

Reuven Green Brings Exciting New Directions to Havurat Tikvah's Religious School

Havurat Tikvah, the Reconstructionist congregation of Charlotte, is proud to announce Reuven Green as the Education Director for our Religious school for the upcoming 2009-2010 school year. Reuven brings a fresh perspective and professionalism to the havurah school that can help our religious school grow and meet the needs of new members with small children who are seeking a Jewish education connected to the Reconstructionist philosophy.

Reuven has been a member of Havurat Tikvah for the past four years and Reuven has worked in the field of Jewish education for more than 15 years. He has been a second grade Judaica teacher at Temple Beth El Religious School for ten years, taught seventh grade for Temple Israel's Religious School and has taught electives for both congregations at Hebrew High. Reuven also currently teaches eighth and ninth grade for Temple Israel at Hebrew High.

Reuven also attends Jewish Education conferences each year to keep up with the latest in religious school education programs, and has recently become a member of RENA, the national organization of Reconstructionist Jewish



Reuven Green

Educators.

Prior to moving to Charlotte, Reuven was a USY/Kadima youth advisor.

Even as our children finish this current school session, Reuven is preparing the curriculum and schedule for Grades 1-7 for our 2009-2010 school year starting September 1.

Topics to be addressed: Jewish holidays; Jewish history; Hebrew; Reconstructionist perspectives; Kashrut laws; current Israeli affairs.

The school year will also include two-three organized field trips connected to the curriculum

and several family-oriented events are planned for all generations of the family to participate. The havurah is fully committed to making sure that our children are completely prepared for their lives as Jews within our community. The havurah will also continue to offer additional tutoring to students as they prepare for their b'nai mitzvah.

The Havurat Tikvah Religious School meets once a week on Sundays from 10:30 AM-12:30 PM at our congregation's home in Dilworth at 2201 Springdale Avenue.

Havurat Tikvah is an affiliate of the Jewish Reconstructionist Federation. We provide a comfortable, family atmosphere where all Jews can feel welcome. We encourage participation in the community and in our services. Feel free to visit, get to know us, and become part of our growing congregation of over 50 households.

For questions about Havurat Tikvah's religious school or upcoming services and events, please visit our website at www.havurattikvah.org or contact new member chair, Brian Feinglass, at bcfein1@gmail.com. ✪



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Citizens South CEO Price Honored with Wisdom of Solomon Award

On June 4, Gastonia's historic synagogue, Temple Emanuel, presented Kim Price, CEO of Citizens South Bank, the first Wisdom of Solomon Award. The ceremony took place at Rodi restaurant in Gastonia.

While banks across the country struggled to survive the economic downturn, Price developed an innovative program to use federal stimulus funds to help builders and developers construct affordable housing for new homebuyers. The program has been credited with helping revitalize the critical housing industry while also helping individuals and families continue to maintain and achieve their dreams of home ownership.

In February 2009, Citizens South announced it would use all \$20.5 million in federal TARP funds to create low-interest-rate, no-closing-cost mortgages. The mortgages were set at 3.5%, with a maximum rate of 5.5%, and closing costs paid by developers and builders as a form of assistance to qualified homebuyers.

Lauded by national media outlets such as *The Washington Post*, *The Wall Street Journal*, CNN, Fox News and NBC Nightly News, Price's program demonstrates the wisdom, creativity and leadership of King Solomon. The low-risk, pro-consumer strategy reflects Price's deep understanding of banking, economics and most of all – the needs of consumers.

"Kim Price embodies all the characteristics of a great leader – wisdom, innovation and sound



Jason Gluck, Temple Emanuel Board President, presents Wisdom of Solomon Award to Kim Price, CEO Citizens South Bank

decision-making," said Alan Nash, co-chair of the award ceremony. "We could not imagine a more qualified person to be the first recipient of the Wisdom of Solomon Award. Kim's decision to focus on consumers rather than padding his own balance sheet, illustrates how businesses can actually thrive through sound decision-making and prudence."

The 2009 Wisdom of Solomon award is the first such award given by Temple Emanuel of Gastonia, NC. Temple Emanuel has been serving and representing the Jewish community of Gaston, Lincoln, Cleveland, York and Mecklenburg counties for almost 100 years. Founded as the Hebrew Congregation of Gastonia 1913, the synagogue was built in 1929. More information about Temple Emanuel and the Wisdom of Solomon award can be found at www.templemanuelgaston.org. ✪



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