I loved foreign languages from the get-go. My parents moved to Munster, Indiana when I was nine. Munster had a large German and Dutch influence, so in sixth grade we started learning German. I was really in heaven, because it was another opportunity to learn a language. It helped me find out who I was."

At age 15, Cindy combined her love of language with her love of singing by taking a six-week trip to Austria with her German teacher and other German classmates. "We would walk through the Alps after dinner singing just like in the Sound of Music. It was so incredibly beautiful!" This experience furthered her passion and led to undergraduate and graduate degrees in German and a job in Germany at an American army base, where she lived off-base so she could immerse herself in the German language and culture.

After returning to the U.S., Cindy began her 30-plus year career as a foreign language teacher, most of it spent at Middletown High School. "We

had lots of cultural activities. One of my favorite field trips was to a Kentucky farm where the farmer gave the kids farm tours speaking only in German. I brought bread, peanut butter, and cookies for kids with no lunches. I would almost be in tears after those trips because there were kids who had never been on a picnic before."

After her husband died, her children were grown and she retired, Cindy felt the need to strengthen her connection to her religion and her Jewish culture. As a real doer, Cindy had a desire to participate and give back, which prompted her to become a part of Wise Temple, where she saw many opportunities to be involved. She has since thrown herself into social action, the Sisterhood, and Temple life, giving fully of her time and talents.

Recently Cindy helped create the WiseGen initiative, serving on a team to define meaningful and fun events for congregants age 70 plus. "I'm really excited about WiseGen. I still do a lot of things that are Temple-wide events, but it's nice to connect with a group of people that are my age and going through similar things." Cindy is using her passion for music to help plan the WiseGen kickoff event which will focus on the music and stories of Pete

Seeger. "WiseGen fulfills me, for one, because my family is not here. This happens to a lot of older adults. Our kids leave home, maybe our spouse or partner isn't around anymore. At this stage of my life, I still want to stay active, to learn, to be connected to people, and to experience new things. WiseGen does all of that for me."

In addition to all Cindy does at and for Wise Temple, she is involved in many other projects: interpreting at the Holocaust & Humanity Center; working with an educational consulting firm; tutoring struggling readers; and at Cedar Village, leading therapeutic exercise and working with dementia patients whose primary language is not English.

And Cindy has no plans of slowing down. She's thinking of researching her father's military experience as an American serviceman in World War II, and then visiting those European sites. Because, of course, as a lover of language, she also loves to travel. "I think it's really important to always have a goal, no matter your age. You always have something to look forward to and learn from. As they sing in Sound of Music, 'Climb every mountain!'" she says with a smile.



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