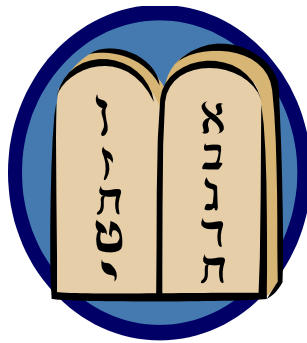


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Through prayer, study and friendship we strive to enrich our lives and ensure Jewish continuity in Highlands County.



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For many of us, the days during the Pandemic have been a blur of day after day of being isolated at home, protecting ourselves from the possibility of contracting the virus. One day has flowed seamlessly into the next.

For some of us, there is an antidote to this monotony: Shabbat, our Jewish Sabbath. Shabbat has received an endorsement from a most unlikely source, Pope Francis. During a 2018 documentary interview that has been revived and widely circulated during the coronavirus-caused shutdown, the pope declared, “What the Jews followed, and still observe, was to consider the Sabbath as holy. On Saturday you rest. One day of the week. Out of gratitude, to worship God, to spend time with the family, to play, to do all of these things. We are not machines.”

On the surface, Shabbat is a weekly holiday of renewal, during which Jews celebrate the miracle of creation and try to follow God's example of resting following a week of labor. But Shabbat is about much more than taking a welcome rest. Its deeper meaning can be seen in the root of the word that is the focus of both the blessing over the candles and the blessing over the wine: the Hebrew word “kadosh,” which means both to sanctify and to separate. This same word is also translated as “holy” in the biblical Fourth Commandment, as in “Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy.” In other words, when we Jews sanctify the Sabbath and keep it holy, we are making a conscious act of separation.

At its most elementary, Shabbat is about separating the profane from the sacred; the workweek from the Sabbath. But Shabbat is also a reminder of other forms of separation that add meaning to our lives — between hard work and play, and between pursuing our own dreams and caring for others. Shabbat is about balance. And as the pope understood, people of all faiths need the equivalent of a Shabbat experience precisely because we are not machines. We can't recharge ourselves via a USB port.

Let us remind ourselves of the themes of Shabbat — candles to remind us of the elementary act of creation, separating light from darkness, and wine to remind us of the sweetness of life and the importance of taking stock each week of what we have accomplished. And in trying to emulate the Creator, it's a small weekly reminder that each of us has the power to shape in some way the world in which we want to live.

I have always looked forward to Shabbat, yet the Sabbath's meaning may be more powerful now than in normal times. Despite the loneliness and isolation and fear of the unknown, each week, Shabbat is there to root us in our traditions and reminds us of our humanity and our love for each other. And, no small thing, it keeps my calendar in order.

Sadly, I will not see you in-person this Friday on August 6<sup>th</sup>. I want you to let you know how much I have missed you. But this new variant of the Coronavirus is keeping us from being together again. We still find our way together on Facebook Live!

*Cantor Riselle Bain*



# Message From the President

August 2021 / 5781

**Julia Ruden**

Dear Friends and Family;

We were so looking forward to opening the temple doors for the August 6<sup>th</sup> service, however that will not be possible.

We are cancelling in-person services on Friday August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 because COVID is too prevalent here in Highlands County. We have been so vigilant and I know we all really want to gather but it is NOT OUR time yet! This plague is at its worst since it began one year and 5 months ago and we thought we were headed in the right direction but NO WE ARE NOT!!

Our services are online at Cantor Riselle Bain's FaceBook page and I am so thankful Grateful for that technology. I look forward to seeing you online this Friday August 6<sup>th</sup> on FaceBook.

Please wear your masks when you go out. The COVID Delta variant is far too contagious.

Keep saying prayers for everyone and keep yourself safe PLEASE!

Continued Mi Shebeirach for Howard Salles - and for everyone's mental health also, these are crazy times we are living through.

May we continue to go from strength to strength!

***Be thankful for everything, everyone, everyday – I am!***

***Thankxoxo you ALL for ALL you Dooooooo!!***

Love,  
Julie

# In Loving Memory

## August Yahrzeits

\*\* Memorial Plaque in our Shul



Jennie Elias	Diana Frank**	Arya Mayer Frankel**
Ira Meyer Frankel**	Nathan Garshick	Maud Harriet**
Hattie Jankower**	Murray Jay	Annette Kahn**
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### Yahrzeit Donations

#### Given by

Mary Ann Romer  
Lois Lewis  
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#### In Memory Of

Joseph Lippman  
Neil T. Lewis and John Gill  
Ruth Silinsky Kirshner

To plant a tree mail check (\$18.00/tree) to the temple. Write "Tree" in the memo line with all the information.

Cantor Riselle Bain planted a tree on behalf of Sheryl Ullman in Memory of her sister Barbara Dozier Ullman.



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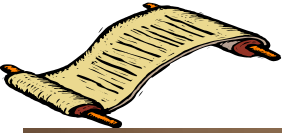
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# Announcements



If you would like to sponsor an Oneg contact Karen del Valle 863-260-0325

## LUNCH BUNCH

The next Ladies Lunch Bunch Group is still on hiatus



Contact Renee Tepper  
863-414-8811 or

**תודה רבה** - Thank You **Alan Wildstein** for your continued and generous support for Alan Jay Automotive for our transportation to and from Services! Please Contact Cantor Riselle Bain 813-600-8013 if you need assistance to get to services.



## Happy Anniversary

**Bruce & Phyllis Behrens**

**08/17**

**David & Evelyn Stahl**

**08/19**

**Elsa & Marvin Kahn**

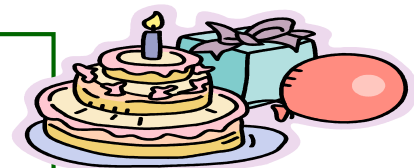
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**08/24**

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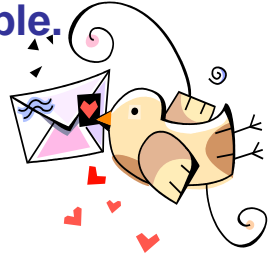
## AUGUST 2021 DONATION CARDS

*(All donations go to our Temple.)*

To send a birthday, anniversary, get well, sympathy or mazel tov card contact Mary Ann Romer at [matromer@aol.com](mailto:matromer@aol.com).

Write "Temple card" in the email subject box.

Send your minimum \$5.00 donation to Temple.



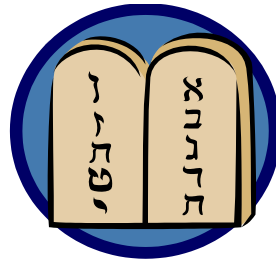
### Anniversaries

**By:** Congregation, Julie Ruden, Howard Salles, Cathy Blumenthal, Cantor Riselle Bain

**To:** Jay & Susie Luck, Bruce & Rabbi Lorraine Rudenberg, Stephanie & Marc Hauser



# Cantor Bain's Schedule:



## Future Erev Shabbat Services

6:30 PM (subject to change)

Because of the Delta COVID variant, we will not be opening the synagogue in August as we had hoped to do.

Your health and safety is of the utmost concern to us. With the situation engendered by the current public health emergency around the country and the world, we want to protect everyone.

Here is the link to access the Facebook live services or the saved videos of our past services since we closed our doors due to the pandemic.

<https://www.facebook.com/662042600572611/live/>

Online only until further notice:

August 6 – Torah Portion Re'eh

September 6-7 – Rosh Hashanah

September 15-16 – Yom Kippur

September 24 – Sukkot, Simchat Torah

October 8 – Torah Portion Noach

October 22 – Torah Portion Vayera – Kristallnacht

November 5 – Torah Portion Toldot

November 19 – Torah Portion Vayishlach

December 3 – Chanukah (6<sup>th</sup> Candle)

December 17 – Torah Portion Vayechi





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**ANNUAL DUES**

June 1, 2021 - May 31, 2022

**NAME:**

**MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES**

**FAMILY:**                 \$525.00  
**SINGLE:**                   \$325.00

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Dues payable upon receipt of  
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\*If you are able to increase your dues, it  
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**DUES**                                 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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(\$15.00)

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GREETINGS**                     \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(\$18.00) 09/2021

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**TOTAL**                                 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: Special arrangements must be made with the President and/or Treasurer prior to the end of the first quarter or by September 1, 2021.**