

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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On Monday, May 21, 2023, I had the pleasure of talking and singing at the FBI's first Jewish American Heritage Month celebration in Washington, DC, alongside of Attorney General Merrick Garland, the Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Antisemitism Deborah Lipstadt, FBI Deputy Director Paul Abbate and author and producer Leslie Barry. Leslie and I discussed the story of the Newark Minutemen and how Jewish boxers collaborated with government entities to thwart Nazi efforts in the 1930s in the United States.

As most of you know, my father, Abie Bain, was one of those boxers, so I shed some light on his boxing history and his time after his boxing career in Hollywood acting in 133 movies. Then I was requested to speak about my career in the theatrical arts and how I transitioned to my final destination to become a cantor and to have the honor of serving as Spiritual Leader for Temple Israel of Highlands County in Sebring, Florida.

Attorney General Merrick Garland shared with us his own family background. His family emigrated to America from the Pale in 1900. Those members of his family who stayed, perished in the Holocaust. He spoke about how he wanted to become an FBI agent, but he wound up becoming a lawyer and a judge. His Jewish vision of service is based on words found in the Book of Deuteronomy, "Tzedek, Tzedek Tirdof—Justice must be followed by Justice. He spoke about how important the "Rule of Law" was to our Jewish heritage and is to our United States of America. He stressed that antisemitism is anti-democracy. To uphold the "Rule of Law" is to keep our country safe and to protect the civil rights of every single person in this country.

His words were heartfelt and I found myself teary eyed.

We can be proud of the contributions Jews have made to this country. What an amazing experience – it will stay with me for the rest of my life.

B'shalom,

Cantor Riselle Bain

Leslie Barry and Cantor Riselle Bain present their program for National American Jewish Heritage Month at the FBI and Justice Department in Washington DC.



New Jersey Hall of Fame boxer Abie Bain

In the 1930s, government entities collaborated with the Jewish mafia and a network of boxers in New Jersey to thwart a brand of star-spangled fascism planted by the Nazi party. Today, author Leslie Barry, the niece of Golden Gloves champion Harry Levine, and Cantor Riselle Bain, the daughter of New Jersey Hall of Fame boxer Abie Bain, will share the true story of the Newark Minutemen who took part in a little-known but historic effort to fight evil in America.

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Message From the President

JUNE 2023/5783

Julia Ruden

Dear Friends and Family;

First I want to thank all the Board members who continue to keep our Shul running and I want to thank and welcome Herb Weiss, Rolph Rosenberg, and Pamela Jay Paralikis to our Board of Trustees.

All the many members that have come to our Shul, all the souls as we read so many names for Yiskor. I counted from since I moved here and over 50 souls of loved ones we have grieved for in our Shul. Our congregations continues to grow slowly and the hope always lives at Temple. It is nice to see new members!

All the Bar and Bat Mitzvahs and weddings a few baby naming's, with more to do! All of LIFE happens here at our Shul and we survive by generosity.

We are a small mighty Shul that will be here a very long time and being a part of this Temple is a special honor, we are so blessed to be here and our services are amazing with the brilliance and beautiful voice of our Cantor Riselle Bain.

Our building has had many repairs completed and as we repair we find more that needs to be done oy vey like it never ends, but we will continue to repair and fix our shul. Our latest need is to replace the carpet, it is a large building and any donations towards the repairs to our shul is greatly appreciated and truly a mitzvah!

We need your stories for our 100 year celebration of our Jewish Heritage at Temple Israel of Highlands County. The 100th Anniversary of the Jewish Community in Sebring is in 2025. Please put something together, how you came to be part of Temple Israel of Highlands County Sebring, FL. Put it on your list of need to Doooo! We need to preserve the history our Shul and that is YOU and YOUR story.

You can visit Cantor Riselle's clergy 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.

Continued Prayers Mi Shebeirach for all those who are recovering and healing.

May we continue to go from strength to strength!

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

Love to all, Julie

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18 JUNE/JULY 2023

JEWISH HAPPENINGS



LINDA FEINS

AVIVA
Empathy. Dedication. Leadership. Impact. Excellence. Aviva proudly nominates Linda Feins, a 20-year volunteer who demonstrates these gifts. Teaching empathy with dignity and a smile, her contributions include Shabbat services assurance, befriending students, resident program participation, and critical staff support. Aviva nominates Carolyn Kaplan and also Linda Feins as the little things that we all do to lift our spirits. She is very true. "Many find this way. Giving doesn't cost anything, yet, working with our community requires a special level of compassion. Linda's passion for two decades, particularly for end-of-life care, sets her apart."

BARB SANDER

BRANDEIS SARASOTA CHAPTER
Brandeis national and local communities have gained immensely by Barbara Sander's dedication and tireless efforts. Previous President of St. Louis and Sarasota chapters, previous National President, long-time member of the Brandeis "National Executive Committee, Brandeis Board of Trustees and Board of the Women's Studies Research Center, Barb is a passionate advocate. She is also a board member of the Sarasota Chapter where her advice and input are invaluable. Beyond Brandeis, Barb serves as the Sarasota Chapter of 2022, as a board member for the Sarasota Area Advocates, and as a member of the Jewish Federation's Women's Committee and Women's Giving Circle. Barb is married to Joseph Sander and is a proud mother of four children and grandmother of five. Barb's kindness, generosity, and leadership are a testament to the transformative power of volunteerism, and she is truly deserving of this recognition.

PACY WEINSTEIN

CHABAD OF SARASOTA
Volunteering, saving, and being all-around helpful to our organization is what Pacy Weinstein does well and with her whole heart. As soon as they hear of an event planned at Chabad of Sarasota, she consistently says she will be there. Pacy and her late husband, Morris, established the Weinstein After School Jewish Enrichment Program (Jewish School) without the school feeling. After considering the financial support for the program, she volunteers her time every Wednesday. On Shabbat, Pacy is always there to set up the Oneg that follows the services. At 83, Pacy is a vibrant volunteer that Chabad of Sarasota is proud of.

JERRY ZINGERMAR & DEBBIE BAKER

CHABAD OF VENICE & NORTH PORT
Jerry and Debbie are dedicated volunteers who give their time each week to deliver "Letters of Love" Chai'ah and children. Support to household seniors in the Venice community. Their selflessness and compassion bring a smile to the faces of those they visit, providing not only a warm hand and a listening ear but also a much-needed connection to the Jewish community. Their efforts are supported by Chabad of Venice and the IFJSA, relies on the efforts of volunteers like Jerry and Debbie to make a difference in the lives of others. Their commitment is a testament to the power of community and the importance of giving back. Jerry and Debbie truly deserve to be celebrated as one of the volunteers of the year for their outstanding service and unwavering dedication.

DR. MARGO MOORE

CONGREGATION FOR HUMANISTIC JUDAISM
The Congregation for Humanistic Judaism was never big. But COVID and aging challenged us as never before. "We could not gather for services, holidays, or company. If not for Dr. Margo Moore, we would be no more. Her tireless leadership as President for the past four years has been extraordinary. She organized High Holiday services and discussions of Jewish values on Zoom until we could safely come back together. Ultimately, her leadership led us to transitioning to a hybrid — more appropriate for a group of our diminished size. With great grace and affection, we nominate Margo Moore our Volunteer of the Year. Thanks to her."

ADRIENNE FRIEDMAN

CONGREGATION KOI HANESHAHA
This past year, Adrienne Friedman has enthusiastically taken on the responsibility of Special Events Chair for Congregation Koi Hanesha. For each holiday observance or other celebration, Adrienne has spearheaded every aspect, from the budget to the venue, from the caterer to the program, and has coordinated with member volunteers and professional staff. These events impressively range from formal celebrations such as the congregational seder for Rosh Hashanah and a special luncheon honoring Rabbi Elimelech Sandler Singer on his retirement. These events became the most successful fundraisers in our congregation's history. Adrienne Friedman is an asset to our congregation Koi Hanesha.

GERI DREXLER

JEWISH FEDERATION OF SARASOTA-MANATEE
Those who know Geri can confirm that she always has a bright smile on her face and a willingness to assist those organizations she holds near and dear. Her involvement with our Federation dates back more than 12 years. She is one of the original volunteers with our LIFE & LEGACY program, helping us to deepen our relationship with those who have made legacy contributions to our Federation. Her vibrant personality and knowledge of our Jewish community make her a phenomenal Federation Ambassador. She volunteers tirelessly to our programs, connects volunteers with Jewish resources, and represents our Federation at various outreach events in the community. This year, Geri was a new member of our Nominating Committee, helping to select individuals to serve in leadership roles with the Federation. She is devoted to name Geri as our Volunteer of the Year!

KATHY RANCE

SARASOTA JEWISH CHORALE
Kathy Rance deserves to be honored as our volunteer of the year for all she does for the Sarasota Jewish Chorale. Kathy is a past president of the Chorale. She has held the office of treasurer for multiple years and developed and continues to manage our website. She creates all media and printed materials including posters and programs and is responsible for obtaining and maintaining our rehearsal space and our rental storage unit. She has been our official photographer. She serves as with all volunteer leaders. Despite all these commitments she continues to sing a strong role in the Chorale. Kathy does all this without seeking awards/recognition. She is an extremely capable and totally humble woman.

JEWISH HAPPENINGS

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JFSM is thrilled to share our first annual Volunteer Heroes feature!
We asked every Jewish organization in our region to recognize just one individual or couple who give their time and talents to help make our Jewish community stronger.
We're grateful for their efforts and are proud to honor their service.



ALICE COTMAN

SARASOTA JEWISH THEATRE
Grads for much of the success of Sarasota Jewish Theatre goes to Alice Cotman, who makes exceptional contributions to SJT on a daily basis. As our Deputy Liaison, Alice manages all donor benefits. She maintains a chart of the donors and coordinates with the theatre box office so that donors receive tickets for the performance of their choice and invitations to donor events. And, of course, life happens, days need to be changed, and numbers need to be revised. With her amazing organizational skills, consistent follow-through, and cherry good nature, Alice manages to keep things flowing smoothly and make everyone happy. I don't know what we would do without her.



ROBYN SPIRTAS

TEMPLE BETH EL
Robyn has been affiliated with Temple Beth El for several years. She consistently offers help and has become the backbone of many temple activities. Robyn's dedication to the temple and Judaism is boundless, and her enthusiasm has fostered an environment that has led to the growth of our temple. Her ideas and innovations have helped foster a new modern look and experience for our members and guests, including an updated website and newsletters. Robyn volunteers in our religious school and demonstrates a true passion for teaching. She is continuously at our Shabbat and holiday services, social events, or any other Temple activity.



ALAN GOLDFARB

TEMPLE BETH ISRAEL
Alan Goldfarb is the consummate volunteer. His high degree of skill is exceeded only by his compassion, friendliness, gracefulness, generosity, respect for others, team support, loyalty, and willingness to do anything that needs to be done. He is not afraid to roll up his sleeves to attack any task that needs his attention. He is a Temple Beth Israel every day evening staff, tending to security issues, supervising maintenance, and guiding general repairs. Alan demonstrates exceptional human resource management skills, making his mark on our organization. I recommend him with the highest praise for this recognition.



IRIS NAHEMOW

TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM
Iris Nahemow's commitment to Congregation Beth Shalom makes her Temple Beth Shalom's "Volunteer of the Year." She has been a valued TBS Board of Directors member for the past five years and is also TBS' Grant & Strategic Planning Chairperson and is currently working on a Remedial Security Grant to help update the safety and security of TBS. Iris is also heavily involved with Temple Beth Shalom's LIFE & LEGACY program. She does all this, and so much more, quietly without seeking recognition, inspiring everyone with her dedication and commitment. She believes in this synagogue & this Jewish Community. Temple Beth Shalom is proud to recognize Iris Nahemow.



ETHEL GROSS

TEMPLE EMANU-EL
Ethel and her husband David Gross had not found a spiritual home when they decided to stop by Temple Emanu-El's Minchah Day. This was a great day for Temple Emanu-El. Temple Emanu-El is blessed with many voluntary, dedicated volunteers and Ethel embodies this spirit. She volunteers for the Temple Emanu-El's Minchah Day, Temple Emanu-El's Minchah Day Planning Committee and is currently working on a Remedial Security Grant to help update the safety and security of TBS. Iris is also heavily involved with Temple Beth Shalom's LIFE & LEGACY program. She does all this, and so much more, quietly without seeking recognition, inspiring everyone with her dedication and commitment. She believes in this synagogue & this Jewish Community. Temple Beth Shalom is proud to recognize Iris Nahemow.



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CHESTER "PEARL" & GILLIAN PERLSKI

TEMPLE SINAI
Chester "Pearl" and Gillian Perlinski are committed volunteers at Temple Sinai, inspiring their love and concern for our synagogue and members in everything they do. Pearl is a Temple Sinai board member, Men's Club co-president, her talents extend, helping in the kitchen and will pitch in just about anywhere help is needed. Gillian organizes all of the volunteers each week for Erev Shabbat volunteer receptions, kabbalah dinners, greeters and ushers. They work together to schedule and train all of the High Holy Day greeters, ushers and kabbalah dinners, as well. Pearl and Gillian co-chaired two major fundraising events at Temple Sinai this past year and volunteer as many other event planning committees. They are beloved and appreciated by all.



mazel tov!



Announcements

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June Oneg is sponsored by:

June 23, 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 Ladies Lunch Bunch
will be on hiatus until
October 30, 2023.



Contact Renee Tepper
863-414-8811 or
reneetepper@gmail.com



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

Bruce Sherwood & Sara Rosenbaum	6/19
Cantor Risle Bain & Michael Duncan	6/24
Nancy & Joe Rockhill	6/25
Denise & Lee Weisberger	6/30



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In Loving Memory

June Yahrzeits



** Memorial Plaque in our Shul

Judith Abrams	Arnold Neumann
George Albin**	Selma R. Neumann
Sadie Bellin	Leon Novich**
Patricia G. Bezark**	Benjamin Pintzow
Helen C. Dallas	Jodi Richstone**
Emanuel Duncan	Theodore Romer**
Martin Elias	Elizabeth A. Rosen**
Fanny Erskine	Fannie Rosen**
Louis A. Frank	Betty Rosenbaum
Rose Frankel	Sarah Roth
Dov Giveon	Joseph Sewelson
Elizabeth Harr	Robert Siegel
Adele Kaman	Dorothy Silverman
Sydney Kaphan	Lora Starr
Walter Kessler	Matthew L. Steward**
Abe Kurtz**	Hyman Tepper
Isadore "Irving" Ladinsky	Mildred Wasoff
Edward Laveen	Dora Wolkove **
William Mazen	

YAHARZEIT DONATIONS

Given By

Judy Albin
Julia Ruden
Mary Ann Romer

In Memory Of

Louis A. Frank, George Albin
Arnold Neumann, Selma R. Neumann
Judith Abrams, Theodore Romer

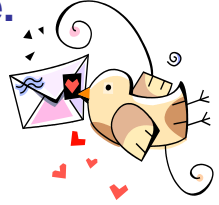
CARDS SENT

(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.



Greeting Cards Sent for May

Anniversary Greeting Cards Sent

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

To: Herb & Kathleen Weiss, Robert & Roberta Goodman,
Rachel & Eric Spero-Hoy

Get Well Cards Sent

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

To: David Stahl and Beverly Wills

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Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home & Crematory



Craig M. Nelson
Licensed Funeral Director



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 unless otherwise listed:

Friday 6/23 – Torah Portion Korach

Friday 7/21 – Torah Portion Devarim

Friday 8/18 – Rosh Chodesh Elul – Torah Portion Shoftim

Friday 9/15 -- **6:00pm** Rosh Hashanah

Saturday 9/16 – **10:00am** morning Rosh Hashanah

Saturday 9/16 – **after morning service** Tashlich at Lake Jackson pier

Sunday 9/24 -- **6:00pm** Yom Kippur

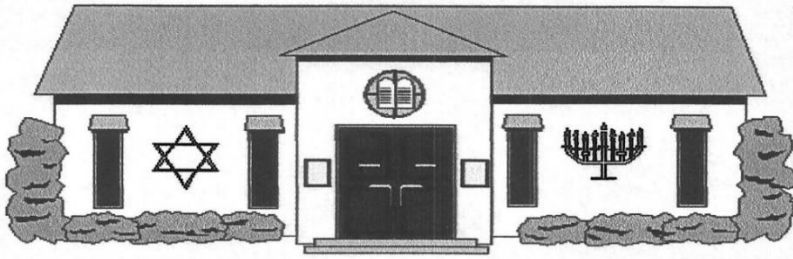
Monday 9/25 -- **10:00am** morning service – Yom Kippur

Monday 9/25 -- **3:00pm** Yiskor– Yom Kippur

Monday 9/25 – Pot Luck Break the Fast after Yiskor



Celebrate any occasion while benefitting Israel and our temple. For only \$18.00, plant a tree in *Eretz Yisrael*. Simply e-mail the donor and recipient information to: jruden18@gmail.com
Mail your check to the temple, payable to Temple Israel.



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INVOICE

ANNUAL DUES

June 1, 2023-May 31, 2024

NAME: _____

ANNUAL DUES	\$ _____
ENHANCEMENT DUES	\$ _____
WOMAN'S CLUB DUES (\$15.00)	\$ _____
NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS (\$18.00)	\$ _____
SECURITY DONATIONS	\$ _____

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

FAMILY: \$525.00
SINGLE: \$325.00

Please make check payable to:

Temple Israel of Highlands County, FL TOTAL \$ _____

Dues payable upon receipt of This Invoice.

***If you are able to increase your dues,
It would be greatly appreciated!!!**

**NOTE: Special arrangements must be made with the President and/or
Treasurer prior to the end of the first quarter or by September 1st of the
calendar year.**