

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 insure Jewish continuity in Highlands County.



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Shavuot, the feast of weeks, is celebrated seven weeks after the second Passover seder. Although Shavuot began as an ancient grain harvest festival, the holiday has been identified since biblical times with the giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai. Shavuot will begin at sundown on Tuesday, June 11. At Temple Israel, we will celebrate Shavuot a few days early at our next Shabbat service on June 7th.

The giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai offers us the spiritual significance of the holiday of Shavuot. It is a seminal event of Jewish memory, namely entering into a covenant between God and Israel – Israel's acceptance of the covenant with God to live according to Divine law. This is a joyous time – a simcha – the moment at which God and Israel entered into a figurative marriage with each other, the hopeful springtime of their relationship.

Since the Rabbinic period, Shavuot has been tied to the story of the Israelites receiving the Torah at Sinai. Because of this, Shavuot has come to be dedicated to the idea of Torah study and Jewish education. One custom is an all-night (or late night) study session held on the first evening of the festival, called Tikkun Leil Shavuot. This custom had its beginning in the Safed Kabbalist community around the 16th century and was designed to prepare Jews for “receiving” the Torah again on Shavuot.

In traditional settings, the Book of Ruth is read on the second day of Shavuot. The book is about a Moabite woman who, after her husband dies, follows her Israelite mother-in-law, Naomi, and joins the Jewish people with the famous words “whither you go, I will go, wherever you lodge, I will lodge, your people will be my people, and

your God will be my God.” According to rabbinic tradition, Ruth is the first convert to Judaism. She asserts the right of the poor to glean the leftovers of the barley harvest, breaks the normal rules of behavior to confront her kinsman Boaz, is redeemed by him for marriage, and becomes the great- grandmother of King David.

There are many explanations given for the reading of Ruth on Shavuot. **The most quoted reason is that Ruth's coming to Israel took place around the time of Shavuot, and her acceptance into the Jewish faith was analogous of the acceptance of the Jewish people of God's Torah.**

I look forward to sharing with you some of this beautiful story along with the lovely special chant at our June 7th Shabbat. The Book of Ruth can be our special Temple Israel study for Tikkun Leil Shavuot!

I wish you a joyous beginning to our summer schedule, and I will look forward to seeing you at our monthly gatherings for Shabbat during July and August.

B'shalom,

Cantor Riselle Bain



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

Message From the President

Julia Ruden

June 2024 /5784

Dear Friends and Family;

First I want to thank all the Board members who continue to keep our Shul running – it does take a village to keep us open!

I want to thank and welcome Donna Wasson to our Board of Trustees.

Being a part of this Temple is a special honor, we are so blessed to be here and our services are amazing with the brilliance and beautiful voice of our Cantor Riselle Bain. 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.

We are entering into our 100th Anniversary of Jewish Heritage in Highlands County.

We 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, how you came to be part of Temple Israel of Highlands County Sebring, FL. Put it on your list of need to Doooo! We need to preserve the history the Shul and that is YOU and your story.

Members mark your calendars for February 14th Friday Shabbat Service and February 15th Saturday Special Dinner Havdalah Service at the Shul (invitation only for members and no cost to you). We have an anonymous donor for this. Thank You So Much!

On Feb 16th Cantor Riselle and friends will be putting on a concert, Tickets are \$20.00 and limited to 150 people.

Please pay your annual dues as soon as possible; they are due now and very much needed. Anything extra is truly appreciated.

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



Announcements

JUNE 2024/ 5784

June Oneg is sponsored by:

June 7, 2024 – 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 will be on hiatus until October 28, 2023.



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



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

Happy Anniversary

Bruce Sherwood & Sara Rosenbaum	6/19
Cantor Riselle Bain & Michael Duncan	6/24
Nancy & Joe Rockhill	6/25
Denise & Lee Weisberger	6/30



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(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.



May Greeting Cards Sent

Anniversary Greeting Cards Sent

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

To: Herb & Kathleen Weiss, Rachel & Eric Spero-Hoy

Get Well Greeting Card Sent

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

To: Cathy Blumenthal

Condolence Card Sent

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

To: Danna Wasson on the passing of her dog Leah

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In Loving Memory

June Yahrzeits

**** Memorial Plaque in our Shul**



Judith Abrams	William Mazen
George Albin**	Arnold Neumann
Sadie Bellin	Selma R. Neumann
Patricia G. Bezark**	Leon Novich**
Helen C. Dallas	Benjamin Pintzow
Emanuel Duncan	Jodi Richstone**
Martin Elias	Theodore Romer**
Fanny Erskine	Elizabeth A. Rosen**
Louis A. Frank	Fannie Rosen**
Rose Frankel	Betty Rosenbaum
Dov Giveon	Sarah Roth
Elizabeth Harr	Joseph Sewelson
Adele Kaman	Robert Siegel
Sydney Kaphan	Dorothy Silverman
Walter Kessler	Lora Starr
Abe Kurtz**	Matthew L. Steward**
Isadore "Irving" Ladinsky	Hyman Tepper
Edward Laveen	Mildred Wasoff
	Dora Wolkove **

YAHARZEIT DONATIONS

Given By

Judy Albin
Julia Ruden
Mary Ann Romer

In Memory Of

Louis A. Frank, George Albin
Arnold Neumann, Selma R. Neumann
Judith Abrams, Theodore Romer



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 6/7/24 – Torah portion Bamidbar

Friday 7/12/24 – Torah portion Chukat

Friday 8/9/24 – Torah Portion Devarim

Friday 9/13/24 – Torah portion Ki Teitzei

Wednesday 10/2/24 and Thursday 10/3/24 – Rosh Hashanah

Friday 10/11/24 and Saturday 10/12/24 – Yom Kippur

Saturday 10/12/2024- Pot Luck, Break the Fast after Yiskor

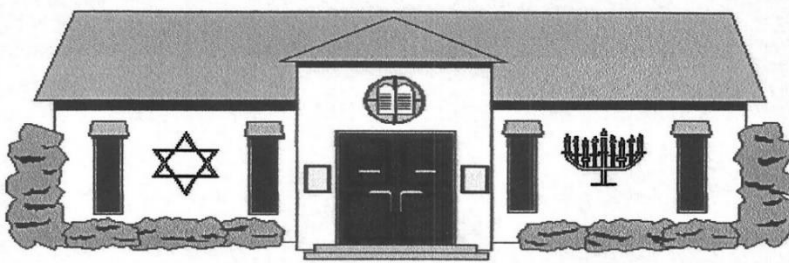
Friday 10/25/24 – Sukkot, Sh'mini Atzeret, Simchat Torah

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



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INVOICE

ANNUAL DUES

June 1, 2024-May 31, 2025

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.**