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



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Cantor Riselle Bain's Message

Dear Congregants,

During these hours and days of Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, we have all been Jonah, swallowed and stuck inside the big fish, which we will call Hurricane Ian. While there, we were forced to think about life and death as we contemplated the different possibilities of what might happen to us. Our High Holy Day prayer Unetane Tokef came to mind:

The great shofar is sounded, A still small voice is heard. The angels are dismayed, They are seized by fear and trembling As they proclaim: Behold the Day of Judgment! On Rosh Hashanah it is inscribed. And on Yom Kippur it is sealed. How many shall pass away and how many shall be born, Who shall live and who shall die, Who shall reach the end of his days and who shall not, Who shall perish by water and who by fire, Who by sword and who by wild beast, Who by famine and who by thirst, Who by earthquake and who by plague, Who by strangulation and who by stoning, Who shall have rest and who shall wander. Who shall be at peace and who shall be pursued, Who shall be at rest and who shall be tormented. Who shall be exalted and who shall be brought low, Who shall become rich and who shall be impoverished. But repentance, prayer and righteousness avert the severe decree. We all prayed to God for protection for ourselves, for each other, and for our temple.

It is Thursday. The great fish, Ian, spit us out back into the "real world." Look around. How grateful are we? How close did we come to understanding how fragile our everyday existence can be? How much did we care about all the other Jonahs who were caught inside with us inside that big fish? Did we find that still, small voice of refuge inside the big fish to guide us?

I leave you with a prayer of gratitude:

Birkat Hagomel (pronounced beer-KHAT hah-GOH-mel), sometimes known as "benching gomel," is commonly said after recovering from serious illness but can also be recited in gratitude for completing a dangerous journey. Although this blessing for deliverance is typically recited in the presence of a minyan, or prayer quorum, often in the synagogue following an *aliyah* to the Torah, it seemed appropriate for us to say it now after surviving Hurricane Ian.

We all say for ourselves:

Baruch ata Adonai, Eloheinu melech ha-olam, ha-gomel l'chayavim tovot she-g'malani kol tov.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, ruler of the world, who rewards the undeserving with goodness, and who has rewarded us with goodness.

We all say for each other:

Mi she-g'malcha kol tov, hu yi-g'malcha kol tov selah. May the One who rewarded you with all goodness reward you with all goodness for ever. Amen

Cantor Ríselle Baín



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Dear Friends and Family;



<u>Julia Ruden</u>

We are so blessed with Cantor Riselle Bain and her Facebook live links with emailed books and songs for our Services. She is Fantastic!

Rosh Hashana Services were awesome! Thank you all for joining us and Sara Rosenbaum that Oneg was the best yet! Tradition!

We have some new members also and that is a great way to start the new year!

We had a bit of damage at the Shul, minor in comparison to others, but we <u>still do</u> <u>not have power so services for Yom Kippur might need to be online</u> <u>only at this point.</u> Also the roads are not safe from Sarasota to Sebring which was one of the hardest hit by this lan storm.

We have contacted most everyone and no one is injured from this storm Thank you Adonai! Please stay safe while we all clean up and recover from this storm.

You can visit Cantor's 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.

Our service schedule is at the end of the newsletter. I look forward to interacting with you at those live services (when technology works LOL) on Cantor Riselle Bain's Facebook Clergy Page.

Yom Kippur will be recorded like last year – we are resilient and hopefully will be back in our Shul for Sukkot/Simchat Torah October 21st service.

Continued Prayers for all those who are recovering and healing .

Thank you ALL for all of your donations and continued support of our Temple

May we continue to go from strength to strength!

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

Love Julie



Announcements

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If you would like to sponsor an Oneg contact Karen del Valle 863-260-0325



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.



<u>Happy Anniversary</u> Dawn & Dr. Neil Schectman Rolph & Narola Rosenberg	10/12 10/21
Mrs. Blumie's Porcelain Doll Studio	

LUNCH BUNCH

The next Ladies Lunch Bunch Group will meet at Nutmeg's (US 27 S) on 31 October at 12:30



Contact Renee Tepper <u>863-</u> <u>414-8811</u> or <u>reneetepper@gmail.com</u>

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October Yahrzeítz ** Memoríal Plaque ín our Schul

Arthur Chanin **	Israel Pintzow
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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.

September Donations:

Anniversaries



- By: Congregation, Board of Directors & Trustees, Cantor Riselle Bain
- *To:* Norman & Anna Spero

Get Well

- By: Congregation, Board of Directors & Trustees, Cantor Riselle Bain
- *To:* David Stahl, Evelyn Stahl, Phyllis Behrens, Michael Duncan, Robert Edlow, Phyllis Tomlinson

Condolences

- **By:** Congregation, Board of Directors & Trustees, Cantor Riselle Bain
- *To:* The Spero Family on the loss of their father and grandfather, David Herman Spero

Cantor Bain's Schedule:







Future Erev Shabbat Services 6:30 PM (subject to change)

Due to *Hurricane lan*, we will be closed due to lack of power. Notifications will be sent when we reopen.

https://www.facebook.com/662042600572611/live/

Online only until further notice:

- 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