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Upcoming Events

ROCKDALE TEMPLE ANNUAL GATHERING
2 JUNE • 5PM

◊ End of Year Celebration!
◊ Community Conversations
◊ Annual Menorah Awards
◊ Dinner Free of Charge from Oriental Wok

for Rockdale Members only

Dinner is free with your RSVP online, or contact Paige Adkins, padkins@rockdaletemple.org, or 513.891.9900.

Shabbat Morning Yoga Saturday, June 15 9:30AM Beginners welcome!

Once a month, experience Shabbat rest and refreshment through the practice of yoga. Lori Reidel, Rockdale member and yoga instructor, will teach us to understand the Sabbath through this lens. Attendees are welcome to stay for services in their yoga attire. Bring your own mat or use the ones provided.

Generously supported by the In the Beginning Fund of Women of Rockdale.

Celebrate SHAVUOT

EREV SHAVUOT Saturday, June 8
7:30AM Service
8:15AM Break
8:45AM Erev Shavuot Study “Meaningful Disagreement”

SHAVUOT Sunday, June 9
10:30AM Shavuot Morning & Yizkor Memorial Service followed by lunch

Everyone is welcome • No Charge • Reservations not required
Our congregation honors three individuals this year with a Menorah Award. Each individual gave of him or herself over the course of the past year (and indeed for many years) to help build Rockdale Temple, and help it grow toward the future, while honoring our historic past. We are grateful to all those who volunteer their time to contribute to our congregation. We particularly honor these three for their tremendous contributions over the years. The Gary Heldman Menorah Award carries with it the opportunity for each to give a donation to a Rockdale initiative of their choice. We look forward to our honorees’ new gifts even as we thank them for all of their past donations of resources, time, energy and heart. All of these individuals have personally enriched my life and supported my work in countless ways. We bestow these awards at our June 2nd Annual Gathering.

**Barrie Kraus**

Barrie is beloved by all who meet her. She has put her energies into Rockdale Temple since she joined our congregation with her husband Steven and son Jacob in 2000. Since then, Barrie has added Benjamin, Melanie and Sydney to her family and to our congregation. Barrie has led by example to be engaged in Jewish communal life and her family’s energy is felt in so many aspects of the Temple. I am sure that I will fail to mention all of Barrie’s gifts to our congregation. Barrie has been on several committees and contributed to the Tot Shabbat Committee, the Membership Committee, the Religious School Committee, and the Rabbinic Selection Committee among many others. Barrie has spent several years on the board of the Women of Rockdale. She has spent countless hours and much energy in running our gift shop for more years than I know! Barrie has also participated on many Tribute Dinner committees and most recently chaired the Crystal Celebration in March of this year. As with everything, Barrie leads with grace, compassion and flexibility. She will only ask of others what she herself is willing to do! And she does a lot! Barrie is a generous and welcoming person and has created community around her dining room table as well as in our congregation. She is a devoted friend, a loving parent and a committed Jew. Barrie has sought out connections to Jewish tradition and community on her own and she has created those same connections to so many of us. I am sure that Barrie will continue to reach out to all of us with her great heart and deep neshama (soul)! What a blessing to be able to give Barrie the Gary Heldman Menorah Award.

**Joshua Shapiro**

Josh and his wife Heather joined Rockdale Temple in 2001. Josh chose Reform Judaism for himself and his family. He is a native of Cincinnati but did not grow up at Rockdale. Josh helped to create the kind of welcoming and embracing congregation he wanted for his family and has raised Joseph, Sophie, and Jacob to have a sense of their own Judaism. Josh served on the Membership Committee for several years before becoming the dedicated Chair. During his tenure as Chair, Josh spent many hours a year meeting people one-on-one to talk about the Temple and to create connections. Josh went on to serve on several other committees, including our Create Your Jewish Legacy committee where his expertise in trusts has provided valuable guidance. Josh was a member of the Rockdale Temple board for several years. Josh also served on the Board of Jewish Cemeteries of Greater Cincinnati, making sure that we honor those who have gone before us. Josh was Board President of JCGC when he assumed the Presidency of Rockdale Temple. Josh served our congregation with distinction from 2016-2018. In each of his positions, Josh has led with integrity and sensitivity. He devoted not only time, but compassion and intellect to our congregation in countless ways. Josh has given respect to so many and earned it for himself by his con-
tributions and positive personality. Josh has a great sense of humor (and passed it on to his children) and a true sense of mission for the Jewish community. We are all the recipients of his gifts and it is a pleasure to award him the Gary Heldman Menorah Award.

**Jen Smilg**

Jen joined Rockdale in 2011 with her husband Larry and their three sons, Ethan, Noah, and Jacob. Jen came to our congregation with experience in leadership at her congregation in Indianapolis. So amid raising her sons and celebrating the confirmations of all three and Bar Mitzvah of two of them (Ethan was Bar Mitzvah in Indianapolis), Jen has contributed at Rockdale in myriad ways. Jen has served on several committees, proof-read our bulletin, and helped out whenever we needed. She recently served on the Crystal Celebration committee and sang along with the rest of the committee! She has spent many hours in meetings and stuffing envelopes or whatever was needed. Jen devoted much of her energy to Women of Rockdale and has spent most of her eight years of membership on its board. For the last two years, she has been the Co-President and (sole) President of WOR. Under her leadership, WOR has re-defined roles, researched by-laws, and created new initiatives and programs. Jen has personally brought many women into Sisterhood and to Rockdale. She has built a community by helping people to connect and never needing to be the center of attention. As Women of Rockdale President, Jen also served with distinction as Ex-Officio on the Rockdale Board, raising sensitive issues and exemplifying enduring commitment to Rockdale. Jen is a great friend and always reaches out to those in need—in our congregation and beyond. She is a truly caring person who gives of herself. Jen has always been willing to give and support me and the Temple and I am so very grateful to be able to give her the Gary Heldman Menorah Award.

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**Rabbi Sigma F. Coran**

*Senior Rabbi*
Associate Rabbi & Educator’s Thoughts  The Story of our School Year

Kehal Kodesh School of Rockdale Temple instills knowledge and love of Reform Judaism. We provide pathways to spirituality and God through instruction in Torah, ritual, traditions, Tikkun Olam (social responsibility) and connections with our sacred community.

As we near the end of our school year 2018-2019 / 5779, Rabbi Coran and I are so proud of all that our students, families, teachers, and madrichim have accomplished together. Here are the bullet points of our story:

This year we…

- Opened the school year with a special program and picnic at Swaim Park.
- Became Sippur Heroes, exploring stories from our Jewish tradition
- Prayed and learned with our families through musical and visual t’filot.
- Learned with Rabbi Coran during Family Education programs.
- Felt the spirit of camp at Boker Baalagan (our crazy morning).
- Sang with our musician-in-residence Dan Nichols.
- Enriched our time together with music, art, library, and cooking.
- Travelled with Rak Noar (7th and 8th grades) downtown for a special retreat.
- Celebrated the High Holy Days, Sukkot, Simchat Torah, Chanukah, Purim, and Passover together.
- Hosted parent schmoozes to build community among our school families.
- Experienced Israel through our Chaverim, Adi and Asaf.
- Retreated to learn about being mensches with twenty-nine families for our 4th annual Rockdale Family Retreat.
- Celebrated the school year with a School Shabbat, featuring Sippur Hero activities.

We are grateful for the wisdom, energy, and dedication of our wonderful faculty. We are blessed with a group of Jewish role models who commit themselves to building a positive learning environment for our students. This year we offer thanks to:

Frannie Kahan – PreK
Caroline Winstel-McLeod and Julia Margulies – K/1st Grade
Emma Duhamel – 2nd/3rd Grade
Michael Weiss – 4th Grade
Linda Chatterjee – 5th Grade
Samantha Schapera – 6th Grade
Rabbi Matthew Kraus – Rak Noar
Tzvia Rubens – Rak Noar, Kitah Gimmel Hebrew
Rabbi Judy Spicehandler – Kitah Aleph Hebrew
Sam Schauvaney – Kitah Bet Hebrew, Club 456
Anna Meyers – Kitah Dalet Hebrew, Madrichim Coordinator
Jason Schapera – Rak Ivrit (Hebrew)
Jennifer Clark – Art and Cooking
Hannah Clark – Library
Zachary Goodman – Rabbinic Intern & Music
Renee Rosensweet – School Administrator
Dani Reiss – Student Support Specialist
Madrichim:
Griffin Ames
Tucker Ames
Spencer Auerbach
Joel Forrest
Harrison Gollin
Morgen Grover
Emma Herzig
Lila Herzig
Elyse Kadish
Melanie Kraus
Lindsey Marnocha
Caroline Routh
Cameron Sheldon
Jacob Smilg

Many thanks are also due to our Religious School Committee, a group of parents who work to make Kehal Kodesh School an amazing place of learning and growth not just for their own children, but for all of our congregation's young people!
Rebecca Barilleaux
Rob Burstein
Mark Friedman
Donna Gantner
Lynda Grossman
Lauren Herzig
Barrie Kraus
Lauren Lillenstein
Sharon Liner
Renee Rosensweet
Craig Rozen
Valerie Weinstein
Adele Zuckerman, chair

As always, we are thankful for our Rockdale Temple staff – Karen Martin, Aaron Guldenschuh, Paige Adkins, Heather Carter, Patty Kaufman, Scott Larsen, and Sean O'Brien – who go above and beyond to support our school program.

We are thrilled to have spent a meaningful year together as a Kehal Kodesh – a Sacred Community. We look forward to the start of the 5780 school year – save-the-date for our Opening Day at Montgomery Park on Sunday, August 25, 2019!

\[\text{Meredith Kahan} \]
\[\text{Associate Rabbi & Educator} \]
As we approach the end of the Temple’s fiscal year, it is a good time to reflect upon some of the exciting and meaningful activities, milestones, events and programs which have taken place recently as well as those which we are looking forward to during the remainder of 2019 and into the future.

Perhaps the biggest news over the last few months is The Jewish Foundation of Cincinnati’s grant to us of almost $600,000 over the next three years to enable us to focus on connecting, transforming and sustaining our community in the coming years. As we expressed in our grant request to the Foundation, we will connect through enhancement of our current affinity groups for young families, young professionals, Baby Boomers and senior adults, as well as expansion to support a GenX group. We will transform through exciting, future-focused projects such as shabbatCTY, consultation on those projects with UpStart, a consulting firm which “partners with the Jewish Community’s boldest leaders to expand the picture of how Jews find meaning and how we come together”, and the hiring of an Engagement Professional to further coordinate and logistically support our efforts. Finally, we will sustain by identifying, developing and supporting congregational and Jewish communal leaders of all ages.

All of our connecting projects require significant staff resources. Rabbi Kahan is the lead professional working on youth programs, FoRT, RUACH, and shabbatCTY. We requested funding to continue to support this crucial position as we focus on our fundraising efforts for the Bene Israel Fund, our endowment to sustain rabbinical and educational leadership. In addition to the significant resources given by Rabbi Coran and Rabbi Kahan, Rockdale requires additional staff members to make our connecting efforts a success. As a result of the grant, we will look to hire a long-term youth advisor to bring stability, professionalism, and support for our teens to our growing youth programs. We also will look to create a new Engagement Professional position, someone who will organize our connecting groups and projects, as well as support ongoing membership efforts.

The Temple is in discussions with UpStart to work together on shabbatCTY and other synagogue programming. Through a consultancy partnership with UpStart, we will work to imagine and reimagine, build and rebuild, and continuously evaluate shabbatCTY. As we focus on shabbatCTY and its ability to transform individuals’ prayer experiences, the notion of a communal Shabbat service, and intentional community building, we will look ahead to other projects and ideas and open ourselves to ever-new ways of transforming.

We summarized our vision to The Jewish Foundation as follows: “Our congregation is dedicated to sustainability. We have demonstrated this through our continued success in the Create Your Jewish Legacy program, rapid growth of Rockdale’s Bene Israel Fund, retention of our rabbinic team, and steady, inspired lay leadership. Rockdale Temple is particularly interested in identifying, developing, and supporting congregational and Jewish communal leaders of all ages. We are looking to local, regional, and national opportunities to support our leaders, both lay and professional, to give our leadership the knowledge and wisdom to connect, transform, and sustain our congregation.”

I reported in the Spring Edition of Shofar Soundings that our Executive Director, Karen Martin, had been accepted to the Rabbinical School at Hebrew Union College and would be leaving us in June. I am happy to report that Karen has decided to defer her start at HUC until June, 2020, so we are very fortunate that Karen will be continuing in her position as Executive Director until then.

As a final matter, and as described in greater detail above, I want to urge everyone to consider our periodic Friday night shabbatCTY services. The services are held off-site at interesting locations in our city, such as the Greenwich House Gallery, the Skirball Museum at HUC, and Rhinegeist Brewery, and bring together members and non-members alike to enjoy a festive service followed by an optional dinner. Wendy and I have attended several of these and always come away looking forward to the next one.

As always, I welcome your input, suggestions and critiques as we move forward together.

James G. Heldman
President
My father used to say that man plans, and God laughs. I’m a planner by nature, so I suppose it’s a good thing I don’t take myself too seriously. With deep gratitude to all those who have helped, supported, and enabled me to make this choice, including Rabbi Coran, Jim Heldman and our Board of Directors, and Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion, I am deferring my enrollment at HUC-JIR and staying at Rockdale Temple for another year. Rockdale Temple has been a beautiful home and community for my family for the last two years, and we feel deeply blessed that we are able to stay here at little longer while our family continues to grow.

I am also gratified that I will be able to stay at Rockdale Temple to see our new Jewish Foundation grant put into action, which will bring some exciting changes to Rockdale. Many of you had the opportunity to read about the grant in our Annual Gathering program in more detail, so I will be brief. Based on our 2018 Congregational Assessment from the URJ as well as a series of learning sessions presented by the Jewish Foundation and undertaken by our professional and lay leadership, Rockdale Temple requested funding for the following areas from Jewish Foundation of Cincinnati:

- **Affinity groups**: Rockdale Temple has incredible affinity groups and those who participate most actively feel most connected to our community and clergy. We’re going to be adding a new affinity group in the coming year for those in Generation X (roughly those born in the mid-1960s to early 1980s), as well as better support our already existing groups for young families (FoRT), adults in their 20s and 30s (RUACH), seniors, and social justice.

- **Leadership Development**: In the coming years, we plan to send our congregational leadership at all levels, from NFTY to our Executive Committee, to participate in more leadership opportunities including the upcoming URJ Biennial this December in Chicago.

- **shabbatCTY**: We are so proud of the progress and reach of this program in the last year, and we recognize there is still room to grow. We have reached out to UpStart Labs, a non-profit that “partner[s] with the Jewish community’s boldest leaders to expand the picture of how Jews find meaning and how we come together” to help us continue to build and strengthen this and other programs.

- **Congregational Engagement Professional (CEP)**: Rockdale Temple engagement has grown in so many ways that we are now in need of someone to fully coordinate all our engagement efforts, while also helping us to more deeply engage members of our community on a one-on-one basis.

- **Improving what we do now and planning for the future**: For the next two years, Rockdale Temple will work with a consultant to evaluate and build on our current offerings, specifically shabbatCTY and the work of our affinity groups. In our third and final year of the grant, we plan to do a visioning project, setting goals for Rockdale Temple at age 200 and beyond.

Rockdale Temple has such an exciting year ahead, and I am thrilled to be able to be a part of it. If you would like to learn more about any aspect of the Jewish Foundation of Cincinnati grant, our affinity groups, or just sit down and have a chat, please don’t hesitate to reach out to me at kmartin@rockdaletemple.org, or call our offices at 513.891.9900.

Karen Martin  
Executive Director
Library Update  May Book Roundup!

As Kehal Kodesh Religious School wraps up the year in May, this is the time to search out and return Rockdale library books that your children have checked out. Our books are stamped inside “Rockdale Temple Library,” although the ‘old school’ card pockets inside the back covers also give them away as ours.

Kids’ books can get to remote places—under car seats, couches, and beds, in closets and totes and sometimes, even onto home bookshelves. Families that move over the summer can pack our books into boxes that wind up in faraway zip codes. So, please locate and put those Rockdale’s books into the Book Return box in the front lobby. Thanks, from Rockdale’s future readers!

This annual May book round-up ritual does NOT mean that our books are suddenly off limits! The library is open all summer, whenever Rockdale is open, for parents to help their young children check out books. Directions for “self service checkout” are posted at eye level back by the admin desk, and materials are on the counter directly below. Basically just open to the back of the desired book, take out the pocket card, and onto it write your child’s first and last name, your home email and/or a phone number, and today’s date including year. Then place this book card into the slot of the check out box. Your clear adult handwriting helps.

Finally, take one of the “Due Back By…” cards that you’ll see nearby in a clear holder, jot onto it a date 3-4 weeks in the future, and put this reminder card into the card pocket in your now checked out book. At home, this card in your book pocket will remind you when to return the book…and how fast time flies when you’re an adult.

But enough about kids. Summer for many of us grown ups is a season when we pledge (to ourselves) that we’ll read more—books, that is, not just scary online news and social media. Remember the school poster, “Get Lost in a Book”? We still can, if that book is right there at home to tempt us. Take advantage of our library’s “Extended Checkout” and keep your book for up to three months, because sometimes it takes that long. Be sure to add the words “extended checkout” on the book’s back pocket card before you slide it into the check out box.

Climb up to our library, before or after Shabbat services, a meeting, or a JCC workout. From the top of the steps, adult fiction is to the left and non-fiction is to the right. In the shelves overlooking the Social Hall are biographies. Children’s books are in the back left corner. Every single book there has a “Jewish connection,” and if you read it, that connection is complete.

Karen Zanger
Volunteer Librarian
ROCKDALE CONGREGANTS CAN HELP WITH THE REFUGEE CRISIS --- RIGHT HERE IN CINCINNATI

As many of you may have heard, over the past two months we’ve had a large number of families arrive in Cincinnati from the border. Several local non-profits are pulling together to figure out how needs can best handle the influx of people, accommodate them effectively, and support them with their needs.

Area organizers identified two large challenges. The first is transportation to the multitude of legal, medical and just getting to specific places, such as the grocery store or laundromat. The second is building a community to help them reach self-sufficiency.

Please contact Cora at csteinberg999@gmail.com — I’ll help you get connected to the persons/organizations managing the volunteer drivers.

Also, Rockdale will be supporting HEARTFELT TIDBITS this summer for weekly summer camps which serve the refugee population. (Tikkun Farms is under construction and cannot safely accommodate camp, but we will continue to partner with Tikkun Farm for needs later in summer.)

We need Rockdale volunteers for summer camp throughout June (weekdays 8AM-3PM). Snack donations are essential as well! Contact Cora for more info. Summer Camp will be at: Academy of World Languages - 2030 Fairfax Ave. Cinti 45207.

Every little bit helps! You really can make a big difference for people seeking refuge — right here in Cincinnati.

Cora Steinberg
Chairperson, Rockdale Reaches Out
csteinberg999@gmail.com
COME JOIN OHIOANS FOR GUN SAFETY!

Come stand with Rockdale Temple's Justice Collaborative on Fountain Square, June 8, 1:00-3:00PM in support of Ohioans for Gun Safety and Wearorange.org. Orange is the defining color of the gun violence prevention movement, the color first worn by friends of Hadiya Pendelton, shot and killed in Chicago at age 15. Wearing orange honors the more that 90 lives cut short and the hundreds more wounded by gun violence every day. Ohioans for Gun Safety, which will have a booth at the June 8 event, is working on an initiative to close the gun show loophole and require universal background checks. If you're interested in attending, please e-mail Justin Levy at levyjus@gmail.com so you can pick up an orange shirt for the event.

There will be an educational/training event coming up to get Rockdale Temple and community members aware of Ohioans for Gun Safety and collect signatures to help promote these important safety measures. Please help our congregation be a part of this endeavor to make our community safer for all. Rockdale's Justice Collaborative hopes to see you on Fountain Square for this event and hopes you will be able to assist in the signature drive.

Meet our Summer Rabbinic Intern

Ben Rosen is thrilled to be joining the staff of Rockdale Temple this summer as the rabbinic intern. Fresh off his first year of rabbinical school in Jerusalem, he can't wait to put all that he's learned into practice! Before starting rabbinical school Ben spent two years working as the marketing coordinator at Temple Beth Shalom in New Albany, Ohio. He is a graduate of The Ohio State University, where he received a degree in Political Science with a focus on International Relations. During his time at Ohio State, Ben began working as a religious school teacher at Temple Beth Shalom under the supervision of Rabbi Benjy Bar-Lev. This began a seven year affiliation with the congregation, in which he discovered his love of Jewish teaching, song leading, and congregational life.

Thanks to his time at Temple Beth Shalom, Ben was able to experience working full-time for the administrative arm of the congregation and leading high school programming as the senior youth advisor. Growing up in Cincinnati, Ben was a member of Isaac M. Wise Temple, where he was involved in, and served on, the board of his NFTY chapter. Ben was also lucky to spend eight years as a camper at URJ Goldman Union Camp Institute in Zionsville, Indiana. In the summer of 2006, Ben traveled with other URJ campers to Israel on the month-long NFTY in Israel Experience. His fiancee, Tess Plona, teaches English and Composition at Sycamore High School and also happens to have attended preschool at Rockdale Temple! After many years away, Ben could not be more excited to return to Cincinnati and spend the summer learning with the clergy and congregants of Rockdale.
Community-wide Read of Letters to My Palestinian Neighbor by Yossi Klein Halevi

Attempting to break the agonizing impasse between Israelis and Palestinians, Israeli commentator and award-winning author Yossi Klein Halevi directly addresses his Palestinian neighbors in this taut and provocative book, emphasizing with Palestinian suffering and longing for reconciliation as he explores how the conflict looks through Israeli eyes.

Read the book this summer (free copies available at jewishcincinnati.org/weneedtotalk)! Rockdale will host several book discussions between mid-August and mid-September!

Mazal Tov to...

Sydney Mattis & Matthew Clark on their April 13 wedding.
Sydney is the daughter of Sheryl & Scott Mattis

Lisa Fox on the March 25 birth of her grandson,
John Fox, son of Rivkah & Rick Fox
I recently dreamt that my entire family was at a Rockdale event...some sort of milestone celebration for young children at the temple. I don't remember many details, but everyone was dressed like Trojans, so maybe it was a Hanukkah-Maccabee-themed activity?? When it came time to take our family photo, we could not find our eldest son Samuel. We were pressed for time, so I looked around the room and spotted my friend's son—one of Samuel's closest friends. I asked if he would step in and be in our family photo, and he agreed.

We gathered together and someone snapped our picture with our “surrogate son” in the frame. When I woke up, I thought about how bizarre my dream was, but above all, I was moved by the underlying message: I cared so much about my friend’s son that he was just like family. I quickly realized that that funny dream pretty much summed up Rockdale Temple for me!

From the tight-knit community and holiday celebrations to Jewish learning and Hebrew lessons, leadership opportunities and strong friendships, we couldn’t begin to quantify the number of ways Rockdale has enriched our lives over the last seven years. In just a short amount of time, our family has enjoyed so much of what Rockdale has to offer...and it’s undeniable that many of these opportunities have been made possible by generous congregants who have made giving to the temple a priority over the years. They recognized the many roles that Rockdale plays in the lives of congregants and determined that their contributions—no matter the size—could enhance this. We began to wonder if we could demonstrate our thanks in a similar way.

And that’s where the Create Your Jewish Legacy Campaign came in. It was the perfect way to show our gratitude and commitment to Rockdale. Truth be told, we signed up anonymously. We didn’t need any fanfare or thanks, or to be celebrated for this decision. On the contrary, it was perfectly satisfying just knowing we were doing our small part to ensure Rockdale’s successful future. Then recently, we heard about the new piece of art that is going in the lobby of Rockdale. This new installment will beautifully display the names of congregation members who have made a commitment to the temple by participating in the Legacy Campaign. We thought, "What a great opportunity for our children to see that Rockdale is not just where we celebrate FoRT Shabbat, attend Sunday School and celebrate with other families at the annual Family Retreat!" Soon when they enter the synagogue, they will be able to find our names on the wall and know how much we value Rockdale and its longevity. They will know that we want Rockdale to be there for generations to come. They will know that Rockdale is a priority not just for our family right now, but for future families, too. We can’t think of a better way to show our support for the temple than to invest in its future.

As for right now, we look forward to making many more special memories with our fellow Rockdale congregants...and that might just include running around with our kids while wearing Maccabee tunics...
What a year to be part of Women of Rockdale! Two of our members are serving as officers of the Central District Board of the Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ)—Alison Auerbach is the new President and Heinke Lillenstein is the District’s Historian. In our own organization, Jen Smilg has served her second term of a four year term as Co-President and President, where she has guided the introduction of new programs and projects, has overseen the traditions of Sisterhood-led Shabbat, Mitzvah Projects, the Temple Gift Shop, and has written our article for the Shofar Soundings.

As a variant of our popular monthly dinners in local restaurants, we introduced ‘Sip, & Schmooze.’ A WoR member hosts in her home and attendees bring snacks and beverages to share. It’s a relaxed, informal way to circulate and visit with more people.

We welcomed several new members to our dedicated group of women this year. WoR is open to all post-college aged female members of Rockdale Temple. Please join us as we pursue common interests and discover new ones, make new friends, enjoy frequent get-togethers and engage in service projects and congregational activities that enhance our community and the living of our Jewish lives. Look for membership information to arrive by mail in August. Be a part of the Women of Rockdale.

Each year, all of the sisterhoods under the umbrella of WRJ may nominate one member to receive a Deborah Honor, which is presented at the annual conference of each WRJ district. We are proud to announce that Jennifer Clark received this honor at the WRJ Central District Conference held in Cleveland last November. Jennifer served WoR as Co-President for four years, sharing responsibilities for leading meetings, organizing fundraising events and writing/editing the then-monthly WoR article for Shofar Soundings.

In her nomination letter, Co-President Jen Smilg said that Jennifer “was my rock, my back-up and always there to assist other members with whatever their needs might be.”

Jennifer is employed by the Jewish Federation of Cincinnati where she manages both the Chaverim M’Israel (Friends from Israel) young adult emissary program and Cincy Journeys, which awards grants to Jewish children to attend overnight camps and to high school students and young adults for travel to Israel.

Jennifer enjoys playing trivia games with her husband Patrick and children Hannah and Gabe, as well as seeing movies and theater productions. Of her job at the Jewish Federation, she says, “I love working there!” And we love having Jennifer be an active member of the Women of Rockdale Sisterhood.

We recently elected our new Board of Directors. Mazal Tov to our new Co-Presidents Tracy McMullen and Donna Gantner! Carol Frankenstein was elected for two more years as Treasurer; Leslie Joseph continues as our secretary for another year and Mara Marnocha, Heinke Lillenstein, and Kelly Waterman are Members At-Large. Look for information for our installation ceremony later this summer/early fall.

Moving forward a fun new art fundraiser is on the horizon for WoR. We will be participating in local Area Day Programs with the other WRJ Sisterhood organizations in Cincinnati. Our gift shop will be open this summer. We are always looking for new volunteers to staff it for two to three hours a week. If you are interested, please reach out!

New ideas and suggestions are always welcome. Especially yours!
The Crystal Celebration Honoring Rabbi Coran March 2, 2019
Create a lasting legacy and enrich your community now and for years to come.
**June 2019**

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### June 2019

**Friday, May 31**
5:45PM Shabbat Nosh  
6:15PM Shabbat Service

**Saturday, June 1**
*No services at Rockdale*
9:45AM HUC Ordination
at Plum Street Temple

**Friday, June 7**
5:45PM Shabbat Nosh  
6:15PM Shabbat Service

**Saturday, June 8**
9:30AM Sichat Torah  
10:30AM Service In-the-Round  
7:30PM Erev Shavuot Services  
8:15PM Break & Refreshments  
8:45PM Rak Limud: Tikkun Leyl Shavuot  
8:30PM RUACH Shavuot Under the Stars

**Sunday, June 9**
10:30AM Shavuot Service with Yizkor Memorial Service  
12:00PM Shavuot Festival Luncheon

**Friday, June 14**
5:45PM Shabbat Nosh  
6:15PM Rock Shabbat Service  
*with Birthday Blessings*  
*Dinner will not follow this service*

**Saturday, June 15**
9:30AM Sichat Torah  
9:30AM Shabbat Morning Yoga  
10:30AM Service In-the-Round

**Friday, June 21**
5:45PM Shabbat Nosh  
6:15PM Shabbat Service  
*with Anniversary Blessings*

**Saturday, June 22**
9:30AM Sichat Torah  
10:30AM Service In-the-Round

**Friday, June 28**
5:45PM Shabbat Nosh  
6:15PM Shabbat Service

**Saturday, June 29**
9:30AM Sichat Torah  
10:30AM Service In-the-Round  
5:45PM FoRT Havdalah & Picnic

### July 2019

**Friday, July 5**
5:45PM Shabbat Nosh  
6:15PM Shabbat Service

**Saturday, July 6**
9:30AM Sichat Torah  
10:30AM Service In-the-Round

**Friday, July 12**
5:45PM Shabbat Nosh  
6:15PM Shabbat Service  
*Honoring Long Standing Members & Anniversary Blessings*

**Saturday, July 13**
9:30AM Sichat Torah  
10:30AM Service In-the-Round

**Friday, July 19**
5:45PM Shabbat Nosh  
6:15PM Shabbat Service  
*with Birthday Blessings*

**Saturday, July 20**
9:30AM Sichat Torah  
10:30AM Service In-the-Round

**Friday, July 26**
5:45PM Shabbat Nosh  
6:00PM shabbatCTY *(Washington Park)*  
6:15PM Shabbat Service

**Saturday, July 27**
9:30AM Sichat Torah  
10:30AM Service In-the-Round

### August 2019

**Friday, August 2**
5:45PM Shabbat Nosh  
6:15PM Shabbat Service

**Saturday, August 3**
9:30AM Sichat Torah  
10:30AM Service In-the-Round  
10:30AM FoRT Shabbat in the Park *(Sharon Woods)*

**Friday, August 9**
5:45PM Shabbat Nosh  
6:15PM Shabbat Service

**Saturday, August 10**
9:30AM Sichat Torah  
10:30AM Service In-the-Round

**Friday, August 16**
5:45PM Shabbat Nosh  
6:15PM Shabbat in the Park *(Swaim Park)*  
welcoming prospective members  
& celebrating Birthday Blessings

**Saturday, August 17**
9:30AM Sichat Torah  
10:30AM Service In-the-Round

**Friday, August 23**
5:45PM Shabbat Nosh  
6:15PM Shabbat Service  
*with Anniversary Blessings*

**Saturday, August 24**
9:30AM Sichat Torah  
10:30AM Service In-the-Round

**Friday, August 30**
5:45PM Shabbat Nosh  
6:15PM Shabbat Service

**Saturday, August 31**
9:30AM Sichat Torah  
10:30AM Service In-the-Round

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*Please consider naming Rockdale Temple in your will or estate plan.*
Sunday, September 29
8:00PM
**Erev Rosh Hashanah Service***
*with Installation of Board of Directors*

Monday, September 30
**Rosh Hashanah Morning Services**

**Children’s Service**
*Infants to 1st Grade*
9:30AM (Rockdale Temple Chapel)
followed by Babysitting &
New Youth Programming

**Youth Service**
*2nd Grade to 6th Grade*
10:00AM (Rockdale Temple Chapel)
followed by New Youth Programming

**Morning Service***
10:00AM
Followed by **Rosh Hashanah Reception in the Courtyard**

**Tashlich Service**
5:00PM at **French Park**
Meet in the first parking lot; access from Section Road, just east of Ridge

Tuesday, October 8
8:00PM
**Kol Nidre Service***

Wednesday, October 9
**Yom Kippur Morning Services**

**Children’s Service**
*Infants to 1st Grade*
9:30AM (Rockdale Temple Chapel)
followed by Babysitting &
New Youth Programming

**Youth Service**
*2nd Grade to 6th Grade*
10:00AM (Rockdale Temple Chapel)
followed by New Youth Programming

**Morning Service***
10:00AM

**Afternoon Study**
1:00-2:30PM (Rockdale Temple Chapel)

**Afternoon Service***
3:00PM

**Yizkor Service***
4:30PM

**Neilah/Concluding Service***
*with Havdalah*
5:15PM

**Break the Fast**
6:00PM (Courtyard)

*Streaming is available online at rockdaletemple.org

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All services will be held in the Amberley Room at the Mayerson JCC unless otherwise specified. Subject to change.
We thank our members of the Bene Israel Society listed below who have left a legacy to Rockdale Temple with a designated gift in their will, trust, retirement account, or life insurance policy. We invite you to join us in securing Rockdale Temple’s future financial stability with a legacy gift through Create Your Jewish Legacy.

Doris* & Stuart* Berman
Max Joseph Bleich
Rosemary & Frank Bloom
Lynn Chaiñetz
Anthony & Andrea Checroun
Matthew* & Jean Chimsky
John Cobey & Jan Frankel
Alfred M. Cohen
Barb & O.J. Cohen
Ken & Janet Cohen
Rabbis Sigma F. Coran & Matthew Kraus
Bernie Dave
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M. James Ellis
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Lisa & John* Fox
Dr. & Mrs. G. Russell Frankel
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Michael G. Hall
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Gary & Austine Heldman
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Michael Heldman & Beth Franks
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Daniel J. Hoffheimer
Robert Ingberg, M.D.
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Mara Marnoñha
Karen & Stewart Martin
Fay B. May & Robert E. Prescott*
Lynn Rosenberg Mayfield
Tracy M. McMullen
Lisa & Jonathan Mezibov
Mark Michaelson &
Barbara Turner-Michaelson
Dale Rabiner
Loretta* & Gary* Rabiner
David* & Marilyn* Reichert
Leslie & Bernard Reiss
Ben & Courtney Rosensweet
Matthew & Renee Rosensweet
Jack & Mary-Bob Rubenstein
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Steven & Rachel Schild
David & Abby Schwartz
Joshua & Heather Shapiro
Mark Sheldon
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W. E. Blair Tillett
Julie & Shachar Torem
Robert & Loris Ungar
Sarah Weiss & Todd Schild
4 Anonymous Donors

To learn more about our Bene Israel Society, contact the temple office at 513-891-9900.

Thanks to our talented congregant, Beth Goldstein, for creating the Bene Israel Society logo. The pomegranate image is adapted from a partial stained glass window belonging to and found on the site of the Rockdale Temple building at Rockdale and Harvey Avenues, the home of our congregation from 1906 - 1969.
**Tribute Funds Donations February 1 - April 30, 2019**

**Bene Israel Fund**
In Honor of Rabbi Sigma F. Coran
  
  Ellen & Tom Drake

In Honor of Gerry Korkin’s Birthday
  
  Lisa Fox & Dick Trohman

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In Honor of Wendy Saunders & Jim Heldman’s Birthdays
  
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In Memory of Alan Ames
  
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In Memory of Lynne Meyers Gordon
  
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In Honor of Sydney Mattis & Matt Clark’s Marriage
  
  Judy & Dick Roth

In Memory of Melvin Schaengold
  
  Barry & Nancy Gibberman

In Honor of Rabbi Coran’s 25 Years in the Rabbinate and Honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree
  
  The Messer and Stern Family

  Sheryl & Scott Mattis

  The Karpen Family

  The Frankel Family

In Memory of Lynne Meyers Gordon
  
  Jerome Gordon

**Rabbi Kahan’s Discretionary Fund**
In Honor of the Bris of Rory Mel Price
  
  Rebecca & Christopher Price

In Memory of Doris Vise
  
  Barry & Nancy Gibberman

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In Honor of Meryl S. Goldman & Her Speedy Recovery
  
  Daniel Hoffheimer

**Rabbi Victor & Louise Reichert Fund**
In Memory of David Reichert
  
  Daniel Hoffheimer

**Sacred Music Fund**
In Memory of David Reichert
  
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  Gordon M. Bogdan

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    Yolanda Kirschner
In Honor of Joe Hirschhorn & His Speedy Recovery
    Philip T. Cohen

Tribute Funds Donations February 1 - April 30, 2019

Condolences to the Friends and Family of:

Howard Gropper, beloved father of Cheryl (Alan) Schriber
    Alan Ames, beloved father of Michael (Teresa) Ames
Kimberly Waxler, beloved sister-in-law of Donna Waxler
Marvin Gevelber, beloved brother of Sonya Oppenheimer
    Irmgard Weil, beloved mother of David (Chie) Weil
Lynne Meyers Gordon, beloved member of Rockdale Temple
Emilia Cate Lewis, beloved granddaughter of Tracy McMullen
    J. Martin “Jay” Karpen, beloved member of Rockdale Temple
Heroldine Ukelson, beloved friend of Sara Frankel & Family
Robert “Bob” Turner, beloved brother of Barbara Turner-Michaelson
    Doris Vise, beloved mother of Judy (Mark) Schaengold
Melvin Schaengold, beloved father of Mark (Judy) Schaengold
Philip S. Cohen, beloved brother of Alfred (Ann Pappenheimer) Cohen
    Ellen Kahn, beloved aunt of Lauren Gross (Jake) Lillenstein
Rhoda Jacobs, beloved mother of Neal Jacobs (Joan Schimmel)
    Marilyn Reichert, beloved member of Rockdale Temple

May their memories be for a blessing.
Exciting, Outdoor Events for Summer!

**FORT HAVDALAH & Picnic**

Saturday, June 29th
5-7PM
at the Home of Rabbi Meredith Kahan & Sean Flowers

Say goodbye to Shabbat with FoRT as we enjoy songs, outdoor games, stories, a pool party, and Havdalah!

Bring your swimsuit and a towel!
An adult must swim with each family’s kids!

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**Rock Shabbat in the Park**

Service & Cookout!

Welcoming Prospective Members & Birthday Blessings!

FRIDAY
AUGUST 16

Swaim Park
7650 Cooper Rd, Montgomery, OH 45242

5:45PM - Shabbat Nosh
6:15PM - Shabbat Service
7:15PM - Cookout Dinner
Global Climate Change: The New Hot Topic! by Joanne Gerson

1. What does CO2 have to do with global climate change?
Climate on our planet has changed significantly numerous times over billions of years. Luckily, over the last several hundred thousand years, the climate and the amount of CO2 in the atmosphere settled into a more predictable, stable pattern. Human civilization developed and thrived in this fairly steady climate. But, since the beginning of the industrial revolution 150 years ago, the planet’s climate began changing rapidly. These changes are different than normal temperature ups and downs caused by nature. The concept that global climate change is the result of human activity has gone from an idea and theoretical model to well documented, hard facts, agreed upon by 99% of climate scientists around the world. Scientists are studying the *average* temperatures, which are rising and causing them to sound alarms about the overall, global climate trends. In contrast, single weather events such as some cold days or individual storms feel like major events to us, yet are insufficient to lower the annual average global temperature.

Carbon dioxide is in the air naturally. When we, and other animals, breathe out the byproduct CO2, it is then taken up by plants on land and in oceans. Plants use the CO2 to grow. Large quantities of CO2 pass through the air this way all the time and have been in balance for hundreds of thousands of years. Fossil fuels are different. Fossil fuels - coal, oil and natural gas - are significantly different because the CO2 in these materials have been buried and compressed deep in the ground for millions of years. Burning fossil fuels releases huge amounts of CO2 into the air that are not part of the current balance, adding more CO2 than plants and oceans can absorb. The result is increasing amounts of CO2 caught in the air. CO2 makes up less than .04% of the air, so one does not need to add much to make a substantial difference. The CO2 acts like a blanket, trapping heat in the same way that the glass of a greenhouse traps heat. The term, greenhouse gas, refers to this process. By burning fossil fuels, we have increased the amount of CO2 in the atmosphere from the average high of 290 parts per million (ppm) that has been in the air for the last three million years to new high of 411ppm in less than 150 years. This much CO2 in the air is causing global climate change through the greenhouse effect.
2. Why do we need to be concerned about it?
Scientists are sounding the alarm, we should listen. Scientists are worried about “feedback loops” which occur when one event results in more global warming which increases the expansion of that event. For example; melting permafrost, caused by a warming climate, releases methane gas into the air. Methane gas causes more greenhouse effect which creates more warming which then melts more permafrost which releases more methane and so on. This feedback loop is happening today. We must ratchet down carbon pollution from the burning of fossil fuels as soon as possible. If we fail, the planet will begin emitting so many greenhouse gases through feedback loops that we will not be able to control or stop them, making our planet an unimaginably dangerous place.

This is confirmed in the recent Intergovernmental Panel On Climate Change (IPCC) report stating, “Compelling new evidence shows we will speed past a dangerous climate-risk threshold as soon as 2030 if greenhouse gas emissions continue at their current rate, potentially triggering climate change on a scale that would present grave dangers to much of the living planet.” According to IPCC report we must reduce CO2 by 45% by 2030 to avoid this terrifying scenario.

This is a moral environmental justice issue. Maybe you think a warmer climate with more CO2 for plant growth sounds great. But a warming climate is having adverse effects on us, locally and worldwide. From prolonged droughts to devastating floods, widespread forest fires to mega hurricanes, rising sea levels to extreme summer heat, the impact can no longer be ignored. The growing problem of refugees is due to water and food scarcity directly related to global climate change. Our children and grandchildren are going to live in a very hostile world if we do not quickly change our behaviors and habits. It is a Jewish value to be just and to care for our Garden of Eden.

Not acting is expensive. Because of climate change Cincinnatians pay higher food prices, higher taxes to clean up the landslides such as on Columbia Parkway, and higher water bills to cover sewer backups. Federal taxes cover disaster assistance and related health issues. These costs will rise as the climate changes. The National Climate Assessment, Nov 23, 2018, states “With continued growth in emissions at historic rates, annual losses .. are projected to reach hundreds of billions of dollars...”

3. What can we do about it?
Get the truth. Many companies are paying to spread doubt just like the tobacco companies did in the 60’s. In fact, some of the same actors are being used to spread doubt about global climate change. Get the facts and talk about global climate change with friends and family.
On-line resources are listed below.

We must act now to reduce CO2. Shomrei Olam is forming Cut-a-Ton™ Teams to help people reduce their CO2 emissions. We will teach you how to make simple changes that take only a few minutes a day but have a huge impact. To join a team or become a team leader, contact Joanne at joanne.gerson@earthlink.net

Joanne Gerson
www.shomrei-olam.org

Good, easy to understand, sources on-line: https://www.climatecentral.org,
https://www.ipcc.ch

This link has a cool graphic of global temperature change in video format.
Shabbat Service
Honoring Long-Standing Members of 20-29 Years
Friday, July 12, 2019
5:45PM Enhanced Shabbat Nosh
6:15PM Shabbat Service

Celebration of Life Sculpture
Commemorate that special event or achievement with a plaque on Rockdale Temple’s Celebration of Life Sculpture in our social hall.
Large Plaques - $360
Small Plaque - $180

Greeter Group
We need you to be a part of making Friday night service at Rockdale a special experience. We ask greeters to arrive at 5:30 p.m. and stay in the lobby for a few minutes after services start, about 6:30 p.m. You don’t have to do it every week; you can take on as few or as many Shabbats as fit your busy schedule.

Guests and first-time attendees have told us they’ve really appreciated the warm welcome, being guided to the nosh and/or sanctuary, and given directions to the restrooms. Longtime congregants have commented on how nice it is to have someone smile and wish them “Shabbat Shalom” as they arrive. This is a real opportunity to demonstrate that everyone is valued at Rockdale. It’s also a lot of fun, and a great way to meet new people.

To become a member of the Greeter Group, please contact:
Chris Malhotra
chrismalhotra@aol.com

Please RSVP by Wednesday, July 9 to Paige Adkins: padkins@rockdaletemple.org or 513.891.9900

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Shofar Soundings Summer 5779

Tribute Funds List

Your contributions to one of our philanthropic funds is a thoughtful way to commemorate special occasions, life cycle events, or to remember a loved one.

Alan L. Rosenberg Memorial Fund: funds temple beautification and enhancements including the acquisition of Rockdale artifacts.

Barrows Music Fund: funds musicians for special events or services.

Bene Israel Fund: Supports the role of Rabbi and Educator.

Estelle Levine Fund for Special Children: funds scholarships for differently abled or gifted children.

Heldman Family Fund: provides financing for special programs; provides special artifacts for Rockdale.

Heritage of Learning Fund: underwrites educational programming for temple members of all ages.

Jules & Elizabeth K. Oppenheimer Fund: provides Goldman Union Camp Institute (GUCI) scholarships for Rockdale youth.

Library Fund: funds the purchase and upkeep of our library books.

Lillian and Dolph Harteveld Fund: enhances the musical program.

Louise F. Reichert Flower Fund: provides bimah flowers and outdoor plantings.

Memorial Fund: helps fund Shabbat, festivals, and other prayerbooks.

Rabbi Sigma Faye Coran's Discretionary Fund: funds opportunities and charities chosen by Rabbi Coran.

Rabbi Harold D. Hahn Fund: funds the Sunday adult education series.

Rabbi Meredith F. Kahan's Discretionary Fund: funds opportunities and charities chosen by Rabbi Kahan.

Rabbi Victor and Louise Reichert Fund: funds the Scholar-in-Residence programming.

Sacred Music Fund: provides for musical enrichment.

Soup Kitchen Fund: funds the Queen City Soup Kitchen.

Stark Fund: provides for musical enrichment of children.

Steven E. Altman Fund: funds the Youth Group of Rockdale (YGOR).

Roll of Remembrance Fund: funds the Yom Kippur Roll of Remembrance Book and other High Holy Days activities.

Temple Fund: provides annual support for the temple operations.

Trager Family Music Fund: funds brass instruments for High Holy Days.

Ullman Cultural Fund: funds community lectures at Rockdale.

Warner Fund: funds programs for temple seniors.

ROCKDALE TEMPLE TRIBUTE FORM

Name:__________________________________________

Address:__________________________________________

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Phone:__________________________________________

Please make a contribution to the following fund:

☐ $18.00 Contribution
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☐ Other, please specify:______________________________

Please make checks payable to Rockdale Temple and send to 8501 Ridge Rd. Cincinnati, OH 45236

☐ Check Enclosed  ☐ Visa  ☐ Mastercard  ☐ AmEx
Number:__________________________________________

Exp. Date__________________  CVV__________________

Billing Name:_____________________________________

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☐ In Honor of
☐ In Memory of
☐ In Appreciation of
☐ Speedy Recovery of

For (Bar Mitzvah, wedding, etc.): _______________________

Name to appear on tribute:____________________________

Please send acknowledgment to:

Name:__________________________________________

Address:__________________________________________

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The Literacy Network of Greater Cincinnati is Seeking Volunteers

Join the Literacy Network of Greater Cincinnati in the mission to change lives through reading, tutoring and character development. Volunteers are needed for various programs, including Cincinnati Reads, Winners Walk Tall, and office help. Contact Kathy Ciarla or Sarah Cranley at (513) 621-READ to find out how you can positively impact the lives of children in the community.

Kroger Reward Cards are an easy way to support Rockdale Temple.

Go to www.Kroger.com and click on the COMMUNITY tab on the top of the page, then select Kroger Community Rewards along the left hand side of the page. Or, call the Rockdale Temple office and someone will be happy to help! The Kroger rewards program requires an annual enrollment.

Interfaith Hospitality Network

Rockdale Temple IHN Volunteers Needed

Interfaith Hospitality Network hosts a group of homeless families at Adath Israel Synagogue for 3 weeks per year - a week in July, a week in August and the week of Christmas (for more info about the IHN program see http://www.ihncincinnati.org/). For each of those weeks, Rockdale supplies the food and the volunteers to host on Friday nights.

For further information and a tour of the facilities, please contact Rabbi Sissy Coran scoran@rockdaletemple.org

Ritual Committee

The Ritual Committee serves as a liaison between the congregation and the clergy. Its goals are to promote and encourage participation in services for Shabbat and festivals and Shabbat morning Torah discussions and services; to evaluate liturgy and music; to discuss issues raised by congregants; to understand rabbinic plans in order to explain them to congregants; and to participate in temple activities.

To become a member of the Ritual Committee, please contact:

Fay May, Committee Chair
Phone: 513-779-2774
faybmay@fuse.net

Soup Kitchen

For families celebrating a Bar/Bat Mitzvah, helping at the Soup Kitchen has been a tradition for many years. Not only does it help kids to empathize with hungry people, it provides an opportunity for families to work together and for parents to pass on Jewish values.

To volunteer please call:
Dolores Goldfinger
891-0725

Upcoming dates:
June 30, 2019
August 11, 2019
November 24, 2019

Jewish Hospital Needs Volunteers

The Jewish Hospital is a community faithful to its Jewish heritage and grounded in the Jewish and Catholic traditions of service to the community.

We are looking for volunteers who would like to share their time for a minimum of 4 hours a week. We have many opportunities in various departments to make a difference!

Join our team!
Contact Volunteer Services, 686-5330.

The Jewish Hospital

MERCYHEALTH
Birthdays

**Adults of June**
2. Lynn Mayfield
3. Neal O’Koon
5. Peter Landesman
6. Edward Rosenthal
8. Lisa Fox
11. Sydney Mattis
15. Lauren Kurtzer
16. Jean Chimskey
16. Kathleen Kellar
16. Marvin Siegel
19. Justin Levy
20. Alice Perlman
20. Phyllis Gold
20. Barbara Nelson
20. Margaret Meyer
22. Jeffrey Goldman
24. Kevin Mattis
25. J. Randall Frankel
26. Megan Bankin
30. Frank Bloom
30. Fay May

**Adults of July**
2. Betty Heldman
2. Avi Marcus-Ream
3. Brian Jaffee
4. Dolores Goldfinger
7. Jean Abrahamson
8. Maxine Potter
10. Austine Heldman
13. David Kerman
15. Nadja Apelt
15. Marilyn Hirschhorn
17. Carol Fletcher
17. Margo Itkoff
21. Gerald Schwartz
21. Eugene Wacksman
22. Jack Messer
23. James Kurtzer
23. Wilma Travis
28. Mark Friedman
30. Roy White

**Adults of August**
11. Natalie Gerstein
12. Michael Greenberg
13. Boris Auerbach
14. Ruth Heldman
14. Lois Widlansky
16. John Cobey
16. Steven Maltz
19. David Seltzer
20. Nancy Klein
20. Max Torem
21. G. Russell Frankel
23. George Zahn
27. Ellen Buchsbaum
31. Andrew Feagins
31. Margaret White

Anniversaries

**June**
3. Mark Michaelson & Barbara Turner-Michaelson, 35th
5. Nathan & Kimberly Schmulewitz, 20th
16. Steven & Shelley Goldstein, 45th
17. Barry & Madeline Berman, 57th
17. G. Russell & Renee Frankel, 57th
17. Marice & Erva Dick, 68th
17. David & Hildy Kerman, 69th
19. James Albert & Christine Kuhr, 10th
21. Myron & Joanne Gerson, 50th
21. Morton & Barbara Harshman, 62nd
23. David & Abby Schwartz, 45th
23. Emanuel & Ellen Doyne, 51st
23. Edward & Andrea Herzog, 51st
25. Michael & Margaret Meyer, 58th
26. Gerald & Sally Korkin, 51st

**July**
7. Robert & Loris Ungar, 62nd
16. Michael & Cynthia Seid, 30th
24. Peter & Angelika Bonyhati, 25th
26. Karen & Stewart Martin, 10th

**August**
5. Michael & Barbara Reed, 40th
7. Edward & Anita Marks, 54th
11. Bernard & Leslie Reiss, 45th
18. Peter & Phyllis Schiff, 45th
28. Michael & Eileen Greenberg, 53rd

Children of June
4. C Matias Knudsen
6. Sam Flagel
9. Harrison Gollin
11. Phillip Richman
12. Sydney Swiatek
15. Rachel Herzig
15. Parker Calico
16. Joel O’Koon
16. Isaac Rosensweet
16. Lydia Rosensweet
18. Ben Seid
19. Maggie Rubenstein
19. Sebastian De Falco
27. Kristen Marnocha
27. Jonah Lilenstein
29. Emily Burststein

Children of July
6. Lilly Rubenstein
7. Ari Kane
10. Arielle Lewis
13. Benjamin Kraus
15. Josephine Forrest
19. Gabriella De Falco
22. Eli Bedard
23. Eric Waterman
26. Jack Dunkelman
31. Griffin Ames
31. Tucker Ames
31. Quinn Davidson

Children of August
2. Jacob Morrisroe
2. Evan O’Koon
4. Shai Reiss
13. Olivia Dick
13. Sophia Dick
16. Jacob Smilg
17. Samuel Dunkelman
17. Michael Feagins
20. Daniel Flagel
23. Zach Feldman
23. Eli Putz
25. Abigail Friedman
26. Gabriela White
28. Chana Kravitz

Anniversaries will be listed every five years starting with the 5th anniversary. All anniversaries of 50 years or more are recognized.

"Children of the Temple" are those who are 18 years old & younger.

Adult birthdays are listed every five years starting with the 20th birthday and every year for members who have reached the age of 75.
More Special Summer Events

Rockdale at Cincinnati • Pride
Saturday, June 22

Rock Shabbat Service
with Birthday Blessings!

Friday, June 14
5:45pm - Shabbat Nosh
6:15pm - Rock Shabbat Service
* Dinner will not be served on this evening

FoRT Playgroup at Kehal Kodesh
Opening Day at Montgomery Park
Sunday, August 25
9:30am

Montgomery Park
10105 Montgomery Road

Schmooze with other parents, enjoy a light breakfast, and stay for the community picnic at noon!

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Sunday, August 25, 2019
9:30am-Noon

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