

Temple Israel of Highlands County  
1305 Temple Israel Drive  
Sebring, Florida 33870  
863-382-7744 *August 2023 / 5783*

Temple Israel's Web Page [www.templeisraelofhcf.org](http://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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## **Congregational Board**

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### **Officiating Cantor:**

**Cantor Riselle Bain**

Cell: 813-600-8013

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### **Rabbi Emerita:**

**Lorraine Rudenberg**

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August is here – those hot lazy, hazy days of summer.

But in addition to lazy days, there are also some very important life changes that are going on for Jews in the Hebrew month of Av, which also transitions into the month of Elul during August.

Shisha (the 6<sup>th</sup>) of Av was a hard and sad day in Israel. Netanhahu's coalition government voted – with a mere 64 votes to 0 out of 120 to limit the power of the Supreme Court by stripping its power to block government decisions that are not reasonable. The other 56 members of the Knesset boycotted the vote.

By limiting the power of the Supreme Court, the government has instituted another change in the law, as part of Judicial Reform, that is moving away from democracy and is deeply divisive. This process is shaking to the core the ground of the democratic and cooperative values on which Israel was built and flourished, and the people are protesting in the streets throughout Israel. The current situation is so complicated, and these changes in government are destructive for the entire fabric of Israeli society.

We need strong prayers during August/Av and Elul for Israel – Avinu Shebashamayim – “O Heavenly One, Protector and Redeemer of Israel, bless the State of Israel which marks the dawning of hope for all who seek peace. Shield it beneath the wings of Your love; spread over it the canopy of Your peace; send Your light and truth to all who lead and advise, guiding them with Your good counsel. Establish peace in the land and fullness of joy for all who dwell there.” (Page 259 Mishkan T'filah)

We are one Am, one people who share one destiny

We pray for the end of divisiveness

We pray for reconciliation

We pray for the end of violence

We pray for Israel's democracy

We pray for peace

There are also some other prayers we could add to our daily practice during August/Av and Elul.

Although Reform Jews do not pray for the rebuilding of the Temple in Jerusalem along with the animal sacrifices of ancient times, we can certainly pray for the rebuilding of our little Temple Israel. We pray that August/Av and Elul will bring us back together again in our even more beautiful sanctuary. We pray to be together for our August 18<sup>th</sup> Shabbat service! I miss each and every one of you.

B'shalom,

*Cantor Riselle Bain*



# Message From the President

August 2023/5783

**Julia Ruden**

Dear Friends and Family;

I Miss you all and hope you are enjoying the summertime. Wow the heat, please continue to take care of yourselves, and hydrate well during these August “Dog Days” !

Our shul is still under construction. We are still waiting for Ramjack to start leveling the foundation that needs a 3” inch lift. I could use 3” inch lift too :) Seriously we can’t make anyone go any faster than they are willing to go and we don’t have many choices for Ramjack talent in Highlands County, FL as I’m sure you all have experienced trying to get stuff done at your homes. There are some pictures for everyone to see the transformation of our building. We are making progress as fast as we can. It is going to look great when it’s done.

As of August 1<sup>st</sup>, I am not sure if we will be having in person services August 18<sup>th</sup> as planned, but we will continue to have the Live Service with Cantor Riselle Bain’s Facebook page. We will send email notice about August 18<sup>th</sup> in person services when closer we get to it.

The HOPE Lives!

High Holidays are around the corner September 15<sup>th</sup> is Rosh Hashanah 45 days away. How time flies! Make It Count!

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 Julie









## Announcements

August 2023 / 5783



**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

### Anniversaries

Bruce & Phyllis Behrens	8/17
David & Evelyn Stahl	8/19
Stanley & Pamela Paralikis	8/24
Kathy & Ben Kaleky	8/28

### LUNCH BUNCH

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



Contact Renee Tepper  
[863-414-8811](tel:863-414-8811) or  
[reneetepper@gmail.com](mailto:reneetepper@gmail.com)



### August Oneg sponsored by:

**August 18, 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**

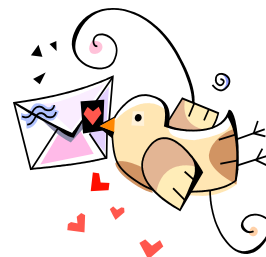
## CARDS SENT

*(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](mailto:matromer@aol.com).

Write "Temple card" in the email subject box.

Send your minimum \$5.00 donation to Temple.



### July Greeting Cards Sent

### Anniversary Greeting Cards Sent

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

**To:** Jay & Susie Luck, Bruce & Rabbi Lorraine Rudenberg,  
Stephanie & Marc Hauser



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](mailto:jruden18@gmail.com)  
Mail your check to the temple,  
payable to Temple Israel.



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# In Loving Memory

## August Yahrzeits

**\*\* Memorial Plaque in our Shul**



Jennie Elias	Diana Frank**	Arya Mayer Frankel**
Ira Meyer Frankel**	Nathan Garshick	Maud Harriet**
Hattie Jankower**	Murray Jay	Annette Kahn**
Jacob Kaminer	Ruth Silinsky Kirshner**	Gustav Levy**
Selma Levy**	Neil T. Lewis**	Frances Liebeck
Joseph Lippman	Harry Pearlman	Sally Rotman
Joseph Schwartz	Annie Sherman**	Jane Sherwood
Esther Sibulkin**	Abraham Silverman	

## Yahrzeit Donations



Given by  
Mary Ann Romer  
Lois Lewis  
Bruce Kirshner

In Memory Of  
Joseph Lippman  
Neil T. Lewis  
Ruth Silinsky Kirshner

### Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home & Crematory



**Craig M. Nelson**  
Licensed Funeral Director

### Don Elwell

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Email: don.elwell@ALANJAY.COM  
Phone (863) 314-5334

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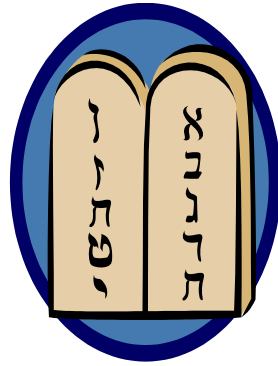
Board of County Commissioners  
COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 2  
600 S. Commerce Ave. Sebring, FL 33870  
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2023 / 5783

## Cantor Bain's Schedule:



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 8/18 – 6:30pm Rosh Chodesh Elul – Torah Portion Shoftim

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

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

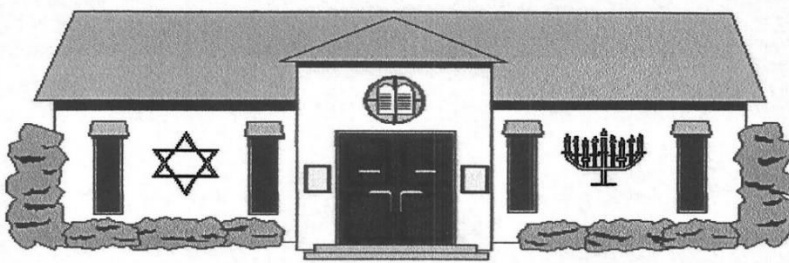
Saturday 9/16 – **After morning service** Tashlich at Lake Jackson pier

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



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**INVOICE**

**ANNUAL DUES**

June 1, 2023-May 31, 2024

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**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 1<sup>st</sup> of the  
calendar year.**