

Temple Israel of Highlands County
1305 Temple Israel Drive
Sebring, Florida 33870
863-382-7744 MARCH 2022/ 5782



Temple Israel's Web Page www.templeisraelofhcf.org

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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In a Jewish leap year, an extra month is added after the Hebrew month of Shevat and before the Hebrew month of Adar. It is called Adar Aleph, Adar Rishon, or Adar I. The month of Adar is then referred to as Adar Bet, Adar Sheni, or Adar II. According to Jewish tradition, Adar is a lucky and happy month. We will enter Adar II together at our Shabbat service on March 4th.

At Temple Israel, are always excited when the month of Adar arrives, because that is when we begin to prepare for our annual Purim Spiel, which will be presented at our Shabbat service on March 18th. At that service we will also hear the cantillation of Megillat Esther, we will eat delicious hamantaschen, and drink Narola's special delicious brew!

The Book of Esther says that Purim comes from the Hebrew work *pur*, generally translated as "lots," – as in a lottery or in drawing lots.

The holiday is named this because **HAMAN**, the villain of the Purim Spiel, drew a lottery to determine the date of the destruction of the Jewish people. Instead of **HAMAN'S** planned genocide, that very day became a triumphant victory for the Jews and was the cause of what we now know as the holiday of Purim. (Megillat Esther 3:7 and 9:26).

The Purim story takes place in the wake of the destruction of the 1st Temple, during a time of national exile. There's a Jewish woman who is basically a political captive and needs to keep her identity hidden. There's a ruthless death sentence decreed upon the entire Jewish people with seemingly no hope to be saved.

But then there's a miraculous turn of events in which every piece of the story plays a role in bringing about national salvation for the Jewish people.

Cantor Riselle Bain's Message Continued

It's the transformation of events, the way in which everything gets turned upside down, that is the true miracle that this holiday commemorates.

God's name does not appear at all throughout Megillat Esther, but in the absence of God's explicit presence, the story of Purim reveals God's hidden involvement in our world that never ceases. This is an important message and a promise of hope that this holiday carries, even today in the 21st century in the year 5782.

Besides the fun and merriment and masquerading and drinking, the story of Purim has a serious message for our times. Purim comes to remind Jews and all other peoples that Hamans never completely die away. They keep bobbing up time and time again – to persecute people and pervert freedom. Unfortunately, we see that anti-semitism is currently raising its ugly head again, even right here in the United States.

But from the story of Purim, Jews can take great pride in our people. Though we have had to combat the “Hamans” who would want to destroy us and place the blame of the world's problems on us, we have continued to live proudly as Jews – with self-respect and dignity – to stand up for what is right in life. We are partners with God, our Creator, in Tikkun Olam.

Please join Temple Israel as we present
***“The Megillah According to Rock n’ Roll” on March 18th at
6:30 pm.***

*B'shalom,
Cantor*



Message From the President

MARCH 2022 / 5782

Julia Ruden

Dear Friends and Family,

I am so thankful that the COVID numbers have dramatically dropped. There were an average of 28 new cases per day of COVID in Highlands county last week. That is down from 42 cases per day the week before, and 83 new cases per day 2 weeks ago. Two years of this has been rough on all of us, but the hope lives we have reached a new normal and can resume gathering. I look forward to seeing you all.

We will be opening for March. I'm also hopeful to say that Pesach Seder will be at our Shul on Friday, April 15th. Please complete the reservation form at the end of this newsletter as soon as possible.

We will be having Purim Rock n Roll Service at the shul March 18th. 1st Rehearsal is this Saturday at 9:30 A.M. for all the participants

As ALWAYS Cantor Riselle you are Awesome and Thank YOU for ALL YOU Doooo!

Please remember we have security you need; stop and say hello when driving up.

It is two years now that Donna planted our amazing butterfly garden that is so full of life and color! We are a registered official Monarch Station that was done in commemoration of the liberation of Auschwitz now 77 years ago Les we Forget!!

My heart breaks for Ukraine and I pray for the world everyday – what misugas!

I have many words to say but they can not be written here, you know what I mean! If you feel moved to donate, you can click the link here:

<https://jewishfederations.org/crisis-in-ukraine2022>

May we continue to go from strength to strength!

Prayers for the sick – still too many!

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

Thankxoxox you ALL for ALL you Dooooooo!!

Love, Julie



Congratulations!





Announcements MARCH 2022/ 5782

Happy Anniversary

Max & Sarah Sherwood 3/23
Michael & Donna Wasson 3/30

Onegs are sponsored by
The Board for 4th and Purim



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

LUNCH BUNCH

The next Ladies Lunch Bunch Group is Monday, 28 March at 12:30; Jimmy The Greek, Lakeshore Mall, Sebring



Contact Renee Tepper
863-414-8811



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MARCH 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.

Anniversaries

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

To: Ronald & Renee Tepper

Get Well:

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

To: Herb Weiss



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March Yahrzeits

** Memorial Plaque in our Shul



Alexander Amster**	David Miller**
Ruby J. Blumenthal**	Harry Moscovitz
Linda Blumenthal Cantrell**	Margaret Novich**
Herbert Cowell**	Anne Perlman
Christopher J. Fobbe**	Leo Rosenbaum**
Fannie Erskine	Gwen Siegel
Esther Ettenger	Virginia Spence
Edward Levi Fields**	Leon Toister**
Minnie Gorsetman	Marshall Toister**
Philip Gouz**	Jessie Wallace**
Frances V. Heyman	Doris Werner
Stephen Ross Kaplan**	Charles Francis Weiss
Dean Lemelle	Claude Wilson
Sophie Levy	Harold Wilson
Sadie Markowitz**	Ina Bertha Smith

Yahrzeit Donations

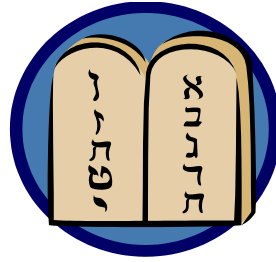


Given by

**Rolph & Narola Rosenberg
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 Joe Snoll
 Jill Liebeck
 Karen delValle**

In Memory Of

**Germaine Rosenberg
 Frances V. Heyman
 Sophie Levy, Elliot Salles, Rabbi Moses Sapir
 Solomon Snoll
 Judith Liebeck
 Ina Bertha Smith**



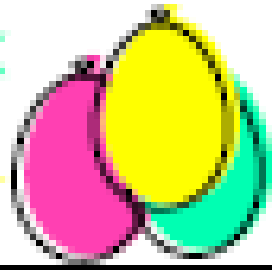
Services will be at the Shul.

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 Fridays at 6:30:

- March 4
- March 18 – Purim
- April 1
- April 15 – Passover
- May 6 – Yom Ha'atzmaut (Actual begins eve of Wednesday May 8)
- May 20



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PRESENTS:

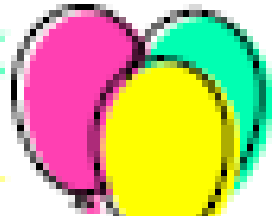
PURIM

THE MEGILLAH

ACCORDING

TO ROCK'N ROLL

MARCH 18
6:30 P.M.



**CELEBRATE PESACH WITH YOUR TEMPLE FAMILY AND FRIENDS ON
FRIDAY APRIL 15TH AT 6:00 PM
IN TEMPLE ISRAEL'S SOCIAL HALL
A TRADITIONAL PASSOVER MEAL WILL BE SERVED**

****RESERVATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 31st 2022**

**PLEASE MAIL YOUR RESERVATION AND CHECK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO:
TEMPLE ISRAEL OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY**

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NAME _____

_____ **ADULT MEMBERS @ \$36.00 EACH** \$ _____

_____ **ADULT NON-MEMBERS @\$46.00 EACH** \$ _____

_____ **YOUNG ADULTS (UNDER 18) \$12.00** \$ _____

_____ **CHILDREN 12 & UNDER are Free**

_____ **TOTAL** \$ _____

PLEASE LIST NAMES AND CHOICE OF CHICKEN OR BRISKET

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____