

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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As September begins, we are in the Hebrew month of Elul, the last month of our Hebrew calendar. Soon we will arrive at the month of Tishrei, which marks the beginning of a new year – 5786 – and we will begin our High Holy Days together as we celebrate Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

One addition to our services this year will be Selichot. [Selichot](#) (which literally means “forgiveness”) are penitential prayers recited before and during the High Holidays and other fast days throughout the year.

Like other activities during the month of [Elul](#), these prayers offer an opportunity for personal reflection and to seek forgiveness from those we may have wronged during the year just ending. Immediately before the *selichot* service, it is customary to change the Torah covers to those specifically designed for the High Holidays. The special covers are usually white, representing purity and the wish that through repentance, our sins will be made white as snow (Isaiah 1:18). We will do this together during our Temple Israel Selichot service.

Among Ashkenazi Jews, and in many Reform congregations, *selichot* services (sometimes spelled *s'lichot*) are held late on the Saturday night before [Rosh HaShanah](#). Because [Shabbat](#) has ended and a new week has begun, this time is considered particularly auspicious for penitential prayers.

This year Temple Israel will incorporate Selichot into our preparatory services for the High Holy Days on Saturday, September 13th. We will be slightly flexible with the time, because our Selichot Service will take place at the regular time of our Continuing Jewish Education class, which is 10 am in the morning! We can take comfort in the fact that Shabbat has ended in Israel, since they are seven hours ahead of us here in the United States EST. We will just imagine that we are in Israel! We will have a delicious Oneg after the service.

Cantor Riselle Bain's Message (con't)

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Of course, music is also a part of the *selichot* experience as well, and the same special *nusach* (musical melodies and modes) used throughout the High Holidays that you have become accustomed to hearing for the High Holy Days also are used during *selichot* services. These special melodies set the mood for us, as we reflect on the past year and whatever changes we wish to make on ourselves – through teshuvah – in the coming year.

Our whole Temple Israel congregation is invited to join us for this special service.

Shanah tovah u'metukah, a good and sweet year to you.

Cantor Riselle Bain





Message From the President

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Julia Ruden

Dear Friends and Family;

I truly hope that everyone has enjoyed the summer and soon High Holy Days will be upon us:

- Monday night service begins at 6:00PM September 22nd Rosh Hashanah
- Tuesday, September 23rd 10:00AM Rosh Hashanah
- Wednesday, October 1st Kol Nidre 6:00PM
- Thursday, October 2nd Yom Kippur 10:00AM
 - Resume 3:00PM afternoon service
 - 4:00PM YISKOR Service and followed by pot luck break the fast.

If you need to add a name to the Yiskor book please contact Vicky Martin at vicamftw@gmail.com. As always checks go to Temple Israel of Highlands County, FL.

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

WE HAVE SECURITY FOR EVERY SERVICE; STOP AND GIVE THEM THE PASSWORD... if you need the password contact me or anyone on the Board, PLEASE!

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... we have the most amazing souls that work so hard year after year for this Temple, as we grow into our second century of Jewish LIFE and existence in Highlands County, FL. Temple Israel - We Are OPEN!

The next Shabbat service is Friday, September 12th and we will have a special service to change the Torah covers S'lichot Saturday 9/13 10:00AM for our Holy Days. Thank you Seanna Makepeace for your technical donations and efforts to keep us live!

I wish everyone G'mar Chatimah Tovah – May you be inscribed in the Book of Life for Good as we enter the year 5786.

Continued prayers for Israel and all of the hostages (still oy vey!) and their families, as well as the world!

Continued Prayers Mi Shebeirach for 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 Doooooooo!!

Love Always, Julie



Announcements

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Anniversaries

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



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.



Announcements Con't.

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The Thai House
3750 US Hwy 27 N STE 4D
Sebring, FL 33870
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September Onegs sponsored by:
September 12, 2025 – The Board
September 22, 2025 – Sara Rosenbaum

Challah, wine, decaf coffee & fruit are the basics for our
onegs.

If you would like to sponsor an Oneg contact
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(All donations go to our Temple.)

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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, Joyce & Tom Wiebbecke, Stanley & Pamela Paralakis, Kathy & Ben Kaleky



To plant a tree, email your information of who you're honoring/remembering to jruden18@gmail.com.
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September Yahrzeits

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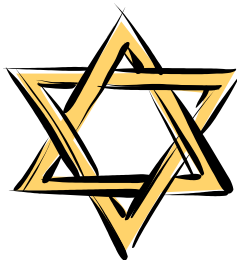


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Cantor Bain's Schedule:



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/>

The following is our schedule of services Fridays at 6:30PM unless otherwise listed:

Judaism classes on the Saturday following Friday night services at 10:30AM – Bagels, etc at 10AM

Friday 9/12/25 – S'lichot

Saturday 9/13/25 – Judaism Class 10:30am, Bagels etc. at 10AM

Rosh Hashanah Monday, 9/22/25-Tuesday, 9/23/25

Yom Kippur Wednesday, 10/1/25-Thursday 10/2/25

Friday 10/10/25 **Sukkot** (Actual Monday, 10/6/25) This Shabbat Service will also include Sh'mini Atzeret and Simchat Torah.

Friday 10/24/25 – Torah Portion Noach

Friday 11/7/25 – Torah Portion Va-yeira

Friday 11/21/25 – Torah Portion Va-yetzei

Friday 12/5/25 – Torah Portion Va-yishla ch

Friday 12/19/25 – **Shabbat Chanukah** (6th night)