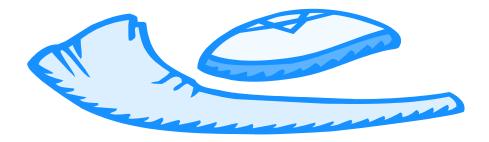
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Temple Israel is a Reform Temple that promotes the enduring and fundamental principles of Judaism.

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



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Dear Congregants,

It is time for New Beginnings – a New Year for each of us personally and also for Temple Israel. These last few months, our little shul has been through a lot. During extensive renovations, Temple Israel missed us as we were not able to be physically together for our Shabbat services. But we persevered with our services on Facebook Live. I am always so grateful for the miracle of that connection. As our ancestors survived when confronted with so many challenges throughout their history, we found a way to survive. Even on Facebook Live, that chat box shows that we are here for each other, as individuals and as the Temple Israel community.

Finally, the renovations are completed, and our little shul is beautiful, safe, and ready for us to pray together again in our beloved Sanctuary for Yamim Noraim – our Days of Awe. We come together as a Kehillah Kodeshah – a sacred community – to do what is called Cheshbon HaNefesh – the accounting of the soul.

We will, of course, also continue to offer our services on my Riselle Bain Jewish Cantor/Clergy Facebook page.

I so look forward to hearing you to read and daven with me for Rosh Hashanah eve Friday, September 15th at 6:00 pm and for Rosh Hashanah day Saturday, September 16th, beginning at 10 am. Kol Nidre is Sunday, September 24th beginning at 6 pm and Yom Kippur Day is Monday, September 25th beginning at 10 am.

I always like to remind you that the character of the services for the High Holy Days, is different. It is meant to be a bit more formal than the rest of the year. Because Rosh Hashanah falls on Shabbat this year, there will be extra insertions in the liturgy for Shabbat.

Some of the music of the prayers is also different from the music of our regular Shabbat services. Familiar prayers will have completely different melodies that are special for this time of the year. These melodies signal to us that this is not a regular Shabbat, nor a weekday nor a festival, but the High Holy Days – Yamim Noraim, the Days of Awe. These special prayers and melodies help to make our holiday come alive. The melodies will change again for the Festival of Sukkot and for each holiday.



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Each year, I hope you will look forward to hearing these special melodies. When I hear our Congregation join me in prayer and song, it makes my heart sing.

I leave you with a reading for Cheshbon HaNefesh:

Before we slip too quickly into this Season of the Soul – let there be a Sabbath of Sabbaths for the heart,

Before the music of Creation's majesty – let there be silent praise of existence.

Before the feast of sanctified words – let there be the poetry of solitude.

Before we enter the palaces of prayer – let us find within in ourselves a place of calm.

Before we revel in the wondrous and sublime – let there be an honest, inward gaze.

Before the rites and ceremonies of the Days of Awe – let there be quieter days, and island of attentiveness.

I give thanks for New Beginnings. I pray that our High Holy Day services jumpstart this Jewish New Year of 5784 for each and every one of you with inspiration, with peace, health, joy, and hope.

Shanah Tovah u'Metukah, Cantor Ríselle Baín



<u>Julia Ruden</u>

Dear Friends and Family;

Thank you ALL for all of your annual dues, donations and continued support of our Temple. I Thank God Everyday for our Shul and what happens with our Jewish Community... the good, the sad, the humor, the survival, and all the love...

Our beautiful building renovations/repairs will be completed by next weekend AMEN! Our Shul and our Community are truly Holy and I can't wait for us to be together again in person! What a great way to start off the New Year!

Our High Holy Days are here. Rosh Hashanah Service is September 15th at 6:00 PM and the16th, services begin at 10AM. The deadline for the Yiskor Book is September 5th and it will be printed this year. ALL the names will be read at the Yiskor Service as it is tradition - We Remember! If you have names to add the to the Yiskor Book the deadline for any changes or additions, please contact Cathy Blumenthal 863-699-6539, after 2:00 PM with that information. Leave a message if Cathy does not answer the phone. Her email is <u>cbdolly@htn.net</u>.

I will be at our Shul THIS Sunday, September 3rd between 10 AM and 12:00 PM to hand out our High Holy Day Books to our Congregants. *Please make sure you get your books then.*

Thank you Donna Wasson for your continued upkeep of our Beautiful Butterfly Garden.

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

To anyone that I may have hurt this past year, I ask for forgiveness! To those of you whom have hurt me – I forgive you!

May we ALL continue to go from strength to strength! **Be thankful for everything, everyone, everyday – I am!!**

G'mar Chatimah Tovah – May you be inscribed in the Book of Life for Good as we enter the year 5784.

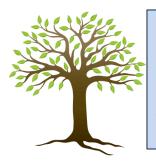
<u>Announcements</u>





<u>Anniversary</u> Norman & Anna Spero

9/19



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LUNCH BUNCH The Ladies Lunch Bunch <u>will be on</u> hiatus until October 30, 2023.



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





September Onegs sponsored by:

September 15, 2023 – Sara Rosenbaum & Jay and Susie Luck September 25, 2023 -- Pot Luck Break the Fast

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



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רבה 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 (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.

August Greeting Cards Sent



Anniversary Greeting Cards Sent

- By: Congregation, Board of Directors & Trustees, Cantor Riselle Bain
- To: Bruce & Phyllis Behrens, David & Evelyn Stahl, Stanley & Pamela Paralikis, Kathy & Ben Kaleky



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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 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
- Friday 10/6 Sukkot/Simchat Torah
- Friday 10/20 Torah Portion Noach