

STEPHEN  
**WISE**TEMPLE

# HIGH HOLY DAYS

**2022 | 5783**

[WiseLA.org/HighHolyDays](https://WiseLA.org/HighHolyDays)

## Service Schedule

	Wise Sanctuary (Indoors)	Katz Family Pavilion (Outdoors; masks welcomed)
Erev Rosh Hashanah September 25	7:30 p.m. (masks required)	5:30 p.m.
Rosh Hashanah September 26	9 a.m. (masks required) 11:30 a.m. (masks strongly recommended)	9:30 a.m. (Tot Service) 10:30 a.m. (K-6 Service) 12:30 p.m. (Members only)*
Rosh Hashanah (Second Day) September 27		10 a.m.
Kol Nidrei October 4	6:30 p.m. (masks required)	5 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
Yom Kippur Day October 5	9 a.m. (masks required) 11:30 a.m. (masks strongly recommended)	9:30 a.m. (Tot Service) 10:30 a.m. (K-6 Service) 12:30 p.m. (Members only)*
Yom Kippur Afternoon October 5	5 p.m. (Yizkor/Ne'ilah) (masks required)	3:30 p.m. (Yizkor/Ne'ilah) 5:30 p.m. Ne'ilah Under the Stars

Family-friendly services

\*Designed for ages 13 and up

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On our website: [WiseLA.org/Online](https://www.wisela.org/online)



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## RETURN AGAIN

to community

to memory

to meaning

### A Message from Rabbi Yoshi Zweiback



**I remember returning** to my childhood home in Omaha for the first time after spending more than a year away, studying in Israel. My mother picked me up at the airport, and on the drive back to our house, we passed what had once been a small amusement park—Peony Park—that I remembered well from my childhood. The entire park—including all the beautiful trees that provided shade on the hot summer days of my youth—had disappeared. The park had failed financially. Investors bought up the land and it was being turned into a shopping center.

I felt sad in a way that took me by surprise. I hadn't been back home in more than a year. I hadn't been to Peony Park since I was in elementary school, and yet, seeing it disappear broke my heart.

**Returning to a place filled with memories** can be an emotional experience. It can be quite complicated. We might feel joy and sadness at the same moment. We know that change is inevitable but that doesn't mean that it's always easy or pleasant.

**This is our season of return:** to the sounds of the High Holy Days, the call of the *shofar*, the wisdom of our tradition, and to the embrace of our community.

For some of us, these Days of Awe might represent our first physical return to our Stephen Wise Temple campus in many years. For others, it might be our first time gathering together as a community in large numbers since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. Memories of a child's graduation from Wise School or a bar or bat mitzvah

ceremony or a memorial service for a loved one, they all flood back.

If you've been away for a while, the campus won't look the same, and in the coming months there will be even more changes as we begin construction on our new early-childhood center. Our community itself is ever-changing as new families enter and, as is inevitable, others move away or pass on.

**It can be hard to return** to a place or to a task, especially the one we are engaged in right now: the hard work of *teshuvah*, turning away from behaviors that are harmful and hurtful and turning toward our better selves—the people we are meant to be.

One thing I've learned is that in a world where change is inevitable, the act of returning—hard as it sometimes is—can help us to remain more grounded, more centered, more whole.

This place is our spiritual home. Our community continues to evolve as all things must, but the **values** we stand for, the **tradition** we strive to embody, the **friendships** we nurture, and the **memories** we make and share, **these are the things we return to** that help us navigate an ever-changing world. These are the things that bring meaning to our lives.

Yoshi Zweiback  
Senior Rabbi



## Meet Our Clergy



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## Message from the President Steve Bram

Dear Fellow Congregants,

I am a little more than halfway through my term as temple president. It's been gratifying to be part of all the innovative and meaningful things happening on campus and to meet so many of you who are actively engaged in temple life.

The past few months have been a time for people to **reconnect with friends** they have not seen in person since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. There have been many events filled with joy and laughter. The school year has started and the students, faculty, and staff are glad to see each other.

It reminds us how important our temple community is and how impactful it can be, especially for those who participate regularly in the wealth of activities and programs we offer. Wouldn't it be wonderful if, in the coming year, everyone attended at least one in-person event each month at the temple? Being together in person really is not the same as watching on Zoom. I know that our busy schedules might make this seem impossible, but with a little effort and planning, we can make this happen for ourselves and **our community**. Please join us for a Friday-night service, a lecture, program, or class. Come and try out our new "Spirit of Shabbat with Rabbi Yoshi," on Saturday mornings for some reflection, study, and community (along with bagels and coffee!).

Our temple provides a light in what some might consider to be dark times. This High Holy Day season provides us a time for

**reflection**, as we not only look inward, but also look at our people's history. It has not always been easy, but our traditions are what help us get through times like these. The temple—*our* temple—must be a sanctuary where we can find meaning and purpose in the face of the challenges that confront us.

*May the coming year bring you closer to our Temple community. From my own personal experience, I have found that my participation not only strengthens our community, but gives me strength as well.*

**Happy New Year,**

Steve Bram  
Stephen Wise Temple President

Looking for guidance? Visit this archive of daily wisdom from our clergy

DAILY KAVANAH  
כוונה יומית

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# Meet our High Holy Day Musical team



*A community is like a magnificent symphony—each individual person can create beauty and meaning on their own, but when we come together, the sounds and experiences shared have the potential to be so much more beautiful and inspiring. We are blessed here at Wise to have an incredible musical team to help lead our own symphony of prayer throughout these High Holy Days. I trust that you will find inspiration from their leadership and the sacred sounds that we will compose together. I am looking forward to our shared singing, reflection, and meaning-making journey over the course of these Days of Awe together.*

Warmly,  
*Emma Lutz*

Emma Lutz, Senior Cantor

## About Tali Tadmor, Music Director for Stephen Wise Temple and Schools:

Our new music director Tali is a leader in the field of Jewish worship music. Born and raised in Israel, she combines a deep understanding of Hebrew texts with her musical talents. Tali was Music Director at Temple Judea for 22 years and is on faculty at AJR-CA, where she helps to train future generations of cantors. In addition to her work in the Jewish world, she has a fruitful career in classical music. For several years she served as Assistant Music Director at the L.A. Opera and has performed in venues including Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, and other halls around the globe. Tali holds master's and doctorate degrees in Music Performance from USC.



**Favorite Prayer:** "I find that different settings of prayers speak to different people, and some music reveals to us a variety of emotions at different times. However, if I had to choose one prayer setting that consistently moves me during every High Holy Day season it would be the traditional "Avinu Malkeinu" melody. Despite (or perhaps because of) its simplicity, its ancient roots and its haunting-but-satisfying melody provide me with a moment of self-reflection and prayer."

**Use your phone's camera to scan this code to view upcoming musical events and read more about our musical team.**



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## CANTOR TANNOZ BAHREMAND FORUZANFAR

**Favorite High Holy Day music:** "The music of the High Holy Days is beautiful, but the messages are what truly stir the soul. I have many favorite prayers and melodies, however the one that usually is most emotional for me is "B'rosh Hashanah." It talks about the fragility of life and asks God to inscribe us in the Book of Life for the coming year. Wishing you a sweet and healthy *Shanah Tovah* and *G'mar Chatima Tovah!!*"

## CANTORIAL INTERN ANDREW PASKIL

**Favorite Prayer Moment:** "When I was growing up, my sister and I would leave our seats at the end of the Torah service to stand in the back of the sanctuary to listen to everyone chant "Eitz Chayim." We would take in the harmonies and the voices of the congregation would uplift us, and today it is still one of my favorite things to sing and hear the congregation sing."



## EDUCATIONAL AND CANTORIAL INTERN LAUREN ROTH

**Favorite Prayer Moment:** "The most meaningful moment of the High Holy Days for me is Kol Nidre. I love how we are given three opportunities to listen to this haunting melody. This prayer is one of the main reasons I decided to pursue the cantorate. As a teenager and young adult, I was given opportunities to sing this for my home congregation. Standing in front of my community, singing the words of "Kol Nidre," was one of the most spiritual moments of my life. Now, every time I hear this ancient prayer, I think of that moment and how my life was forever changed."



## Voices of WISE

*We acknowledge with gratitude our Stephen Wise Temple Band and High Holy Day Choir*

**Our Stephen Wise Temple Choir will be conducted by Tali Tadmor and Lauren Buckley Schaeer. Our musical team will be accompanied by Lisa Edwards and Alice Huang.**

### Stephen Wise Temple Band

Yarone Levy • Larry Steen • Jeff Stern

### High Holy Day Choir

Maria Elena Altany • Jennifer Arnold (Haydn-Jones) • John Buffet  
Anna Cave • Saunder Choi • Joe Hack (*bass soloist*)  
Laura Jackman • Luc Kleiner • Brandon Levin (*tenor soloist*)  
Matt Lewis • Ian Luna • Sarah Lynch • Julia Metzler • Josh Munnell  
Meredith Pyle • Veronica Robinson • Darita Seth • Ann Sheridan  
Flecher Sheridan • Dave Stal • Carrah Stamatakis • Greg Whipple



# Return to Family

While worshippers of all ages are welcome at any of our services, our **family-friendly services** are designed to be spiritually meaningful but also a little easier for our younger worshippers. These services are a bit shorter in duration, and while the High Holy Day liturgy and rituals are covered, you are likely to hear more of the tunes that we use in our schools, and you'll get a story rather than a traditional sermon.



DATE	SERVICE Katz Family Pavilion (Outdoors; masks welcomed)
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# Days of Awesome

Along with amazing Tot and Family services that educate and uplift, Wise children from preschool through eighth grade may enjoy our **Days of Awesome**, a series of age-appropriate opportunities for Jewish learning, community, and spirit for children whose parents also wish to attend traditional services.

In order to participate in Days of Awesome, parents with children in grades K-8 must check their children in and out at our kiosk at the Witzman Center, just south of the parking

structure. Meanwhile, parents of preschoolers may check their children in and out at Room 1. Check-in will start at 11:15 a.m. whenever Days of Awesome is available. Snacks will be provided, both on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Days of Awesome is available at the following dates and times:

**Rosh Hashanah:** September 26, 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.  
**Yom Kippur:** October 5, 11:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.



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# GIVEWISE

Your support makes meaning

During the High Holy Days, our spiritual focus and inward reflection encourage us to think about *t'filah*, *teshuvah*, and *tzedakah*.

We ask that you prioritize Stephen Wise Temple as you contemplate *tzedakah*.

Your membership is incredibly important to us and we are deeply grateful. At this time of year we also ask that you consider a gift to our Annual Campaign to help sustain our wonderful community through the coming year. Each and every contribution is meaningful and supports our *tikkun olam* efforts, our commitment to lifelong learning, our teen engagement programming, our assistance for those facing financial hardship, and so much more.

**We are deeply grateful for your ongoing support.**



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## Return to Hope

### Open Houses 2022: October 26 & December 7

### A message from Head of School Tami Weiser

קונה, אֶל-יְהוָה;  
חֹזֵק, וְיִאֲמֵץ לִבּוֹ;  
וְקוֹנֵה, אֶל-יְהוָה.

*Hope in the Eternal,  
Be strong and of good courage,  
O hope in Adonai.*

—Psalm 27



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Our Wise School theme this year is **"Hope—Tikvah,"** which will be embedded in lessons at every grade level. The powerful message of our theme—that we are strong and courageous—propels us to internalize the core belief that we are capable and can actualize our hopes and dreams. We call this a growth mindset.

It is with this sense of profound hope that we start another exciting school year. Wise School welcomes new faculty and families to our community. As we keep our community healthy and safe, we return to a sense of normalcy. We look forward to having our parents back on campus, to having competitive athletics, and to the return of our spring musical and other signature programs.

As we enter these Days of Awe, we remember that we are given the chance to be better partners with God not just on the High Holy Days, but every single day. If God renews every day just as if it were creation, how can we find ways to appreciate this gift? We are granted a fresh start every day, and we must make the best of it.

It is with confidence and hope that we will wish one another a **"Shanah Tovah,"** with the hope that we will all be inscribed in the book of life for a good year.

*Tami Weiser*

Tami Weiser, Head of School



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## Message from the Director of Aaron Milken Center Keri Loventhal

I am so excited to be a part of the Wise community, which welcomed me with such warmth when I arrived this summer.

Our AMC summer camp allowed me the joy of visiting our classrooms and seeing the children explore new centers, create beautiful objects in the art studio, and enjoy wet and fun outdoor activities. It filled me with excitement and anticipation for the coming year, as we began to prepare our outstanding staff and watched the daily progress of our Lower Village renovations—the first stage of what will be a \$30 million construction project that will transform early childhood education at Wise.

**As Rosh Hashanah approaches, we take a moment to reflect on last year and prepare to welcome the one ahead. Each new year brings us new opportunities, new lessons, and new experiences.**

One of the many emergent curriculum lessons our children learn about Rosh Hashanah is about the holiday's special foods. They learn that we eat apples and honey to taste the sweetness we hope the new year brings. They learn that the circular challah is round because it symbolizes the end of one year and the **beginning** of the next. They learn that the pomegranate—*rimon*, in Hebrew— is filled with hundreds of seeds (some people say 613!) that represent the many good deeds/*mitzvot* we can do to make the world a better place. Before we eat the fruit, we teach our students a blessing asking God to help make our good deeds equal to the number of seeds in the pomegranate.

The start of the school year is a chance for children to meet new teachers, **reconnect** with existing friends, and make new friendships. I look forward to celebrating the start of the new school year with Aaron Milken Center families and our Wise community.

*Keri Loventhal*

Keri Loventhal, Director of Aaron Milken Center



## Tot Shabbats at Wise

Once a month at 9 a.m., our clergy and Aaron Milken Center educators lead a music- and story-filled Shabbat morning service that introduces the youngest members of our community to the joy of Shabbat. Parents and grandparents will love it too!

We'll sing, dance, and enjoy uplifting Shabbats in the outdoors as a community! Whether you are a Wise member or not, all are encouraged and welcome to attend with family and friends. Recommended for children ages 5 and under.

### 2022-23 Dates

Oct. 8, 2022  
Nov. 5, 2022  
Dec. 3, 2022  
Jan. 7, 2023  
Feb. 4, 2023  
March 4, 2023  
April 1, 2023  
May 6, 2023



## Parenting Center

Aaron Milken Center Baby and Me classes meet once or twice weekly and feature learning, music, play, guest speakers, and camaraderie for parents and children from 3 months to 2 years of age. Parents will learn valuable parenting skills, children and parents will develop first and lifelong friendships, and all families

will benefit from **establishing Jewish roots** in our school and temple community.

Additionally, we proudly host a roster of guest experts in child psychology and early childhood education to offer insight into the experience of being a parent.



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WiseLA.org/CYE

# Return to discovery



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SPRING (K-6): **APRIL 3-14, 2023**

SUMMER (K-8): **JUNE 20-AUGUST 4, 2023**

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For more than 200 years, the word used to describe our efforts to give children the priceless gift of Jewish community, tradition, and values has been one more commonly associated with tests, blackboards, and homework: School. Maybe it's time to change that.

At Wise's Center for Youth Engagement (CYE), we believe that Judaism should be an exciting, vibrant, and uplifting experience for children and parents, one that engages body and mind in exploring our living traditions, community, and values. It should be **fun**. It should be **meaningful**. And it should meet your family's needs and schedule.

Our families have raved about the changes we've made to accommodate their different priorities and different schedules. Now, you can take advantage of them, too.

With eight different options for your child to discover the joys of Judaism, including monthly camp mornings, immersive family learning experiences, weekly Sunday school, weekly Shabbat Torah study, **an amazing teen youth group**, and weekly Hebrew studies—online, in person, or one-on-one—the CYE has every type of learning experience to fit your needs and the needs of your family.

*Roll for*

Rabbi Josh Knobel  
Director of Center for Youth Engagement

**Wise Temple Youth (WTY)**  
Grades 7-12  
Select Sunday Evenings, 6-8 p.m.

### Camp Wise Sundays

Grades K-6  
Sunday Mornings, Monthly, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.  
Stephen Wise Temple Campus

### Family Learning Experience

Grades K-6  
Sunday Mornings, Monthly, 9-11:30 a.m.  
Stephen Wise Temple Campus

### Shabbat Torah Study

Grades K-6  
Saturday Mornings, Weekly, 9-10 a.m.  
Stephen Wise Temple Campus

### Weekly Religious School

Grades K-6  
Sunday Mornings, Weekly, 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m.  
Leo Baeck Temple Campus

### T'filah Tuesdays

Grades K-7  
Tuesday Afternoons,  
4:30-5:30 p.m.  
Online or Stephen Wise Temple Campus

### iLearn Hebrew 1:1

Grades K-7  
On Demand | Online



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# Sukkot

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## Wise Guys Sukkah Build

Thursday, October 6 | 7:30 p.m.

## Tot Shabbat & Sukkot Picnic

Saturday, October 8 | 9 a.m.

## Sukkot Festival Services

Monday, October 10 | 10 a.m.

## Wise Women Pop-Up Hike

Tuesday, October 11 | 8:15 a.m.

## Sukkot Shabbat Services

Friday, October 14 | 6:15 p.m.

## YAD Sushi & Sangria in the Sukkah

Saturday, October 15 | 7 p.m.

## Sukkot Yizkor and Shemini Atzeret Services

Monday, October 17 | 10 a.m.

## Shabbat and Simchat Torah Celebration

Friday, October 21 | 6:15 p.m.

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

*Visit our sukkot on campus for  
these events or at any time during  
the festival.*

שְׁבַע יָמִים, תַּחֲגוּ לַיהוָה אֱלֹהֵיךָ,  
בְּמִקוֹם, אֲשֶׁר-יִבְחַר יְהוָה: כִּי  
יְבָרְכֶךָ יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיךָ, בְּכֹל תְּבוּאֹתַיִךְ  
וּבְכֹל מַעֲשֵׂה יְדֵיךָ, וְהֵייתָ, אֶף שִׂמְחָה.

*"You shall hold a festival for God  
seven days ... for God will bless all  
your crops and untakings and you  
shall have nothing but joy."*

—Deut. 16:15



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[WiseLA.org/Shabbat](https://WiseLA.org/Shabbat)

## Return to Shabbat

Ring in the new year with a new way to **celebrate Shabbat**

Starting **Spirit of Shabbat with Rabbi Yoshi**  
**October 22 8:45 a.m., every Saturday**

This year, Rabbi Yoshi kicks off a new and uniquely-Wise approach to Shabbat mornings.

Each session will begin with a few moments of reflection and contemplation, including a brief selection of the most beautiful songs and prayers of Shabbat. This will set the tone for an hour of deep and engaging Torah study where we'll work together to uncover the timeless wisdom embedded in our ancient tradition.

We will conclude with a special *kaddish* that gives thanks for our learning together and also provides an opportunity to memorialize our loved ones. Rabbi Yoshi will be our primary teacher and leader with the participation of other clergy, outside experts, and of course, you!

Most sessions will be held on our Stephen Wise Temple campus, while others will be hosted in congregants' homes. Each session will be available on Zoom. Join us as we discover and make meaning together through this fresh approach to Torah study.

### Shabbat Evening Services: 6:15 p.m., every Friday

Shabbat Evening Services are our chance to check in with God, with our family, and with ourselves. They provide a rhythm to the week, a respite from our day-to-day lives, and an opportunity to connect with our community through song and prayer. Every Friday at 6:15 p.m., welcome Shabbat with us in person or online.

### Mountaintop Shabbat: Select Saturdays, Monthly, 10 a.m.

Fresh tunes, fresh air, fresh perspective. You'll find all that and more at this intergenerational service that will appeal to all ages, meeting monthly in our beautiful Geldin Chapel. Whether you are 6 or 65+, this experience is made for you. Come to sing, come to learn, come to pray, come to be outside, come to be a part of our community.



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Upcoming  
Mountaintop  
Shabbat  
Dates

- October 15, 2022
- November 19, 2022
- December 17, 2022

הַשִּׁיבֵנוּ יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְנָשׁוּבָה, חֲדָשׁ יָמֵינוּ כְּקֶדֶם.

"Return us to You, Adonai, and we will return. Renew our days as of old."  
—Lamentations 5:21



Each year, on the High Holy Days, we invite you to reflect on the year that has passed and the year ahead. What were your hopes? What were your successes and challenges? Where—and who—do you want to be? We ask these questions to inspire self-reflection, but also to inspire connection—to this community, to this tradition, to this place.

The words from Lamentations, which lead us from Tisha B'Av to Rosh Hashanah, remind us that this work is relational; it is reciprocal. If we return to the community, to the relationships, to the Divine—we are returned.

If you pledged last year that you would make some time for your own growth, make time for Jewish learning with us.

If you promised last year that you would celebrate your blessings by giving back to the world around you, make time for *tikkun olam* with us.

If you told yourself last year that you needed more downtime, make time for Shabbat with us.

Over these next pages, you will see a plethora of opportunities for connection, to go deeper into learning, prayer, community, friendship, and *tikkun olam*. We hope that you will accept our invitation, to return again.



Rabbi Sari Laufer  
Chief Engagement Officer

## Let's CONNECT

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### Office Hours

Monday–Thursday | 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

Friday | 8:30 a.m.–4 p.m.

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## Return to Community



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**WISE YAD**  
YOUNG ADULT DIVISION

*Wise YAD is a welcoming squad of Jewish young adults (aged 22-39) 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're scheduling movie nights, costume parties, trivia nights, and more for the year ahead, so check back often!*

### Sushi and Sangria in the Sukkah

Saturday, October 15 | 7 p.m.

Join YAD for Sushi and Sangria in the Sukkah! Bring a friend or two for our trivia competition to win a special prize! Early bird pricing ends Oct. 4.



SIGN UP

### Hanukkah Semi-Formal

Saturday, December 17 | 7 p.m.

Throw it back to one of the best nights of your life: your BAT/BAR MITZVAH! Join YAD for a winter-themed Hanukkah semi-formal with drinks, dancing, and fun all around. From dancing the *horah* to the Hoedown Throwdown, we are going to party like it's the 2000s. And of course, make sure to dress your best!!



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# WISE WOMEN

Visit our website to learn more!

*Wise Women offers dynamic, inclusive, meaningful, and entertaining experiences for the Wise Women of our community. From women you've known for years to women you've yet to meet, we come together for fun, social, educational, and spiritual programming throughout the year.*

## Wise Women Book Club

**Book Club Kickoff:**  
*"Beauty Queen of Jerusalem"*  
by Sarit Yishai-Levi

Thursday, October 13, 7 p.m.  
Location: Stephen Wise Temple Sukkah

*We will be discussing both the hit Netflix television show and international best seller upon which it is based. This multigenerational tale of love and forgiveness spans the Golden Age of Hollywood, the dark days of World War II, and the swingin' 1970s.*

## Upcoming Events

### Wise Women Sukkot Hike

Tuesday, October 11, 8:15 a.m.  
Location: TBD

*Join Wise Women for a refreshing Sukkot hike! We will reconnect with nature, do a little learning, and have fun in the outdoors.*

### Save the Date

**Wise Women Hanukkah Celebration**  
Thursday, December 15, 7 p.m.

*Stay tuned for more wonderful opportunities throughout the year. To get involved, email Rabbi Sari Laufer at [SLaufer@WiseLA.org](mailto:SLaufer@WiseLA.org).*

# WISE GUYS

Visit our website to learn more!



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*Wise Guys provides meaningful opportunities for the men of Stephen Wise Temple to gather for learning, community, and friendship. You don't want to miss out on what the Wise Guys have to offer!*

## Upcoming Events

### Wise Guys Sukkah Build

Thursday, October 6, 7:30 p.m.

### Wise Guys Latkes and Vodka

Tuesday, December 6, 7:30 p.m.

*Email Rabbi Ron Stern at [RonStern@WiseLA.org](mailto:RonStern@WiseLA.org) for details on these events, as well as our **Super Bowl Party, Purim game night, our book club, and our annual ski trip!***

*Email [WiseEvents@WiseLA.org](mailto:WiseEvents@WiseLA.org) to find out about our **Thursday-night men's basketball league.***

## Tour de Summer Camps

Join **Team Wise Wheels** and ride with Rabbi Stern and other Wise members to raise money for Jewish summer camp scholarships on Oct. 30. Riders can do various ride lengths—some of us are doing 36, others 60, a few might even be doing the 100! (Rabbi Stern is doing the 60 mi). You can even ride a Peloton at camp and get cycling credit! Sign up soon so we can schedule some training rides for the long-distance riders!



SIGN UP

# SAVE THE DATE

# WISE GALA

May 20, 2023

## SEARCH FOR MEANING WITH RABBI YOSHI

In his podcast, Rabbi Yoshi sits down with thinkers and doers, movers and shakers, friends and soon-to-be-friends, to discuss what inspires them and how they find meaning in their everyday lives. Tune in or download to hear his chats with super agent Ken Lindner, Emmy-winning writer Jonathan Shapiro, author Dara Horn, and many other fascinating folks.

Listen and subscribe at [WiseLA.org/SearchForMeaning](http://WiseLA.org/SearchForMeaning)



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**WISE** Years

Learning. Engagement. Community.

Wise Years is Stephen Wise Temple's seniors group for members and guests 60 years and better. You are invited to join us for our regular series of learning, lunch, leisure, and community. Mornings feature speakers on a wide range of timely and timeless topics. Following lunch together, afternoons offer a choice of films or games. Please join us as you are available, or all year long!



Thursday, October 13

Learn about the upcoming election with the **League of Women Voters** and hear the story of how one child survived the Holocaust with **Sonja Telias**.

Thursday, November 10

**Author Maggie Anton** will be sharing stories with us and we will learn more about the new **L.A. Jewish population study**.



Thursday, December 8

**Steve Krantz** will teach us about the essentials of **personal cyber security**, and **Author Donna Stein** will join us to discuss her book, "**The Empress and I**."

**Save the Dates for Winter and Spring Sessions With Wise Years:  
January 12, February 9, March 9, May 11, and June 8, 2023!**



Honoring the *past*  
Ensuring the *future*

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# Center for Jewish Life

## Return to Learning



Dear Friends,

We at the **Center for Jewish Life** are delighted to present what we believe is a particularly exciting series of lectures and dialogues. We

are back, **we welcome you back** and we cannot wait to see you.

With every good wish for a year filled with blessings.

Rabbi David Woznica  
Rabbi Isaiah Zeldin Chair  
Director, Center for Jewish Life

### Ambassador Michael Oren in Dialogue With Rabbi David Woznica

Monday, October 31 at 7:30 p.m.



**Ambassador Michael Oren** is an internationally renowned author, celebrated historian, and diplomat, serving as Israel's Ambassador to the United States. He is among the most prominent Jews in the world and one of the most insightful contemporary Israeli thinkers. He has just written "Swann's War," a murder mystery that takes place on a rugged New England fishing island.

Cost for Wise members: \$15  
Cost for General Public: \$20

24 HIGH HOLY DAYS 2022

Registration is now open.  
**Each of these events, unless otherwise noted, is in-person only.**



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Visit [WiseLA.org/CJL](http://WiseLA.org/CJL) or scan the QR code to register and read about the other exciting guests already booked for this winter and spring.

Watch your mail for the CJL brochure, which will include information about all of our lectures, dialogues, seminars, and classes.

### The Great Age Reboot: Cracking the Longevity Code to be Younger Today and Even Younger Tomorrow

with Dr. Michael F. Roizen

Monday, November 14 at 7:30 p.m.

**Dr. Michael F. Roizen, M.D.**, the Emeritus Chief Wellness Officer at the Cleveland Clinic, reveals how current science and technology will revolutionize our ability to live longer, younger, and better. If you are young, or older, what you learn this evening will likely make you healthier and happier, and your life more fulfilling.

Cost for Wise Members: \$15  
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Presented in partnership with Jewish Book Council

Return to **Study** Online classes with clergy via Zoom.  
There is no charge for these classes. Register online at [WiseLA.org/CJL](http://WiseLA.org/CJL).



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Longtime students and newcomers alike are invited to join these classes at any time. Scan the code on this page to find out more.



### Monday Morning Bible Study

Rabbi Ron Stern

Alternate Mondays:  
9-10 a.m.

Take a deep dive into the many ways that we can understand our ancient sacred text. Using modern scholarship and historical critical sources we investigate the stories and laws through the lens of their ancient context. We'll look at how centuries of tradition have often moved the text well beyond ancient intent—which is actually vital for the Bible's continued relevance and meaning as a sacred document.



### Favorite Moments in the Torah

Rabbi David Woznica

Alternate Mondays: 10:15-11 a.m.

Traverse the Torah as we choose some of the greatest lessons, memorable episodes, and notable people from our tradition. We will ask ourselves what the Torah is trying to convey to us about how to live today and to further our understanding, we will consider commentaries (ancient and contemporary) as well as our personal experiences and perspectives about life.

### Spirit of Shabbat With Rabbi Yoshi

Rabbi Yoshi Zweiback

Saturdays: 8:45 a.m.

Read more on Page 17!



### The Wisdom of the Sages: Talmud Study and More

Rabbi Sari Laufer

Wednesdays: 12-1 p.m.

Starting in November, Rabbi Sari will be your incisive and insightful guide each week as you travel back 1,500 years to uncover the stories, teachings, and understandings of the sages of the Babylonian Talmud. How is their wisdom relevant to our daily lives? How have their understandings shaped our tradition and values, and what does it all mean for 21st century Jews?

### Introduction to Judaism

Rabbi Sari Laufer and  
Stephen Wise Temple  
Clergy

Tuesdays: Sept. 6, 2022,  
through Dec. 17, 2022 | 7-9 p.m.

No classes Sept. 27, Oct. 4, Nov. 22  
(subject to change)



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### Thursday Torah Study

Rabbi Ron Stern

Thursdays: 12-12:30 p.m.

Sourcing some of the most compelling essays from TheTorah.Com, a website dedicated to modern critical scholarship that provides insights into modern life, Rabbi Stern shares what the world's finest literary scholars have come to understand about our weekly Torah portion.

# Yom Kippur Afternoon Study Sessions with Clergy



Join us in Plotkin Chapel (in our Sanctuary building) on the afternoon of Yom Kippur. You can also join us virtually by scanning the code on this page.



## When Bad Things Happen To Good People

Rabbi David Woznica

October 5, 1:30 to 2:15 p.m.



An opportunity to explore this most important dilemma. How do we reconcile a good, just, and all-powerful God in a world where good people suffer? We will grapple with this issue, sharing personal challenges, while hearing both biblical and contemporary perspectives that can shape a meaningful response.

## Jonah

Rabbi Ron Stern  
and Rabbi Josh Knobel

October 5, 2:30 to 3:15 p.m.



Discover ancient humor, satire, and ethical principles in the Book of Jonah. Traditionally read on Yom Kippur afternoon, the story of Jonah artfully reveals literary genius as it speaks to the power of repentance and the value of forgiveness. Together we'll unpack the many layers in a story that is far richer than a mere account of a human who is swallowed by a fish.

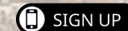
## Psalms and Meditation

Rabbi Yoshi Zweiback,  
Rabbi Sari Laufer,  
and Lauren Roth



October 5, 3:30 to 4:15 p.m.

Join us for meditation, song, and study as we prepare with hope for achieving our goal of personal transformation on this sacred day. We will combine the study of key psalms and texts related to the Day of Atonement with a few melodies and some moments of silence as we reflect together on the power of this time.



## WiseLA.org/Wherever

**We're expanding the Wise experience to friends  
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**Whenever. Wherever.  
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# Return to Service



The **Center for Tikkun Olam** is our center for making our world better for all through the efforts of our Wise members. This past year has truly been amazing, and many of the following efforts (and more) will continue throughout the coming year.

We joined with Congregation B'nai Jeshurun of Short Hills, N.J., to help fund a series of charter flights from Moldova to Israel through **United Hatzalah of Israel's Operation Orange Wings**, taking volunteer medics and more than 20 tons of food, medicine, and supplies to aid victims of the Russian invasion of Ukraine. On those flights' return to Israel, they have carried a total of more than 230 Ukrainian refugees to safety.



We **sponsored a young adult woman who fled Afghanistan** and sought refuge in the United States. Wise's dedicated team assisted her by securing housing, health care, support as she finished her master's degrees, legal resources for securing asylum, as well as moral support as she integrated herself into American society.



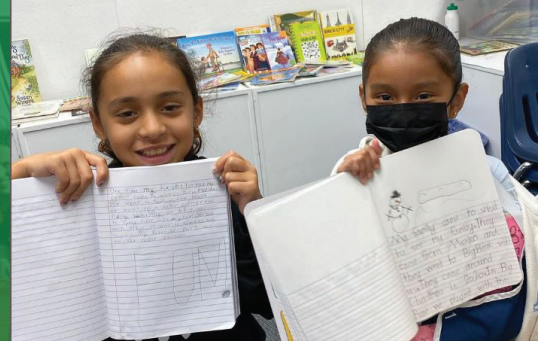
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We are **working on realizing the Wise Inclusivity Vision** through the efforts of a dedicated group of lay leaders and staff supporters. We have committed ourselves to creating a culture of belonging where all who desire to be a part of our community will feel welcomed and embraced, regardless of race, religious identity, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, or political perspective. Working deliberately and intentionally we seek to create a process unique to Wise that will strengthen the ties that bind us all as a community.

Through **Homes for Heroes**, we have supported formerly-unhoused veterans as they secure housing. Wise provides needed household items to help create homes for our nation's heroes.

In partnership with the interfaith efforts of **L.A. Voice** and the **Religious Action Center of California**, we seek to fashion a state that supports all its residents.

**If you are interested in joining the work, please contact Rabbi Stern directly at [RonStern@WiseLA.org](mailto:RonStern@WiseLA.org).**



WiseReaderstoLeaders.org



## WISE READERS TO LEADERS

Wise Readers to Leaders is Stephen Wise Temple's flagship literacy program which, for more than 11 years, has supported the academics of hundreds of underserved students in the greater Los Angeles area. We provide free summer literacy camp and year-round programming to support the academic and social emotional well-being of our scholars. Integral to the success of the Wise Readers to Leaders programs are the mentorship and leadership opportunities for teens in our community. These opportunities allow them to deepen their connection to Judaism through *tikkun olam*.

Visit **WiseReaderstoLeaders.org** to learn how Wise's flagship *tikkun olam* program continues to grow, expand, and change the world for hundreds of kids and teens in Los Angeles!

**Wise Readers to Leaders** closes the achievement gap for underserved youth through a transformative reading and enrichment program.

**"I LOVE READERS TO LEADERS BECAUSE IT IS A VERY FUN SUMMER CAMP, AND WE FEEL SAFE. IT'S A REALLY COOL PROGRAM AND YOU CAN DO A LOT OF ACTIVITIES AND WE PLAY A LOT OF SPORTS, AND WE DO A LOT TO HELP EACH OTHER."** —Scholar Miley



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# Building Our Future

## Ground Breaking Ceremony

### November 13, 2022 at 10 a.m.

# at **Stephen Wise Temple**

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