

Temple Israel of Highlands County
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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 insure Jewish continuity in Highlands County.



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As we enter the secular New Year of 2023, what are the biggest challenges Judaism will face? What have been our challenges at Temple Israel? What can we be proud of accomplishing during 2022? What special intentions do we have for our Temple Israel community and for ourselves personally?

For Judaism in general:

The truth is that antisemitism right now, especially in America, is a bigger issue than ever before. We can neither be naïve nor dismissive of the considerable problems facing Jews, including antisemitism or the threats to Israel's security.

Along with antisemitism, we also have strong anti-Zionism. For a lot of university students, the question is, how can I be progressive or liberal and pro-Israel because being pro-Israel means being rejected [by other progressives]?

But we can still face these challenges to our people with hope and optimism. We can look to the strength and resiliency of the Jewish people and continue to be inspired by the commitment of America's Jews to tikkun olam (repairing the world).

We can continue to keep working to bring people of different faiths together in sacred spaces where they can ask questions and feel loved and safe.

It is also important that the Jewish people feel connected to their truest version of themselves. There isn't one way to be Jewish. At Temple Israel, we welcome prospective members with more pluralistic and open-minded arms.



Cantor Riselle Bain's Message Cont.

Of what can we take pride in at Temple Israel?

The devotion and love that exude from the walls of our building and extend to each and every person who walks through our doors.

The selfless, beautiful efforts of all the volunteers who create and carry on to accomplish whatever needs to be done to keep our doors open and safe.

The wonderful individuals who make up our Temple Israel community.

We made it through Hurricane Ian, and we are continuing to complete the repairs to our building.

What might be our Temple Israel intention for 2023?

My dear friends, let us continue to do exactly what we have been doing! Temple Israel of Highlands County was established in 1925. We are almost 100 years old! We are a beautiful spiritual gem – We are “The Little Shul that Can!”

May 2023 bring to Israel and to each one of you health, joy, and goodness.

Cantor Riselle Bain



Message From the President

January 2023 / 5783

Julia Ruden

Dear Friends and Family;

We had the BEST Hanukkah Service!

Thanks xoxo Cantor Riselle for bringing Stacy's musical talented soul again to make our traditional Hanukkah services brilliant!

Thanks xoxo so much to Cathy Blumenthal for all you for our shul, your latkes were perfect!

Thanks xoxo Phyllis Behrens and friend who decorated!

Thanks xoxo Donna and Mike Wasson for getting and setting up the outdoors Hanukkiah from Lois Lewis; just gorgeous!

Thanks xoxo Karen del Valle for doing the raffle!

Thanks xoxo Shawn and Annette for keeping us safe!

It was awesome seeing everyone and the food was wonderful.

For those who are recovering – Mi Shebeirach! Heal Faster please!

Thank xoxo you everyone for your continued support of OUR Temple!

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

Wishes for a Healthier, Happier, Safer 2023 for everyone!!

Thank xoxox you ALL for ALL you Dooooooo!!

Love Julie



To plant a tree, email your information of who you're honoring/remembering to jruden@embarqmail.com. Mail check (\$18.00/tree) to the temple. Write "Tree" in the memo line on check.



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Announcements

JANUARY 2023 / 5783



January Onegs are sponsored by:

January 6, 2023 – The Board
January 20, 2023 – The Board

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



LUNCH BUNCH

The next Ladies Lunch Bunch Group Monday, January 30, 2023 at 12:40pm

Sandhill Grill

Pinecrest Golf Course
2250 Little Lake Bonnet Rd
Avon Park, FL

Contact Renee Tepper

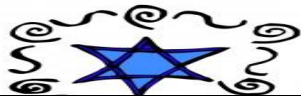
863-414-8811 or reneetepper@gmail.com
and let her know you'll be there.

Happy Anniversary

Jay & Rebecca Clarke	1/14
George & Pearl Zelma	1/18
Judy Albin & Clint Wallbank	1/24

תודה רבה - Thank You Alan Wildstein for your continued and generous support for Alan Jay Automotive for our transportation to and from Services! And for ALL YOU Dooo!

Please Contact Cantor Riselle Bain 813-600-8013 if you need assistance to get to services.



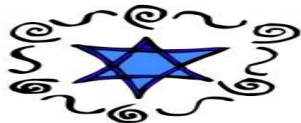
We Remember



January Jahrzeits

** Memorial Plaque in our Schul

Miriam E. Amster **	David Levy
Elliot Berkowitz **	Jennie Liss
	Judy Mass
Louis Biener	Michel Miller **
	Freda Moscovitz
Mary D. Blumenthal **	Milton M. Myers **
	Gertrude Pearl
	Bella Romer
Mariah H. Brenner **	PFC Seymour C. Rosen **
Sam Chinsky	Max Rosenbaum **
	Frank Roth
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	Nate Sadowsky
Samuel Fishman	Arthur Schwartz
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	David Sheldon
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Ralph Jaret	Nettie Spero
Olivia Johnson	Sarah Vinik
Marc Randall Kahn	Charles Wasoff
Jacob Kamen	Olivia Wortman
Bernard Krasner **	Gladys Zenchoff
Jack Kravitz**	Calman Rosen **



We Remember



YAHARZEIT DONATIONS

Given By:

Cathy Blumenthal

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In Memory Of:

Mary Blumenthal

Frieda Moscowitz

Simon Ruden

Gertrude Pearl

Bella Romer

Judy Mass, David Sheldon

Ida Biener, Nate Sadowsky

Frank Roth



CARDS SENT

(All donations go to Temple Israel.)



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.

Thank You Cards Sent

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

To: Mr. Joe Rule, Manager Publix North for purchasing Chanukah candles for the holiday

To: Stacey Naroditsky for her beautiful singing and guitar accompaniment during Chanukah services

Donation Thank You Cards Sent

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

To: Mrs. Pamela Stein for Cantor Bain performing the funeral of her husband Paul Stein;

Jeff Donde, Mary Ann Romer, Cathy Blumenthal for Hurricane Ian repairs donation

Cantor Bain's Schedule:



Future Erev Shabbat Services

6:30 PM (subject to change)

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

Friday 1/6 – Torah Vayechi

Friday 1/20 – Torah Vaera – Observe Holocaust Remembrance actual date 1/27

Friday 2/3 – Tu B'Shevat/ Beshalach

Friday 2/17 – Torah Mishpatim

Friday 3/3 – Purim

Friday 3/17 – Torah Vayakeil/Pekudei

Wednesday 4/5 – Passover

Friday 4/21 – Torah Tazria/Metzora

Friday 5/5 – Torah Emor

Friday 5/19 – Yom Yerushalayim/Shavuot