

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

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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Israel's 75th anniversary is a milestone, a moment to look backward and forward, to savor the victories of the past and plan the triumphs of the future, even amid considerable internal debate.

A mere 11 minutes after Israel's founding, on May 14, 1948, America recognized Israel – a fact that we, as American Jewish lovers of Israel, are certainly proud to acknowledge. In the 75 years since, our two countries maintain a strong and enduring bilateral relationship. This bond is not limited to the political realm but also extends to the close ties between the American Jewish community and our brothers and sisters in Israel.

As we celebrate Israel's diamond jubilee, we recognize that even amidst ongoing domestic strife, there is much to be proud of, and to be able to celebrate. Israel's journey since its founding is nothing short of miraculous. The newborn nation narrowly avoided annihilation during the 1948 Arab-Israeli war and has been forced to fight for its survival every day for the past 75 years.

And yet, despite near-constant threats from external enemies, Israel has managed to become a model society and a beacon for the entire world. It assimilated waves of immigrants, from Holocaust survivors to Jews of Middle Eastern and North African descent to refugees from the former Soviet Union and Africa. Israel's thriving economy rightly earned the nickname "the start-up nation".

It also established itself as a leader in water management, desalination and disaster relief. But Israel's achievements do not stop there. The country is a pioneer in public health programs, providing the world with valuable lessons in vaccine distribution and administration, as well as in innovative treatments and technologies.

On Israel's 75th Anniversary, we remember its core values – those that led to Israel's founding and those that we continue to support – a sense of mission, love and Zionism, the values of mutual responsibility and unity within the Jewish people and the strengthening of the bonds of the covenant between Israeli society and the world.

Despite tremendous progress, Israel is still very much threatened by external enemies. Iran-backed terrorists recently launched a wave of rocket attacks and shootings targeting civilians, causing widespread destruction and loss of life. While Israel's Iron Dome anti-missile system is effective in preventing deaths from these attacks, it cannot stop the campaign to delegitimize Israel.

The Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement seeks to attack Israel's economic, cultural and academic ties, with the goal of leaving the country isolated and vulnerable. So-called "pro-Palestinian activists" continue to deny Israel's right to exist and engage in anti-Semitic rhetoric and actions.

As supporters of Israel, we must remain vigilant in the fight against these existential threats. We must continue to oppose the BDS movement and to call out anti-Semitism wherever we see it. We must also work to forge ever-closer ties between Israel and its Arab neighbors, as best exemplified by the growing Abraham Accords. And we must urge governments to adopt the International Holocaust Remembrance Association (IHRA)'s definition of anti-Semitism, which recognizes how anti-Semitic and anti-Israel rhetoric too often bleed into one another.

Israel's 75th anniversary is a milestone. Modern Israel has, in the words of the psalmist, taken off the sackcloth of persecution and girded us with gladness. We say a hearty "Shehecheyanu" on this miraculous occasion.

Cantor Riselle Bain

Message From the President

Julia Ruden

MAY 2023 / 5783

Dear Friends and Family;

Thank you Sara Rosenbaum, Karen del Valle, Phyllis Terry, Pamela Paralikis, Rolph Rosenberg, Mary Ann Romer, Tyler Carroll, Phyllis Behrens, Lois Lewis, Sandy Lopes and The Potter House people and Cantor Riselle Bain for pulling off our wonderful Passover Seder. Thank you Jimmy the Greek Lilopoulos who catered that delicious traditional Pesach dinner. YUMMY!

Last month there were some offensive antisemitic flyers thrown in some yards by the Sebring high school and Firemen's Field. It has been reported to the police and they are trying to catch the culprits! Please continue to be vigilant everyday. Donna Wasson is in touch with the Sebring Police.

I truly appreciate and thank you Donna Wasson for our amazing Butterfly Monarch Garden. I see butterflies every time I'm there! Thank you for ALL YOU Dooo!

Our next Service is Friday May 5th. The 2nd service in May is **changed to May 26th** so **not the 19th** due to Cantor's busy schedule.

It is truly beautiful what happens at our Shul! Thank you all for always taking my calls. I am amazed when you answer knowing it's me probably asking you to help with something else. Thank you to our Board of Directors and for those who are joining the Board in the decision making of our Temple. Mary Ann Romer will be sending the ballot/proxy via email to members in good standing.

Annual Dues are due June 1st. Please mail your check to the Temple: **\$325 Single and \$525 per Family**. Thank you for your continued support. Please contact me or Cathy Blumenthal if you can not pay Membership in order to make special arrangements.

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

MAY 2023/ 5783

תודה רבה - Thank You
Alan Wildstein for your
continued and generous support
for Alan Jay Automotive for our
transportation to and from
Services! If you need assistance
to get to services. Please
Contact Cantor Riselle Bain
813-600-8013



LUNCH BUNCH

The next Ladies Lunch Bunch
Monday, May 22, 2023 at 12:15pm
The Thai House Restaurant
3750 US Hwy 27N, Sebring, FL



Contact ReneeTepper
863-414-8811 or
reneetepper@gmail.com
and let her know you'll be there.

Happy Anniversary

Herb & Kathleen Weiss 5/12

Rachel & Eric Spero-Hoy 5/16

Robert & Roberta Goodman 5/26



Mrs. Blumie's
Porcelain Doll Studio

207 N. Ridgewood Dr.
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Announcements May 2023 / 5783

Elections are coming up for 2023 – 2024. and we voted in 2021 for 2 year terms.

We are looking for candidates for Trustee. If you are interested in participating in the administration of your synagogue, contact any member of the Board.

Terms begin June 1st thru May 31st.

The By-laws state that anyone running for the Board of Trustees must have been a member of the Temple for one year.



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

May Onegs are sponsored by:
May 5, 2023 – Dairy oneg
Donna Wasson & Rolph Rosenberg
May 19, 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

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(All Donations go to Temple Israel)

To send a birthday, anniversary, get well or mazel tov card

Contact Mary Ann Romer at matromer@aol.com

Write "Temple Card" in the subject box

Send a minimum of \$5.00 to Temple Israel



April Cards Sent

Anniversary Greeting Cards Sent

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

To: Dixon Taylor & Denny Swing

Thank You Cards Sent

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

To: Sandy Lopes, Potter House for serving at Passover Seder

To: Jimmy Lilopoulos for food preparation for Passover Seder

Get Well Cards Sent

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

To: Bob Goodman, Joyce Wiebbecke, Stanley Paralakis

Condolence Cards Sent

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

To: Shawn & Annette Owens (Temple Security) on passing of their sister, Tammy Clark

Donation Thank You Card Sent

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

To: Kim Adler, Jewish Federation of Sarasota-Manatee for repairs after Hurricane Ian

To: Marjorie Wohl for her generous donation for Hurricane Ian repairs and for the work of Donna Wasson

In Loving Memory



May Yahrzeits



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

Louis Davis	Minna Rose Davis **	Martin Elias
Fannie Erskine	Seymour Fields-Elias	Louis A Frank **
Sylvia Glick	Bonnie Ann Goergen	Jacob & Blanca Gold
Pauline Jaret	Kenneth Johnson	Ruth Kaye
Walter Kessler **	Julia Karp Kirsch	Edward Leveene
Raymond Levin	Daniel Levy **	Arthur Loewy
Sol Napp **	Tom Princiotti	Molly Robbins **
Maurice Rosen **	Marilyn Ross **	Rhoda Salles **
Solomon Salles	Doris Schreibman **	Joseph Sewelson **
Herbert Sharfman **	Rose Liemer Snoll **	Howard Starr
Sol Stoller	Sherwood Tietel	Evelyn Toister **
Jack Vinik **	Nancy Vinik	Charles Weiss

Yahrzeit Donations

Given by

In Memory Of

Marjorie Wohl

Molly B. Robbins

Mary Ann Romer

Louis Davis, Minna Rose Davis

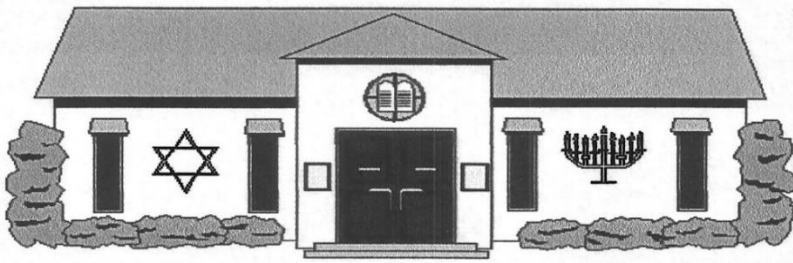
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Harry Moscowitz

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INVOICE
ANNUAL DUES

June 1, 2023-May 31, 2024

NAME: _____

ANNUAL DUES: \$ _____

ENHANCEMENT DUES: \$ _____

WOMAN'S CLUB DUES (\$15.00): \$ _____

NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS (\$18.00): \$ _____

SECURITY DONATIONS: \$ _____

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 1st of the calendar year.



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 6:30pm unless otherwise listed:

Friday 5/5 – Torah Portion Emor

Friday 5/26 – Torah Portion Shavuot (Please note change of date)

Friday 6/23 – Torah Portion Korach

Friday 7/21 – Torah Portion Devarim

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