

Temple Israel of Highlands County
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Temple Israel is a Reform Temple that promotes the enduring and fundamental principles of Judaism.

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



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Dear Congregants,

2021 has continued to be a year of reinvention, redefinition — of learning how to do things we had never done before – how to still find a sense of community and caring as we met on Facebook for our Shabbat services. When we finally met again at the temple for the two times in December, it was a wonderful gift. But we also realized that we still had to make our services available to those who could only be with us virtually on Facebook Live, and we had to figure out how to do it from the temple!

The numbers of those infected with the coronavirus have spiked again. We take very seriously our responsibility to keep all as safe as possible. So, we are back on Facebook Live again until we feel it is safe to have our services back again in our sanctuary.

2021 has continued to be a transformative year for us in that it forced us to look at our own humanity in relation to others on this planet, to accept responsibility to behave as moral, ethical and spiritual people, to care about others enough to get vaccinated and to wear a mask.

2021 has continued to teach us Perseverance – We have experienced anguish, fear and uncertainty. If nothing else 2021 has taught us to remain steadfast in our commitment to helping one another. We could not allow ourselves to succumb. We had to find creative means of succor. Succor became survival.”

Although we thought we were coming out of the cloud that kept us from socializing together, it still has been a year of missing — missing friends and family and life events, missing traditions, of being together in our beloved sanctuary and making new memories, missing feelings of well-being, joy, safety, lost time.

For what can we be grateful as we slip into 2022? We can certainly be grateful for the impact that the Covid vaccine has had on saving lives and will continue to have in protecting us and others from, major sickness and even from the possibility of death. We can continue to hope for the time when joy and freedom will be part of our lives again. We can commit to living lives of gratitude, because of the gift of life that God has given us. We can be grateful that we have learned to take nothing for granted.

Let us begin 2022 with a sense of optimism.

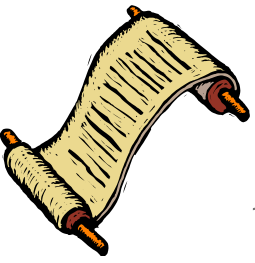
“The coronavirus changed and took away a lot in our personal lives. However, one good thing that happened is that this pandemic has forced us to find new ways to make our lives happy and fulfilling. Despite so much of life being on hold, we can develop an even more intense appreciation and love for life and for those we love.

As Oscar Wilde told us: “When it rains look for rainbows. When it’s dark look for stars.”

Let us raise a glass to a New Year filled with Health, Joy, Goodness, and Shalom.

Cantor Bain

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Message From the President

Dear Friends and Family;

Julia Ruden

We are resuming virtual services for January and cancelling in person services at the Shul. The Covid numbers are out of control again and you really do not want to get sick. Gathering inside should be avoided at this time. We will be monitoring the Covid numbers and will let you know about February. At this point, we'll take it one month at a time and pray the numbers go down quickly!

We are so fortunate to have the live services on Cantor Riselle's Facebook page. I look forward to seeing you all there Next Friday January 7th at 6:30 PM.

We have replaced the wall on the bemah and all the lights work throughout the building; I can't wait until we can be back at Shul.

Donna Wasson thank you again for the amazing butterfly garden and for all you DOooooo!

For those who are recovering -- Mishabera! Heal Faster please!

Thank you everyone for your continued support of OUR Temple!

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

Wishes for a Healthier, Happier, Safer 2022 for everyone!!

Stay SAFE!!!

Thankxoxox you ALL for ALL you Dooooooo!!

Love Julie



Announcements

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NEXT BOARD MEETING

On hiatus until further notice

January Onegs are sponsored by:

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Challah, wine, decaf coffee & fruit are the basics for our onegs. If you would like to sponsor an Oneg contact Karen del Valle 863-260-0325

Happy Anniversary

Jay & Rebecca Clarke	1/14
George & Pearl Zelma	1/18
Judy Albin & Clint Wallbank	1/24

LUNCH BUNCH

The next Ladies Lunch Bunch Group is at Logan's of Lake Placid, 381 East Interlake Blvd, Lake Placid on 31 January, 2022.



Contact Renee Tepper [863-414-8811](tel:863-414-8811) or reneetepper@gmail.com and let her know you'll be there.

תודה רבה - Thank You Alan Wildstein for your continued and generous support for Alan Jay Automotive for our transportation to and from Services! And for ALL YOU Dooo!

Please Contact Cantor Riselle Bain 813-600-8013 if you need assistance to get to services.



We Remember



January Jahrzeits

** Memorial Plaque in our Schul

Miriam E. Amster **	David Levy
Elliot Berkowitz **	Jennie Liss
	Judy Mass
Louis Biener	Michel Miller **
	Freda Moscowitz
Mary D. Blumenthal **	Milton M. Myers **
	Gertrude Pearl
	Bella Romer
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JANUARY 2022 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.

Write "Temple card" in the email subject box.

Send your minimum \$5.00 donation to temple.

Get Well:

By: Congregation, Board of Directors, Trustees, Cantor Riselle Bain

To: Howard Salles, Bruce Behrens

Mazel Tov:

By: Congregation, Board of Directors, Trustees, Cantor Riselle Bain

To: Michelle Herchick & Bethany Spiece on the birth of Inara Eden.



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Cantor Bain's Schedule:



Future Erev Shabbat Services

6:30 PM (subject to change)

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 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/>

The following is our schedule of services:

- Friday January 7 – Parashat Shemot – 6:30 PM
- Friday January 21 – Tu B'Shevat (Actually January 17) – 6:30 PM
- Friday February 4 – Parashat Yitro – 6:30 PM
- Friday February 25 – Purim – 6:30 PM
- Friday March 11 – Parashat Vayakhel-Pekudei – 6:30 PM