

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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Our first Torah reading for the month of February is Beshalach from the book of Exodus. We find the famous Shirat Hayam – the crossing of the Sea of Reeds – in chapter 15 verses 1-19. We read how Miriam led the woman in song and dance, giving thanks to God for redeeming the Israelites as they crossed the sea from bondage to freedom. Although the Song of the Sea (Shirat Hayam) is usually attributed to Moses, many scholars now conclude that it was Miriam, not Moses, who first chanted Shirat Hayam, the first song recorded in history.

Following in Miriam's legacy, once a month a group of women convenes at Jerusalem's Western Wall to raise their voices together in prayer. And once a month, almost without fail, they find themselves surrounded by less-than-tolerant fellow Jews trying to shut them up.

For more than 30 years, Women of the Wall (WOW) have been holding a morning service at the Jewish holy site on the first day of the new Jewish month. To push back against the deafening noise that greets them there, the multi-denominational prayer group is making use of an unconventional weapon: an entire choir of its own.

The goal has always been to make women's voices heard in prayer. This amazing singing group is the response to all those who have been trying to drown them out.

The all-women choir was established just a few months ago and still has no official name. It has already joined Women of the Wall for three Rosh Chodesh prayer services. A fourth service for Rosh Chodesh Adar, will *begin at sundown on February 20th and will end at nightfall on February 22nd.*

The project could not have taken off without the financial support of another Jewish women's organization, thousands of miles away in the United States – the Women Cantors' Network – of which I am a proud member.

Deborah Katchko-Gray, the creator of Women Cantors' Network, invited Anat Hoffman, the founding director of WOW, to speak at a weekly Zoom gathering of the Women Cantors' Network. When Anat spoke about the audio terrorism her group was up against, the Women Cantors' Network decided to donate \$10,000 to set up this choir. The Women Cantors' Network had never done anything like this before, and when it came together, it was like a dream come true for the organization.

Although it wasn't planned that way, the choir's launch coincides with the rise to power of the most Orthodox and reactionary government in Israeli history. Never has there been a government in Israel this hostile to progressive streams of Judaism and to the values of pluralism and feminism represented by Women of the Wall. Indeed, if it has its way, the Women of the Wall group could soon find itself banned from prayer in the women's plaza, where it has been meeting for more than 30 years.

If Miriam, the Prophetess was alive today, I have no doubt that she would be at the forefront of efforts for women's equality – singing and dancing with passion and purpose. And all the women (and hopefully some of the men) would follow her as she continued to sing her song of redemption.

B'shalom,

Cantor Riselle Bain

Julia Ruden

Message From the President

Dear Friends and Family,

The loss of Narola Rosenberg leaves such a huge hole in our congregation as it does every time we lose someone. Our hearts have too many holes! Narola was amazing and will sorely be missed. I encourage everyone to reach out to Rolph now that his family has left. We all know that empty missing feeling too well that we learn to live with!

The Holocaust Services were beautiful and what a write up in the paper last week! Thanks xoxo you so much to Donna Wasson, Phyllis Behrens, Mary Ann Romer, Cathy Blumenthal, Lois Lewis, Rolph Rosenberg, Sara Rosenbaum and everyone that helped to make our services so beautiful. It takes a village to keep our shul and our services going and we have the BEST bunch of souls everrrrrrr! As ALWAYS Cantor Riselle you are Awesome and Thank YOU for ALL YOU Doooo!

Very thankful for technology when it works, we have ordered a Wi-Fi extender so that we can have uninterrupted services online; the hope always lives! The electrician will be out Monday to repair the foyer lights in the entry way, again the hope lives!

On behalf of The Jewish Federation of Sarasota-Manatee, we would like to thank you for attending our 2023 commemoration of International Holocaust Remembrance Day, this year dedicated to the Women of the Holocaust.

For those of you who were not able to “attend,” you can enjoy the recording of the event below so that you may take in the intention and spirit of the commemoration. We always strive and pledge to bring you the utmost in poignant, meaningful, memorable, and quality programming. As we send our heartfelt thanks to each of you for your support of this and all of Federation’s programming, we encourage you to share this link with your friends and family.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qVaHj- WeC8>

Pesach is April 5th

Attached is the reservation form for Passover 2023 – please complete the form and mail it to the Temple and we will plan with prayers that we can do this without Narola, oy vey!

May we continue to go from strength to strength!

Prayers for the sick and those in need – still too many!

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

Thank xoxox you ALL for ALL you Dooooooo!!

Love, Julie



Announcements

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February Onegs are sponsored by:

**February 3, 2023 – The Board
February 17, 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, February 27, 2023
at 12:15pm
Thai House Restaurant
3750 US Hwy No.27
Sebring, FL

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

Happy Anniversary

Ronald & Renee Tepper

2/17

**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.**

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.

January Anniversary Greeting Cards Sent

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

To: Jay & Rebecca Clarke, George & Pearl Zelma

By: Congregation

To: Judy Albin & Clint Wallbank

Get Well Greeting Cards Sent

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

To: Renee Tepper, David Stahl, Evelyn Stahl

Condolence Cards Sent

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

To: Rolph Rosenberg & Family on the passing of his beloved wife Narola

To: Mr. & Mrs. Norman Spero & Family on the passing of Joan Spero, beloved mother

Thank You Cards Sent

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

For helping with supplies for the Holocaust Remembrance Service

To: Palmer's Grand Rental Station, attention: Ken Sharpe and Chris

To: UP/IFAS Extension, attention: David A. Austin

To: Glisson's Animal Supply

To: Peter Harrison

For articles in the Highlands News-Sun about the Holocaust Remembrance Service

To: Sharon Weatherhead



We Remember



February Yahrzeits

** Memorial Plaque in our Shul

Max Blumenthal **	Martha C. Ross **
Donald Chinsky	Hyman Rotman
Selma Yarrow	Elliot Salles
Horace G. Davis **	Rabbi Moses Sapir
Dorothy Donde	Hilda K. Schamis **
Dr. Vincent R. Faulds **	Jacob N. Schamis **
Fanny Glazer	Beatrice Schwartz
Sylvia Goldstein**	Abraham Sherman **
Shelly Greenstein	Ileana Lilly Sherman **
Kenneth S. Gross **	Solomon Snoll **
Celia Leveene	John Stimple
Judith Frances Liebeck	Ida Tepper
Thelma Napp**	Dr. Hershel Ullman
Sarah Rosenbaum **	Richard Wilson
Sylvia Rosenthal **	Fritz Rosenberg
Harry Romer	Ruth Kahn Davis
Harold Abrams	Dora Tarabori



To plant a tree, email your information of who you're honoring/remembering to jruden18@gmail.com
Mail check (\$18.00/tree) to Temple Israel. Write "Tree" in the memo line on check.

Yahrzeit Donations



ZICHRONAH LIV'RACHAH

Given By:

Cathy Blumenthal
Jeff Donde

Jill Liebeck

Mary Ann Romer

Sara Rosenbaum

Beverly Wills

Bruce Kirshner

Rolph Rosenberg

Marvin & Elsa Kahn

Ron & Renee Tepper

Joseph Snoll

In Memory Of:

Max Blumenthal

Dorothy Donde,

Rita Donde

Judith Frances Liebeck

Horace Davis,

Selma Yarrow,

Harry Romer,

Harold Abrams

Sarah Rosenbaum,

Max Rosenbaum

Louis Biener

Dr. Harold Kirshner

Fritz Rosenberg

Mark Kahn, David Levy,

Ruth Kahn Davis

Ida Tepper

Solomon Snoll

Temple Israel still needs donations to help defray expenses for damage caused by Hurricane Ian. Please be generous.



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Cantor Bain's Schedule:



Future Erev Shabbat Services

6:30 PM (subject to change)

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

Friday 2/3 – Tu B'Shevat/ Beshalach

Friday 2/17 – Torah Mishpatim

Friday 3/3 – Purim (cancelled because Cantor's husband, Michael Duncan, is having major surgery on March 2 and Cantor must be with him) Prayers Please!!

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

**CELEBRATE PESACH WITH YOUR TEMPLE FAMILY AND FRIENDS ON
WEDNESDAY APRIL 5, 2023 AT 6:00 PM**

IN TEMPLE ISRAEL'S SOCIAL HALL

A TRADITIONAL PASSOVER MEAL WILL BE SERVED

****RESERVATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 20, 2023**

PLEASE MAIL YOUR RESERVATION AND CHECK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO:

TEMPLE ISRAEL OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY

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NAME _____

_____ **ADULT MEMBERS @ \$36.00 EACH** \$ _____

_____ **ADULT NON-MEMBERS @\$46.00 EACH** \$ _____

_____ **YOUNG ADULTS (UNDER 18) \$12.00** \$ _____

_____ **CHILDREN 12 & UNDER are Free**

_____ **TOTAL** \$ _____

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1. _____

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