**Spring Newsletter April 2018**

The start of spring this year has been busy and productive for the Temple Israel Congregation.  Spring is a time of rejuvenation and new beginnings for our surroundings and our spiritual lives. The trees and flowers begin to bear blossoms and many animals start to arise from their winter slumber.

Here at Temple Israel we have celebrated Pesach with the Passover Seder on March 30th. The service was led by Student Rabbi Polin with 44  congregants in attendance. The food was excellent. Beth Resnick did a great job of coordinating the event. The members of the sisterhood helped Beth with food preparation and helped to create a tasty and joyous occasion. Spring Table flowers by Beth and the beautiful arrangement provided by Sally Michelson added a nice touch. Once again Sara Bradley provided the tasty beef brisket. The children had a fun time and Maggie McCrady found the Afikomen.

April 12 was Yom HaShoah and the Temple hosted a Holocaust Remembrance Program with the Abrahamic Interfaith Council Of Paducah-McCracken County participating. The program was well received and was publicized and reviewed by WPSD -TV and the Paducah Sun. Many community members attended along with members of the Temple Israel Congregation. This is an important time in history to never forget. It is rewarding that so many of our friends and neighbors were there to observe this solemn day with us. Laurie Ballew, Congregation President

Religious School: Rabbi Andy Bachman will e be here May 6th at 10:30 AM to teach the children along with Sarah and Bradley.

Sisterhood: Gale and Marie will host the Oneg on April 20th.

Rabbi Polin:  Services Friday April 20th

at 7:00 pm

Sat. 10:00 AM Adult Education

May 11th : Congregational Meeting

6:00 pm brief service followed by meeting and potluck dinner. Bring your favorite vegetable dish. The Temple Board will provide Southern Fried Chicken. This will be Rabbi Polins last visit with us so please try to attend.

Generous donations to the Temple since the last newsletter.

Cemetery Beautification Fund:

Gale Weaver

Jane Bright

Dr Laurie Ballew

Joyce Sims

Rubenstein Cope

Donations to the General Operating Fund:

In Memory of Josh Freed:

Matt and Nicole Lowery

Jay Mann

Fran and Darrell Johnson

Mark and Becky Solomon

Dr Laurie Ballew

Joyce Sims

Mike and Beth Resnick

Jon and Patti Freed donated a memorial book in Memory of Jon’s father.

Dr Laurie Ballew and Joyce Sims purchased new chairs for the social hall in memory of Elsie Ballew

If you have any information for the newsletter please send it to me, Laurie Ballew at templeisraelky@gmail.com

Barring any unforeseen circumstances the next newsletter will be sent out for the fall in late August.

Please note: the Yeiser Art Museum has the Fantastic Fibers display starting April 14 through June 9. Open 10AM to 5 Pm Tues through Sat. A Holocaust Artwork collection is part of the exhibit.