



Temple Israel Newsletter August 5, 2018

Presidents Message

The Temple Israel Board of Trustees and I hope that everyone has had an enjoyable summer. Soon fall will be here and with it the Days of Awe, starting with Rosh Hashanah and ending with Yom Kippur. This is a sacred time to Jews around the world. A time to reflect on what we have done and what we would like to do, what changes we might make in our lives. It is a time for repentance and prayer. A time to seek forgiveness from anyone we may have intentionally or unintentionally wronged. It is a time for good deeds, tzedakah. A time to help others through giving of ourselves.

These Ten Days of Awe, or Days of Repentance allows each of us to renew our commitment to our Jewish selves, our family, our synagogue and our community. May each of you have a good and sweet year, Shana Tova, umetukah.

Student Rabbi: Caroline Sim fourth year Rabbinical student at Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati Ohio will lead us in Sabbath services and High Holiday services this year. Caroline grew up in the suburbs of Cincinnati. She earned her B.A. in English, French, and European Studies at the Ohio State University. After finishing her studies Caroline was a teaching assistant in the English language to French elementary school students in Paris.

Caroline completed a graduate certificate in Judaic Studies at the University of Cincinnati before becoming a Rabbinical student at HUC. Caroline has served as a student Rabbi for Temple Beth Shalom in Ishpeming, Michigan and Temple Emanu-El in Dothan, Alabama. She has served as an Education Fellow at Temple Shalom in Cincinnati. Most recently Caroline was the Rabbinic Fellow at the Edward B. Bruggeman Center for Interfaith Dialogue at Xavier University. Caroline's position involved working with the Cincinnati community to confront implicit bias concerning religion.

We are fortunate to have such a scholarly and experienced student Rabbi. Let's all show her our support during the High Holidays and throughout the year.

The Rabbis schedule will be included with the mailing on a separate sheet. Please keep it for reference throughout the year.

Religious School:

The first day of Camp Torah religious School will be August 26th. Time is 10:30am to Noon. Children whose parents are members of Temple Israel are welcome and encouraged to attend. Basic Hebrew is taught and basic tenets of Judaism. Peanut Free snacks are provided. Ages 4 ½ to 14 are the ages in Camp Torah. Children ages 14 to 16 are encouraged to attend as teaching assistants to the younger children.

Bradley Kale and Sarah Houston are the teachers once again . They are dedicated and excellent! If you are interested in bringing your children to Camp Torah Religious School please contact Bradley Kale at 270-564-1644.

Bar/Bat Mitzvah Preparation:

Student Rabbi Caroline Sim is interested in working with your child if he or she is eleven or twelve years of age and wants to be a Bar or Bat Mitzvah at age thirteen. Please contact me, Laurie Ballew at 502-468-5571 if you and your child are interested.

Sisterhood:

The first meeting of the Sisterhood will be August 25th at 11:30 am in the Temple Social Hall. A light lunch will be available. Officers will be elected for the coming year. Current officers are:Joyce Sims president, Fran Johnson, Vice President, Laurie Ballew, secretary and Terri Ballew Treasurer. We welcome new members and if you are interested in helping with a leadership position please call Joyce at 1 (502) 468-5570 (cell).

Community Member News:

Jane Bright and Laurie Ballew presented a "Brief History of the Jewish Presence in Paducah from 1840 to the Present"to the Paducah Kiwanis Club in July.Laurie gave a review of past and current membership and our active involvement in the Paducah community. Jane gave a great review of the retail and trade history of the Jews in Paducah. Many stores and businesses were owned by our congregation members. Jane was able to bring this era of our history to life. The presentation was enthusiastically received by the Kiwanis members and special guests Jane and Oscar Gamble, Julie Harris, Fran Johnson, Diane Michael Lengsfeld, and Lucy Paxton. It was fun and educational.

Sara Bradley with acclaimed chef,Ouita Michel, cooked at the James Beard House in February serving a Kentucky themed dinner as the kickoff for the Kentucky Department of Tourism "Better in the Bluegrass Campaign.Congrats to Sara on achieving this special honor and opportunity.

Mike Resnick continues on the Boards of the Paducah Cooperative Ministry and The Paducah Symphony Orchestra and the Easter Seals Center.

Louis Michelson continues on the Board of the Community Kitchen.

Dr. Laurie Ballew gave a presentation to 200 area healthcare providers at their annual meeting in April on the topic of fighting the stigma of mental illness. She also continues on the Paducah-McCracken County Abrahamic Interfaith Council.

Aaron and Tillie Houston had a Fabulous time at Camp Ben Frankel.

If you have any news that you would like to share with the Temple Israel Community please contact me, Laurie Ballew at 502-468-5571, call or text.

News at the Temple:

The Kitchen Remodel was approved by the Board of Directors this past April. The kitchen is new, modern and beautiful.Thank you to the Board for the New Kitchen.

A special thank you also to Michele Janssen Temple housekeeper and Joyce Sims our Temple secretary for their tireless work in getting the new kitchen in order. All the work it took to clean out the old, and then put things back in place is greatly appreciated. Both Michele and Joyce have spent many many hours at the Temple the past 4 weeks to get everything in order so we all can enjoy our new kitchen. Great work and we can't thank you enough.

This year the Temple Newsletter will be available in the Fall (this issue) the Winter and the Spring. No Summer Issue. Reminders will continue to be emailed about Rabbi visits.

Welcome back from summer break to all of our returning members who have been with us throughout the years.

Welcome back to our returning second year members:

Sara Bradley
Gale Weaver
Neil Luster and Arlene Salazar
Peter and Amber Barnett
John and Valerie Hendlet

Welcome to our first year members:

Leah Shields
Daniel Kohn
Sarabess Foster
Nicole Lowery
Gwen Smith
Alexandra Shepard
Fred and Barbara Allen

See you at the Temple!

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