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April 26, 2021

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I am pleased to announce that David Solomon will become the new Executive Director of Rockdale Temple on May 10, 2021. A search committee comprised of Vice President Sally Korkin, Rockdale member and HR professional Lynn Mayfield, and Rabbi Kahan worked with JVS Career Services to identify our next congregational professional. The committee interviewed three candidates and agreed that David Solomon has the impressive background and skill set to serve as Rockdale's chief operating officer. The search committee made a recommendation to our Executive Committee, and they unanimously approved David Solomon as Rockdale's next Executive Director.

David is a proud product of Rockdale Temple; he was educated in our religious school and celebrated Consecration, Bar Mitzvah, and Confirmation with our congregation. David earned a bachelor's degree in Sociology at The Ohio State University and a Master's degree in Public Administration with a concentration in Nonprofit Management from Northern Kentucky University. David has twelve years of nonprofit experience including ten years in the Cincinnati Jewish community. He recently served five years as the Director of Operations at the Mayerson JCC. David enjoys spending time with his fiancée Jaynie Levinson and their dog Coney, fitness and sports leagues, volunteering as a Big Brother and a blood donor, and learning new things.

David commented, "I am overjoyed to be joining Rockdale as its next Executive Director. All of my significant Jewish milestones happened at Rockdale, and my family and I still worship here during the High Holy Days. I am so inspired by Rockdale's mission and its people, and I am excited to be a part of such a special community doing such meaningful work."

Rabbi Kahan remarked, "David is a talented, engaging, forward-thinking Jewish professional and we are blessed to have him join our team. David's experience in Jewish life, operations, financials, and customer service – just to name a few – will positively impact the day-to-day function of the Temple. I look forward to partnering with David as we do the sacred work of meeting our mission and serving our congregants."

We are pleased that David's hire completes our new, dynamic, professional leadership team – all of whom have Rockdale roots! Senior Rabbi Meredith Kahan, Assistant Rabbi & Educator Erin Binder, and Executive Director David Solomon will lead with vision and energy towards Rockdale's Renaissance.

We look forward to their leadership as we approach our 200th year and beyond.

Sincerely,

John G. Cobey
President