

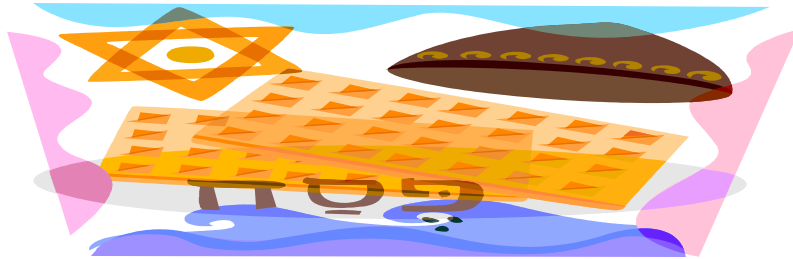
Temple Israel of Highlands County
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Temple Israel is a Reform Temple that promotes the enduring and fundamental principles of Judaism.

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



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After more than two years of global pandemic, Passover is the holiday we so desperately need – an opportunity to reflect on where we've been, how far we've come, and where we have yet to go. As we retell the story of our Exodus from Egypt, so too do we recall our current journey through this long period of isolation and change.

Our stories of the past year echo the story of our people; we remember the struggle against oppression then and now, and we commit ourselves to continuing to pursue a more just and compassionate world as together we say l'shanah haba-ah bi-Y'rushalayim, next year in Jerusalem. This year, finally, we can be together in person – perhaps some of you with family and friends at home, and perhaps some of you with our wonderful congregation, right here at Temple Israel.

What makes this Passover different from all others? "Passover is z'man cheruteinu, time of our liberty — time of freedom," we say. "And especially for Ukrainian Jewry, and for Ukrainians, this is a time of hard kept liberty."

In the Passover story, Moses demands that Pharaoh "Let my people go." There is certainly a thread connecting ancient Egypt to modern-day Ukraine.

Ukrainian Jews started their liberation 3,000 years ago, and they still are in the process. The past century of this struggle has been especially difficult for Ukrainian Jews. There have been massacres, pogroms and, of course, the Holocaust, and now a war with Russia. We pray for the people and continue to find ways through a multitude of organizations to help our brethren struggling so desperately in Ukraine.

Cantor Riselle Bain's Message Continued

If there ever was a year that we can experience the message of Passover, it is right now. Ukraine is in rubble, as the smoke billows from the carnage of destruction. A modern-day Pharaoh is trying to enslave 43 million people because his hunger for power is insatiable.

Each and every one of us can be a modern-day Moses, despite a Red Sea of challenges that may seem insurmountable to cross over. All we need is a pure realization that God is here, and we are God's partners in creating tikkun olam. We are in this world to make a difference, and each and every mitzvah that we do asserts our freedom that no Pharaoh can possibly stifle.

On April 15 after nightfall, we all have the ability to connect to the same God who saved our ancestors of old by eating matzah – the same bread of affliction and the bread of our freedom which sustained us 3,334 years ago – and will sustain us now, as we leap, plunge, and charge forward, leaving the shackles and servitude of yesterday behind us.

*B'shalom,
Cantor*

Message From the President Julia Ruden

April 2022 / 5782

Dear Friends and Family;

Our Purim Speil according to Rock and Roll was great and it was so nice to see everyone at the shul celebrating. Thank you to our cast: Ben Kaleky, Cathy Blumenthal, Karen delValle, Rolph and Narola Rosenberg and Cantor Riselle Bain for pulling that off! Narola your special punch was delicious, and Lois Lewis for your homemade Hamentashin, yum! – Thankxoxo you ALL so much!

Thanks to Rick Bogner for his magical fingers on the piano and Mia and Jay McDermott for filming and technical brilliance.

We are having a Passover Seder April 15th. Yesterday 3/31/2022 was the deadline for reservations so if you missed it, there is one last chance. The reservation form is attached to this Newsletter. Please call Cathy Blumenthal no later than Sunday April 3rd and let her know how many are coming and if you want brisket or chicken for dinner. We are ordering the food Monday. I am looking forward to that!

It is almost that time to vote again for our Board members. I ask - BEG actually, that everyone remain on the Board that is already on the Board. If you can join us in the decision making and care giving of our shul please let me or any Board member know ASAP and we will add you to the ballot.

Thank you again to Donna Wasson for the amazing butterfly garden. It has so much beauty and life.

We are a small mighty Shul that will be here a very long time and being a part of this Temple is a special honor; we are so blessed to be here!

You can visit Cantor Riselle's Clergy page and see any of our previous online services whenever you need to be uplifted. I love that they are recorded and that we can do that.

Services tonight April 1st – see you tonight at shul. I'm so thankful we are open again!

Continued Prayers. Mishabera for all those who are recovering and healing.

May we continue to go from strength to strength!

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

Love Julie



April Jahrzeits We Remember



** Memorial Plaque in our Schul

Deana Bezark **	Schanet Rosenberg
Leslie Bezark **	Susan Sari Ruden
Sarah L. Blumenthal **	Ann Salles
Louis Davis	Sylvia Schaffer
Maurice Jankower **	Charles Sewelson
Carolyn L. Kaplan **	Mary Sherman Smith **
David Karp	Hyman Tepper
Haima Kelly	William Wallace **
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Isador Liss	Germaine Rosenberg
Harry Moscowitz	Leo Rosenbaum



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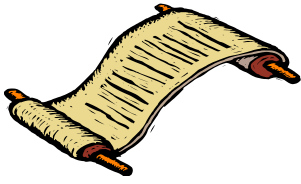


Given By:

- Herb Moscowitz**
- Cathy Blumenthal**
- Sara Rosenbaum**
- Julie Ruden**
- Ron & Renee Tepper**
- Jill Liebeck**
- Howard Salles**
- Herb & Kathleen Weiss**
- Mary Ann Romer**
- Rolph & Narola Rosenberg**

IN Memory of:

- Rose Frankel**
- Sarah L. Blumenthal**
- Leo Rosenbaum**
- Schanet Rosenberg & Susan Sari Ruden**
- Hyman Tepper**
- Herb Liebeck**
- Ann Salles & Sophie Levy**
- Morris Weiss**
- Louis Davis**
- Germaine Rosenberg**



Announcements April 2022

Elections are coming up for 2022 – 2023.

We are looking for candidates for Trustee. If you are interested in participating in the administration of your synagogue, contact any member of the Board.

Terms begin June 1st thru May 31st.

The By-laws state that anyone running for the Board of Trustees must have been a member of the Temple for one year. Candidates for Secretary and Treasurer must have served on the Board for at least one year. Candidates for President and Vice-president must have been on the Board for at least two years consecutively. Only one member of a family may serve on the Board of Trustees.

All of the Officers must run for reelection if they desire to stay in that position.



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Announcements

April 2022/ 5782

Happy Anniversary
Dixon Taylor & Denny Swing 4/01

Onegs are sponsored by
The Board for 1 April



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, 25 April at 12; Thai House, Fairmount Plaza, Sebring



Contact Renee Tepper
863-414-8811 or
reneetepper@gmail.com



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(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: Max & Sarah Sherwood, Michael & Donna Wasson

Get Well:

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

To: Marvin Kahn

Thank You:

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

To: Rick Bogner, Piano accompaniment for Purim Spiel; Mia & Jay McDermott for videography



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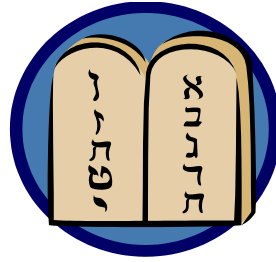
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Services will be at the Shul.

Here is the link to access the live services and 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:

- April 1 – Torah Portion Tazria – Holocaust Remembrance
- April 15 – Passover
- May 6 – Yom Ha'atzmaut (Actual begins eve of Wednesday May 8)
- May 20 – Torah Portion Behar

**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:
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