

## Temple Israel Newsletter

February 2015

### **Presidents Message:**

The Tu Bi Shevat Seder on January 30 was a great hit. Over 30 people attended and the Religious School Children (Camp Torah) entertained everyone with a Jewish Trivia Quiz. Beth Resnick, Sally Wheeler, and Joyce Sims put together beautiful Seder plates. Rabbi Julie Schwartz led us in Shabbat Services and the Tu Bi She'vat Seder. Her mother Ida was also present to share the Seder and fun with us. Rabbi Schwartz will be back Friday, February 13, for Shabbat services and Purim celebration at 7:00 pm. There is a rumor that the Camp Torah children will have something special for us for Purim so please make an effort to attend. The next morning, Saturday, February 14, there will be a brunch at 10:00 a.m.; adult education will follow at approximately 10:45 a.m. If you plan to attend on Saturday, please let me know Friday night or call me at 270-519-9409.

Mike Resnick

Congregation President

### **Purim:**

Purim celebrates the Jewish people's deliverance from a royal death decree as told in the Book of Esther. Many Jewish people listen to the Megillah to relive the events that are told about the story of Esther, Mordecai, and Haman. Many Jews also give to the needy around this time of year. Food baskets and/or food gifts are also given away. It is a time to celebrate and be merry.

### **Services:**

Friday, February 13, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.      Rabbi Julie Schwartz will lead the Shabbat Service and read from the Megillah

Saturday, February 14, 2015 at 10:00 a.m      Brunch

Saturday, February 14, 2015 at 10:45 a.m.      Adult Education/Torah Study with Rabbi Schwartz

### **Congregational Notes:**

The Temple Israel website is up and running. Visit [templeisrael.us](http://templeisrael.us) to browse the website. Thank you to Ellis Ballew for developing the website and being the webmaster.

## **Member Highlights:**

This is a new monthly item for the Temple newsletter. Starting this month the newsletter will highlight a congregational member or members. For the initiation of this segment we will highlight the children of Camp Torah.

Wyatt Houston is four years old and attends preschool. His favorite thing to do is to “play outside.” He likes “everything” at preschool. His parents are Sarah and Tim Houston. His grandmother in Paducah is Terri Ballew and his great-grandmother is Elsie Ballew.

Hutch Brown is 6 years old and is in kindergarten. His favorite thing to do is to “play on the I-Pad.” His favorite subject in kindergarten is “recess.” His mother is Lindsay Brown and his grandparents here in Paducah are Sally and Louis Michelson.

Tillie Houston is 6 years old and is in first grade. Her favorite thing to do is to “plant flowers.” Her favorite subject in school is “math.” Her parents are Sarah and Tim Houston. Her grandmother in Paducah is Terri Ballew and her great-grandmother is Elsie Ballew.

Ben Kale is 7 years old and is in the first grade. His favorite thing to do is to “play with the new puppy.” His favorite subject in school is “recess.” His parents are Hadley and Brad Kale and his grandparents here in Paducah are Sally and Louis Michelson.

Bello Rose Brown is 8 years old and is in the second grade. Her favorite things to do are “tennis and gymnastics.” Her favorite subject in school is “social studies.” Her mother is Lindsay Brown and her grandparents here in Paducah are Sally and Louis Michelson.

Aaron Houston is 10 years old and is in the fifth grade. His favorite thing to do is to “ride on the four-wheeler.” His favorite subjects in school are “science and social studies.” His parents are Sarah and Tim Houston. His grandmother here in Paducah is Terri Ballew and his great-grandmother is Elsie Ballew.

This is an outstanding group of children who are our Highlights of The Month.

## **Announcements:**

Temple Israel Sisterhood, Women of Reform Judaism, had its first meeting of the year on February 7, 2015 at the Temple. New Sisterhood officers were elected and are:

Joyce Sims: President

Hadley Kale: Vice President

Laurie Ballew: Secretary

Terri Ballew: Treasures

Sarah Houston and Sarah Finer: Social Action Co-Chairs

The next meeting of the Sisterhood will be March 7, 11:30 a.m. in Temple Israel Social Hall. All women of Temple Israel are welcome.

If you have any news about yourself or your family that you would like to share with the Temple Israel Community, please contact me, Laurie Ballew, newsletter editor: cell 502-468-5571 or email at [cookieb1267@gamil.com](mailto:cookieb1267@gamil.com) If you know anyone who would like to receive the newsletter or become a member of Temple Israel, please contact any of the Board of Trustees: Mike Resnick, Jack Lasoski, Beth Resnick, Louis Michelson, Fran Johnson, Beverly Bradley, Laurie Ballew, or Joyce Sims.

An updated Temple Israel Directory is in progress. We will mail these out when completed. Please send your current address and contact information to Laurie Ballew at [cookieb1267@gmail.com](mailto:cookieb1267@gmail.com)

Lay services every Friday night at 5:30 p.m. when the Rabbi is not in town.

Hope to see you at Shabbat Purim services on February 13, 2015.