

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 ensure Jewish continuity in Highlands County.



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Dear Congregants,

On Tuesday, the day after our services for Yom Kippur, I will be recuperating from the two days of spiritual, physical, and vocal energy output. Although we are small in number, there is something so special about the warmth and true caring we find in our sanctuary when we come together for services.

One of the highlights of Yom Kippur Day is always the chanting of Torah, this year so beautifully done by Donna Wasson, Cathy Blumenthal, Karen DelValle, Lois Lewis, and Jeff Donde. A heartfelt thank you to our Board and to all of those helped me during the services: Julie Ruden, Cathy Blumenthal, Sara Rosenbaum, Mary Ann Romer, Tyler Carroll, Herb Weiss, and Michael Wasson – Woo Hoo!

And God bless Susie and Jay Luck for treating us to all those delicious goodies for our Rosh Hashanah oneg and morning breakfast.

The Torah from which we read on Yom Kippur was purchased for Temple Israel by Marvin Kahn's (of blessed memory) father, Michael Kahn, in 1925. The Torah originally came from a congregation in Leesburg. It was refurbished by a sopher/scribe and then brought home to Temple Israel. I remember in past years that it meant so much to Marvin, to see our congregation read from that Torah with love.

Temple Israel also cares for one other Torah – our Holocaust Torah. We are privileged and honored to be the guardians of a 133 year-old Torah from Czechoslovakia which was rescued from the Holocaust. Our Torah Scroll, known as Czech Memorial Scroll #409, is one of 1,564 Czech Torahs found in Prague after WWII. Our Scroll was written in 1890 and comes from the Jewish community of Prostejov, Czechoslovakia.

At our next service on October 6<sup>th</sup>, we will be reading from both Torahs!!!! Due to our service schedule of every other week, in addition to celebrating Sukkot, the Festival of Booths, we will also be celebrating Simchat Torah / ערב שמחת תורה "Rejoicing with/of the Torah." This celebration marks the conclusion of the annual cycle of public Torah readings, and the beginning of a new cycle. Both Torahs will be taken out of the Ark. Marvin's father's Torah will be set at the very last verses of the Torah portion **V'zot Hab'rachah**: *"Never again did there arise in Israel a prophet like Moses – whom Adonai had singled out, face to face, for the various signs and portents that Adonai sent him to display in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his courtiers and his whole country, and for all the great might and awesome power that Moses displayed before all Israel."*

With one breath, we will end that Torah and run to our Holocaust Torah which will be set at **B'reishit**, the very first words at beginning of Torah: *"When God was about to create heaven and earth, the earth was a chaos, unformed, and on the chaotic waters' face there was darkness."*

The last word of the Torah used for the final reading is "**Yisrael**," which ends with the Hebrew letter *Lamed*. The first word of the Torah used for the first reading is "**B'reishit**," which begins with the Hebrew letter *Bet*. Lamed and Bet make the Hebrew word "heart."

How wonderful that we can add to the meaning and history of Simchat Torah knowing our temple's history with these two beautiful Torahs.

One breath – we never stop reading, learning, finding new meanings in Torah – all done from the heart, with love.

Please join us on October 6<sup>th</sup> as we celebrate together!

*Cantor Riselle Bain*

# Message From the President

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**Julia Ruden**

Dear Friends and Family;

Our High Holy Days services were amazing and it was wonderful to see so many familiar and new faces at our Rosh Hashanah Services. The Shul was packed with so much joyous spirit!

It was unfortunate that Covid is making a strong come back and effected a few of our members (all recovering - AMEN) and in-person attendance was down for Yom Kippur, please let me know if you caught Covid. We missed you and hope you attended online! The services are saved to Cantor Riselle Bain's Clergy Facebook page if you want to view them. I love that it is saved there and you can view all of our services when you need uplifting!

I must thank xoxo so many of you! Jay and Susie Luck your Oneg and Rosh Hashanah breakfast were amazing! Sara Rosenbaum you work tirelessly to get everything done, YOU are amazing! Donna Wasson you work tirelessly also, our Butterfly garden flourishes, please recover from those ant bites!!

Thanks xoxo To our congregants that participated in our services: Cathy Blumenthal, Mary Ann Romer, Lois Lewis, Jeff Donde, Karen del Valle, Sara Rosenbaum, Tyler Carroll, and Donna Wasson, all of your readings were beautiful!

Thanks xoxo to everyone that cooked for the break-the-fast. OMG so yummy!!!

Cantor Riselle you are Awesome as usual! Thank xoxo YOU for being YOU!!

Cathy Blumenthal and her daughter, Debbie Steward, purchased a Sukkot and it is installed just outside the kitchen back door. We need volunteers to decorate it for our October 6<sup>th</sup> Sukkot Service.

Continued Prayers, Mi Shebeirach, for all who are recovering and healing!

May we continue to go from strength to strength!

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

Love, Julie

PS: Please see the attached flyer for PIONEER DAZE sponsored by the Sebring Historical Society. Temple Israel will have a table representing our past, present and future history celebrating our upcoming 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary! Come join us!!!



## Announcements

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**October Onegs Sponsored by:**

**October 6: The Board**

**October 20: The Board**

**If you would like to sponsor an Oneg  
contact Karen del Valle 863-260-0325**

### LUNCH BUNCH

The next Ladies Lunch Bunch will meet at Thai Restaurant  
3750 US Hwy 27N, Sebring, FL  
on October 30 at 12:15



**Contact:**

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**Happy Anniversary**

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**10/12**



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**October 21 2023**

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[www.SebringHistoricalSociety.org](http://www.SebringHistoricalSociety.org)



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Orange Juicing

Hat tossing

Quilting and Basket Weaving  
Demonstrations!

**Vendor Locations Available**

**863-471-2522**

[info@sebringhistoricalsociety.org](mailto:info@sebringhistoricalsociety.org)



# More Information to follow!



# We Remember



## October Yahrzeits \*\* Memorial Plaque in our Schul

Arthur Chanin **	Archie M. Robbins **
Julius Ben Chanin **	Alma Rosenbaum **
Jerry Doctrow	Morris Rosner **
Moses Falk	Elsie Sadowsky **
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## Yahrzeit Donations



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### In Memory of:

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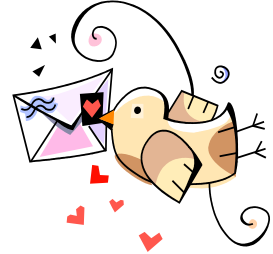
## CARDS SENT

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

Write "Temple card" in the email subject box.

Send your minimum \$5.00 donation to Temple.



### **Anniversary Greeting Cards Sent**

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

**To:** Norman & Anna Spero

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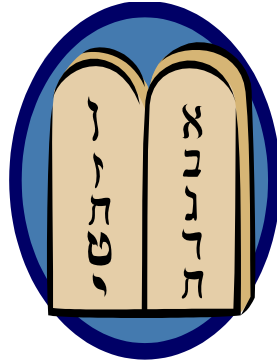
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Services will be at the Shul

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:

October 6 – Sukkot/Simchat Torah

October 20 – Torah Portion Noach

November 3 – Torah Portion Vayera

November 17 – Torah Portion Toldot

(We will also remember Kristallnacht)

December 8 – Chanukah

December 22 – Torah Portion Vayigash