

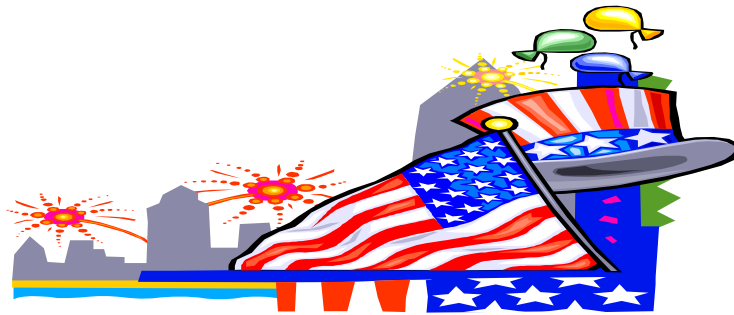
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Temple Israel is a Reform Temple that promotes the enduring and fundamental principles of Judaism.

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



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Dear Congregants,

It's Summertime! We enter the Hebrew month of Tammuz on June 30th. Tammuz is the fourth of the 12 months of the Jewish calendar, counting from Nisan.

In Tammuz we begin the "season" of the summer. The three months of the summer season are Tammuz, Av and Elul. Tammuz is considered to be the saddest month of the Jewish calendar. a time of mourning for a Jerusalem destroyed. But with our mourning is the realization that we have survived to mourn, and to do so in a Jerusalem to which we have returned. We can lament. But we can also hope. We can ask ourselves, "Where are the Babylonians? Where are the Romans and the Byzantines? Where are the Ottomans? Torquemada, Hitler, Stalin, Nasser?" – their legacy is dust. We are still here. And not only are Jews a living people: We are a thriving people despite all the internal and external threats to our existence. Jewish survival is not only miraculous. It is a clarion call to the world that Jews are a people and a nation. It is a renaissance that no other people could have accomplished.

In many cultures and societies around the world and far back into antiquity, the word used to describe this most treasured season is derived entirely from a description of its weather. Is that all the summer is about? Heat? In Florida and also in Israel, one could certainly argue that heat is the dominant feature of the summer. Some leave the intense heat here in Florida for the cooler mountains or the breezy seaside. That is one reason why we have only one service per month during the summer months of June, July, and August. In Israel, many hikes and trips are cancelled due to the extreme heat and a government might issue "Ometz Chom" or "Heat Advisory".

And yet, there is a certain magic in the air when summer begins, a certain feeling that can't be found any other time of year. The Jewish People and our sacred texts have referred to this time of year as "kayitz". "Kayitz" is the Hebrew word for summer.

There are two words which we often use interchangeably, but which have very different meanings: "end" and "complete". When something ends, it is often sad, but when something is complete, it is almost always happy. Projects, books whatever you might spend your summer time doing, when you complete these things, you feel a sense of accomplishment, and you grow from the experience.

This is what summer is all about, and specifically what a "Jewish Summer" is all about: putting the finishing touch on all that we've done throughout the rest of the year, and coming one step closer to completion, peace, and fulfillment - all of which, by the way, share the same Hebrew root, "shalom".

Wishing you all a "Jewish Summer" full of Shalom,

Cantor Riselle Bain

Cantor Riselle Bain's Message Continued

Dear Congregants,

The Jewish News of Sarasota, published by the Jewish Federation of Sarasota-Manatee, is available to each member of Temple Israel of Highlands County, Sebring. If you copy the following address below and paste it in your search bar, it will take you to the sign-up page for The Jewish News. You can receive the actual paper and and/or receive the monthly edition on your computer. I just read the June edition on my computer, and there were so many interesting articles. In the July edition of The Jewish News, you will find a lovely article about your Cantor on page 22, written by the journalist, Nate Bloom.

<https://jfedsrq.org/jewish-news>

B'shir v,shalom -- with a song and prayers for peace,

Cantor Riselle Bain





Message From the President

JULY 2022/5782

Julia Ruden

Dear Friends and Family;

Happy Summer to all and please be careful in this heat we have here in Florida. It certainly seems warmer every year and it is dangerous heat stay hydrated please.

I want to welcome our newest members Franklin and Leslie Sands. Franklin will be reading Haftorah at our next service. They have also sponsored our Oneg July 15th. Thank you so much!

Thank you to everybody who has sent in their annual dues. \$325 single \$525 Family. Please contact myself or Cathy Blumenthal, our Treasurer, if you need to make arrangements for dues.

Thank you to the Sarasota Manatee Jewish Federation for their continued support!

Prayers for all those who mourn or are sick!

Our next service is July 15th and I'm looking forward to seeing you in person at the shul and online at Cantor Riselle Bain's Facebook page.

Stay Safe!

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

Thankxoxo you ALL for ALL you Dooooooo!!

Love,
Julie

Announcements



LUNCH BUNCH

The next Ladies Lunch Bunch Group is TBA



Contact Renee Tepper
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reneetepper@gmail.com

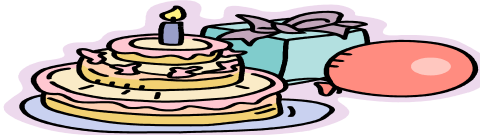
July Oneg is sponsored by

07/15 Franklin and Leslie Sands

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



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

Jay & Susie Luck	07/04
Bruce & Rabbi Lorraine Rudenberg	07/20
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July Yahrzeits

*** Memorial Plaque in our Shul*

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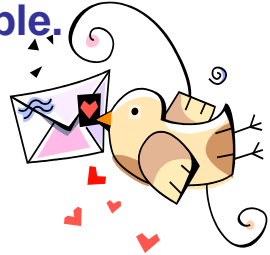
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(All donations go to our Temple.)

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: Bruce Sherwood & Sara Rosenbaum

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

By: Congregation
To: Millie & Bill Anderson, Nancy & Joe Rockhill, Dr. Lee & Denise Weisberger



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Mail your check to the temple, payable to Temple Israel.

**Monarch Waystation Garden
Lovingly Planted by Donna Wasson**



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Cantor Bain's Schedule:



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:

Friday 7/15 – Torah Balak

Friday 8/12 – Torah Vaetchanan

Friday 9/9 – Torah Ki Teitzei

Sunday - Monday – 9/25-26 Rosh Hashanah

Tuesday – Wednesday – 10/4-5 Yom Kippur

Friday 10/21 – Sukkot/Simchat Torah/ B'reishit

Friday 11/4 – Torah Lech L'cha – observe Kristallnacht actual date 11/9

Friday 11/18 – Torah Chayei Sarah

Friday 12/2 – Torah Vayetzei

Friday 12/23 – Chanukah