

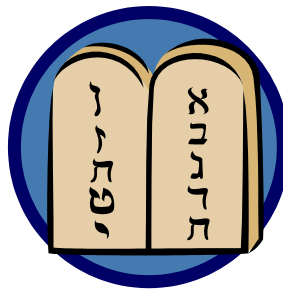
Temple Israel of Highlands County
1305 Temple Israel Drive
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Temple Israel's Web Page www.templeisraelofhcf.org

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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Walking into our Temple Israel sanctuary for our Passover Seder was magical. The magic actually began as I pulled my car into my parking space before entering the temple doors. The view in front of my car was luscious new growth in our garden – roses and beautiful white flowers

Donna Wasson has put in so much love to make our Temple Israel Garden alive with beauty and vibrancy. The following are her words as she describes how she interprets the connection of Shabbat in Sefed, Israel to our garden when it is in full bloom. “I look at it and see three concepts of the Sabbath. As you look at the roses, you will see all the colors as the sun fades on the horizon in the evening. First bud of the rose is a brilliant yellow but then as it fades. Over time the color becomes more and more pale. However, there is no orange or pink in these roses. So, observing the rose we think of the sun. Then look at the young dancers in Safed, twirling in the breeze in their white robes. There are so many little white flowers which represent the joy and innocence of our young people as they welcome the Sabbath bride. Lastly, I look at the Cantor sign with the Star of David. It represents to me the spiritual leadership of Cantors, Rabbis, and Rabbi Luria as they guide their congregations to welcome the Sabbath. Their presence sets apart the Sabbath from all the other days of the week.” (Rabbi Luria was born in Jerusalem in 1534 and died in Safed, Israel in 1572. He was the leading rabbi and Jewish mystic in the community of Safed.)

Once inside the temple, the table set up for our Seder looked like a beautiful Jerusalem fairyland. So many of our congregants were helping out – family working together. We are truly a sacred community, embracing the lessons learned in Genesis from Abraham and Sarah's welcoming tent: running to greet guests, under-promising and over-delivering, and ensuring the entire team is committed to building a spiritual haven where every human being is treated as the *b'tzelem Elohim*, the image of God, that they are.

We had a beautiful Passover Seder together – the first time together in three years – thank You, God.

Cantor Riselle Bain's Message Continued

In May, we will come to the completion of our every other week schedule of celebrating of Shabbat together. June, July, and August we will come together for Shabbat once each month.

There is much for us to include in our two services in May. For our first service on May 6th, we will recognize the Holocaust Remembrance (actual date is April 28th) and Yom Ha'atzmaut (actual date May 5th). On May 20th, we will be a little early, but we will celebrate Shavuot (actual date June 5-6). Somehow, we manage to honor the important festivals and holy days at Temple Israel, even though we have to flex a bit to place them as close as possible to our temple schedule!

I look forward to seeing you for these two May services as we continue to create Jewish meaning, purpose, belonging and blessing here at Temple Israel.

B'SHIR V'SHALOM,

CANTOR RISELLE BAIN





Message From the President

Julia Ruden

MAY 2022 /5782

Dear Friends and Family;

Howard Salles was a Mensch. He was always there to help with anything and everything. He served our country and was a leader in the Ministerial Association. He would visit the sick in the hospital and teach Hebrew to those who asked. I'm thankful to have known him and he will always be remembered by me and you at Temple Israel.

There is a new tree on the north edge of the butterfly garden planted by Donna Wasson. It is a yaupon. It honors life as it provides many places for shelter, food in the form of berries and it has many, many branches. This particular plant has been used from generation to generation by tribes for medicinal purposes. May this plant weather many storms. It is a tribute to the life well-lived, and now of blessed memory, of Temple Israel's Vice President for the last 12 years, Howard Salles.

Thank you Donna for our amazing Butterfly Monarch Garden

Our next Service is Friday May 6th We remember!

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.

Thank you Rolph and Narola Rosenberg, Mary Ann Romer, Donna Wasson, Phyllis Beherns, The Potter House people and Cantor Riselle for pulling off our wonderful Passover Seder, It is truly beautiful what happens at our Shul!

Annual Dues are due June 1st, please mail your check to the Temple \$325 Single and \$525 per Family. Thank you for your continued support. Please contact me or Cathy Blumenthal if you can not pay Membership to make special arrangements.

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

**Howard Salles Vice President
July 10, 1936 – April 24, 2022**





Announcements

MAY 2022/ 5782

LUNCH BUNCH

The next Ladies Lunch Bunch Group is Wednesday, 25 May at 12:30; Mae Lee's, Sebring



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

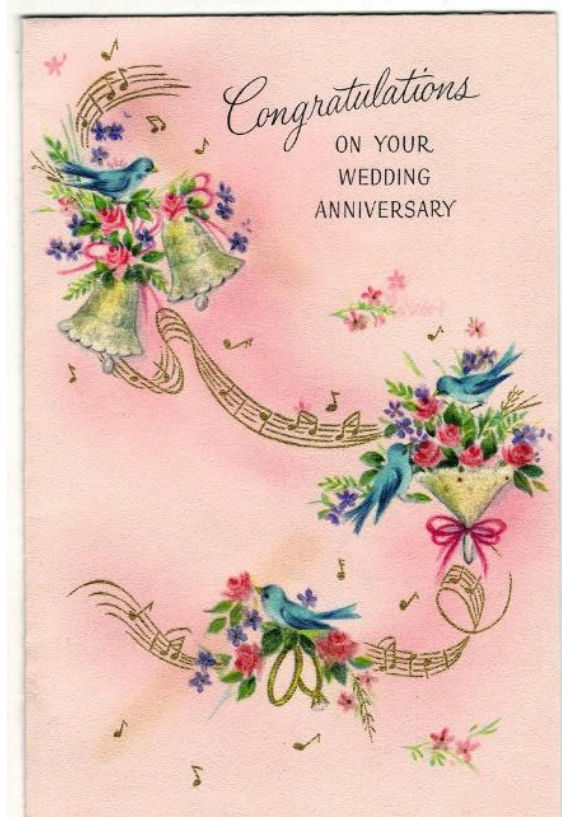
Onegs are sponsored by The Board for 6 May & 20 May



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

Happy Anniversary

Herb & Kathleen Weiss	05/12
Rachel & Eric Spero-Hoy	05/16
Robert & Roberta Goodman	05/26



April 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.

Write "Temple card" in the email subject box.

Send your minimum \$5.00 donation to temple.

April Anniversaries

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

To: Dixon Taylor & Denny Swing

Get Well

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

To: Howard Salles, Carolyn Rybacki

Condolences

By: Congregation, Board of Directors & Trustees, Cantor Riselle Bain, Donna & Mike Wasson, Narola & Rolph Rosenberg, Mary Ann Romer

To: Karen DelValle on the passing of her mother Charlene Hannah Tebbitt

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

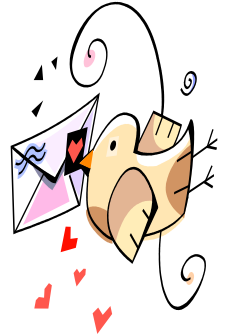
To: Family of Howard Salles, Lori Cancellieri, Janet O'Neill (pastor)

By: Mary Ann Romer

To: Family of Howard Salles

By: Narola & Rolph Rosenberg

To: Family of Howard Salles




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Announcements *May 2022*

Elections are coming up for 2022 – 2023. and we voted last year for 2 year terms.

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.

****For those who are interested, Howard Salles' funeral video can be found on Mary Ann Romer's Facebook page.****

A tree was planted in Israel in Honor of Eden Osborn's birthday from Rolph and Narola Rosenberg

A tree was planted in Israel by our Congregation in Memory of our Vice President, Howard Salles, his life was a blessing



Celebrate any occasion while benefitting Israel and our temple. For only \$18.00, plant a tree in *Eretz Yisrael*. Simply e-mail the donor and recipient information to: jruden@embarqmail.com
Mail your check to the temple, payable to Temple Israel.



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May Yahrzeits

** Memorial Plaque in our Shul



Louis Davis	Sol Napp**
Minna Rose Davis**	Tom Princiotti
Martin Elias	Molly B. Robbins**
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Daniel Levy**	Nancy Vinik
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Holocaust Victims— Prostejov, Czech.**	Ruth Kaye

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Given by

Marjorie Wohl
Mary Ann Romer
Herb Moscowitz
Herb & Kathleen Weiss

In Memory Of

Molly B. Robbins
Louis Davis, Minna Rose Davis
Harry Moscowitz
Kenneth Johnson





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:

- May 6 – Yom Ha'atzmaut (Actual begins eve of Wednesday May 8)
- May 20 – Observe Shavuot (Actual dates June 5-6)
- June 3 –
- July 15 – Torah Balak
- August 12 – Torah Vaetchanan
- September 9 – Torah Ki Teitzei
- September 25-26 (Sunday-Monday) – Rosh Hashanah
- October 4-5 (Tuesday–Wednesday) – Yom Kippur
- October 21 – Sukkot/Simchat Torah/ B'reishit
- November 4 – Torah Lech L'cha – observe Kristallnacht (Actual date 11/9)
- November 18 – Torah Chayei Sarah
- December 2 – Torah Vayetzei
- December 23 – Chanukah