

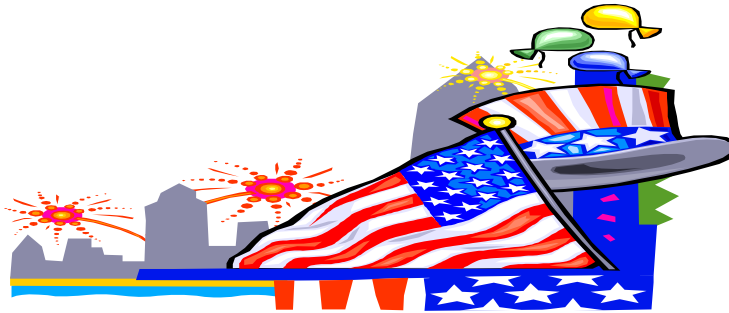
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Temple Israel is a Reform Temple that promotes the enduring and fundamental principles of Judaism.

Through prayer, study and friendship we strive to enrich our lives and insure Jewish continuity in Highlands County.



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Summer is definitely here! Every month comes with a bounty of lights, blessings, and challenges that are its particular gift to the year.

The Hebrew calendar is a lunisolar calendar which has been in use for millennia, although it has undergone a few changes over time. Even though the calendar dates back to the 6th century BCE, it is still used today by Jews around the world and has official status in Israel.

“Tammuz” is the Babylonian name of this month in or Hebrew calendar that we usually enter in our Gregorian calendar of June and July. In the Bible, however, the month is referred to as the Fourth of the 12 months of the Jewish calendar, counting from Nisan, the month in which we celebrate Passover.

So, the month of Tammuz begins the “season” of the summer. The three months of this season are Tammuz, Av and Elul.

In our Jewish history, on the third of Tammuz something happened that broke all the rules of nature. Joshua was leading the Jews in battle in Givon against their enemies, the Emorites. As the day drew to a close, the battle had not yet reached an absolute conclusion. For the moment the Jews seemed to be winning, but if the battle would reach its inevitable end as darkness came, there would be no decisive victory, and the next morning they would face off against an enemy who would come at them with renewed vigor. Each moment was precious. A miracle happened. The sun didn't set. The day stretched on for 12 more hours. The rules were broken, the battle was won, and at least for the moment, no one worshiped the sun, but only its holy, infinite, unknowable Maker.

Another part of our Jewish history on the 17th day of Tammuz— it is a fast day that commemorates the day when the walls of Jerusalem were breached by the Romans in 69 CE, after a lengthy siege.

Other traumatic events happened later in Tammuz in our Jewish history that compel us to think about who we are and who we want to be. To one degree or another, each event is an echo of the tragedy that took place on the 17th of Tammuz.

1. Moses broke the Tablets when he saw the Jewish people worshipping the Golden Calf.
2. During the Babylonian siege of Jerusalem, the Jews were forced to cease offering daily sacrifices due to the lack of sheep.
3. Apostomos (a nickname for Antiochus Epiphanes) burned the holy Torah.
4. An idol was placed in the Holy Temple in Jerusalem.

Does this mean that the month of Tammuz is "a bad month"? I think not. But in our Jewish history – even during the lazy summer – it is a month of challenge and confrontation. Without challenge, there can be no growth. Without confrontation, there is no way to see things as they are.

Since the month of Tammuz historically includes events of despair, it must also provide the key to repair.

Each month during summer (Tammuz/July, Av/August, Elul/September) will give us the opportunity for repair, regeneration, and shalom, finally leading us to begin a sweet new spiritual year at Rosh Hashanah, which we will celebrate in the Hebrew month of Tishrei.

I wish you all a wonderful summer of continued growth, regeneration, and repair!

Cantor Riselle Bain

Note: a portion of this article is taken from Jewish National Fund's Impact Blog by Yossi Kahana.



Message From the President

JULY 2023/5783

Julia Ruden

Dear Friends and Family,

Thank you to everyone that has sent in their dues and for the extra donations towards security and our repairs.

Our Temple building has a crack in the foundation and we have hired Ramjack to correct the situation. Ramjack is expensive but we really don't have a choice. We discovered the crack in the foundation by removing the carpets. We have also removed and are replacing more drywall as needed.

I am asking for donations towards the building repairs that seems endless these past few months. I have faith that we will be open for our July 14th service!

The password has changed for security at services. Please contact any board member for the new password before coming to Shul for our July 14th Service.

It is summertime and HOT please take care of yourselves!
Enjoy that 4th of July Independence Day; be safe please!

We still 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 on how you came to be part of Temple Israel of Highlands County Sebring, FL. Put it on your list of need to Doooo!

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

Work in progress





Announcements

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July Oneg is sponsored by:

July 14, 2023 – By 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 is on hiatus until October 30, 2023



Contact Renee Tepper
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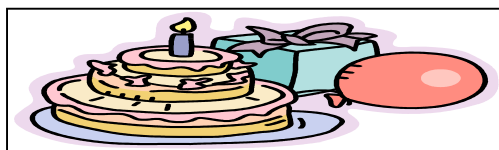
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Alan Wildstein for your

continued and generous support for

Alan Jay Automotive for our transportation to and from Services!

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



Happy Anniversary

Jay & Susie Luck	07/04
Joe & Lisa Bain Crowder	07/19
Bruce & Rabbi Lorraine Rudenberg	07/20
Stephanie & Marc Hauser	07/24



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In Loving Memory



July Yahrzeits

**** Memorial Plaque in our Shul**

Mary Cohen Bain	Rose Goldberg	Edward Richmond
David Bellin	Sylvia Jay	Ida Tobias Romer**
Elliott D. Blumenthal**	Dr. Leon Kahn**	Sarah Roth
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Judy Albin
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In Memory Of

Louis A. Frank, George Albin
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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.



June Greeting Cards Sent

Anniversary Greeting Cards Sent

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

To: Bruce Sherwood & Sara Rosenbaum

By: Congregation, Board of Directors & Trustees

To: Cantor Riselle Bain & Michael Duncan

By: Congregation

To: Nancy & Joe Rockhill, Dr. Lee & Denise Weisberger

Condolence Cards Sent

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

To: Dixon Taylor on passing of her husband Denny Swing

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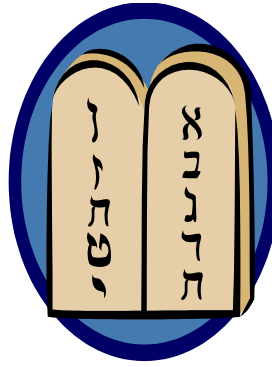


Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home & Crematory



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 pm unless otherwise listed:

Friday 7/14 – Torah Portion Devarim **** date changed****

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



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Mail your check to the temple, payable to Temple Israel.