

# Wise Temple Keshet

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LIVING OUR  
**Jewish  
Values**

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# History is in the Background

With the theme of this issue of *Kesher* being about our new Civic Engagement program, a photo shoot featuring five congregants, gathered as if they are at a rally, made perfect sense. Behind them are Wise Center's American and Israeli flags.

Like the background of any good photo, the double flags certainly play an effective role in making the foreground understandable, credible and visual. However, there is more to this background than just their aesthetic appeal in the photograph. The flags, specifically the American flag, have quite a history with our temple.

Rabbi Isaac Mayer Wise symbolically showed that America protects freedom of religion and conscience, when he placed a Bible and an American flag inside the cornerstone of Plum Street Temple. The May 19, 1865 issue of the *American Israelite* quoted Rabbi Wise's remarks on the occasion, as he referred to the Bible "covered...with the flag of the United States, the symbol of power, freedom, and justice. Under the protection of our national flag, liberty of conscience shall be sacred and inviolable." It is also widely believed, although not historically documented, that Plum Street Temple was the first synagogue to have an American flag permanently displayed on the bimah. While the six-pointed Magen David star adorns the Eternal Light at Plum Street Temple, it is thought that the five-pointed stars on the bimah chairs may represent the stars of the American flag. Adding credibility to this assertion is Rabbi Kamrass's belief that the five-pointed stars were carved into the chairs to reflect Wise's affirmation of the Jewish community's role and place in America.

It is often said that every picture tells a story but, in some pictures, that story is just a little further back.



Over 60 Wise Temple congregants participated in the RAC Ohio Lobby Day at the Columbus Statehouse in November.

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*Our cover shows some of the devoted congregants who are investing their time, energy and passion to achieve the goals of the Civic Engagement program. Pictured front row left to right: Jennifer Tanzman, Susan Perlman, Jeanne Aronoff. Back row: Al Pearlman, Amy Susskind.*

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## From Rabbi Kamrass



D'varim Min HaLev דְּבָרִים מִן הַלֵּב

### Words from the Heart

-by Rabbi Lewis Kamrass

Our ancient rabbis gave us an expansive teaching of our deep connection with the larger world around us, and our responsibilities first to the circles of our

family, our community, our people, our nation and the larger world. As a result, our religious values and the venues in which we lived them were never limited to only one sphere of responsibility. The Jewish moral and ethical mandate to others seamlessly spans the artificial divide between the particular (our family or our own people) and the universal (fellow citizens or our city, state or nation, or the larger world). We Jews have always lived with one foot firmly planted in the particular and the other foot in the universal worlds that each of us inhabit.

Civic Engagement is our contemporary language for living out those religious responsibilities in those many venues of life. We have a compelling responsibility to our family and our community, AND to improving the condition of the larger world in which we live. Our tradition teaches us not to ever be satisfied with the status quo. Our values implore us not to wait for someone else to address the injustices. Our prophets demanded that we listen, feel, and respond with our deeds. Our commandments insist that we not "stand idly by." The world has always been crying out for attention to its injustices, inequities, and vulnerability that defines the circles of both the particular and the universal spheres in which we live. And our faith is the answer to that call, only when we take the values that we study and pray and also live them in our deeds. Civic Engagement, being intimately connected to the world around us, is simply a contemporary name for our ancient calling.

We invite you to join yourself to that stirring call of the ages and of our own time. Your congregational family provides multiple opportunities to do so, and to live your own expressed Jewish values in your days.

Faithfully,

הרב לב בן דוד וחנה לאה  
Rabbi Lewis H. Kamrass

## From the President



### Our Civic Engagement Commitment

-by Stuart Susskind, Temple President

As a religious, non-profit institution designated by the Internal Revenue Service as a tax-exempt

organization, K.K. Bene Yeshurun must be and is, by law, non-partisan from a political perspective. But, as a religious institution, your congregation recognizes its moral and ethical obligation to play a role in reaching out to the greater community, fulfilling the mitzvah of Tikkun Olam. Irrespective of our members' personal political allegiances, we should be able to agree that by working together on societal issues and problems that need resolution, we can strive to make life better for everyone. The greater community presents many opportunities for improvement at the local, state, national, and even international levels.

Your congregation takes this challenge seriously. A beautiful example of the commitment to meeting this obligation is the development of the Civic Engagement@Wise program and its recent participation in a Lobby Day in partnership with RAC Ohio (Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism). A bus trip was taken by over sixty of our congregants to the Statehouse in Columbus to advocate for issues of concern for our community. In this edition of *Kesher*, you can read the details about this event and how gratified our congregants felt for having participated in this civic engagement activity. Thank you to all who devoted the time and energy to make the event meaningful.

I was told recently by a new member of the congregation how impressed he was with all the activities our Temple offers to its members. There are plenty of opportunities provided by your congregation for participating in civic engagement in which you may be interested. Please go to the newly designed Temple website to learn about these civic engagement activities as well as all the other programs and membership engagement choices and projects which have been planned for our members.

Many years ago, as a young boy, I remember hearing this line: "If everyone lit just one little candle, what a bright world we would see." I believe more than ever that this line still rings true today.

# Hope on the HORIZON

**One can always hope. But hope alone won't create the change we wish to see in the world. Hope, meet Civic Engagement@Wise!**

## An Idea Whose Time Has Come

**Matt Nitzberg's** background in what he calls "the data and insight fields" has taught him many lessons about analyzing a situation. He's logical, pragmatic and practical, with an objective eye for assessing the impact of his and others' efforts in the new Civic Engagement program. But at 14, he engaged in his first political foray, volunteering for George McGovern, a presidential candidate he was not old enough to vote for, a candidate who lost every state but his home state, and D.C. "I grew up very aware that my parents felt strongly about social justice issues in the late 60s and 70s. They were very clear about their views, and I absorbed their message and became involved."



### It Could Happen to You, Too

He also inherited from his parents the notion of lending a helping hand to people who were in difficulty, at risk, or victims of discrimination. He believes that many American Jews (himself included), while successful in mainstream society, feel a sense of "otherness" as a result of the Jewish experience in the U.S. and in the world. For him, empathy and a desire to make the world a better place are the results of that otherness. "The most important forward-looking emotion is empathy. Sympathy is to comfort, and empathy is to improve. Both are important, but when it comes to social change and thinking beyond yourself or your own experience, there has to be a leap where you put yourself in others' situations: 'What if that was happening to me?'"

The Ohio Holocaust and Liberators Memorial, designed by Daniel Libeskind, on the lawn of the Statehouse in Columbus, Ohio.

## Critical Mass

Matt has been inspired recently by progress that grassroots activists are making in the area of common-sense gun safety laws. He has what he calls macro concerns for threats to our society in general, but also micro concerns personally for his family and friends. He feels the urgency and sees the momentum and hopes that the tipping point of critical mass is nearing as laws are changing statehouse by statehouse. "It's empowering to feel you can make a difference by joining in and adding momentum to the wave. When I look at what some people have lost, and what other people are willing to put on the line, taking a day to go to Columbus with a friendly group of like-minded people seems both important and easy."

## Something Can Always Be Done

Matt is hopeful that with efforts like the Lobby Day, the situation is changing from the status quo where lawmakers haven't felt the pressure to advance the common-sense gun safety laws that a majority of citizens want. "I came away feeling like this was a good step and we need to do more of it."

He plans to focus his attention on upcoming national, state, and local elections. "Something can always be done. Politicians can change their votes, and we can also change the politicians." Matt believes in the power of the wave and in being part of it, and perhaps now the time has come.



Wise Temple participates in the Lobby Day at the Columbus, Ohio Statehouse on November 13, 2019.

Karen grew up in a traditional Jewish home. She first went to Israel for her older brother's bar mitzvah when she was five. "I was so young, but I remember it felt like a truly incredible place. This passion for Israel is a big part of my Jewish values." She spent a year in Israel on a kibbutz in the Negev and in Jerusalem before gap years were a thing. "It was transformative in terms of my love for Israel and solidified Judaism as my cultural, spiritual tradition."

Her mother was socially progressive – a feminist and environmentalist, committed to social action. Karen recalls, "She was very proud to be a woman, and showed me and my sister that it's possible to be independent, to hold strong, deep values as a female, and still be a good mom too."

Karen strives to parent by example, just like her mom and dad did. She believes that now is the time in her life to support the young change-makers who envision a better world. She is compelled to use her voice not only for herself and her own children, but for all those who don't have the resources, the finances, or who are fearful to speak up for themselves.

"Truthfully, I feel most comfortable doing social action with my fellow Jews, which is how I ended up working with Civic Engagement. At this time in my life and with how I'm feeling about the world around us, it was a natural fit for me and it came at the perfect time," Karen explains.

Regarding gun violence Karen says, "I just cannot look at news clips of killings – all of them: mass shootings, suicides, murders – and just say 'Oh well, that's how it is.' I truly believe gun violence is a public health crisis and should be treated as a public health crisis. There's nothing political about it. It's really hard to stomach the idea that nothing can be done."

She has equally strong feelings about reproductive rights and criminal justice reform. She hopes to contribute to the groundswell by helping and encouraging friends to channel the passions they have for societal issues into small doable actions that could lead to bigger ones. "We all have to show up. We should be able to leave our kids in a better place and to teach them how to 'move the needle' because we're not going to be able to do it forever. The more people we get involved, the better!"

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## The Perfect Time and Place

**Last fall, Karen Goodman** and her husband Richard became empty nesters. And in this new life space, Karen has found a way to give voice to her Jewish values. Although she and Richard are both from Amberley Village, they didn't solidly connect until they found each other as young adults living in Boston. Marriage and three children later, a confluence of events led them back to Cincinnati, and Wise Temple, where Karen teaches about nature and does yoga with the kids in the Open Room on Sundays.



# Faces of the FUTURE

**Eliana Goldner and Abby Rosenberg are not waiting to make the world a better place.**

**Sophomore Eliana Goldner** plays soccer, both elite and on Turpin's JV team. She's also in Student Council, Key Club, and Innovation Club. And she's WOOTY's Vice President of Programming, so she's all in on participating and being involved.

### **They Might Still Be Here**

Last year two kids from my school committed suicide, both by guns. I knew one boy. He was a star athlete who worked with special needs kids. It was a shock to everyone. Maybe without a gun, he would have had to work on his problems instead. When I heard that Civic Engagement would be advocating for better gun laws, I wanted to help with that. If those two kids hadn't had such easy access to guns, they might still be here.

### **Popping the Bubble**

Growing up, my parents would ask me what I thought instead of telling me what they thought. It helped me comprehend what I was seeing and listening to and to form my own opinions. I think a lot of kids are sheltered by their parents' opinions, and that influence closes off their minds. Maybe some would have different opinions of their own. Lots of kids are living in bubbles that I would love to pop someday!

### **Down the Road**

Before Lobby Day, I considered studying engineering of some kind. I definitely wanted to do something to help people but wasn't sure what. After Lobby Day, I began thinking about a government or political job where I could make a difference to peoples' lives. I want to make as big an impact on the world as I can and do as much as I can with the time I have. I've been taught that as a Jew, it's important to stand up for what I believe in, not to sit in silence as our neighbors are treated unfairly.

### **Talkin' About My Generation**

I brought a friend who wasn't Jewish to Lobby Day. She learned a lot about Judaism from it and told me "You know I'm not Jewish, but I really like Jewish values." When we told our friends the next day about it, they thought it was cool. It felt good to fight for something that so many people believe in. I would love to see more teens involved in stuff like this. It has a bigger impact on adults when a lot of kids come

together to express how they feel. We will have to deal with what adults are leaving behind. I think it's important to learn what we can do with our voice. Even though we're young, we're the next generation, and if we want to see change in our world, we need to start now.

### **Abby Rosenberg's got big plans.**

She's interested in the ethical and societal implications of medicine and wants to be a trauma surgeon for a humanitarian organization like Doctors Without Borders. As WOOTY president, she focuses on bringing social action to the forefront of the high-schoolers' agenda, like the interfaith MLK Lock-In that happened in January.

### **First Time's a Charm**

Last year I went with other Wise kids to a lobbying weekend in D.C., over President's Day weekend. It was a big convention with teens from all over the U.S. We wrote speeches and went to Capitol Hill to talk to senators, representatives and aides. It was the first time I did anything like that and it was a really good experience.

### **A Case for Caring**

When I learned the Civic Engagement group was participating in Lobby Day, I was excited, and got my friend Bettina Ernst to go with me. We were surprised there weren't more teens, but it was a great way to show how much our community cares. I've known most of the people we lobbied with since I was a little kid. We lobbied for gun violence prevention, for the STRONG Ohio bill. 90% of people support background checks, but still nothing has been done in terms of tracking laws. It's frustrating and doesn't feel like I'm making a difference. But I had a meaningful conversation with Sedrick Denson, one of my representatives. He told me how much he looks up to young people. I had a moment of "This really matters."



## A Bigger Picture

It's scary to think about how gun violence could happen to us at school, but it's easy to lose sight of people who can't fight for themselves and need to be fought for even more than ourselves. Gun violence has been happening in inner cities for a long time and gets no attention. Or there's criminal justice reform that doesn't directly affect our community. It's not just the issues that are going to impact us. We need to think about other people.

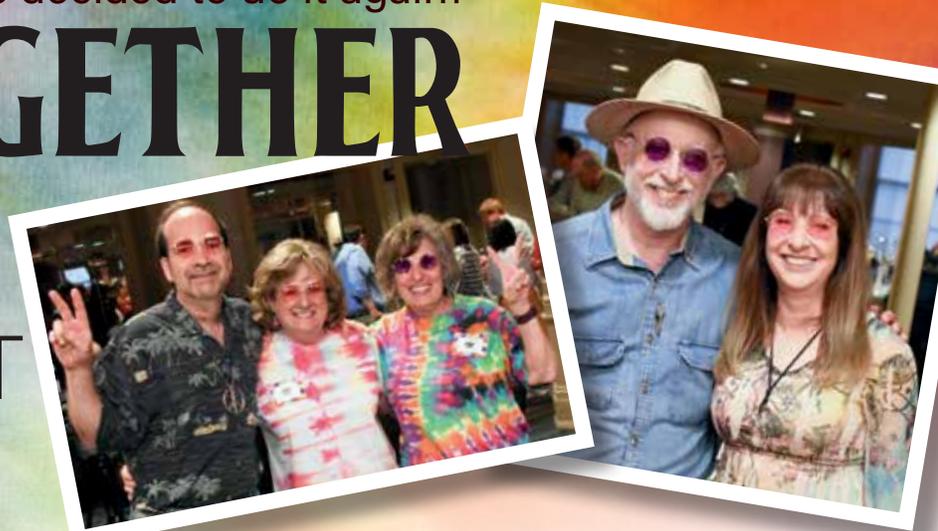
“Our Kulanu class has helped me to look at social action from the Jewish perspective. I've learned to think deeply about why I think what I do. It's super important to have productive conversations with people who have different beliefs from me and to truly listen to them. I've learned how to better explain my positions to others. If we only ever work with people who have the same beliefs, and we only ever talk to people who reinforce what we think, we'll never get anywhere. With how divided our government is today, it's so important to know how to have constructive conversations with people on both sides.”



Last year was such a blast, we decided to do it again!

# COME TOGETHER FOR BEATLES SHABBAT

Meet at the intersection of Abbey Road and Plum Street for a Shabbat service completely set to familiar Beatles melodies.



Many Beatles songs are about coming together, about peace, about love. Sounds a lot like Shabbat, doesn't it?

*Optional: Come dressed in your casual 60's attire.*

**Friday, May 1, 2020**  
**6:30 PM Service | 7:45 PM Dinner**  
**Plum Street Temple**

Service open to the entire adult congregation, but targeted to Empty Nesters and Soon-to-be-Empty Nesters – those whose kids have recently or fairly recently left the nest. And those who did not have kids but are of a similar age (about 49-69).





# the festival of Freedom

Celebrate the Passover season  
which begins Wednesday  
evening, April 8



## **Passover Morning Service**

Thursday, April 9 | 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM  
A meaningful Pesach worship experience.

## **2nd Night Passover Seder for Young Families**

Thursday, April 9 | 5:30 PM – 7:45 PM

For families with children ages 2 through 3rd grade. A night of pre-Seder activities, an interactive Seder, and Passover dinner. Enjoy singing, dancing and fun with your community! Led by Rabbi Karen Thomashow.

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

## **NextGen@Wise Seder**

Thursday, April 9 | 6:30 PM | Plum Street Temple

Celebrate 2nd Night Passover with a great meal and a great community of Jewish young adults. For more information, contact Rabbi Michael Danziger: [MDanziger@wisetemple.org](mailto:MDanziger@wisetemple.org)

## **J.WOOT 678 and WOOTY Passover Celebration**

Thursday, April 16 | 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM

All 6th-12th graders are invited to Passover with WOOTY and J.WOOT 678, in an evening of teen-led celebration.

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

## **Passover Yizkor Service**

Wednesday, April 15 | 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM

Everyone is encouraged to attend this service, which honors the deceased. Yizkor (meaning "may God remember") is our public observance for the community of bereaved.



# a touch of Torah

—by Rabbi Michael Danziger

## It felt like something new

and exciting when over 60 Wise Temple members took a bus up to the state capital in Columbus one Wednesday, last November, to lobby members of the state legislature. Our group was joining with dozens of other Reform Jews from around the state for a lobby day organized by RAC Ohio, our state's branch of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism. This was only RAC Ohio's 2nd lobby day, and last year, a smaller group participated. It felt new and exciting, yes, and at the same time, as old and familiar as Judaism itself.

When Wise members asked members of the State House and Senate to pass meaningful measures to curb gun violence and to reform our criminal justice system to allow for real *t'shuvah* (the repentant change we focus on during the High Holy Days), we were taking the work of Wise's new Civic Engagement team to a new level. We were also joining a tradition that dates to our people's first days, when Abraham petitioned God to reconsider a plan for collective punishment at Sodom and Gomorrah. We were

joining the daughters of Zelophehad, who campaigned before Moses, Aaron, and tribal elders for the rights of women to inherit family holdings. Our members joined with the great Rabbi Hillel, who, nearly two thousand years ago, spearheaded a change to the law that made it possible for the needy to get interest-free loans, while protecting the investments of lenders. It was in relation to these types of rabbinic changes in Jewish law, for the common good and the healthy functioning of society, that the phrase *tikkun olam*, was originally used. That phrase, meaning "repair of the world," has come to describe so many of our efforts to make the world a better place. Those efforts include direct action, such as serving at soup kitchens and housing people in the Wise Family Shelter. Civic Engagement@Wise is a recognition that our efforts should also include addressing systemic and legal issues that lead to unjust or unhealthy realities in our communities.

Led by co-chairs Amy Katz and Jenna Shaifer, CE@Wise presents the chance to live out our Jewish values

by working together – with other Wise Temple members, as well as other organizations – to create systemic change. Currently, CE@Wise is focused on increasing voter participation, reducing gun violence, criminal justice reform, and reproductive rights – issues that were chosen through thoughtful conversation that helped discern what people are passionate about, as well as strategic consideration with government experts and other organizations of where meaningful change is a legitimate possibility. CE@Wise will include educational programs, signature drives, participation in protests, and other passionate work *mipnei tikkun ha'olam* – for the sake of repairing our world.

Judaism's history of spearheading societal change didn't stop with Torah or with Hillel, or even with the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965, which were drafted in the offices of the Religious Action Center. Through Civic Engagement@Wise, we are finding new ways to keep writing that important history.

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PURIM FOR FAMILIES

# PURIM+

The Ultimate LIVE Streaming  
MEGILLAH Experience!

The evening begins with a Purimspiel featuring favorite Disney characters and songs. Put on your mouse ears so you can hear this magical retelling of the Purim story. Wear your favorite Disney costume or any costume you want!

Following the Purimspiel, enjoy a festive dinner right from the Magic Kingdom's concession stands, including hamantaschen, of course!



**Monday, March 9  
5:30 PM**

Creative Family Purimspiel  
followed by  
Fabulous Purim Dinner Party  
Wise Center

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



PURIM FOR ADULTS

AGES 21+



# WILD WEST PURIM

**ULTIMATE COWPOKE PURIM BASH**

**Monday, March 9 | 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM**

Fretboard Brewing Company  
5800 Creek Rd | Cincinnati 45242

Get out your cowboy hat and boots for the rootinest tootinest Purim hoedown this side of the Euphrates! We'll hit the saloon at Fretboard Brewing Company for beer and wine, vittles (that's food for the city folk), and a knee-slappin' retelling of the darndest yarn ever spun - the Megillah!

Saddle up and head on over to Fretboard Brewing Company for more dang fun than you've had in ages!

Get all gussied up in your Western duds - Costumes welcome!

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



YOFI PURIM

# Shababa™ at Wise

## Service and Brunch Party



Following this special YoFi Shababa service, we will celebrate Purim with a full brunch and Purim activities. Dress-up encouraged!

Saturday, March 14 | 10:00 AM

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



## Purim Party

Saturday, March 7

7:00 PM – 10:00 PM

Location to be announced

Join WOOTY for an evening of light, joy, and friendship! We'll celebrate Purim together on this evening of exciting, teen-led programming!

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

# women Thrive @Wise

*A new initiative providing connection for Wise Temple women age 30-55*

Through **Women Thrive@Wise**, you will find an avenue for friendships with other women. Wouldn't it be nice to have some girlfriends through life's crazy ride?

### Cooking Demonstration and Lunch

Thursday, March 5

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM | Turner Farm

Take control of your lunch break and enjoy this cooking demonstration from the chef at Turner Farm, a beautiful working organic farm and education center nestled in the Village of Indian Hill. Share a delicious lunch with other women who get you...who understand you. Cooking tips and tricks and plenty of time for talking and tasting.

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

### Me Time

Tuesday, May 19

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM | Hoppin' Vines

Treat yourself to time for yourself. Cultivate friendships with other Wise Temple women who also need to kick back and do something for themselves. You'll experience one of the fastest growing social activities, duck pin bowling. Also enjoy light bites, wine/beer tasting, fun, and loads of laughs with other women.

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



You make things happen for others, now make this happen for you. *Register now...*

# B'nai Mitzvah



March 7, 2020  
Wise Center, 10:45 AM

Bar Mitzvah of **Parker Ellis**  
son of Michelle and Sheldon Ellis

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April 18, 2020  
Plum Street Temple, 10:45 AM

Bar Mitzvah of **Daniel Joseph Kleinman**  
son of Brian and Katie Kleinman

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March 14, 2020  
Plum Street Temple, 10:45 AM

Bat Mitzvah of **Mari Lukin Dagenbach**  
daughter of Andrea Lukin and  
Joseph Dagenbach, granddaughter  
of Marcia and Robert Lukin

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May 2, 2020  
Plum Street Temple, 10:45 AM

Bat Mitzvah of **Molly Jane Locaputo**  
daughter of  
Heather and Drew Locaputo

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March 21, 2020  
Plum Street Temple, 10:45 AM

Bat Mitzvah of **Carly Kerstine**  
daughter of Liz and Brian Kerstine,  
granddaughter of Dr. Richard and  
Mona Kerstine

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May 9, 2020  
Wise Center, 10:45 AM

Bat Mitzvah of **Rebecca Petty**  
daughter of Lisa Petty and  
Andrew Petty

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March 28, 2020  
Plum Street Temple, 10:45 AM

Bar Mitzvah of **Zach Hertzman**  
son of Craig and Emily Hertzman,  
grandson of Stan and  
Glenda Hertzman, Lois Hertzman

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May 16, 2020  
Plum Street Temple, 10:45 AM

Bar Mitzvah of **Jacob Corey Zollett**  
son of Stephanie Cable and  
Ryan Zollett

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April 4, 2020  
Wise Center, 10:45 AM

Bar Mitzvah of **David Aaron Brownlee**  
son of Karen and John Brownlee

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May 23, 2020  
Wise Center, 10:45 AM

Bat Mitzvah of **Hayden Leah Zimmerman**, daughter of Susan  
and Ron Zimmerman, granddaughter  
of Marion Rosenbaum, Esther and  
Ernie Zimmerman

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# Holidays

## Erev Purim

Monday, March 9

See pages 10 – 11 for details on events for adults and kids.

## Erev Passover

Wednesday, April 8

See page 8 for details.

## Passover Morning Service

Thursday, April 9

9:30 AM – 10:30 AM

## 2nd Night Passover Seder for Young Families

Thursday, April 9

5:30 PM – 7:45 PM

## NextGen@Wise 2nd Seder

Thursday, April 9

6:30 PM – 9:30 PM

Plum Street Temple

## WOOTY and J.WOOT 678 Passover Event

Thursday, April 16

4:00 PM – 7:00 PM

## Passover Yizkor Service

Wednesday, April 15

9:30 AM – 10:30 AM

## Erev Shavuot service and Shavuot Sensation

Thursday, May 28

Service: 7:00 PM – 7:45 PM

Shavuot Sensation Learning

Session and Dessert:

7:45 PM – 8:45 PM

See page 25 for details.

## Shavuot Morning – Yizkor

Friday, May 29

9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

# Worship Services

## Shabbat Evening Services

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

## MARCH

- 6 Shabbat service
- 6 Family Shabbat  
6:00 PM Shabbat dinner;  
6:45 PM service

- 13 Shabbat service
- 13 NextGen@Wise Shabbat  
6:30 PM | Plum Street Temple
- 20 Shabbat service
- 27 Shabbat service with birthday and anniversary blessings

## APRIL

- 3 Shabbat service
- 3 Family Shabbat  
6:00 PM Shabbat dinner;  
6:45 PM service
- 10 Shabbat service
- 10 Marriage Reconsecration service and dessert reception  
See page 26 for details.
- 17 Shabbat service
- 17 Healing Shabbat service  
See page 25 for details.
- 24 Shabbat service with birthday and anniversary blessings
- 24 Musical Shabbat service  
See page 25 for details.

## MAY

- 1 Shabbat service
- 1 Family Shabbat with Hebrew Connect students  
6:00 PM Shabbat dinner;  
6:45 PM service
- 1 Beatles Shabbat service  
6:30 PM | Plum Street Temple  
See page 7 for details.
- 8 Shabbat service
- 8 Limmud Shabbat service  
See page 25 for details.
- 8 NextGen@Wise Shabbat  
6:30 PM | Plum Street Temple
- 15 Shabbat service with Graduation Recognition
- 22 Shabbat service
- 29 Shabbat service with birthday and anniversary blessings
- 29 Shabbat service with Confirmation Blessings  
8:15 PM | Plum Street Temple

## Shabbat Morning Services

### Saturdays at Wise Center

9:30 AM service

10:45 AM Torah study

March 7, 14, 21, 28

April 4, 11, 18, 25

May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

## YoFI Shababa Services

2nd and 4th Saturdays, 10:00 AM

March 14\*, 28 | April 11, 25 | May 9, 23

### \*YoFI Purim Shababa and Shabbat Service and Brunch Party

See page 11 for details.

## 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

March 12 | May 14

### Lighthouse Youth Services Dinner

Thursday, March 19

5:30 PM – 7:00 PM | Offsite

### Lag B'Omer Bonfire

Monday, May 11

7:00 PM – 10:00 PM

For Brotherhood members and prospective Brotherhood members only.

## Community

### Confirmation Service

Saturday, May 30

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Plum Street Temple

### Guitar Circle

Thursdays, 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

March 5 | April 16 | May 7

### Adult Wild West Purim

Monday, March 9

7:00 PM – 10:00 PM

See page 10 for details.

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**Adult Shabbat Dinner and Wine Tasting**

Friday, March 20 | 7:15 PM  
See page 24 for details.

**Marriage Reconsecration and Dessert Reception**

Friday, April 10  
Service: 6:15 PM – 7:15 PM  
Dessert reception: 7:15 PM – 8:30 PM  
See page 26 for details.

**CSO Artist in Residence Guy Braunstein Concert**

Thursday, April 16 | 7:30 PM – 9:30 PM  
Plum Street Temple  
See page 26 for details.

**HUC Ordination**

Saturday, May 23  
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
Plum Street Temple

**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/twt

**Jews as Stewards of Creation**

Libby Fisher  
March 3, 10

The need to take care of our environment is not only a 21st century concern! During these sessions, we will explore how Jewish tradition has dealt with environmental issues throughout history and discuss what it says to us about our role today.

**The Talmud of Relationships**

Rabbi Karen Thomashow  
March 17, 24, 31

Relationships are those connections we have with other people and with a whole host of other “things.” For example, how do we “relate” to suffering, to prayer, to balancing our family and our work obligations? This class is inspired by a new two-volume set by the same name (The

Talmud of Relationships). For those who have never studied Talmud before, this class will be taught entirely using English sources. However, those who have studied the Talmud before will also find this enriching. Other topics include honoring our parents, creating consensus in community, and caring for the poor.

**Jews and Judaism in English Literature**

Courtney Anthony  
April 7, 21

Since the Middle Ages, many famous authors have featured Jewish characters in their writing. We will explore the positive and negative ways Jews and Judaism are portrayed in works by Chaucer, Shakespeare, Marlowe, Scott, and Dickens. Our time together will allow for an overview of the literature, and hopefully inspire you to continue exploring it on your own!

**The Stranger Among Us and What that Teaches Us About Our Values**

Rabbi Lewis Kamrass  
April 28, May 5, 12

Since the earliest days of Torah, Judaism has advanced significant teachings and texts about the stranger, the orphan, the widow, the fatherless- any vulnerable group that might be considered at risk in society. What are the values imbued by these texts, and how do they shape and challenge our views and ethical imperative today toward refugees, the poor, and other minorities? Rabbi Kamrass will lead us in learning of texts and in conversation that will consider where do our religious texts guide us and where do they goad us.

**A Mixed Multitude: The Jewish Call to Racial Justice**

Rabbi Lindsey Danziger  
May 19, 26

We will look at our texts and the demographic trends of American Jewry for this examination of race, diversity and inclusion in the Jewish community. As we discuss the Jewish mandate to help bring about racial justice in the world, we will have the chance to explore our own role in bringing about racial justice in the Jewish community.

**Civil Discourse Seminar**

**Mondays, 5:15 PM – 6:30 PM**  
March 2, April 6

RSVP: wisetemple.org/adulteducation or wisetemple.org/civildiscourse

**Rabbinic Concepts of the Beit Midrash Way**

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. There are five classes and their topics range from “Meet or Refuse to Meet?” to “Fear War or Trust Peace?” to “Fake News or Uncovering Truth?” Only two sessions remain! Rabbis Kamrass and Thomashow will co-teach this course.

### Talmud and Rabbinic Judaism Class

**Tuesdays, 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM**

**RSVP:** wisetemple.org/adulteducation or wisetemple.org/talmudstudy  
 Rabbi Lewis Kamrass  
 March 17, April 14, May 12

The ancient rabbis completely reshaped biblical Judaism to respond to new needs and to changing times. Their work through the centuries sets the foundation for the Judaism we practice and follow. Come learn Talmud, Midrash and other areas of their creative, intellectual and spiritual genius that shapes who we are as Jews today. Join with Rabbi Kamrass once each month for a class that will open your eyes to the enduring richness of Jewish ideas and practice and to their origin. While no prior knowledge is required, bring curiosity, questions and a desire to learn deeply.

### Israel Salon

**Thursdays, 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM**

**RSVP:** wisetemple.org/adulteducation or wisetemple.org/israelsalon  
 March 19

In recent years, complex issues in the political arena of Israel and its governments have caused some people to feel ambivalence or to disengage in their relationship to Israel. However, our bonds to Israel are much deeper than any political issue. Our lives as Jews throughout the world have been significantly transformed by cultural influences within Israel. The founding of the Modern State of Israel has included several meaningful ideas. From “the new Jew” to the “gathering of diverse Jews” to “a literary haven” to “a start-up nation,” great leaders have contributed much rich content to the development of our homeland and to all of Jewish life. This last session of the Israel Salon will include an accessible conversation led by our rabbis, bookended by the Israeli culture of tea/coffee and music offered by Lior Zoref, Israeli musician and educator.

### Downtown Lunch and Learn

**11:45 AM – 1:00 PM**

1 East Fourth Street, 14th Floor  
 Optional lunch available.

**RSVP:** wisetemple.org/adulteducation or wisetemple.org/lunchandlearn

#### The Poetry of Yehuda Amichai

Rabbi Karen Thomashow  
 March 12

Israeli Poet Yehuda Amichai is given the distinction of having been the greatest poet of the modern State. His poetry reflects his struggle with faith and politics, his attachment to his homeland, and his evolution of identity. This class explores a number of Israeli topics through the medium of the language arts.

#### Honesty, Truth, Lies and the Power of Words

Rabbi Lewis Kamrass  
 April 30

Our tradition considers the power of words with great urgency. In a cultural landscape where words are cheap, truth is elastic, and even debased, this session with Rabbi Kamrass will examine important Jewish texts and teaching about honesty, lies (when such speech is both prohibited and permitted), and the power of our words to shape character and reputation.

### Mussar Yoga

**RSVP:** wisetemple.org/adulteducation

#### Mussar Yoga Shabbat Experience

Dianne Benmayor  
 Saturdays, 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM  
 March 7, 14, 21, 28

Mussar Yoga blends the practices of two spiritual ancient wisdom traditions. The Jewish practice of Mussar (self-study) and the physical practice of Yoga. Each week we will study and practice Middot (character traits). No prior experience necessary. All levels of physical ability welcome. Bring a yoga mat if you'd like: not required.

### Empty Nesters

Temple Office: 513.793.2556  
 wisetemple.org/emptynest

#### Adult Wild West Purim

Monday, March 9  
 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM  
 See page 10 for details.

#### Beatles Shabbat

Friday, May 1 | 6:30 PM  
 Plum Street Temple  
 See page 7 for details

#### Empty Nest Hikes

Sunday, March 22 | 10:00 AM  
 Sunday, April 19 | 10:00 AM  
 Sunday, May 17 | 2:00 PM

Get away from it all, get some exercise, and get back to nature with other empty nesters who share a love of the great outdoors.  
 Location details to follow.

### Families

513-793-2997  
 wisetemple.org/familyengagement

#### Family Shabbat

First Friday of each month  
 6:00 PM Shabbat dinner;  
 6:45 PM service  
 March 6 | April 3 | May 1

#### Family Retreat

Saturday, February 29 –  
 Sunday, March 1  
 Great Wolf Lodge, Mason

#### Purim+ Family Celebration

Monday, March 9  
 5:30 PM – 7:45 PM  
 See page 10 for details.

#### Parents' Night Out

Saturday, April 18  
 Check website for more information.  
**RSVP:** wisetemple.org/NightOut

#### Wise Safety Day with Refugee Connect

Saturday, April 25  
 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM  
**Register:** wisetemple.org/SafetyDay

#### End of School Year Picnic

Sponsored by Brotherhood  
 Sunday, May 17  
 11:45 AM – 1:30 PM  
 Immediately following  
 Religious School.

**Religious School**

Sundays 9:15 AM – 11:45 AM  
 March 1, 8, 29  
 April 5, 19, 26  
 May 3, 17

**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  
 March 14\*, 28 | April 11, 25 | May 9, 23

**\*YoFI Purim Shababa and Shabbat Service and Brunch Party**

Saturday, March 14  
 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM  
 See page 11 for details.

**3s Classes**

Sundays, 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM  
 March 1 | April 5, 19 | May 3

**YoFI Challah Bakeshop**

Thursdays, 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM  
 April 2

This Challah Workshop is for our youngest children and a parent, led by our baker Rebecca. It includes making challah, eating a yummy dinner, and an optional craft if time permits. You will take home two Challahs! This event is free, but space is limited, so you knead to register by the day before (or until the kitchen is filled).

Register: [wisetemple.org/BakeshopApril2](http://wisetemple.org/BakeshopApril2)

**Open Room - Grade 3**

**Family Programs**

Sundays, 9:30 AM – 11:45 AM  
 3rd Grade | April 5

**Grades 4-5**

**Family Programs**

Sundays, 9:30 AM – 11:45 AM  
 5th Grade | April 19  
 4th Grade | April 26

**4th and 5th Grades Social Event**

Sunday, April 5 | 11:45 AM – 2:15 PM  
 Rockquest, Sharonville  
 All 4th and 5th graders are invited to an afternoon of rock climbing  
 Register: [wisetemple.org/rockquest](http://wisetemple.org/rockquest)

**Grades 6 - 8**

**NFTY-OV JYG Kallah**

Grades 6 – 8  
 Friday, February 28 – Sunday, March 1 (Away)

**WOOTY and J.WOOT 678 Passover Event**

Thursday, April 16  
 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM  
 See page 8 for details.

**J.WOOT 678 Kings Island Lock-In**

Friday, May 15, 6:00 PM –  
 Saturday, May 16, 8:00 PM

**Grades 9 - 12**

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

**Kulanu**

Sundays, 5:30 PM – 7:10 PM classes  
 Optional dinner 5:00 PM  
 Valley Temple  
 March 1, 8, 15  
 April 5, 19, 26

**WOOTY Purim Party**

Saturday, March 7  
 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM  
 See page 11 for details.

**NFTY-OV Spring Kallah**

Grades 9 –12  
 Thursday, April 2 – Sunday April 5  
 \*Location TBD\*

**WOOTY and J.WOOT 678 Passover Event**

Thursday, April 16  
 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM  
 See page 8 for details.

**WOOTY Elections**

Sunday, May 3  
 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

**WOOTY Installations and Havdalah**

Saturday, May 9  
 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

**NextGen@Wise**

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

**Shabbat Services**

2nd Fridays of the month  
 6:30 PM, Plum Street Temple  
 March 13 | May 8

**Study/Sip**

Tuesday, April 29 | 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM  
 Offsite

**Sisterhood**

Cara Alpern, President  
[cbalpern@yahoo.com](mailto:cbalpern@yahoo.com)  
[wisetemple.org/sisterhood](http://wisetemple.org/sisterhood)

**Board Meeting**

Tuesday, March 31 | 4:00 PM – 5:45 PM  
 Thursday, May 7 | 4:00 PM – 5:45 PM

**A Delicious Afternoon**

Doscher's Candy and Tea Room  
 Wednesday, March 11  
 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM  
 See page 17 for details.

**Ladies' Night Out**

Brown Dog Cafe  
 Thursday, April 23  
 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM  
 See page 17 for details.

**Evening in OTR**

Candle Lab and dinner at A Tavola  
 Monday, May 18  
 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM  
 See page 17 for details.

**Mah Jongg**

Thursdays, 11:00 AM  
 Sherri Tieger: 513-821-8881;  
[sherritieger@gmail.com](mailto:sherritieger@gmail.com)

**WiseGen**

Alex Burte: 513-793-2556  
[aburte@wisetemple.org](mailto:aburte@wisetemple.org)  
[wisetemple.org/wisegen](http://wisetemple.org/wisegen)

**Adult Wild West Purim**

Monday, March 9  
 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM  
 See page 10 for details.

**TV Flashback Party**

Saturday, May 16 | 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM  
 See page 24 for details

**WiseUP – Social Action Projects**

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

**Wise Family Shelter**

A Partner with IHN  
Sunday, March 1 – Sunday, March 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)

**Sweet Cheeks Diaper Bank**

Saturday, April 4 | 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM  
1400 State Avenue

Sweet Cheeks Diaper Bank partners with local social service agencies to provide diapers to low-income families. Help put orders together, unpack and organize shipments, and count inventory. Age 12+

**Women Thrive @ Wise**

Temple Office: 513-793-2556  
[wisetemple.org/womenthrive](http://wisetemple.org/womenthrive)

**Cooking Demonstration and Lunch**

Turner Farm, Indian Hill  
Thursday, March 5 | 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM  
See page 11 for details.

**Me Time**

Hoppin' Vines, Kenwood  
Tuesday, May 19 | 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM  
See page 11 for details.

**Miscellaneous**

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

**Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting**

Tuesdays and Thursdays | 5:30 PM

# Celebrate Spring

with Sisterhood

**A Delicious Afternoon**

Doscher's Candy and Tea Room  
Wednesday, March 11  
11:00 PM – 2:00 PM  
6926 Main St, Cincinnati 45244

We have Claus Doscher to thank for bringing handcrafted candy canes and the famous French Chew to Cincinnati. Enjoy a behind the scenes tour of the factory followed by a full lunch and tea. Tour includes candy samples. Lunch of tea sandwiches, quiche, scones, dipped strawberries, tea breads, pastries and Tea Forte teas.

RSVP by March 4th:  
[wisetemple.org/doscherscandy](http://wisetemple.org/doscherscandy)

**Ladies Night Out**

Brown Dog Café  
Thursday, April 23 | 6:00 PM  
Summit Park, Blue Ash

A casual evening of food, friends, and fun. Outdoor spring-time dining (if weather permits). After dinner, take the elevator to the top of Summit Park's Observation Tower to see downtown Cincinnati, Mount Rumpke and Top Golf!

RSVP by Monday, April 20 to:  
Amanda Rosenberg at  
[amandacroenberg@gmail.com](mailto:amandacroenberg@gmail.com).

**An Evening in OTR**

Candlemaking at Candle Lab  
followed by Dinner at A Tavola  
Monday, May 18 | 6:00 PM

The evening kicks off at The Candle Lab in OTR. While our candles are setting, we will take a short walk to A Tavola for a night of great food and conversation. Candles will be picked up and taken home that evening.

RSVP by Friday, May 15 to: Lisa Cooper  
at [lisacooper214@gmail.com](mailto:lisacooper214@gmail.com).

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## Mazel Tov to...

### Engagements

**Sue and Steve Lipson** on the engagement of their daughter, **Esther Lipson** on the engagement of her granddaughter, Lauren Lipson to Fabrice Lesaffre.

**Ann and Neil Wasserman** on the engagement of their son, Mark Bernstein to Rachel Hirsch.

**Elaine and Richard Brown** on the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Brown to Brad Menard.

**Lew Epstein** on the engagement of his daughter, and **Sara Rollman and Dr. Jeffrey Schneider** on the engagement of their daughter, Danielle Epstein to Danny Scher.

### Weddings

**Ellen and Corky Steiner** on the marriage of their son, Joey Steiner to Jess Stewart.

**Rachel Levine and Steph Schroeder** on their marriage.

**Carolyn and Howard Wetzler** on the marriage of their daughter, Elana Wetzler to Daltin Loomis.

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

**Nancy and Charlie Postow** on the wedding of their son, Jeff Postow to Lauren Albrecht.

**Ann and Neil Wasserman** on the marriage of their daughter, Lauren Bernstein to Sean McGill.

**Jann and Dr. Jim Greenberg** on the marriage of their daughter, Emily Greenberg to Josh Breger.

### Births

**Arlette and Andy Mellman**, and **Margie and Chuck Kessel** on the birth of their grandson, and **Bobbie Silver** on the birth of her great grandson, Michael "Mick" Jack Kessel.

**Pat and Morry Passer** on the birth of their great granddaughter, Lyla Shirit Wolchok Krieger.

**Dian and Thom Deutsch** on the birth of their granddaughter, Atlas Rose Mackey.

**Ida Schwartz** on the birth of her great grandson, Noah Ion Reitman.

**Laurah and Rick Lukin** on the birth of their son, **Mrs. Marcia and Dr. Robert Lukin** on the birth of their grandson, Henri Melrose Emmett Lukin.

**Susan and Dr. Fred Melowsky** on the birth of their grandson, Zane Maverick Melowsky.

**Nancy and Howard Weinberg** on the birth of their granddaughter, Charlotte Esther Lieberman.

## Condolences to...

**Dr. Jeffrey Sussman** on the death of his father, Marvin Sussman.

**Jody and Jeff Lazarow** on the death of her father, Dr. Irving S. Silverstein.

**Amy Schur and Steve Albert** on the death of his father, **Herschel Albert** on the death of his grandfather, David Albert.

**Stacy and David Roth** on the death of his father, **Alex and Daniel Roth** on the death of their grandfather, Richard Roth.

**Polly Stein** on the death of her husband, **Jen and Jon Stein** on the death of his father, **Peter, Katie and Michael Stein** on the death of their grandfather, Jacob Stein.

**Caryn and Dr. Dennis Baum** on the death of his sister, Barbara Vergith.

The Family of **Paula Holstein**.

The Family of **B. David Fish**.

**Barbara Williams** on the death of her husband, Mark Williams.

**Nancy Goldhagen** on the death of her mother, Frances Victor.

**Amy and Alan Immerman** on the death of his mother, **Jennifer and Steve Immerman** on the death of his mother, and **Andrew and Benjamin Immerman** on the death of their grandmother, Rebecca Immerman.

The family of **Bertha Shaw**.

**Nancy Goldberg** on the death of her sister, Natalie Barnicle.

**Michael Kessler** on the death of his wife, Mary Ann Kessler.

**Sharon and Ted Kleymeyer** on the death of her father, Nelson S. Glueck.

**Gladys Rosenblum and Rabbi Jonathan Hecht** on the death of his mother, Lily Hecht.

**Tara and Ross Vigran** on the death of her father, and **Ben, Hannah, Noah & Olivia Vigran** on the death of their grandfather, James Barber.

**Allyson and Jeremy Richards** on the death of her father, **Alexis and Michael Wintrob** on the death of his father, **Alex and Jami Richards** and **Zoe and Anna Wintrob** on the death of their grandfather, Joseph Wintrob.



# LIVING OUR JEWISH VALUES

Horror, outrage, grief. The impact of having congregants who lost a family member in the Parkland shooting in February, 2018 was a powerful impetus in the creation of the Civic Engagement (CE@Wise) program. Amy Katz was one of several congregants who wanted to do something concrete in response. At Rabbi Kamrass' suggestion, Amy contacted Jenna Shaifer and they decided to form a steering committee which included Amy, Jenna (co-chairs), Terry Susskind, Marcy Kanter, and Rabbi Kamrass.

"We convened listening sessions and invited congregants to talk to us about gun violence and other issues that concerned them at both the local and state levels," Amy says. "There wasn't just one issue we could galvanize around. A lot of issues were raised, and the most frequently mentioned were

**“Our presence in Columbus proves our sincere belief in democratic processes.”**

—LOUIS CLAYBON

**“My reasons for involvement are but an extension of a lifetime of awareness and concern regarding what goes on in our world.”**

—TERRY SUSSKIND

increasing voter participation; reducing gun violence; criminal justice reform; and securing reproductive rights for women." These concerns were in alignment with issues identified by RAC (Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism) Ohio.

"We want CE@Wise to be multi-generational and non-partisan. And we want our efforts to provide engagement with issues that are important to our

On March 24, 2018, Wise Temple participated in Cincinnati's March for Our Lives, concurrent with the Washington D.C. student-led demonstration supporting legislation to prevent gun violence in the United States (prompted by the Parkland shooting). Next was a city-wide "get out the vote" initiative organized by Rabbi Lindsey Danziger of RAC Ohio. Then, on November 13, 2019, over 60 Wise Temple congregants engaged in



**“WHEN people of faith show up en masse and speak about our values it changes the conversation and our representatives listen.”**

—RABBI LINDSEY DANZIGER

congregants and that also deepen engagement with each other," Amy explains. Congregants have engaged so far to: register voters, participate in marches, lobby legislators, plan educational programs on social problems, and collect signatures to support pending legislation. The CE@Wise steering committee zeros in on how best to engage congregants on the issues that matter to them and creates opportunities that have the potential to influence outcomes. The committee is creating a calendar including marches and other events "to build a community of people who rely on us and on each other to inform, connect, and influence system change. CE@Wise offers congregants another way to express their Jewish values," says Amy.

the state-wide RAC Ohio Lobby Day at the Columbus Statehouse.

The agenda included networking with Reform Jews from across Ohio; briefing on Ohio's state level political system and how to act strategically; and learning about and advocating for two issues (gun violence prevention and criminal justice reform) in front of elected representatives. The slate of speakers included Dr. Abbie Youkulis, Wise Temple congregant and aunt of Jaime Guttenberg, one of the murdered students at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. Abbie noted: "Gun violence is not pancreatic cancer. We know the cure."

# Wise at work &



Empty Nesters caught fowling around...again!



We stirred, served, and smiled at the Shelter House & City Gospel Mission.



# play!

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

WiseGeners enjoyed a crisp Sukkot hike.



We made yummy challahs to take home from the YoFI Bakeshop



Family Shabbat Game Night made us laugh!



NextGen@Wise made cozy blankets to comfort kids in distress.



We illuminated our chapel during Chanukah services and had a luau-style dinner and fun.

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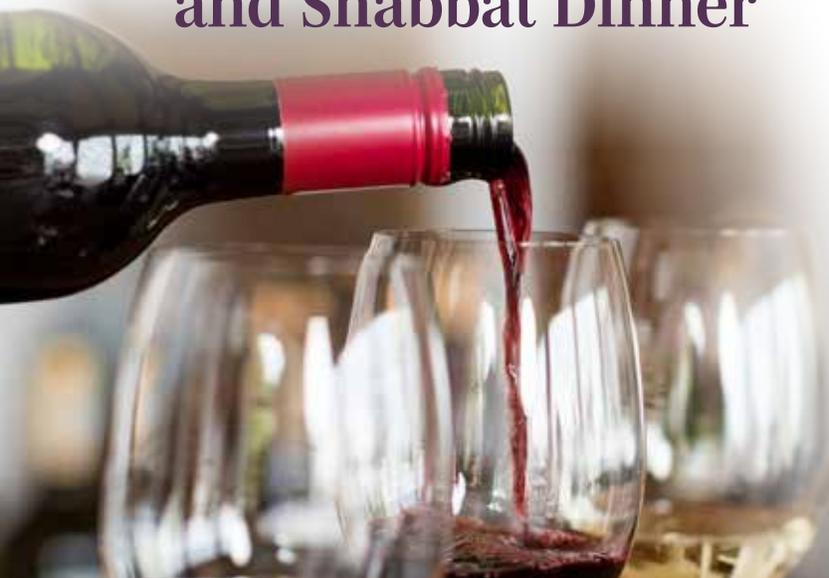
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# A Winning Combination!

Enjoy great food, great wine and great friendships at the

## Adult Wine Tasting and Shabbat Dinner



Friday, March 20 | 7:15 PM

- Liven up your post-Shabbat evening.
- Enjoy the company of friends old and new.
- Taste wines from Israel and other parts of the world, all with a Jewish connection.
- An interactive, informal, informative and fun evening.
- Savor a delicious dinner paired with the perfect wines.
- Raffle winners will go home with a tasty bottle of their own!

Engage your palate and your mind as Dr. Jim Greenberg, congregant and wine connoisseur, explains each wine's unique story and flavor.

Dr. Jim Greenberg, Wise Temple's Sommelier.



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

# TV Flashback Party

Saturday, May 16  
6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

Flashback to the commercials and shows of your childhood at this unique year-end party. Adjust your rabbit ears and tune in for this hysterical walk down memory lane. Swap stories of your favorite sitcoms, product jingles, and cartoons. Includes dinner, laughs, and fellowship.

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# Celebrate Shavuot: God's Gift of the Torah



Rabbi Jonathan Hecht

## Erev Shavuot Service and Shavuot Sensation

Thursday, May 28

Service: 7:00 PM – 7:45 PM

Shavuot Sensation Learning Session and Dessert: 7:45 PM – 8:45 PM

Presenter: Rabbi Jonathan Hecht, Dean of the Cincinnati Campus of Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion

In the Ten Commandments we read: "I the Lord your God am an impassioned God, visiting the guilt of the parents upon the children, upon the third and fourth generations..." Can we really get behind the idea that God punishes future generations because of our sin, or that we are being punished for the sins of our ancestors? Join Rabbi Hecht as he takes us on a fascinating journey through the Bible's own internal commentary on the issue of self-critique and the possibility of Teshuvah (repentance).

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

**Enjoy**  
these alternative services  
which offer refreshing ways  
to celebrate Shabbat.

### Healing Shabbat

Friday, April 17 | 6:15 PM

Rabbi Karen Thomashow weaves in a number of readings, meditations, musical prayers, and more on the theme of personal and communal healing. If you are in need of healing, if a loved one is in need of your healing prayers, and/or if you wish to support others in their healing, please carve out this hour of Shabbat.

### Musical Shabbat

Friday, April 24 | 6:15 PM

In our Shabbat evening worship, we are reminded to "Sing a new song unto God." At this special Shabbat service, that's exactly what we'll do. In fact, it may be just about all we do! Join Rabbi Danziger for this melodic way to end the regular rhythm of the week and welcome the harmony of the Sabbath day.

### Limmud Shabbat

Friday, May 8 | 6:15 PM

This Shabbat examines Biblical ideas about generational poverty and contemporary Jewish values. How did our Scriptures and sages offer warning about enduring poverty in a society, and how can those values help us explore the issues debated today? Our Jewish teachings root us to ancient values to help us understand the rhetoric of political debate and dissension.

*Limmud (Learning) Shabbat services focus half of our time on studying together. With Rabbi Kamrass, we explore a topic or theme that enhances Shabbat through learning, enrichment, and timeless Jewish values. Our Limmud Shabbat service provides the ideal combination of community, prayer and study to deepen the Shabbat celebration.*



# Say "I Do" All Over Again

"Set me as a seal upon thy heart, as a seal upon thy arm, for love is strong as death... Many waters cannot quench love, nor can the floods drown it..."

- Song of Songs 8:6 - 7



## Marriage Reconsecration Service and Dessert Reception

**Friday, April 10**

Service: 6:15 PM - 7:15 PM

Dessert Reception: 7:15 PM - 8:30 PM

Are you celebrating a special anniversary this year? You can renew your vows and strengthen your bonds by reconsecrating your marriage if you are married 10 years or more (in multiples of 5). Gather on the bimah during the service and recite your vows to one another. Invite loved ones to be part of this moving celebration. Bring in your wedding photo to share what the beginning of your life together looked like!

## Israeli violinist *Guy Braunstein* performs free concert at Plum Street Temple



**Free tickets**  
available at  
[cincinnati-symphony.org](http://cincinnati-symphony.org)

**April 16, 2020 | 7:30 PM**

Braunstein, youngest-ever person to become concertmaster of Berlin Philharmonic is Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra's Artist in Residence for the 2019 - 2020 season. During his stay he performs as both soloist and conductor of the CSO. Don't miss this opportunity to witness a truly world-class musician whose playing reveals "the soul of a poet" (*Birmingham Post*) in one of the most beautiful settings in Cincinnati. Braunstein's violin will fill Plum Street Temple to the rafters with his exquisite virtuosity.

# EYES WIDE OPEN

**When Marcy Kanter** was a young mother, her life revolved around her family, her volunteer efforts at the temple (mostly with the Sisterhood), her wardrobe consulting business, and her involvement in her children's schools. "I lived in this little Jewish suburban mom bubble. It took up all my time. I felt like I could trust elected officials. Even if I didn't vote for them, I felt they would do the right thing. Once my kids were in college, it was a real eye opener to discover that the next generation was getting involved in the election process and was actually excited about certain candidates."

One of her first civic engagement activities occurred when she and other family members and friends participated in the 2017 Women's March in Washington D.C. to support the message that women's rights are human rights. Marcy realized that many diverse groups saw the march as an opportunity to speak up for causes that were important to them, including climate change, healthcare, antisemitism, common sense gun laws, and reproductive rights. "It was eye opening to see all these people united in one cause – our cause was for change," she observed. Many messages at the march impressed her, and one she has committed to heart: "I am no longer accepting the things I cannot change. I am changing the things I cannot accept." It was an energizing experience to share the passion of millions of people across the country and the planet have to make the world a better place.

In 2018, she participated in The March for Our Lives with her adult children in New York City and was impressed and heartened by the sight of so many young people standing up for their safety and futures.

Marcy also joined two activist groups working on making change through local elections, so she was already highly engaged when she was invited to attend the RAC (Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism) Consultation of Conscience in Washington D.C. with Amy Katz, where they witnessed many congregations who had brought large contingents to the event. It inspired them both to come back to Wise Temple and work with Rabbi Lindsey Danziger on the listening sessions and the Lobby Day planning committee. Marcy was elated when they were able to fill an entire bus with Wise Temple congregants eager to attend Lobby Day in Columbus.

Some of the things Marcy has taken away from her involvement in these events is that numbers matter, enthusiasm is important, and there is no quick fix for societal issues. "I learned from the Women's March that numbers are important. Larger groups of people make a statement, and it's good for the morale of participants. We hope to have trainings, panels and informational programs to educate Civic Engagement participants. It's a very different process from going to a soup kitchen and spending a few hours making and serving food. That's important, but Civic Engagement requires a different type of volunteering. It requires ongoing commitment and understanding that big societal issues can't be solved overnight."

"It's rewarding to be involved in projects that provide opportunities to make systemic changes. When I asked some friends to come to Lobby Day, they agreed, and thanked me. They said they were tired of sitting at home at night yelling at their TV but not doing anything," Marcy says with a smile.



Below: Marcy and her family took part in the 2018 March for Our Lives in New York City, the sibling event of the march in Washington D.C. the same day.

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# THERE'S A PURIM PARTY FOR EVERYONE!

Don't miss the Purimspiels, costumes, food and fun!

**Teens**  
WOOTY Purim Party | Saturday, March 7

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Purim + | Monday, March 9

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