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— HIGH HOLY DAYS 2018/5779

WE MAKE MEANING AND **CHANGE THE WORLD**



Living the Dream with Rabbi Yoshi Zweiback



Dear friends,

It's shocking. Right there at the very beginning of one of our Bible's sacred texts we read: "Utter futility! Everything is pointless! What's the purpose of all of our toil, of all of our labor?"

It's from the Book of Ecclesiastes, known in Hebrew as *Kohelet*, and it's the most cynical, surprising book in the Hebrew Scriptures. Nothing ever changes, argues its author, from generation to generation it's always the same. As he puts it, "There is nothing new under the sun!"

The 20th century rabbi and commentator, Eliezer Davidovits, pushes back on *Kohelet's* claim. "In relationships," Rabbi Davidovits teaches, "we discover the 'new.' The paradigm for this is marriage—two individuals come together and create something new: a family."

The antidote to *Kohelet's* cynicism can be found through loving human interactions. In friendship, in love, we discover life's purpose. In relationship, we are liberated from the monotony, the sameness, of the world of the self.

I have found this to be the case throughout my life. New ways of thinking, new ways of experiencing, and creative endeavors like composing music or developing a program have, for me, always been made possible through a collaborative process involving the

input, support, and energy of others.

What is true in our personal interactions is equally true on a communal level. The creative capacity of Stephen Wise Temple and Schools depends upon the combined energy, wisdom, and passion of its membership.

This *kehilla kedosha*, this sacred community, needs **your** participation, **your** ideas, **your** energy, and **your** *neshamot* (souls). Together, we will create all sorts of amazing, extraordinary, innovative, and "new things under the sun" that will fill our lives and our world with meaning and purpose.

L'shanah tovah u'metuka!

In his message, Rabbi Yoshi writes about the Wise value of

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*Learn more about the Wise
Way Forward on pages 16-17.*

What You Need to Know

Stephen Wise Temple Campus

 **Parking:** On-site plus additional parking at American Jewish University Lots 3 and 4 with shuttles provided. Street parking on Casiano Road. Accessible valet parking with valid decal available.

 **Comfort Room:** Enjoy a quiet space for you and your infant or toddler who may need a little break from services (which will be streamed on our big screen.) Located in the hallway between Westwood Sanctuary and Plotkin Chapel.

 **Family Offerings:** Child care and Days of Awesome (new enhanced programming) are available on our campus.

Bel Air Church

 **Parking:** On-site with additional parking across the street and shuttles provided. Accessible parking with valid decal available.

 **Comfort Room:** Enjoy a comfortable area just behind the sanctuary where you and your infant or toddler can relax while still hearing services clearly.

 **Family Offerings:** Child care is available.

Skirball Cultural Center

 **Comfort Room:** Enjoy a comfortable area just off the foyer where you and your infant or toddler can relax and take a break.

Important Notes for All Venues

 **Rideshare:** Drop-off and pick-up spots located at all venues. Security and our signage will direct you.

 **Lost and Found:** All items recovered will be brought to the main Wise campus (no items will be left at Skirball Center or Bel Air Church.)

 SOVA bags will be available on Rosh Hashanah. Please fill them with your non-perishable food donations and return on Yom Kippur Day.

 As mentioned above, complimentary child care and Days of Awesome are offered as kid-friendly activities (see pages 6-7 for more info!)

 In case you miss one, all of our clergy members' sermons will be available on our web site for viewing. Please visit **WiseLA.org/Sermons** to watch them all.

 This year, instead of purchasing Israel Bonds during services, we will offer a chance to purchase them at a special event on February 28, 2019. See page 11 for details. You may also purchase them online at IsraelBonds.com.

Service Schedule

Erev Rosh Hashanah Stephen Wise Temple Sanctuary

Erev Rosh Hashanah Family Soulful Service

Sunday, Sept. 9 | 5-6 p.m.
Recommended for all ages

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Erev Rosh Hashanah All-Community Service

Sunday, Sept. 9 | 8-9:30 p.m.

	Stephen Wise Temple Campus	Skirball Cultural Center	Bel Air Church
Rosh Hashanah Monday, Sept. 10	8:45-11 a.m. (early) 12:15-2:30 p.m. (late)	8:45-11 a.m. (early) 12:15-2:30 p.m. (late)	10 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
Rosh Hashanah Tuesday, Sept. 11	10 a.m. (Second Day) <i>No ticket required</i>		
Kol Nidre Tuesday, Sept. 18	8-9:30 p.m.	6-7:30 p.m. (early) 9-10:30 p.m. (late)	8-9:30 p.m.
Yom Kippur Day Wednesday, Sept. 19	8:45 a.m.-11:30 a.m. (early) 12:45 p.m.-3:30 p.m. (late) <i>Both services conclude with Yizkor</i>	8:45-11 a.m. (early) 12:15-2:30 p.m. (late)	10 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
Learning Sessions or Music and Contemplation Wednesday, Sept. 19	3:45 p.m.	3 p.m.	3 p.m.
Yom Kippur Afternoon Wednesday, Sept. 19 <small>*Neilah start times are approximate.</small>	4:30 p.m. (Mincha) 5:30 p.m. (Neilah*)	4:15-6:30 p.m. (Yizkor & Neilah*)	4:15-6:30 p.m. (Yizkor & Neilah*)

To learn more about all of our services and surrounding events visit

WiseLA.org/HighHolyDays

What's New for the New Year

No doubt you have already noticed many new and exciting changes for this year's High Holy Days with Stephen Wise Temple. It is our pleasure to offer new programming for all ages, new ways to learn and grow, and new ways to worship together.

Erev Rosh Hashanah: On Erev Rosh Hashanah, we are excited to worship together as one community on our Wise campus. (See page 3)

Expanded Family Experiences: Throughout the High Holy Days, we are offering terrific opportunities to worship together meaningfully as a family as well as expanded programming just for kids. (See pages 6-7)

New Machzor: Worshippers are experiencing a draft of our new Wise machzor for **Rosh Hashanah morning services** and **Kol Nidre/Erev Yom Kippur** services.

Yom Kippur Music and Contemplation: Further augmenting the prayerful, reflective, healing, and renewing experience of the Day of Atonement, music and texts for reflection and contemplation will be available at all venues between morning and afternoon services.

Yom Kippur Afternoon Learning: At each venue, attendees can spend time between morning and afternoon services learning from lay leaders and having open discussions on fascinating topics:

Rabbi Stephen Wise:
An Extraordinary Life
with Dr. Ian Russ
Stephen Wise Temple Campus (3:45 p.m.)

Exploring Leadership: The Teachings, Tenets, and Traditions of Judaism
with Dr. Ken Lloyd
Bel Air Church (3 p.m.)

What Jewish Values Mean to a Jewish Judge
with Justice Judith Ashmann-Gerst
Skirball Cultural Center (3 p.m.)

Gratitude to our High Holy Days Task Force

We wish to acknowledge the tireless efforts of our lay leaders who participated in our High Holy Days Task Force, spending many hours conducting research, reviewing data, exploring new ideas, and assembling recommendations for the Days of Awe.

Lynn Bider

Claudia Brown

Dana Ehrlich

Jessica Etting

Lori Goodman

Stephanie Heyman

Janine Kolodny, *Co-Chair*

Dina Levy, *Co-Chair*

Mario M. Muller

Farnaz Neman

Rabin Pournazarian

Jeff Resnick

Reed Scharff

Ariana West

We look forward to hearing your feedback!

After the High Holy Days we will send out a survey and, of course, in the meantime we welcome your comments and suggestions by email at HighHolyDays@WiseLA.org.

Family Services

Make music, meaning, and memories together as a family!

Erev Rosh Hashanah Family Soulful Service

Recommended for all ages

Sunday, Sept. 9 | 5-6 p.m.

Wise Sanctuary Experience the joy of the High Holy Days as a family with our musical, all-ages service celebrating the new year. This Erev Rosh Hashanah service has become a favorite way to kick-off the High Holy Days since it started in 2015. Adults and kids of all generations will love the upbeat music, complete involvement, and enchanting stories presented by the Stephen Wise Temple clergy.

PRE-SCHOOL: Tiny T'filah *Recommended for kids up to age 5*

Rosh Hashanah: Mon., Sept. 10 | 9:15-10 a.m.

Yom Kippur: Wed., Sept. 19 | 9:15-10 a.m.

Katz Family Pavilion

Sing, pray, celebrate, and reflect on the New Year with our Stephen Wise Temple clergy, educators, songleaders, and friends. The perfect way to start the New Year together with your little ones!

ELEMENTARY: Praying with Parents

Recommended for ages 5-12

Rosh Hashanah: Mon., Sept. 10 | 10:30-11:45 a.m.

Yom Kippur: Wed., Sept. 19 | 10:30-11:45 a.m.

Katz Family Pavilion

Enjoy a taste of *tefillah* in the model of Wise School and Religious School. This meaningful, family-focused service will feature familiar prayers, tunes, and Wise faces, all in an age-appropriate environment to worship together as a family.

Child Care

Designed for kids up to age 5.

Open to kids up to age 9.

Playtime for kids while grown-ups worship.

We offer complimentary child care for services on the Stephen Wise Temple

campus and at Bel Air Church for children ages 9 and younger. Our child care is run by licensed early childhood professionals and features games, activities, and snacks.



Days of Awesome



Childrens' experiences
for kids from TK/DK
to 6th Grade

While your grown-ups are in congregational services, join us for camp-style games, activities, song sessions, and more.

Rosh Hashanah: 12:15–3 p.m. Check-in begins: 11:45 a.m.

Yom Kippur: 12:15–3 p.m. | 3 p.m. until the end of Neilah | Check-in begins: 11:45 a.m.

Back by popular demand, Days of Awesome is a way to celebrate the new year with your Wise friends in exciting, fun, and interactive ways... all with some of your favorite Wise School, CYE, and Camp Wise faculty and teen counselors! Our coaches will also be on hand for some time to kick back and play. Rock your Rosh Hashanah (and Yom Kippur) with art, games, music, and more. *No grown-ups allowed!*

Schedule

Service & Date	Recommended Age	Location on Wise Campus and Time
Erev Rosh Hashanah Family Soulful Service Sunday, Sept. 9	All Ages	Stephen Wise Temple Sanctuary 5–6 p.m.
Rosh Hashanah Tiny T'filah Monday, Sept. 10	Up to age 5	Katz Family Pavilion 9:15–10 a.m.
Rosh Hashanah Praying with Parents Monday, Sept. 10	Ages 5-12	Katz Family Pavilion 10:30–11:45 a.m.
Yom Kippur Tiny T'filah Wednesday, Sept. 19	Up to age 5	Katz Family Pavilion 9:15–10 a.m.
Yom Kippur Praying with Parents Wednesday, Sept. 19	Ages 5-12	Katz Family Pavilion 10:30–11:45 a.m.



Meet Our Clergy

Get to know our clergy members at WiseLA.org/Clergy



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Sara Anderson, Cantorial Student

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Message from the President

Janine Kolodny

I am excited and grateful to be your Stephen Wise Temple President for the next 2 years. It is a responsibility I do not take lightly and it's my honor to support our Senior Rabbi, Yoshi Zweiback, our clergy, and our professional staff to ensure that we can all benefit from one of our key core values, *inclusivity*.

For me, *inclusivity* means that we value and listen to each other and we learn from our different stories and perspectives. It's our collective Jewish identities that form the basis of this dynamic and inclusive community. Rabbi Yoshi often talks about the important Jewish value of "keiruv" (drawing people near) so that together we can build stronger relationships within our community. We continually strive to create an inclusive and welcoming environment where each and every one of us feels valued and may enjoy the rich spiritual and educational benefits offered by Stephen Wise Temple and Schools.



With open arms we welcome your participation, your voice, and your support! Share your stories, experiences, and cultural traditions with us and please don't hesitate to contact me at JaKolodny@WiseLA.org.

I wish you and your families a very happy, healthy, and fulfilling new year.

L'Shana Tovah U'metuka and a G'mar Hatima Tova,

Janine Kolodny

In her message, Janine Kolodny writes about the Wise value of

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Learn more about the Wise Way Forward on pages 16-17.

About our Speakers

We wish to express our gratitude for the incredible leaders in our community who will address the congregation during High Holy Days services, sharing their personal stories about how meaningful their involvement with the Wise community has been and why they passionately support Wise.

To learn more about our Annual Campaign please visit WiseLA.org/Giving or contact Jessica Lebovits, Director of Development, at JLebovits@WiseLA.org.



Susan Berger and her husband Jon have been members of Stephen Wise Temple since they were both young children. They became B'nai Mitzvah, attended summer camp, were confirmed, and later were married at Wise. Both of their daughters, Sami and Carly, attended Wise School from Early Childhood until graduation. Susan has been an active member of the Wise Parents Association, has chaired numerous Purim Carnivals and Wise Galas, and now serves on the Board of Directors. She is dedicated to Wise's many social action programs including Wise Readers to Leaders, serving on its Board for four years. She and her family are devoted to UCLA's Operation Mend, proudly serving as a "buddy family" to military men and women who have been severely injured in Iraq and Afghanistan. The Berger family takes great pride in celebrating their life's journey together at Stephen Wise Temple.



Susan Plutsky's Wise connection began in 1991 when she attended her first High Holy Days services. Inspired by the congregation, clergy, and choir, she began her Jewish journey with Stephen Wise Temple—a haven that creates conditions for learning, celebrating, doing, and belonging. From development to search and screen to social committees, Susan has been and continues to be actively involved. She has chaired committees, including Annual Giving, Auditing, and Senior Events and was a docent. Currently, she serves as President of Harmony Project, a non-profit organization that provides at-risk children with free musical instruments and lessons and arranges performance opportunities for them. She is past president of Brentwood Country Club's Women's Golf Association and continues to serve on the Association's Board of Directors and as Communications Director. Susan is Professor Emeritus of Business Administration and Economics, California State University, Northridge. For 24 years, she served on the College's faculty; additionally, she served as department chair. Susan and her husband Mel have two children. Emily, who works for ICM Partners, and Joey, a recent graduate of Indiana University's Kelley School of Business.



Faramarz Yousefzadeh has been a member of Stephen Wise Temple for close to 30 years. He has served on the Board, Executive Committee of the Board, and the Financial Oversight Committee. He received his Master of Laws from NYU School of Law, Juris Doctor from Southwestern University, and Bachelor of Science from USC. Faramarz manages a family office with investments in real estate, telecom, manufacturing and life sciences.

Stephen Wise Temple President Janine Kolodny will speak after our guest speakers. Read her President's Message on page 9.



Sukkot: Aid for the Wanderer, Support for the Community

We are coming together again this Sukkot to help members of our local and world community in need. Visit our Wise Campus Sukkah to learn more about how you can directly impact their lives and change the world.

Save the Syrian Children | Last year from Sukkot to Mitzvah Day, our community rallied together to fill an entire shipping container of life-saving medical supplies, clothing, and toys for children directly affected by the violence in Syria. Thanks to our amazing partners from Save the Syrian Children (an organization founded by Wise members Tamar and Phillip Koosed), our shipment made it safely



to Syria where children received items of comfort and also a strong message of love and support. Join us as we embark on this project again to show that we are still there for these vulnerable children caught in the fighting.

Homes for Heroes | Wise supports formerly homeless veterans as they transition into permanent housing. During Sukkot we are collecting donations to support the purchase of household items including microwaves, refrigerators, pots and pans, and more.



Save Our Survivors | More than 3,000 Holocaust survivors live in poverty, right here in our own community—increasingly frail and often alone. The reparations they receive for all they suffered and all they lost don't begin to meet their needs. They count on essential home care services to live as independently as possible—in their own homes. Your contribution helps with transportation to doctor's offices, personal care, light housekeeping, grocery shopping, and more.



Learn more and donate online at WiseLA.org/Sukkot

Message from the Head of School

Tami Weiser

Generosity of Heart *N'divut Lev*

This year the theme for Wise School is "Generosity of Heart (*N'divut Lev*).¹" We will spend an entire academic year focusing on what it means to be generous. We will explore generosity beyond finances: not simply writing a check or bringing in *tzedkah*. While these aspects are an important part of our school culture, they are not the only ways to be generous. Our school community will define what generosity of *spirit* looks like—for a five-year old, a teacher, a parent, an administrator. We will define generosity on the playground, in the classroom, in our use of technology and social media, and on our athletics teams. We will define generosity with parents in our committee meetings, in the carpool line, and in helping students with homework. We will define generosity in social studies and history lessons, in science experiments, on stage in rehearsals and performances, and in Hebrew and Judaic studies. We will examine what it looks like to be a generous member of the Wise School community—and then work hard to ensure that each and every one of us personifies that generous stakeholder. It is an ambitious task, one that we take very seriously, and a mission we are very excited to realize.

Tami Weiser



In her message, Tami Weiser writes about the Wise value of

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WISE SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE DK-6



WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 24 9 A.M.
WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 12 9 A.M.

RSVP TO: Beth Behar at
BBehar@Wise-School.org | 310.889.2275

Wise School Early Childhood and Parenting Center

Early Childhood Center nurtures students' creativity and sense of wonder, the first steps on a path towards lifelong learning.

Parenting Center brings together babies, parents, and grandparents to create new bonds and friends. Classes include: My Gym Tumble and Play; Baby and Me; Messy Art; Grandparents and Me; Saturday Shabbat classes; Walk n' Talk; and more!

Early Childhood Tour Dates | All tours begin at 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, October 18 • Wednesday, November 7 • Tuesday, December 11

Visit **Wise-School.org** for more information and 2019 dates.

Center for Youth Engagement

Wise Religious School provides students with meaningful Jewish experiences that are engaging, purposeful, and relevant. Meeting on Sunday mornings, with an optional Hebrew lab during the week, we are relentless in our quest to inspire students to love and live in accordance with Jewish values, promoting in them a strong sense of self, community, and connection to the Jewish people, language and State of Israel. Join us on a Sunday morning to see first-hand what our program is all about—enrollment is open now!!

Camp Wise LA is a fun and active Jewish summer day camp at Wise School! Preschool-Middle School campers enjoy swimming in our on-site pool, sports in our brand-new gym facility, and specialties such as art, science, cooking, music, dance, and more. Campers in 1st through 8th grades have weekly field trips, and everyone enjoys special programs such as carnivals, weekly themes, dress-up days, and Rockin' Shabbat! Teens can join in on the fun as counselors, starting at rising 10th graders and up. • Learn more at CampWiseLA.org

Camp Wise Youth Events keep Camp Wise fun going all year long with field trips and special events for students in 3rd through 6th grades—all run by our beloved Camp Wise staff! Favorite events include Outdoor Movie Night, the annual Iron Chef Cook-off, and so much more.

New! 7th Grade Program will take learners through our “*t’fillah* bootcamp”—small-group sessions to hone their prayer-leading and Torah-reading skills, as well as gender-based social-emotional curriculum designed by Moving Traditions, the leader in educational content for Jewish teens and tweens. Three social action field trips with our 8th graders will provide inspiration (and hours) towards a *tikkun olam* project.



New!

After-School Sunday Sports with URJ 6 Points Sports Academy

Register now at WiseLA.org/CYE

Begins October 7



New! 8th Grade Program builds on conversations that begin in 7th grade. The 8th grade curriculum will continue to address the current issues and challenges our students face in their daily lives through a larger lens of social action and civic responsibility. Students will participate on and off campus in hands-on social action projects.

Wise Temple Youth (WTY) is our teen program for 9th through 12th graders. These monthly gatherings are a chance to hang out and eat dinner, connect with our clergy and educators, and make a difference in our lives and the world in meaningful ways both big and small. The 12th Grade year culminates in a beautiful community Shabbat celebration with the entire Wise community.

Teens: L'Taken Seminar in Washington, D.C. provides a unique opportunity for Wise teens to learn first-hand about how our legislative system works and how seriously Reform Jews take their obligation to stand up for justice. Teens and faculty also get to spend quality time worshipping together, getting to know each other, and making friends with other teens from across the country. *L'Taken*, organized through the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, is a unique weekend of education, lobbying, and touring the nation's capital that draws hundreds of teens each year. During the program, teens will spend an intense and enriching weekend focused on Jewish values and social justice. • *February 22-25, 2019*

To get on the earlybird registration list email CYE@WiseLA.org!

Wise Family Camp is your opportunity to escape L.A. for the weekend as a family, joining up with the Wise community and our clergy for a relaxing weekend at Camp Ramah in beautiful Ojai. Experience a camp Shabbat, hiking, the ropes course, sports, learning, and more. Family Camp is open to all of our Wise families and features special programs just for parents and just for kids of all ages from toddler to teen.

February 8-10, 2019



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CREATIVITY YITZ'RIYUT

We will be a place of innovation,
a home to transformational ideas
with the freedom to pioneer new models
informed by our mission and in conversation
with our ancient traditions.



Creative, inspired thinking in all our endeavors
will lead to new, focused models that
position Wise at the forefront of the Jewish world.



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INCLUSIVITY K'LLALIYUT



We will hear, tell, and celebrate the
thousands of stories contained within the Wise world.

In all we do, we will show that ours is a community for all,
connecting people across ethnic, family,
economic, and philosophical lines.



From many worlds, from many perspectives,
we will build one community of Kavod (כְּבוֹד—respect).



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We will be inspired to express magnanimity in every way.

Our mission and principles will call us
to give freely of our time, energy, resources, and spirit.



THIS WISE VISION

is our way forward—the innovative ways that our entire clergy, lay leaders, staff, members, and partners will come together to worship differently, to create uniquely, and to build community.

THIS IS HOW WISE MAKES MEANING
AND CHANGES THE WORLD.

Learn more at WiseLA.org/WiseWayForward



WISEYAD
YOUNG ADULT DIVISION



Community-Building and Meaning-Making for L.A. Jews in their 20s and 30s

Led by Cantor Emma Lutz, Wise YAD is a welcoming squad of young adults building an inclusive and inspired Jewish community. We seek to make meaning and change the world, to schmooze and have a good time, and to re-embrace our heritage and ritual on our own terms.

We eat, party, daven, discuss, serve, wander, and relax. We create spiritual and meaningful experiences, working together from the ground up to build an exciting and refreshing Jewish experience.

Do you want to meet other young Jews, make meaning, and change the world?

Join us at our next Wise YAD community event and bring a friend!

Upcoming Events

Thursday, September 27

YAD Sukkot

Fulfill the commandments of Sukkot and shake your lulav with us in the Wise Sukkah.

Saturday, November 10

YAD Havdalah with Elana Arian, Artist-in-Residence

Composer and recording artist Elana Arian will join Wise for a weekend of incredible music—join YAD for an exclusive concert and havdalah service.

Sunday, December 9

YAD Dinating Night

What's Dinating? We visit one of L.A.'s hot new restaurants for a night of fantastic food and raising money for terrific causes.



Wise Women

Creating dynamic, inclusive, meaningful, and entertaining experiences for the Wise Women of our community—women you've known for years and women you've yet to meet.

We'll come together for fun, social, educational, and even spiritual programming throughout the year.

Visit our web site to learn about upcoming opportunities:

- Yoga and Mindfulness**
- Book Clubbing**
- Setting the Passover Table**
- Israeli Cooking**
- Mahjong and Canasta**

Kickoff Event:

Challah Bake
Sunday,
October 21



Rosh Hodesh **Women's Gathering**

Join other Wise Women for our monthly gatherings of learning, prayer, meditation, and community as we mark the beginning of each new month. Rosh Hodesh, traditionally associated with women's celebrations, offers us an opportunity to explore a new theme and intention for every month on the Jewish calendar. Led by Cantor Emma and Rabbi Sari, we look forward to creating a time and space together for sacred reflection and meaningful connection. No experience or knowledge is required, and we love to welcome new faces.

Wednesdays, 8:15 a.m.

Heshvan | October 10

Kislev | November 7

Tevet | December 5

Sh'vat | January 16

Adar I | February 6

Adar II | March 13

Nisan | April 10

Iyyar | May 8

Center for Tikkun Olam

WiseLA.org/ProtectOurKids

Protect Our Kids

Join the Wise Gun Safety Campaign

The Torah's directive "do not stand idly by" is taken seriously at Wise. As the country faces the tragic regularity of school shootings and other acts of violence resulting from guns falling into the hands of those who cannot or should not have access to them, we are taking action. Our Gun Safety campaign focuses on advocacy for intelligent gun legislation locally and nationally as well as safe gun ownership advice for gun owners. A group of parents at Wise have committed themselves to doing all we can to maximize our children's safety. We have provided resources on the Temple website which speak to parents about important steps to protect their children. In addition, we have secured speakers and materials for the parents in our Wise Readers to Leaders literacy program to ensure gun safety in their homes and neighborhoods.

Wise School makes **Chesed** an Educational Priority

The Wise community's commitment to *tikkun olam* and *chesed* (acts of loving kindness) permeates every aspect of campus life and Wise School is no exception. Each grade level, from the littlest learners in Early Childhood to the graduating 6th grade class works with one of these organizations to help change the world. Wise works closely with these groups year-round and all of our members have a chance to participate!

Beit Issie Shapiro is Israel's leading provider of innovative therapies and services for children and adults with disabilities, helping over half a million people annually. Wise School's Early Childhood Center has been partnered with BIS for well over a decade and has raised over \$100,000 via our annual Cycles for Smiles Trike-A-Thon, bake sales, and farmer's markets.

The People Concern (formerly Ocean Park Community Center and Lamp Community United) provides temporary food and housing for Los Angeles' homeless community. Wise School students raise *tzedakah* to help fund programs that empower people to rebuild their lives. Students also take field trips to help prepare and serve meals for shelter clients.

L.A. Family Housing is dedicated to helping end homelessness for men, women, and children in the Los Angeles community. Students and our members support this leading facility in many ways: creating bags and baskets of supplies, regular lunch preparation sessions, and raising funds and gift cards for groceries or other necessities.

SOVA provides groceries and supportive services to over 9,000 individuals every month from a diverse backgrounds, while also providing free legal advocacy, job counseling, case management, and many more vital services. Wise School students and families run several drives throughout the year, including our major High Holy Days drive, donating over 15,000-lbs of food annually.

Israel Sports Center for the Disabled empowers children with disabilities to participate in physical and psychological rehabilitation through athletics, which allows them to lead more successful lives in Israeli society. Weekly *tzedakah* and special projects allow our students to connect with kids in Israel, forging bonds that will last a lifetime. Many of our Wise School students also visit the ISCD when they go to Israel on family vacations!

To learn about how our Religious School and Wise Temple Youth students engage in meaningful tikkun olam work, check out our Center for Youth Engagement section (pages 14-15)



SAVE THE DATE
Friday, November 2, 2018

Celebrating **Rabbi Ron Stern's** 20 Years of Service *to Stephen Wise Temple*

Join us as we show our gratitude and appreciation for Rabbi Stern's commitment to *tikkun olam* and to making meaning in the lives of our members.

To honor Rabbi Stern and his incredible commitment to changing the world, our community will participate in 20 different opportunities to make an impact in the lives of those in need.

Learn more at
WiseLA.org/TikkunOlam

Register online or by phone:

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Center for Jewish Life

The Journey of an Elite IDF Naval Commando from Military Excellence to Civilian Leadership: "M" (Israeli Navy SEAL) in Dialogue with Rabbi David Woznica

Tuesday, November 13 at 7:30 p.m.



Join us for the extraordinary story of an American student who left his university to join the Israel Defense Forces and ultimately became part of one of the most elite units in the IDF, the Israeli Navy SEALs. Our guest, an American-born Israeli Navy SEAL, will discuss his personal journey, his experiences serving in this elite and storied unit, its strict moral calculus, and how he uses the skills he learned on active duty in his daily civilian life.

This program is presented in partnership with American Friends of Israel Navy SEALs (AFINS).



Ambassador Ron Prosor in Dialogue with Rabbi David Woznica | AIPAC @ Wise

Tues., Dec. 11, 2018 | Reception: 6:45 p.m., Program: 7:15 p.m.

Ron Prosor served as Israel's Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Israel's Ambassador to the United Kingdom, and Director-General of Israel's Foreign Ministry. He held the esteemed positions of Vice President of the General Assembly and Chair of the United Nations Human Rights

Committee. Rabbi Woznica will engage Ambassador Prosor on a wide range of topics which both unite and at times divide Israel and Jewish people outside of Israel, his thoughts about America and the international community, the inner workings of the world of diplomacy and some of his most memorable moments on the world stage.

AIPAC @ Wise is presented by the American Israel Public Affairs Committee in partnership with Stephen Wise Temple.



Caring for our Elders—And Ourselves: The Status of Senior Care in our Society with Molly Forrest

Monday, January 28, 2019, at 7:30 p.m.

The gift of aging comes with a new set of challenges that most of us will face in our lives and in the lives of our loved ones. Almost all are unprepared. As our parents and others age, some are in need of care beyond what we can provide. What are the options for our loved ones to continue to stay at home? If it is their preference, is it necessarily wise for

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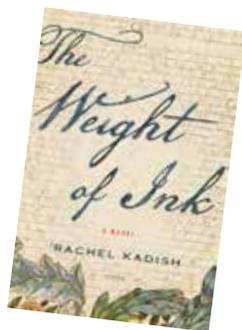
them to stay in their homes? What about home caregiving? Should we invite our elderly or infirm parents to live with us? If they are to live outside their home, how do we go about choosing the best facility for them to live out their years? What are the advantages and disadvantages of purchasing long-term care insurance policies for ourselves and our loved ones? What role do Medicare and Medicaid play in our decision? Molly Forrest is CEO-President of the Los Angeles Jewish Home.



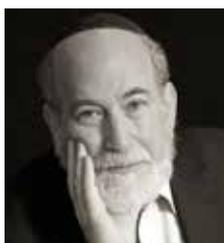
***The Weight of Ink*
Author Rachel Kadish in Conversation
with Rabbi Yoshi Zweiback**

Tuesday, February 5, 2019, at 7:30 p.m.

The Weight of Ink is set in London of the 1660s and of the early 21st century. It is the interwoven tale of two women of remarkable intellect: Ester Velasquez, an immigrant from Amsterdam who is permitted to scribe for a blind rabbi, and Helen Watt, an ailing historian with a love for Jewish history. This work of historical fiction is about women separated by centuries and the choices and sacrifices they make to reconcile the life of the heart and the life of the mind.



Presented in association with



**Rabbi Joseph Telushkin
in Dialogue with Rabbi
David Woznica**

Thursday, February 28, 2019, 7:30 p.m.

Probe the mind of one of the most influential authors of Jewish books of this generation. We will explore Rabbi Telushkin's thoughts on a wide range of issues including Israel, God, the role Judaism can play in shaping our interpersonal and familial relationships, Jewish humor and what it teaches about the Jewish People, and the use of words in private and public discourse.

Rabbi Joseph Telushkin was named by *Talk Magazine* as one of the 50 best speakers in the United States. His latest book, *Words that Hurt, Words that Heal*, is to be published in January 2019.

This program is presented in partnership with Israel Bonds.

*Attendees will have the opportunity
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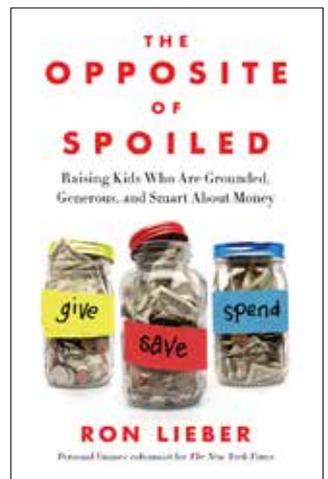
The Opposite of Spoiled: Raising Kids Who Are Grounded and Generous with *New York Times* columnist Ron Lieber

Tuesday, October 16 at 7 p.m.

Do you shy away from the topic of money when talking to your kids? Do you find yourself stumped about some of the questions they ask? Ron Lieber discusses how, when, and why to talk to kids about money, whether they are three years old or teenagers. He offers a practical and values-based philosophy articulating the best ways to handle the basics: the tooth fairy, allowance, chores, charity, saving, birthdays, holidays, and cell phones. He will help us identify a set of traits and virtues that embody “the opposite of spoiled” and how approaching the topic of money can help parents impart lessons reflecting the family’s values.

Ron Lieber’s *The Opposite of Spoiled: Raising Kids Who Are Grounded, Generous, and Smart About Money*, was an instant *New York Times* and *Wall Street Journal* bestseller in 2015. He has been the “Your Money” columnist for the *Times* since 2008.

Cost:
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Is it time for
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Shabbats to Fit **Your Style**

Tot Shabbat

Our clergy and Early Childhood educators lead our music and story-filled service that introduces the youngest members of our community to the joy of Shabbat.

Upcoming Dates:
October 6, November 3

Soulful Shabbat

Our unique musical service is one of Wise's most popular traditions that creates a spiritual evening featuring the rhythms and melodies our members have come to love.

Monthly:
Dinner: 6:30 p.m. | Service: 8 p.m.

Upcoming Dates:
October 12, December 14

Shabbat Mornings

Relax, it's Shabbat! Our community gathers each weekend for study, worship, spirituality, and fellowship. Meaningful discussion and services are followed by a potluck lunch.

Every Saturday:
Torah Study: 9 a.m. | Services 10 a.m.

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WISE Years

Learning. Engagement. Community.

A community of adults over 60, gathers for monthly days of learning, lunch, and leisure.

2018-19 Kick-Off Event | Thursday, October 11:



A New Court Term, A New Court with Adam Feldman, Supreme Court blogger



The November Election Ballot Measures with Jean Thomson, League of Women Voters Los Angeles

November 8:



Verdi's La Traviata: A View from the Chorus with Richard Hutman



Teaching Polish History and Culture Today with Professor Jody Myers

December 13:



Women Made a Difference with novelist Beverly Magid



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WISE READERS TO LEADERS is grateful to all of our volunteers, supporters, staff, and scholars for another amazing summer of literacy, learning, and fun. Bringing over 400 scholars and 150 teen volunteers to 5 campuses (including our new campus at Wilshire Boulevard Temple), Wise Readers to Leaders continues to grow and expand.

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Learn about mentorship and giving opportunities at WiseReaderstoLeaders.org

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Join Rabbi David Woznica, Rabbi Yoshi Zweiback, and fellow members of Stephen Wise Temple in our nation's capital for some of the most important days impacting the U.S.-Israel relationship.



March 24-26, 2019 | Washington, D.C.
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Wise Guys

Wise Guys is a community of men that endeavors to make meaning and change the world by sharing moments of fun, camaraderie, learning, spirituality, music, and *tikkun olam* together.

Events this year include Wise Guys' Night Out with Rabbi Josh (November 8); Wise Jams with Rabbi Yoshi and Maestro Kates (January 24, 2019); and our popular annual Wise Guys' Ski Trip to Mammoth (March 29-31, 2019).



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Sukkot 2018/5779

Celebrate the harvest chag with us as we gather together in sacred community!

Visit our sukkot on campus for these events or at any time during the festival to simply enjoy nature with friends and family.

Early Childhood and Wise Elementary School Sukkot Celebration

Sunday, September 23 | 4:30 p.m.
Nahmias Plaza

Wise 40s and 50s Sukkot Celebration

Sunday, September 23 | 7 p.m.
Shapell-Feintech Plaza

Sukkot Festival Services

Monday, September 24 | 10 a.m.
Plotkin Chapel

Young Adult Division (YAD) Sukkot Night

Thursday, September 27 | 7 p.m.
Nahmias Plaza

Sukkot Shabbat Services

Friday, September 28 | 6:15 p.m.
Sanctuary

Sukkot Shabbat Morning Services

Saturday, September 29 | 10 a.m.
Sanctuary (Torah Study begins at 9 a.m. in Chapel Study)

Center for Youth Engagement Sukkot and Simchat Torah Celebration

Open to all Wise members
Sunday, September 30 | 9 a.m.
Sanctuary and Nahmias Plaza

Sukkot Yizkor and Shemini Atzeret Services

Monday, October 1 | 10 a.m.
Plotkin Chapel

WiseLA.org/Sukkot

“You shall hold a festival for God seven days...

for God will bless all your crops and undertakings and you shall have nothing but joy.”

—Deut. 16:15

Sukkot is a time to remember the wanderer and to support those in our community in need. Learn about our *tikkun olam* efforts during Sukkot on page 11.