



Rabbi Irvin and Kathy Wise have been affiliated with Adath Israel Congregation since 1992.

Rabbi is a Cincinnati native and a graduate of Indiana University with a degree in psychology. His rabbinic ordination is from the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati, and he also holds a masters degree in Hebrew Letters from the institution. Upon his ordination, Rabbi Wise served as Dean of Students at the HUC campus in Jerusalem. He has been a member of the Rabbinical Assembly since 1985. Prior to coming to Adath Israel, Rabbi Wise was the Executive Director of the B'nai Brith Hillel Foundation at the University of Minnesota and before that served in the same role at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio, where he also served as the community's rabbi.

Kathy is a native of Berkeley, California and Bloomington, Indiana. She is a graduate of Indiana University. Kathy has a special affinity for Jewish Arts and crafts. Kathy teaches a variety of classes at Adath Israel and elsewhere from challah baking to Jewish stories.

Rabbi and Kathy are blessed with three daughters: Ora is the Education Director at Congregation Kolot Chayeinu in Brooklyn. Shalva is a social worker in New York City, Tehila is finishing her undergraduate degree at Hunter College in Manhattan, teaches religious school and tutors bar and bat mitzvah students in Brooklyn.

In their "spare" time, Rabbi and Kathy love to cook, travel, walk, garden, read and enjoy nature. Kathy and the Rabbi's prayer is for everyone to be blessed with health, sustenance, fulfillment and inner joy, and for Israel and the entire world to be blessed with peace.