

Temple Israel of Highlands County
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MARCH 2023 / 5783



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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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Dear Congregants,

First and foremost, I want to thank this wonderful congregation for being so supportive to me at this time, as my husband, Michael, is undergoing major surgery on March 2nd.

Our March 3rd Purim Service/Celebration will not happen in our sanctuary. BUT NEVER FEAR, IT CAN STILL HAPPEN!!

You can click on this link or copy and paste it in your browser, and it will take you to our Temple Israel Purim Service of last year https://fb.watch/iWq92_7fCR/

You can also access the Temple Israel Purim Spiel video; "The Megillah According to Rock & Roll" by clicking on this link or copy and past the link in your browser. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zre3C4q5GWY>

I will be back with you for our March 17th Shabbat service. We will have an abbreviated service because we have a very special guest speaker, thanks to Phyllis Behrens. I hope you will all be with us in person or online to hear the story of Kailla (Carrie) Gersten Gutman. The following is a little background about her interesting life.

Kailla (Carrie) Gersten Gutman was born on November 9, 1944 in Kazakhstan, Russia, six months before WWII ended in Europe and six years after Kristallnacht. Carrie is called "a child of the Holocaust and Survivor". Her children are 1st generation survivors.

Carrie's parents, Lerb and Podja Gersten, stayed in Russia for 18 months until her father had enough money to bribe the Russian border guards to let them pass. Her parents put baby Carrie in a cart pulled by four oxen. They put down a layer of straw, then Carrie, and then another layer of straw. Carrie remembers her parents telling her not to cry.

The Irgun, the then Palestinian underground, in Stettin, Poland was comprised of French, Americans, Russians and British. They got the family out late at night by hot wiring anything with wheels. The family wound up in the American sector of Berlin, Germany, called Schlosshausen. Here, they stayed in wooden Army barracks. After that, they stayed outside of town in a one room house that hadn't been damaged by the war. They had a coal stove, a table and chairs and two beds, an outhouse and a pump for water outside. This housing was too expensive, so the Americans moved them out.



Cantor Riselle Bain's Message Cont.

Carrie's sister, Anna Gersten, was born in the American hospital in 1947. Russia blockaded the food in the American sector of Berlin. The family was airlifted out by American helicopters.

They were taken to Frauenwald, Germany, near Frankfurt. They stayed in Germany for 5 ½ years. A friend of Carrie's father had a tailor shop in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The family settled in Philadelphia where Carrie's father worked as a tailor.

Carrie graduated Magna Cum Laude from Temple University in 1970 on a full scholarship. She then went to Bryn Mawr College for a Masters Degree in social work, graduating in 1972, again on a full scholarship.

Carrie married Michael Gutman in 1969. She and her husband now live in Atlanta, Georgia. Their two children both work as doctors with MD/PHD degrees. They also have 4 grandchildren.

Please join us:

ONLINE for Purim March 3rd;

AT TEMPLE March 17th to hear our special guest,
Kailla (Carrie) Gersten Gutman, tell her fascinating story,

AT TEMPLE on April 5th. for our Passover Seder at 6PM.

*B'shalom,
Cantor Riselle Bain*



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Message From the President

Julia Ruden

Dear Friends and Family,

I am so thankful for our synagogue and appreciate all the effort and donations that goes into keeping us open. What happens at our shul is truly spiritual and everyone that joins us either in person or online is a part of that spirituality, I am always enlightened at our services and love that everyone plays the drums, tamburines or maracas and sings while we pray!

As ALWAYS Cantor Riselle you are Awesome and Thank YOU for ALL YOU Doooo! All of us wish your husband, Michael, a speedy recovery and you continued strength through this challenging time.

March 17th will be a full house for our special guest speaker: Kailla (Carrie) Gersten Gutman's Holocaust Survivor story.

Pesach Seder will be at our Shul on Wednesday, April 5th at 6PM. Please complete the reservation form at the end of this newsletter as soon as possible.

Please remember we have security you need to stop and say hello and know the password when driving up.

It is three years now that Donna Wasson planted our amazing butterfly garden that is so full of life and color! We are a registered official Monarch Station that was done in commemoration of the liberation of Auschwitz now 78 years ago Lest we Forget!!

May we continue to go from strength to strength!

Prayers for the sick – still too many!

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

Thankxoxox you ALL for ALL you Dooooooo!!

Love, Julie





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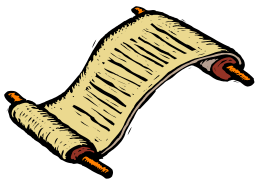
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Announcements

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LUNCH BUNCH

The next Ladies Lunch Bunch Group
Monday, March 27, 2023 at 12:30pm
Oscar's Family Restaurant
Village Fountain Plaza
267 US Hwy 27N
Sebring, FL 33870

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

March Onegs are sponsored by:

March 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

תודה רבה - Thank You

Alan Wildstein for your continued and generous support from Alan Jay Automotive Network for our transportation to and from Services!

And for ALL YOU Dooo!
Please, if you need assistance to get to services.

Contact Cantor Riselle Bain
813-600-8013



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

A Tree has been planted in Memory of Narola Rosenberg by Temple Israel Congregation

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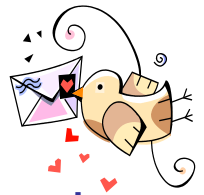
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Write "Temple card" in the email subject box.

Send your minimum \$5.00 donation to the temple.

February Greeting Cards Sent

Anniversary Greeting Cards Sent

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

To: Ronald & Renee Tepper

Get Well Greeting Cards Sent

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

To: Cathy Blumenthal

By: Congregation, Board of Directors & Trustees

To: Michael Duncan

Donations: Get Well Wishes

By: Norman & Anna Spero

To: Cathy Blumenthal, Michael Duncan

Happy Anniversary

Max & Sarah Sherwood 3/23

Michael & Donna Wasson 3/30

Cantor Bain's Schedule:



Future Erev Shabbat Services

6:30 PM (subject to change)

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

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!!

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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**

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