

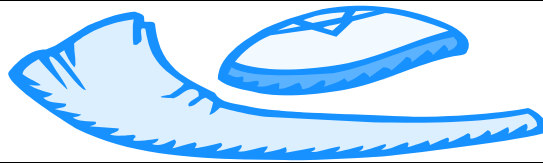
Temple Israel of Highlands County
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863-382-7744 **OCTOBER 2025 / 5786**

Temple Israel's Web Page www.templeisraelofhcfl.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 ensure Jewish continuity in Highlands County.



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Dear Congregants,

First, I must thank our wonderful congregation for all the help and support we gave each other during our High Holy Days. From our readers to our chanters to the technology of sound and video to the setting up of all the correct machzorim, to our Book of Remembrance, to the food, everything was done with love and was perfect.

Soon, we will be assessing what we have gained from our Jewish High Holy Days. We have a period of transition and integration, moving from the intense spiritual self-reflection and repentance into our next celebratory holiday of Sukkot, Sh'mini Atzeret and Simchat Torah. We celebrate all three on Friday, October 10th. For Sukkot, our harvest festival, we will celebrate and shake the Lulav not only in our sanctuary, but also in our beautiful Sukkah.

Simchat Torah – Rejoicing in the Torah – marks the completion of the annual Torah reading cycle, which for us, will also be celebrated during our Shabbat service on October 10. This is a particularly joyful day where the cycle of reading the Torah is celebrated. We will read the final verses of the Torah and immediately begin again with the first chapter of Genesis, symbolizing the continuous nature of Jewish learning and the promise of a new beginning. We will hurriedly make our way from the final words of Deuteronomy to read the very first words of Genesis, and we will not take a breath as we go from one reading to the other!

Then we are off into the ongoing rhythm of the year with a renewed sense of purpose and community.

Let us take the lessons of the High Holy Days into the new year with hope and a commitment to positive action. The holidays offer opportunities for communal prayer, meals, and festive gatherings, reinforcing a sense of belonging and shared purpose. The spiritual work that we did during the High Holy Days is meant to carry us into tangible action. The hope and resolutions made during the days of judgment are transformed into a commitment to live a more righteous life and contribute to the well-being of the community and the world.

B'shalom,

Cantor Riselle Bain



*Welcoming
in 5786*



Message From the President

Dear Friends and Family,

The Days of Awe are with us! Kol Nidre services start Wednesday 10/1/2025 at 6PM **sharp!**

Thursday morning Yom Kippur Service 10/02/2025 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, please contact any Temple Board member before services. Security will have the list of members in good standing. NO business will be conducted during Yom Kippur days, so please make arrangements immediately for your dues. Call me at 863-243-7443! **CALL TODAY** to get your name on the entry list for our High Holy Day services on the night of 10/01/2025.

THANK YOU Vicky Martin who made the Yiskor book for Yom Kippur this year. It is a work of artistic skill and took a great effort to bring it to our congregation.

THANK YOU Seanna Makepeace again and again for more “cushie” in our tushies, she re-stuffed our chairs so we would be more comfortable as we pray! Seanna has also managed our livestreaming on Facebook and installed the cameras as well as upgraded our sound system and security system... our technology is rocking now!

The financial state of our Temple is in need of some help, but this is nothing new to anyone. Please donate what you can for our High Holy Days.

THANK YOU Cantor Riselle Bain for an amazing Rosh Hashanah service and to everyone who participated and made our services special!

October 7th marks 2 years that hostages and a horrific war continues in Gaza. We say prayers for them daily. We think that this year, it would be good to gather together on October 7. Donna and I will open our home to you for a special night of eating and learning about Iraqi Jewish traditional foods and the family story of our dear friend, Dina David. Dina was one of Donna's first Hebrew teachers. Her family made Aliyah to Israel. Please send Donna a text or email that you will be attending so we know how much food to prepare. This will be something unique and special!

Every year I ask for forgiveness from those I have hurt. I am sorry! For those who have hurt me, I forgive you too! Clean slate and another opportunity to Dooo BETTER! And Hope for the best for everyone!

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 and strengthen one another! Shana Tovah 5786!

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

THANK XOXOXOX YOU ALL FOR ALL YOU DOoooooo!!

Love Always, Julie Ruden

Announcements

OCTOBER 2025/ 5786



OCTOBER Onegs are sponsored by:

October 10, 2025: The Board

October 24, 2025: 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 27, 12:30pm at

Don Jose Restaurant

4731 Lakeview Drive

Sebring, FL

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
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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 **
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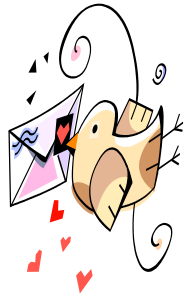
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mazel tov card

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

Mazel Tov Card Sent

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

To: Amy Rose & Mel David on the wedding of their daughter Naomi to Wyatt Jones

Thank You Cards Sent

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

**To: Stephenson-Nelson funeral Home for the 5786 Calendars,
Dr. Marie Rosy Toussaint for the Challah to celebrate the New Year**

Condolence Card Sent

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

To: Michael Ewing on the passing of his son Braden

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

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Family*

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Penny & Sheldon Barasch

Phyllis Behrens

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Catherine Blumenthal

& Deborah Steward

Jean Paul Burgos

Tyler Carroll & Vicki Martin

Clarke Family

Michael Corman & Beth Braunstein

Lisa Crowder

Aaron & Karen David & Family

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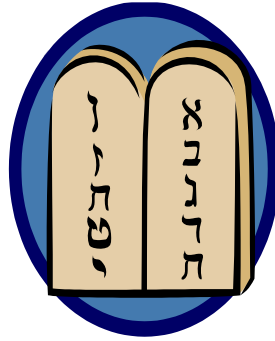
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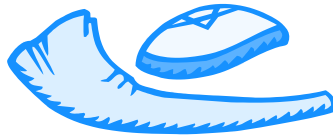
Cantor Bain's Schedule:



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/>



Yom Kippur Wednesday, 10/1/25, 6PM -

Thursday 10/2/25, 10AM: Afternoon service/Yiskor, 3PM followed by Break-the-fast

Friday 10/10/25, 6:30PM **Sukkot** (Actual Monday, 10/6/25)

This Shabbat Service will also include Sh'mini Atzeret and Simchat Torah

Friday 10/24/25, 6:30PM – Torah Portion Noach

Friday 11/7/25, 6:30PM – Torah Portion Va-yeira

Friday 11/21/25, 6:30PM – Torah Portion Va-yetzei

Friday, 12/5/25, 6:30PM – Torah Portion Va-yishla ch

Friday 12/19/25, 6:30PM – **Shabbat Chanukah** (6th night)



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