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



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As I write this newsletter article, I am also preparing to be interviewed tomorrow by Alan Mason PhD. of Miami. He is teaching a musical theatre class, and one class will focus on the 60th Anniversary of the eternally heartwarming musical, *Fiddler on the Roof*. Years ago, I was cast as Hodel for Sacramento Civic Opera's production of *Fiddler*. My Tevye was the great Metropolitan Opera singer and Cantor, Jan Peerce.

The original Broadway production of *Fiddler on the Roof* opened at the Imperial Theatre in New York City on September 22, 1964. The musical ran until February 25, 1967. That production was a critical and commercial success, winning nine Tony Awards, including Best Musical, and running longer than any other musical in Broadway history at the time.

I asked myself, after 60 years, what meaning can this musical have for Jews and others today? What is the significance of the fiddler on the roof?

As I recall, the Fiddler is a metaphor for survival in a life of uncertainty, precarious as a fiddler on a roof "trying to scratch out a pleasant simple tune without breaking his neck." The fiddler also represents that tradition that Tevye sings of in the opening number, the traditions that Tevye is trying so hard to live by.

Tevye is a Jewish milkman in early 20th century Russia who struggles to maintain his traditions while navigating his daughters' choices for love and the Czar's edict to evict Jews from their village. My grandfather – Hyman Cohen grew up in a little shtetl – Kletzk – located in Belarus. He ran away from his home and came to the United States in order to escape being conscripted into the Czar's army. For a Jewish boy, the Czar's army surely meant death.

Cantor Riselle Bain's Message (con't)

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Fiddler is set in imperial Russia, at a time when that encompassed parts of Ukraine, Lithuania, Moldova, and sundry other countries. The "pale of settlement," established by Catherine the Great in 1791, was the area where Jews were allowed to live. Jews no longer live in the Pale of Settlement, which was abolished in 1917.

The story focuses on tradition, family, love, what it means to be brutalized as a people and to become refugees. These are all parts of life that we continue to see happening in today's times. Unfortunately, anti-semitism is alive and well in the United States and throughout the world. The ***Fiddler*** story evokes parallels between the tragedies Jewish communities and other peoples have faced historically and recently.

It is also about young women using the power of their voices to ask for what they want. My character, Hodel, was very rebellious in a lot of ways. She speaks her mind and uses wit and her heart to express her truths.

The story and the words still ring true, even after 60 years, "Without our traditions, our lives would be as shaky as a fiddler on the roof!"

Cantor Riselle Bain



Message From the President

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Julia Ruden

Dear Friends and Family;

Thank you ALL for all of your annual dues, donations and continued support of our Temple. If your dues are not up to date please contact Cathy Blumenthal or myself to make arrangements to get into our High Holiday Services.

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...

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

We are 6 months away from our events of celebrating our 100th Jewish Heritage Anniversary the weekend of February 14.

We will start Israeli dance rehearsals soon if you would like to participate please contact Cantor Riselle Bain.

Please please write something of how you came to our shul.

Email it to me jruden18@gmail.com. We need to get our stories together as soon as possible.

The next service is September 13th and I can't wait to see you!

High Holy Days start October 2nd Rosh Hashanah and I'm not going to be here...

My brother David and his wife Pammie are taking me to Ireland for our 60th birthdays and I want to wish everyone G'mar Chatimah Tovah – May you be inscribed in the Book of Life for Good as we enter the year 5785.

I will be back for Yom Kippur.

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!!

THANKXOXOXOX YOU ALL FOR ALL YOU Dooooooooo!!

Love Always Julie



Announcements

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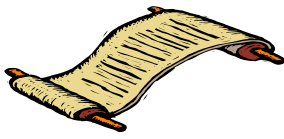


Anniversaries

Norman & Anna Spero	9/19
Alfredo & Lilia Rivera	9/30



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



Announcements Con't

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September Onegs sponsored by:

September 13, 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 2024.



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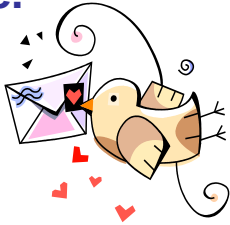
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(All donations go to our Temple.)

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.



August Greeting Cards Sent

Anniversary Greeting Cards Sent

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

To: Bruce & Phyllis Behrens, David & Evelyn Stahl, Tom & Joyce Wiebbecke, Stanley & Pamela Paralikis, Kathy & Ben Kaleky



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September Yahrzeits



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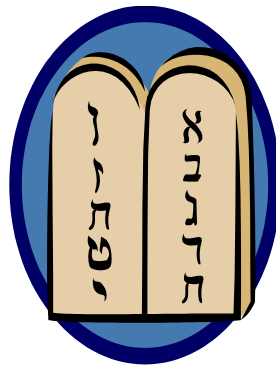
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Services will be at the Shul.

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:

Friday 9/13/24 – Torah portion Ki Teitzei

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