

Temple Israel of Highlands County

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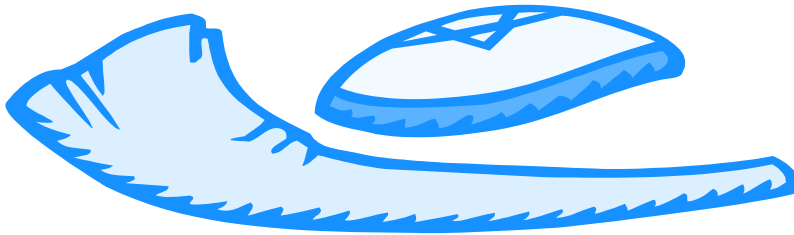
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Temple Israel's Web Page www.templeisraelofhcf.org



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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The emotion-laden chanting of Kol Nidre in its moving, centuries old melody begins Yom Kippur at a feverish pitch. Although Kol Nidre's author is unknown, its text dates back at least to the ninth century and is found in the Seder Rav Amram Gaon of that period. The phrase *Kol Nidrei* comes from Aramaic and means far more than its literal translation, "All Vows." Although Kol Nidre is not part of Maariv, the entire evening service is commonly referred to as that of Kol Nidre night.

Perhaps the most surprising thing of all is why the most solemn day of the year begins with a prayer that is not even a prayer! Kol Nidre makes no mentions of repentance and seems to be no more than an attempt to free oneself from past or future vows. Two explanations are offered, one rational and one kabbalistic.

- 1) Kol Nidre emphasizes for us the extreme gravity that the Torah attaches not only to formal vows and oaths, but to the general concept that one must keep one's word. And so, when we preface the Yom Kippur prayers not with pleas for forgiveness, but with a declaration regarding vows, we are reminding ourselves of the importance of scrupulously honoring our commitments. We begin Yom Kippur with the recognition that a Jew's word is sacred. We cannot make peace with God until we absolve ourselves from the immoral act of violating our word.

- 2) Kabbalistically, the message of Kol Nidre is addressed as a plea to God. Since the beginning of its national existence, Israel's transgressions have provoked God to take oaths that God would punish, or even do away with the nation. In the Torah, we find Moses interceding with God on more than one occasion on behalf of Israel's transgressions. We pray that God will hear our prayers not only for ourselves, but also for our dear Israel.

This year we have additional strength and beauty added to our renditions of the Kol Nidre prayer. It is custom to recite Kol Nidre three times: One time the Congregation will read the words from our prayerbook Mishkan Hanefesh, one time I will chant the Kol Nidre, and the added strength and beauty will come from a live offering of Kol Nidre on viola. We will have a special guest with us this year – Donna Ruden's cousin, Trevor New – who will gift us with one of those three renditions of Kol Nidre on the viola. How lucky we are!

To all, I send my wishes for a Shanah Tovah U'metukah -- "a good and sweet year" -- and also for "G'mar Chatimah Tovah -- a good final sealing," in the Book of Life, in which we are inscribed on Rosh Hashanah and sealed on Yom Kippur.

Cantor Riselle Bain



Message From the President

Dear Friends and Family;

Rosh Hashanah Services Start Wednesday 10/2/2024 at 6PM sharp!

Thursday Morning Rosh Hashanah Service 10/03/2024 starts at 10AM sharp!

We have different security guards so **you will need to use the password to get into services.** If you do not know the password contact any Temple Board Member before services. Security has the list of members in good standing. NO Business will be conducted during Holy Days so please make arrangements today!

If you are not a member in good standing (dues arrangements) you will need to contact our Treasurer Cathy Blumenthal TODAY to get your name on the entrance list for our High Holy day services tomorrow. If Cathy does not answer the phone please leave a message and she will call you back. If you do not leave a message she will not call you back. Treasurer Cathy Blumenthal 863-699-6539 no email at this time.

Cathy also makes the Yiskor book every year for Yom Kippur, if you need to add names please contact Cathy yesterday. Thank you Cathy!

I will be in Ireland for Rosh Hashanah and wish everyone a sweet healthy happy New Year 5785. I'll be back for Yom Kippur.

The state of our Temple financially could use some help but this is nothing new to anyone. Please donate what you can for our High Holy days.

Our Congregation is growing and I can't express the Kvelling I and our Temple Board have/do that we are open and growing, what a blessing!

Every year I ask for forgiveness from those I have hurt, I am sorry! For those whom have hurt me I forgive you too! Clean slate and an opportunity to Dooo BETTER!

G'mar Chatimah Tovah – May you be inscribed in the Book of Life for Good!

Continued prayers for Israel and all of the hostages their families and the world!

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!!

THANK XOXOXOX YOU ALL FOR ALL YOU DOooooo!!

Love Always, Julie Ruden



Announcements

OCTOBER 2024/ 5784-5785



OCTOBER Onegs are sponsored by:

10/2 Rosh Hashanah Oneg

Sara Rosenbaum/Sherwood family

10/12 Pot luck Break the fast after Yiskor

Thank you to Jay & Susie Luck for their contribution

10/25 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 next Ladies Lunch Bunch Group Monday,

October 28th at 12:15pm

Thai House Restaurant

Fairmount Plaza

3750 US Hwy 27N

Sebring, FL 33870

Contact:

Renee Tepper 863-414-8811

or reneetepper@gmail.com

and let her know you'll be there.



Happy Anniversary

Dawn & Neil Schechtman 10/12

Avi & Rivka Gomez 10/20

תודה רבה - Thank You Alan Wildstein for your continued and generous support for Alan Jay Automotive for our transportation to and from Services! And for ALL YOU Dooo!

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



We Remember



October Yahrzeits ** Memorial Plaque in our Schul

Arthur Chanin **	Israel Pintzow
Julius Ben Chanin	Archie M. Robbins **
Jerry Doctrow	Morris Rosner **
Moses Falk	Elsie Sadowsky **
Barry Glick **	Dorothy Sharfman **
Morris Glick ** (Torah cover)	Eva Sherman
Benjamin Gordon	Harold H. Soule **
Milton Guberman	Rose Sperling
Samuel Heyman	Sidney Tucker **
Martin Kestenbaum	David Danny Vinik **
Minnie Krakoff	Harold Vinik
Helen Markowitz **	Ethel Mae White
Thelma Neuman	Mildred Wolf



Yahrzeit Donations



Given By:

Marjorie Wohl
Gloria Soltes
Bruce Kirshner
Mary Ann Romer

In Memory of:

Archie M. Robbins
Dorothy Wolk
Dr. Harold & Ruth Kirshner
Samuel Heyman

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.



September Anniversary Greeting Cards Sent

By: Congregation, Board of Directors & Trustees, Cantor Riselle Bain
To: Norman & Anna Spero, Alfredo & Lilia Rivera

Get Well Cards Sent

By: Congregation, Board of Directors & Trustees, Cantor Riselle Bain
To: Bobbi Goodman, Lois Lewis

Congratulation Cards Sent

By: Congregation, Board of Directors & Trustees, Cantor Riselle Bain
To: Bruce & Rabbi Lorraine Rudenberg on the marriage of Bryan & Allison Wheeler

Thank You Cards Sent

By: Congregation, Board of Directors & Trustees, Cantor Riselle Bain
To: Dr. David & Francine Rosenberg for their generous donation to Temple Israel

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863-402-9190

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HAPPY ROSH HASHANAH

5785

May everyone in our Temple Family be inscribed for a good year

Kim Adler

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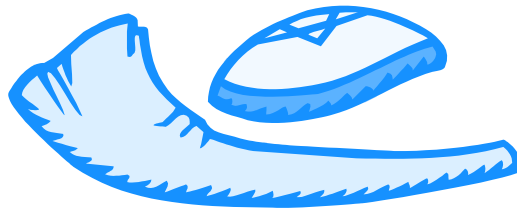
Cantor Bain's Schedule:



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/>



Wednesday 10/2/24 -- **6:00PM** Rosh Hashanah

Thursday 10/3/24 -- **10:00AM morning service** Rosh Hashanah

Thursday 10/3/24 -- **after morning service** Tashlich at Lake Jackson pier

Friday 10/11/24 -- **6:00PM** Yom Kippur

Saturday 10/12/24 -- **10:00AM morning service** Yom Kippur

Saturday 10/12/24 -- **3:00pm** Yiskor– Yom Kippur

Saturday 10/12/24- Pot Luck Break the Fast after Yiskor

Friday 10/25/24 – **Sukkot**, Sh'mini Atzeret, **Simchat Torah**

Friday 11/8/24 – **Kristallnacht** – Torah portion Lech L'cha

Friday 11/22/24 – Torah Portion Chayei Sarah

Friday 12/13/24 – Torah portion Vayishlach

Friday 12/27/24 – **Chanukah** (3rd night) – Torah portion Miketz

Sebring Historical Society

* Presents *

Food Trucks



Demonstrations



Vendors



Children's Area



Community

Organizations Presenting Their History
Children's area with hands-on activities allowing,
them to experience early pioneer life.

Enjoy handmade crafts and demonstrations!

Live Music and Entertainment

Portrayal of Early Life in Florida

Saturday, October 19, 2024

Alan Jay Arena - Highlands County Fair Grounds
781 Magnolia Avenue Sebring, Florida 33870