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**Rock Shabbat Service**

**Friday, September 20**

5:45pm – **Nosh**
6:15pm – **Service**

* Dinner will not be served on this evening
Alan Goodis is a national touring Jewish musician who plays over 150 events each year. Noted for his dedication to building relationships and community through music, Alan travels throughout North America to serve as an Artist-In-Residence and performer at temples, Hillels, youth conventions, and Jewish summer camps. His self-titled debut CD, produced by and performed with Dan Nichols (e18hteen), elevates Jewish music with its powerful vocals and bold melodies. Alan is a strong presence in the Reform Movement and works tirelessly to engage and empower Jewish youth and adults through music. Alan serves as Musical Director for NFTY International Convention and is a proud alumnus of Goldman Union Camp Institute.
On September 12, 2001, I received a phone call from a couple who were to be married on the following Saturday night. I was to consecrate their marriage. They called from New York City. As we spoke, they reported that they could still see the dust from Lower Manhattan from the window of their apartment. They told me that they could still smell the odor of that terrible tragedy of September 11th. It was an evil, awful smell—evidence that all was not well in the world. That morning, a few days before their wedding, they told me the wedding was on, even if all of their relatives and friends could not make it on a plane that week, even if her parents had to drive for three days. They felt that they needed to prove that the future was better than the present; that more than ever, they needed to keep the wedding on, to celebrate, to commit to life. And so we did—we celebrated, we prayed and we broke a glass and made a toast to continuing the work of Creation. At every wedding, we break a glass to remind us that there is much to do to repair our fractured world.

In a few weeks, we will celebrate Rosh Hashanah—the Birthday of the World, the Anniversary of Creation, and we celebrate our role as partners with God in continuing the work of Creation. Beyond the Genesis narrative in our Torah, we also tell the mystical story of Creation—the Kabbalistic story of Tikkun Olam. The mystics told of a creation before that first week—one in which God created light to fill the world—and vessels to contain that light. They tell us of God creating a being, even a being before Adam and Eve made of light, according to the mystical telling. But, God’s light was too much and the vessels were shattered.

The world in which we live is filled with the sparks of God’s light and with useless pieces of broken vessels. We are left to figure out which is which. The tradition teaches even more—Jews have a job to do. We have to gather the sparks of God’s light and do Tikkun Olam, repair of the world. The Jew is supposed to be a fixer—God’s partner in completing creation.

Just as in days of war, terror, and darkness, we move forward in light. Just as each marriage starts with broken shards, and each couple moves forward in hope, so do we believe that our broken world can be repaired and that it is our obligation to be a part of Tikkun Olam.

As we approach our New Year, we renew our resolve to be a part of the healing of our fractured universe—in the form of the work we do to repair our families, our communities, our state, our country, and our planet. This fall, we will not be gathering together on a particular day for Mitzvahpalooza. However, we will be moving forward with the work of Tikkun Olam at Rockdale. We will continue to ask ourselves to be involved with many mitzvot of repair. We will continue to hold one another accountable in the healing of our world. We will continue to weave our stories together, bringing together threads and shards to create a holy vessel of compassion and justice.

Our congregation is doing holy work in many areas—gathering in small groups to create sparks of light in several different social action and social justice initiatives. I am grateful to have wonderful partners in so many of you who are fulfilling the obligation of Tikkun Olam and I know that many of you are looking for opportunities to do so. As we begin this year, we each pick up a shard of light and become vessels of light for one another in Repairing the World.
Here are some of the ways to participate in Tikkun Olam with Rockdale Temple (and who to contact to get involved):

Environmental Committee and Community-Wide Shomrei Olam  
Joanne Gerson joanne.gerson@earthlink.net 
Working towards sustainability in our community, creating teams to Cut-A-Ton and reduce our carbon footprint

Interfaith Hospitality Network  
Sara Frankel frankelfam4@aol.com 
Floating shelter housed several times a year at Adath Israel, with support from Rockdale volunteers

Justice Collaborative’s Gun Violence Prevention Campaign  
Justin Levy jal9980@aol.com 
Mark Michaelson mmichaelson56@gmail.com 
With Ohioans for Gun Safety: To expand background checks in Ohio and close the gun show loophole

Queen City Kitchen  
Dolores Goldfinger (513) 891-0725 
Shopping, cooking and serving on several Sundays during the year as well as providing Thanksgiving turkeys

Rockdale Reaches Out  
Cora Steinberg esteinberg999@gmail.com 
Support for New Americans seeking refuge and asylum in our community

Ongoing Collections: High Holy Day food drive for the Free Store Food Bank, sample size toiletries (for shelters), pill bottles, and donations for the Vital Support Center at Jewish Family Service

Rabbi Sigma F. Coran  
Senior Rabbi

Justice Collaborative’s Forum Against Gun Violence

Join the Rockdale Community as well as our local community on Wednesday, September 11, at 7:00PM, with our Partner organization, Ohioans for Gun Safety. This event will focus on education and training to work towards the push to have universal background checks in order to purchase a gun in Ohio. The event at Rockdale Temple will train and show support for signature gathering and other opportunities to encourage this important work. This is open to any and all who may be interested in supporting and learning more about this important work.
Associate Rabbi & Educator’s Thoughts Festival of Faiths

Here in Cincinnati, we believe in a world where people of all faiths can live in harmony together. And we know that now more than ever, we must come together in support of one another to build a beloved community and ensure that all people can live and worship freely and safely.

– Cincinnati Festival of Faiths and Bridges of Faith Trialogue

One of the many blessings of my role as a rabbi at Rockdale Temple is the opportunity to go outside of our walls and spend time with the wider Cincinnati faith community. This diverse, broad community of clergy and lay leaders comes together to learn, celebrate with one another, and support each other in times of tragedy and need. Almost two years ago, I was privileged to join the steering committee for Cincinnati’s inaugural Festival of Faiths. Held in June of 2018, the first Festival of Faiths showcased Greater Cincinnati’s religious diversity and vitality, celebrated religion’s contributions to our community’s quality of life, and modeled our exemplary interfaith relations and collaboration. The Festival brought together several thousands of neighbors, families and friends to celebrate our city’s religious diversity – and our Rock Shabbat Band even got a chance to perform for the attendees!

I am proud that the Festival of Faiths will return to the Cintas Center at Xavier University on Sunday, September 8, 12:30-5:00pm. The theme for this year’s Festival is Compassion through Action: Becoming a Beloved Community. Inspired by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s vision of Beloved Community, the theme recognizes the role the faith community has historically played and continues to play in advancing a civil, socially just, and welcoming community for all who live, work, and visit Greater Cincinnati.

The 2nd Annual Festival of Faiths will feature faith-based exhibits, workshops, art, dance, music, vendors, interfaith dialogue, a worship service, meditation, community service projects, and games and activities for all ages. Our Cincinnati Jewish community will be well represented among the exhibitors and we’re excited to participate along with rabbis, educators, Jewish professionals, youth leaders, and more. We are grateful to our many congregants who have supported the Festival of Faiths, including Chip Harrod, who serves as professional organizer for the Festival. Rabbi Coran and I look forward to being joined at the Festival of Faiths by our youth groups, and I hope you’ll consider spending the afternoon with us, too. As we look forward to a New Year, let’s join together with our friends and neighbors to become a Beloved Community.

Meredith Kahan
Rabbi Meredith Kahan
Associate Rabbi & Educator
CELEBRATE OUR COMMUNITY’S RICH RELIGIOUS DIVERSITY

• 90+ Faith-Based Exhibitors
• Workshops and Meditations
• Music and Entertainment
• FREE Admission and Parking

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2019
12:30PM-5PM

XAVIER UNIVERSITY’S CINTAS CENTER
FREE ADMISSION
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Religions contribute to the soul of a community—they lift up compassion as a pathway to enrich relationships that build a welcoming and vibrant community.
President's Letter  

An Exciting Year Ahead

As I embark on the second year of my presidency of Rockdale Temple and as we approach the start of the High Holy Days, I am pleased to report that we are looking forward to a meaningful, exciting, and event-filled year. Almost all members of the Board of Directors are continuing on for another year so the continuity and impact of their leadership will be felt throughout the congregation. As you know from previous announcements, we are fortunate that Karen Martin will be staying with us in her role as Executive Director until next summer when she begins her rabbinic studies at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.

I want to highlight a few matters which will greatly impact our congregational experience in the coming year. The Jewish Foundation Grant which we received last spring is now being fully utilized to enhance our programming in many ways:

- Affinity groups: We will 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 providing better support to our already existing groups for young families (FoRT), adults in their 20s and 30s (RUACH), Boomers, seniors, and social justice.

- Leadership Development: I am happy to report that many Board members and lay leaders will be participating in the upcoming URJ Biennial this December in Chicago. We also invite interested congregants to attend.

- shabbatCTY: 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: We have recently hired Emily McOsker as our Congregational Engagement Professional 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.

The Board of Directors has created the Development Committee in anticipation of our 200th anniversary in 2024. Headed up by Aaron Herzig and Stephanie DeFalco (to whom I am so grateful for their willingness and eagerness to take on this task), the Committee will consist of several sub-committees which will oversee the Bene Israel Society and Create Your Jewish Legacy program, plan and coordinate many events, including smaller fundraising events as well as our celebration in 2024, help with our efforts to secure future grants and, finally, continue soliciting endowment gifts to the Bene Israel Fund, with a goal of achieving $1,000,000 in the Fund by 2022.

I am very excited to announce that Rockdale Temple is a co-sponsor of a significant event which will take place at the Holocaust and Humanity Center on September 10th. Entitled “Prosecuting Evil: The Extraordinary World of Ben Ferencz,” the program will consist of the Netflix documentary film about Ben Ferencz, the only living prosecutor from the Nuremberg trials, followed by a live discussion with him (via Skype). At the time of his participation at Nuremberg, Ben was 27 years old and it was his first courtroom experience. He went on to advocate for restitution for Holocaust victims and establishment of the International Criminal Court. His fight for justice for victims of atrocity crimes continues today. This is an event not to be missed.

As the High Holy Days approach, I want to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a happy and sweet new year and to thank Rabbi Coran and Rabbi Kahan, Karen Martin and all of the Rockdale Temple staff for all the hard work and dedication they continually demonstrate in making our experience during this sacred period so meaningful.

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

James G. Heldman
President
At Rockdale Temple, we pride ourselves on welcoming all those who are seeking a Jewish religious experience. This is why we have greeters at the door during all services, and why we do not have tickets for High Holy Days. It is one of our fundamental convictions that all those who wish to learn and worship as part of our community be welcomed to do so.

It is hard, in the wake of the shootings at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh and Chabad in Poway, as well as more recent violence in Dayton and El Paso, to balance our deep desire to be a welcoming and hospitable community with keeping our community safe. Two years ago, we massively overhauled Rockdale Temple’s Safety and Security Plan and linked the emergency communication systems between the Temple and the JCC after the JCC received a bomb threat. The effort to create that plan was a close partnership between staff at the JCC and our Temple leadership. This year, Rockdale Temple is again examining our protocols.

To achieve our goals, we have recently launched the new Safety and Security Task Force. Our task force has a mandate to annually review our Safety and Security Plan, create a more robust Business Continuity Plan, create security and safety recommendations for High Holy Days, Religious School, and other community events, and to review those protocols annually. If you are interested in joining this task force, please reach out to me or our Board President, Jim Heldman.

You will start to see the results of the Task Force’s work at the end of September during our High Holy Day Services. While we have not finalized all recommendations, there are a few we can share:

- Increased Security at High Holy Days – we will have more officers on site and will have new security protocols for non-member guests. While these are not yet finalized, please plan to arrive earlier than usual this year so that you are able to make it to the service on time.
- Membership Cards – In your High Holy Day mailing, you will have received wallet-sized Membership Cards for each adult in your household. Bring these cards with you to High Holy Days services. Show them to our greeters, and you’ll be able to bypass our new security measures. If you do not bring your cards with you, don’t worry! You will still be welcomed, but we may need to look you up on our member list. Please remember to bring a photo ID.
- Guests and community members are still welcome and always will be! This year, we ask that all guests sign in and provide a form of ID. This includes adult children of Rockdale Temple members who do not have a separate membership.

We may have additional security measures, and if so we will share those details as we get closer. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me, kmartin@rockdaletemple.org, or to Jim Heldman, jgheldman@strausstroy.com.

Karen Martin
Executive Director
Summer has almost gotten away from us, with its hours of pleasure reading that are snatched on beaches, in cars, on docks and in airports. Appropriately, *The Last Days of Summer* was the title of Rockdale book group’s hilarious recent book, an epistolary novel based on correspondence of all kinds. Late this summer now, many in our congregation are reading another fascinating but much more thought-provoking book, entitled *Letters to My Palestinian Neighbors* and written by Yossi Klein Halevi. Halevi is a senior fellow of the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem.

The book is based on a series of letters from Halevi, who made Aliyah to Israel in his twenties, to imagined recipients within the Palestinian community. But his real audience is comprised of all concerned global citizens, trying to unravel Israel’s ideological and emotional knots. Chapter by chapter the book wrestles with issues few if any Jews will ever discuss in person with a Palestinian. That’s the hook.

You may find in this sampling of chapter titles a few that conjure questions you yourself may have struggled with when thinking about Israel and the choices ahead:

- The Wall Between Us
- Need and Longing
- Fate and Destiny
- Six Days and Fifty Years
- The Partition of Justice
- Isaac and Ishmael
- The Israeli Paradox
- Victims and Survivors

The entire Cincinnati community will be discussing this never-more-timely book in the weeks ahead. You’re invited to join in by reading it too! Please try to read the second edition (in paperback) because it adds on a post script of Palestinian letters back to Halevi. Several copies are available in the Temple office for congregants to check out and return, hopefully, for another to borrow.

The Rockdale book group will host a discussion of *Letters to My Palestinian Neighbors* on Tuesday evening, September 17 at 7:00 PM. Please join us for an open conversation about the book. Other book studies are and will be occurring all around the city, both within congregations and through the public library system. A study guide provided by Shalom Hartman Institute will keep everyone sort of “on the same page” without setting up “rules” per se.

All this is in preparation for our community’s chance to connect more directly with author Yossi Klein Halevi when he visits Cincinnati and speaks at the Mayerson Jewish Community Center on Tuesday, October 29. There will be publicity ahead of that evening detailing how you can attend.

Our Cincinnati Shaliach, Amnon Maggid, encourages anyone who is curious, but who doubts they will complete the book, to sample even just one chapter. That chapter could be Chapter 6, “The Partition of Justice,” which states Halevi’s feelings on the “two state solution” in the year 2019. Copies of just that chapter will be available in the Temple office as well.

It is good to have this conversation globally, as well as with a friend sitting next to you, and even with Halevi himself! This volume is slim but full of wide-ranging thoughts and even-handed history, speaking directly, yearningly to all who love peace and want it for Israel. I hope you will read along and join the conversation in September and October.

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

We are building a group of volunteers who would like to mentor/assist a specific refugee family in the Springdale area. They need us for some support, so they can be successful in the US.

Our volunteers will take turns with a variety of needs: transportation to appointments and ESL classes, and help with homework, and school-related needs. We continue to work with established area non-profits, including Heartfelt Tidbits Welcome Alliance. Please contact Cora Steinberg to get involved and for questions: csteinberg999@gmail.com.

Cora Steinberg
Chairperson, Rockdale Reaches Out
csteinberg999@gmail.com
Meet our Community Engagement Professional

Emily McOsker

With thanks to The Jewish Foundation of Cincinnati, Rockdale Temple recently hired a Congregational Engagement Professional to help us deepen our connection with our Rockdale Temple members and bring new members into our community.

Our new Congregational Engagement Professional, Emily McOsker, started work at Rockdale Temple at the beginning of August. We are so excited to welcome her into our community. Emily grew up in the Jewish community both in Pittsburgh, PA and here in Cincinnati, OH. Emily participated in youth group programs, was a counselor at the Goldman Union Camp Institute, and served as one of our community’s BBYO advisors for more than four years. She also taught at Kulanu, the Cincinnati Reform Jewish High School, for three years. Emily is a Sycamore graduate and attended UC. After a few years working outside the Jewish community, she is excited to return to her Jewish roots.

Please stop by Rockdale and say hello to Emily! She looks forward to meeting many of you during the High Holy Days and in the near future.

HIGH HOLY DAYS Youth Experiences at Rockdale Temple

Interactive services for young children and their parents!

Warm, meaningful services for elementary school kids!

Childcare for our youngest friends!

NEW!

Hands-on, active experiences for kids 3yrs-6th grade following services!
High Holy Day Schedule

Sunday, September 29
8:00PM
**EREV ROSH HASHANAH SERVICE**
*with Installation of Board of Directors*

Monday, September 30
**ROSH HASHANAH MORNING SERVICES**

**FoRT Service**
*Infants to 1st Grade & Families*
9:30AM (Rockdale Temple Chapel)
followed by Babysitting &
NEW Interactive Kids’ Experience

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

**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**

**FoRT Service**
*Infants to 1st Grade & Families*
9:30AM (Rockdale Temple Chapel)
followed by Babysitting &
NEW Interactive Kids’ Experience

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

**Morning Service**
10:00AM

**Afternoon Study**
*An Examination of Our Souls—Our Relationship with Israel and Our Community*
with Jackie Congedo,
Director, Jewish Community Relations Council
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)
CYJL Testimonial: Rabbi Meredith Kahan & Sean Flowers

September, 1965 – my grandparents, Sandra and Milton Ostrow (z’l), joined Rockdale Temple

May, 1975 – my mom, Brenda Ostrow, was confirmed at Rockdale Temple

August, 1983 – my parents, Brenda and Sheldon Kahan, were married on the bima at Rockdale Temple

October, 1991 – I began religious school and was consecrated on the bima at Rockdale Temple

November, 2009 – Sean Flowers and I were married by Sissy Coran, Senior Rabbi of Rockdale Temple

July, 2013 – I became the Assistant Rabbi & Educator of Rockdale Temple

June, 2015 – Our first child, Seth, was welcomed into the Jewish community at Rockdale Temple

March, 2017 – Our daughter, Becca, was given her Hebrew name at Rockdale Temple

August, 2018 – Seth began his Jewish education at Rockdale Temple

These are just a few of the important milestones my family has marked as part of the Rockdale Temple community. They are the big, momentous event-types, the kind that are on record in my grandma Sandi’s membership file. Then there are other notable areas of involvement. My grandpa Milt’s service to the building committee. My grandma Sandi’s leadership of annual dinners, Sisterhood events, and committees. My uncle Steve’s Bar Mitzvah (he can still sing his Torah portion). My aunt’s involvement with OVFTY (now NFTY-OV). My attendance – and that of my brothers, Michael and Adam – at Rockdale Temple Nursery School. My grandpa Sam and grandma Sandi’s stewardship of the soup kitchen project.

Of course, in between all the events and experiences, there are the little – but just as special – moments: The care of rabbis at difficult moments and their presence at celebrations. The opportunities to pray, sing, and worship with community. The making and maintaining of friendships, so many of which are decades-old. The love of Judaism passed down in preschool and religious school. The raising of this Rabbi.
I am grateful for this forward-thinking congregation that is 195 years young. This congregation – its people, its traditions, its gifts – has been here for my family for generations. And we have been here for Rockdale. I am proud to serve Rockdale Temple just as my family did before me, and I look forward to another five years (at least!) as your rabbi.

After entering into my most recent sacred partnership with Rockdale Temple to spend the next five years as your Associate Rabbi & Educator, Sean and I decided to designate a CYJL gift and become members of the Bene Israel Society. There are so many ways each of us can contribute to this amazing congregation. We urge you to join us in ensuring Rockdale Temple’s future so that many more generations of children have the opportunity to grow up in this community. I am grateful to those who sustained Rockdale Temple for my family. We, in turn, look forward to leaving a lasting legacy – a Rockdale Temple for our children and beyond.

Meet Our New Rabbinic Intern

Michael Weiss

I look forward to serving as the rabbinic intern at Rockdale Temple this year. This is my fifth and final year at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati and I can’t wait to share what I have learned with all of you and learn from you in turn. I grew up in Connecticut, but spent my formative adult years in Toronto, the son of a Reform rabbi and a Jewish educator. I developed a love of Canadian-Jewish culture that has developed into a lifelong commitment to Reform Judaism.

I received a BA in Jewish Studies from McGill University in Montreal, Quebec, and lead a Reform prayer community through Hillel Montreal. I have also served as a Jewish educator at URJ Camp George in Parry Sound, Ontario and Camp Harlam in Kunkletown, Pennsylvania. At camp, I worked hard to develop meaningful programs for campers of all ages, while also contributing to the sense of high-spirited fun and wackiness that make camp so important to many Jewish young people. As far as I know, my campers (many of whom are now counselors themselves) still talk about my camp-famous invisible juggling act!

In the past, I have served as student rabbi at Congregation Beth Boruk in Richmond, Indiana and at Mt. Zion Temple in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. One of my favorite past Jewish Foundation fellowships was co-teaching the Rak Noar class with Rabbi Matthew Kraus at Rockdale. Some of those same students have gone on to become exemplary madrichim and I had the honor of working alongside them last year in my fourth grade class. It is undeniable that I have learned some of my most important lessons from my own students and hope that continues to happen.

The most important thing to know about me is that I value menschlekheit (being a good person) above all else. When I was growing up, every day before I left for school, my dad would tell me “zie a mensch,” be a mensch. I value the opportunity to encourage acts of menschlekheit among the Jewish people and spend time at Rockdale Temple with some of the “mensch-iest” people in Cincinnati!
Meet the Congregant: Molly Goldberg by Zack Berger, Workum Intern

Molly Goldberg was born and raised in Birmingham, Michigan, a city with a strong Jewish presence. Despite living there and attending America's largest Reform synagogue, Temple Israel, Molly felt disconnected from the community. However, Molly now embraces her Jewish roots after moving to Cincinnati and joining Rockdale Temple. This came about after many years of personal growth and incredible achievements.

High school was a difficult time for Molly. She had to attend boarding school in Kalispell, Montana after getting kicked out of her area's public schools. Afterward, Molly moved to Colorado in her pursuit of becoming a “snowboard bum.” While there, Molly’s then-boyfriend told her about Colorado Mountain College. After seeing the skateboarding ramp on her local campus, she realized she could study and practice board-sports at the same location, which piqued her interest in attending. As a student, Molly majored in Sustainability, was the Student Government President for a record five years, and became the youngest person in history elected to Amnesty International USA’s Board of Directors.

Molly and her now-fiance, Anthony, met while he and his friends were on a ski trip in Colorado. They hit it off and, after maintaining a long-distance relationship, Molly moved to his hometown of Cincinnati, Ohio three years ago. Molly grew to value the city not only for its attractions and diversity but also for its Jewish community. She loves how tight-knit its members are and that seemingly everyone knows and supports each other. This helped her feel a sense of both acceptance and religious pride that she lacked during her time in Birmingham.

Molly also found her voice in Cincinnati’s Jewish community as a social justice advocate. During High Holy Day services in 2018, she heard Rabbi Coran speak out against gun violence in her sermon. The speech left Molly “in awe” and this, along with her background in human rights work, motivated her to participate in the synagogue’s Justice Collaborative. Through this, she had the fortune of training others to use their personal experiences to tell a story and lobby for a particular position. Currently, the group is planning a day of action around a ballot initiative to end the gun show loophole.

Molly works as Cincinnati Planned Parenthood's Assistant Director of Development, taking on roles such as fundraiser and event manager. One of her current tasks is to coordinate the organization's upcoming ninetieth-anniversary gala on October 19. Previously, Molly worked for the Jewish National Fund, through which she was able to visit Israel for the first time. She especially enjoyed the northern city of Akko, in which she celebrated Ramadan with Jews and Arabs. Prior to her work with JNF, she managed political campaigns and was Yvette Simpson’s finance director for her recent mayoral campaign. Molly has also been continuing her studies at Ohio University to receive her master’s degree in public administration.
News from the Women of Rockdale

Important Calendar Dates

September 8........ 10:00AM-Noon, WoR Meeting, How We Do It - An Orientation to Making Women of Rockdale Events Happen
September 25...... WoR Night Out, at Gabby’s Cafe
October 13........... 10:00AM-Noon, WoR Meeting and presentation of “Jewish Culture in Cuba” by Dr. Heinke Lillenstein
October 24........... WoR Night Out, at NAPA Kitchen + Bar Montgomery
November 9........... 7:00PM sharp, A Bingo Bash FUN-raiser w/ Dee W. Ieye. Tickets can be purchased at bit.ly/WoRBINGO
November 17........ 10:00AM-Noon, WoR Meeting
November 21......... WoR Dinner Out, Location TBD
November 22......... Shabbat Service with Women of Rockdale Participation Followed by Community Dinner, sponsored by WoR
December 8........... Annual Chanukah Sale
December 18......... WoR Night Out, Location TBD
December 25........ Annual Day of Service at Ronald McDonald House of Greater Cincinnati

January 12, 2020.. 10:00-11:00AM, WOR Meeting

The Women of Rockdale are already at work planning and preparing an engaging year of meetings, projects and special events that reflect our goals of friendship, supporting women’s achievements, creating communities and providing for personal and spiritual growth. Currently there are more than 50 members on our 2019-20 roster. WoR membership is open to all women aged 21 and beyond.

Join us at our first membership meeting on Sunday, Sept. 8th at 10AM. We usually meet in the Board Room or the Social Hall. We will be hosting a program titled “How We Do It — An Orientation to Making Women of Rockdale Events Happen.” All are welcome.

We will be hosting “A Bingo Bash FUN-raiser with Dee W. Ieye” on Saturday evening, November 9th. The Women of Rockdale Sisterhood invites all women (21+) from our area sisterhoods to join us as we welcome back our favorite Bingo callin’ drag queen for a night of raunchy & fantastic fun! Funds raised will support our Annual Day of Service at Ronald McDonald House of Great Cincinnati. Jen Smilg and Kelly Waterman are co-chairs for this event. Get in on the Early Bird prices and purchase your tickets now at bit.ly/WoRBINGO.

Some of our other events and projects for the year will include our annual Shabbat service with WoR participation, Women’s Seder, monthly Dinners Out, and guest speakers for several programs throughout the year. We are currently working on our Judaica Shop schedule and welcome your suggestions for times to be open outside of Religious School hours. Donna Gantner is taking over the reins from Barrie Kraus, whom we thank for her years of shop management.

Finally, please know that we are committed to the Women of Reform Judaism’s ‘Embrace Your Voice’ initiative designed to enhance Reform temple women’s organizations’ efforts to tailor projects to the needs of individual members. We encourage all WoR members to offer suggestions and ideas for ways to facilitate this. Every voice is important.

The 2019-20 Leadership Board for the Women of Rockdale includes: Donna Gantner and Tracy McMullen, Co-Presidents; Carol Frankenstein, Treasurer; Leslie Joseph, Secretary; and Heinke Lillenstein, Mara Marnocha and Kelly Waterman as Members at Large. We’re happy to hear from you at anytime.

Many thanks,
Tracy McMullen
PROSECUTING EVIL:
THE EXTRAORDINARY WORLD
OF BEN FERENCZ

TUESDAY  |  SEPTEMBER 10  |  7 - 9PM  |  UNION TERMINAL
Documentary Film followed by Video Q&A with Ben Ferencz

After witnessing Nazi concentration camps shortly after liberation, Ferencz became lead prosecutor in the Einsatzgruppen case at Nuremberg, which has been called the biggest murder trial in history.

He was 27 years old and it was his first trial. Ferencz then went on to advocate for restitution for Holocaust victims and the establishment of the International Criminal Court. His fight for justice for victims of atrocity crimes continues today.

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
Film and Q&A are in Reakirt Auditorium. Participants may tour the Holocaust and Humanity Museum at no charge, 6 - 7pm

REGISTRATION REQUIRED:
holocaustandhumanity.org

INFORMATION: Sarah Schneider
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The Rockdale Temple Bene Israel Society

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.

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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.

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September 2019

Friday, September 6
5:45PM Shabbat Nosh
6:15PM Shabbat Service

Saturday, September 7
9:30AM Sichat Torah
10:30AM Service In-the-Round

Friday, September 13
5:45PM Shabbat Nosh
6:15PM Shabbat Service
6:30PM shabbatCTY (Brainstorm)
(with Artist-in-Residence, Alan Goodis)

Saturday, September 14
9:30AM Sichat Torah
9:30AM Shabbat Shal-OM Yoga
10:30AM Service In-the-Round

Friday, September 20
5:45PM Shabbat Nosh
6:15PM Rock Shabbat Service
Celebrating Birthday Blessings

Saturday, September 21
SELICHOT
9:30AM Sichat Torah
10:30AM Service In-the-Round
8:00PM Selichot Study Session
9:00PM Refreshment Break
9:30PM Selichot Candlelight Service

Friday, September 27
5:45PM Shabbat Nosh
6:15PM Shabbat Service
with Anniversary Blessings

Saturday, September 28
9:30AM Sichat Torah
10:30AM Service In-the-Round

Sunday, September 29
EREV ROSH HASHANAH
8:00PM Erev Rosh Hashanah Service
with Installation of Board of Directors

Monday, September 30
ROSH HASHANAH
9:30AM FoRT Service
10:00AM Babysitting
10:00AM Interactive Kids’ Experience
10:00AM Youth Service
10:00AM Rosh Hashanah Morning Service
11:00AM Interactive Youth Experience
12:30PM Rosh Hashanah Reception
5:00PM Tashlich Service (French Park)

October 2019

Friday, October 4
5:45PM Shabbat Nosh
6:15PM Shabbat Service

Saturday, October 5
9:30AM Sichat Torah
10:30AM Service In-the-Round

Tuesday, October 8
EREV YOM KIPPUR
8:00PM Kol Nidre Service

Wednesday, October 9
YOM KIPPUR
9:30AM FoRT Service
10:00AM Babysitting
10:00AM Interactive Kids’ Experience
10:00AM Youth Service
10:00AM Yom Kippur Morning Service
11:00AM Interactive Youth Experience
1:00PM Afternoon Discussion
3:00PM Afternoon Service
4:30PM Yizkor Service
5:15PM Neilah Service
6:00PM Break the Fast

Friday, October 11
5:45PM Shabbat Nosh
6:15PM Shabbat Service

Saturday, October 12
9:30AM Sichat Torah
10:30AM Bat Mitzvah of Julia Frankel
daughter of Ila & Randy Frankel

Sunday, October 13
EREV SUKKOT
7:00PM Erev Sukkot Service

Monday, October 14
SUkkot
10:30AM Sukkot Service
11:30AM Festival Luncheon

Friday, October 18
5:30PM FoRT Shabbat Service
5:45PM Shabbat Nosh
6:15PM Shabbat Service
with Shir Shalom Choir & Anniversary Blessings
Food Truck Shabbat Dinner in the Sukkah

Saturday, October 19
9:30AM Sichat Torah
9:30AM Shabbat Shal-OM Yoga
10:30AM Service In-the-Round

Sunday, October 20
EREV SIMCHAT TORAH
5:30PM Simchat Torah Dinner
6:30PM Erev “Rock” Simchat Torah
with Consecration

Monday, October 21
SIMCHAT TORAH
10:30AM Simchat Torah Service
11:30AM Simchat Torah Luncheon

November 2019

Friday, November 1
5:45PM Shabbat Nosh
6:15PM Shabbat Service
6:30PM shabbatCTY (The Confetti Room)

Saturday, November 2
9:30AM Sichat Torah
10:30AM Service In-the-Round

Friday, November 8
5:45PM Shabbat Nosh
6:15PM Shabbat Service

Saturday, November 9
9:30AM Sichat Torah
10:00AM FoRT Shabbat Service
10:30AM Service In-the-Round

Friday, November 15
5:45PM Shabbat Nosh
6:15PM Rock Shabbat
with 2nd & 3rd grade class participation & Birthday Blessings

Saturday, November 16
9:30AM Sichat Torah
9:30AM Shabbat Shal-OM Yoga
10:30AM Service In-the-Round

Friday, November 22
5:45PM Shabbat Nosh
6:15PM Shabbat Service
with Women of Rockdale participation, Shir Shalom Choir & Anniversary Blessings
7:15PM Community Dinner

Saturday, November 23
9:30AM Sichat Torah
10:30AM Service In-the-Round

Friday, November 29
5:45PM Shabbat Nosh
6:15PM Shabbat Service

Saturday, November 30
9:30AM Sichat Torah
10:30AM Service In-the-Round
Create a lasting legacy and enrich your community now and for years to come.

Tribute Funds Donations May 1 - July 31, 2019

Rabbi Coran’s Discretionary Fund
In Honor of Rabbi Sigma Faye Coran
Alison Auerbach

In Memory of Rhoda Jacobs
Daniel Hoffheimer

In Honor of the Marriage of Jacob Kraus & Kim Preminger
Mark Michaelson & Barbara Turner-Michaelson
Christine & Ramesh Malhotra
Scott & Sheryl Mattis
Philip T. Cohen
John Cobey & Jan Frankel
Aaron & Lauren Herzig
Edward & Andrea Herzig
Suzanne Pliskin

In Memory of Doris Vise & Melvin Schaengold
Bobbie and Perry Leitner

Rabbi Meredith Kahan’s Discretionary Fund
In Memory of Gene Wacksman
Barry & Madeline Berman

In Memory of Nina Masinovsky
Boris Masinovsky

In Memory of Honey Tessler
Robyn Collins

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In Memory of Melvin Schaengold
Minette Hoffheimer
David & Hildy Kerman

In Honor of W.E. Blair Tillett
Christine & Ramesh Malhotra

In Honor of Sally Korkin
Margie & Chuck Kessel
Edward & Andrea Herzig
Jewish Federation of Cincinnati

In Honor of Fay May
Christine & Ramesh Malhotra

In Honor of Dolores Goldfinger
Christine & Ramesh Malhotra

In Honor of Leah Schild
Edward & Andrea Herzig

In Memory of Marilyn & David Reichert
John & Ronnie Shore

In Memory of Gloria Rose Singerman
Daniel Hoffheimer

Sacred Music Fund
In Memory of David & Marilyn Reichert
Lois Ostrov & Jim Ludway
Mary Lee & Louie Sirkin
J. David & Dianne Rosenberg
Edward Wertheimer
Alfred & Anne Straus
Tribute Funds Donations May 1 - July 31, 2019

James Huey Jr., & Catherine Hamilton
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In Memory of Marilyn Reichert
Daniel Hoffheimer

Alan L. Rosenberg Memorial Fund
In Memory of Jerry Itkoff
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In Honor of Sally Korkin
Millard & Helene Mack

Jules & Elizabeth K. Oppenheimer Fund
In Honor of the Marriage of Jacob Kraus & Kim Preminger
Rabbi Sandford & Nancy Kopnick

Library Fund
In Honor of the birth of their granddaughter,
Nora Lipps
Scott & Carrie Lipps

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Call Paige Adkins
Rockdale Temple Office
513.891.9900

or make an online donation at
www.rockdaletemple.org
Click on “Donate” at the top of the screen.
Adult Education Opportunities

**Shabbat Shal-OM Morning Yoga**
*Saturday mornings at 9:30AM*
**September 14, October 19, November 16, December 14**

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.

**Talmud Lessons Every Jew Should Learn**
*Lunch and Learn*
**The Second Tuesday of Each Month at Noon**
**September 10, November 12, December 14**

*No Talmud class in October*

At Temple or via computer on Zoom Meetings

**Rabbi Sigma Faye Coran**
*(Beginners and Beyond: You need not commit to every month!)*

Join in a lively discussion that can include Jewish laws of lost and found to personalities of the ancient rabbis. We are working through a selection of Talmudic texts selected by Brandeis University as being central to Jewish life and tradition.

*Do you want to join the class from your home or office? If you have a computer with a camera or a smartphone and want to join this class online, you can join our lunch-and-learn via Zoom Meeting. Let Rabbi Coran know you will be joining in, and she will send you the email invite! RSVP to scoran@rockdaletemple.org.*

**Israel; A Multi-Vocal Approach**
*Sunday mornings at 11:00AM*
**September 22, November 24, December 8**

**Rabbinic Intern Michael Weiss**

Learn, discuss, and delve into the history and reality of the Modern State of Israel. We will have a chance to face the challenge of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, appreciating its complexity by hearing many different voices.

**Meaningful Disagreements ~ Learning in our Differences**
*Wednesday evenings at 7:00PM*
**October 23, November 20, December 4**

**Rabbi Sissy Coran**

One fact people across political divides today may still agree upon is that civil discourse between the political divides is turning less and less civil. Indeed, the sheer lack of desire to try to understand those with opposing political opinions (or political identities) and disagree constructively over critical questions is posing an existential threat to democracies around the world. In response, Pardes (a non-denominational yeshiva) has created this new initiative: *Mahloket Matters: How to Disagree Constructively – The Beit Midrash Way*. The roots of the beit midrash (Traditional House of Jewish Learning) culture may be found in the ancient rabbinic legend that tells how Moses received a Torah full of ambiguities that needed to be interpreted in contradictory ways known as the 49 vs 49. This methodology of studying text can be used to increase the desire and ability to understand and engage more constructively with conflicting political opinions today, thereby improving civil discourse.
The Women of Rockdale
invites all ladies from our local area
Sisterhoods to the return of the

Bingo Bash
FUN-raiser
with Dee W Ieye

Join us as we welcome back our favorite Bingo callin’ drag queen for a night of raunchy & fantastic fun!

Win PRIZES, enjoy some snacks, drinks, and a fabulous SILENT AUCTION! Tickets include 10 games of bingo, prizes, silent auction, hor d’oeuvres and drinks. Additional cards will be available for purchase at the event.

Seats are limited so buy your tickets now through Eventbrite by typing this link into your browser: bit.ly/WoRBINGO

Women 21 and older only

Shabbat CTY
A joyful Shabbat in Cincinnati
Friday, September 13th
Drinks & Nosh – 6:00PM
Shabbat Service – 6:30PM
Brainstorm - 815 Main Street, Downtown

*Optional dinner by Boomtown
Biscuits & Whiskey, $16 per person

Saturday, November 9
at 7 PM Sharp
Doors open at 6:30 PM
Rockdale Temple | 8501 Ridge Rd | Cincinnati, OH 45249

Tickets
Early bird $25
Purchase by October 8
General admission $35
VIP $90
Seats closest to Dee
Only 4 available

Help support the Women of Rockdale’s Annual Christmas Dinner at Ronald McDonald House.
Julia Frankel

Julia Frankel is in the seventh grade at Sycamore Junior High. She loves art, animals, volunteering, being outdoors, and playing the flute. She volunteers at Ronald McDonald House, and also plays flute for residents at a local nursing home.

During her spare time, she enjoys being with her friends, reading Manga, and playing with her three cats; Misty, Belle, and Ally.

Julia would like to thank Rabbis Coran and Kahan for their support and guidance. She would also like to thank her Hebrew tutors, Allan Weiner and Anna Meyers. Lastly, she would like to thank her parents and grandparents for their love and support.

Interfaith Hospitality Network

IHN began in 1991 with one center and the participation of eight churches and synagogues to provide support to the homeless. Since 1991, the network of IHN has grown to a mix of over 100 congregational partners representing a wide variety of faiths, with one mission in mind: provide overnight shelter and meals for homeless families in IHN’s Emergency Shelter program.

What has drawn me to volunteer and participate in fulfilling the mission of IHN is working to place an entire family together in temporary shelters. When families have temporarily fallen on hard times, IHN keeps families together. We partner with Adath Israel, Valley Temple, and Northern Hills a number of times throughout the year, for one week at a time, to provide temporary shelter and meals at Adath Israel. There are a large array of opportunities during the week, from helping provide a dinner, doing activities with the children, setting up and tearing down, overnight host, and more. Often the commitment is no more than a few hours of your time and there are openings every night of the week.

This is also a great opportunity for teens to gain volunteer hours, either for mitzvah projects or high school hours. Please consider adding your name to our list and join our Rockdale family of IHN volunteers.

Sara Frankel
Please consider naming Rockdale Temple in your will or estate plan.

Shabbat Service & Brunch with Musician-in-Residence, Alan Goodis!
Saturday, September 14
10:00AM

FOOD TRUCK SHABBAT!
October 18, 2019
Register at rockdalemeple.org
Eat in the Sukkah!
Global Climate Change: The New Hot Topic! by Joanne Gerson

Shomrei Olam will participate in three events this fall, September 8, 15, and 22, in the Jewish Community and the larger community.

Shomrei Olam, the only local, Jewish, nonprofit organization focusing on environmental issues, will be at the three events to show our concern and commitment to stemming the disaster facing our planet. Visit us to hear what we are doing and how you can become involved. Look for our booth at these events:

» Cincinnati Festival of Faiths, Sunday, September 8, from 12:30 PM to 5:00 PM at the Cintas Center (Xavier University)

» JCC Farmers Market, Sunday, September 15, from 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM in the Mayerson JCC Parking Lot

» Ish Festival, Sunday, September 22, from 10:30 AM to 4:00 PM at Washington Park

The choices we make affect all future generations. Sixteen year-old Greta Thunberg silenced a room full of global leaders at the 2019 World Economic Forum Annual Meeting with this message:

“I don’t want you to be hopeful. I want you to panic. I want you to feel the fear I feel every day. And then I want you to act. I want you to act as you would in a crisis. I want you to act as if the house was on fire – because it is. According to the IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change), we are less than 12 years away from not being able to undo our mistakes. In that time, unprecedented changes in all aspects of society need to have taken place, including reduction of our CO₂ emissions by at least 50%, What I hope is we achieve at this conference is that we realize that we are facing an existential threat. This is the biggest crisis humanity has ever faced. First we have to realize this and then as fast as possible do something to stop the emissions and try to save what we can save.”

By invitation, Greta Thunberg, the young climate activist from Sweden, is on her way to speak at the United Nations Summit Meeting on Global Warming on September 23. To get there, she will cross the Atlantic Ocean in the 60 foot, open-cockpit, racing sail boat, the Malizia II. Thunberg does not fly because air travel generates greenhouse gas emissions that are harmful to the environment. The Malizia II is outfitted with solar panels and underwater turbines to generate electricity. The boat, built for speed, not comfort, will take approximately two weeks to cross the Atlantic and will use no fossil fuels.

In August 2018, Thunberg began protesting by skipping school every day for three weeks during school hours and sitting outside the Swedish Parliament with her handmade sign, “School Strike for the Climate.” She demanded that Swedish government reduce carbon emission in accordance with the Paris Agreement. Her school strike for the climate attracted immediate attention worldwide with more than 88,000 viewers on Facebook and Instagram. In response, school strikes spread around the world with school children walking out of school on Fridays as the movement “Friday’s for the Future” strengthened.

By December 2018, more than 22,000 children held Friday school strikes in 270 cities. On March 15, 2019, an estimated 1.4 million students from 123 countries attended school strikes, including in over 100 U.S. cities as organized by three school girls, Alexandria Villasenor, Haven Coleman, and Isra Hirse. In Tel Aviv, hundreds of students gathered to protest what they say is the Israeli government’s failure to cut emissions and switch to renewable energy sources. “We fear that drought and extreme weather conditions will destroy our economy because when temperature rises the need for water will increase and also the lack (of) water multiplies. Low income families will struggle to pay for water,” said Michael Backlund, one of Israel’s strike’s main student organizers (CNN).

An even larger protest took place on May 24, when young people in 2,069 cities from 125 countries went on strike to draw attention to the climate crisis. In May, 2019, members of the Norwegian Parliament nominated Greta Thunberg for the Nobel Peace Prize. Read a collection of Greta Thunberg speeches in the recently published book, No One is Too Small to Make a Difference. Watch her speeches on-line at the COP24 United Nations Climate Change Summit and on Ted Talks.
The rising CO$_2$, now at 415 ppm, is one measurement of the planet’s declining health. Another measurement is Earth Overshoot Day. Monday, July 29, was Earth Overshoot Day; the day this year’s use of the Earth’s resources exceeded what the Earth can regenerate in one year. For the rest of this year, people around the world will draw down the planet’s resource stocks and accumulate more carbon dioxide in the atmosphere than the planet can absorb. The costs of our consumption and ecological overspending are becoming increasingly evident: melting glaciers, rising sea level, soil erosion, biodiversity loss through species extinctions, forest lost from wild fires and clearing for crop land, and the buildup of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere leading to climate change and more frequent extreme weather events.

Societies are using resources 1.75 times faster than the planet’s ecosystems can regenerate. To draw attention to this crisis, the young people’s movement, “Fridays for the Future” is organizing worldwide protest and actions to take place September 20 through the 27. They are asking adults to join them.

Visit Shomrei Olam’s booth on September 8, 15, and 22. Let’s talk about what each of us can do. We must work together for the benefit of future generations. If not us, then who? If not now, then when?

There are many things we can do to help the planet - like plant trees and wild flowers, as was done on the hillside by the environmental committee. Stop by to look at the beautiful wild flowers and milkweed plants.

Pictured are Bob Ingberg, Beth Franks, Mike Heldman and Joanne Gerson. Not pictured, Aaron Guldenschuh.
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

High Holy Days Volunteer Opportunity

The High Holy Days are fast approaching, and we are looking for Greeters to help welcome members and guests into our community at High Holy Day services. Greeters set the tone for the whole holiday experience - your smile and warmth could be the push that turns a shy guest into a prospective member, or a prospective member into a familiar member of our community. Greeters will also have access to the best parking spots and a name tag. Greeters are needed for the following services:

* Erev Rosh Hashanah
  (Sunday, September 29, Evening - arrive at 7:00PM)
* Rosh Hashanah
  (Monday, September 30, Morning - arrive at 9:00AM)
* Kol Nidre
  (Tuesday, October 8, Evening - arrive at 7:00PM)
* Yom Kippur
  (Wednesday, October 9, Morning - arrive at 9:00AM)
* Yom Kippur - Yizkor Service
  (October 9, Afternoon - arrive at 3:45PM)

Please sign up for at least one service or as many as you’d like. We need lots of people to flank that extra-long hallway. We ask that you remain at your post for a full 15 minutes past the start of the service so the late-comers feel welcome too. Please contact Chris Malhotra to let us know what days you’d like to greet - chrismalhotra@aol.com.

Jewish Cemeteries of Greater Cincinnati and Rockdale Temple

Lecture Series 5779

7PM  •  ROCKDALE TEMPLE
SEPTEMBER 12, 2019
Art History and Jewish Iconography of Tombstones

OTHER VENUES

OTHER EXCITING JCGC EVENTS

October 26, 2018  •  10:30AM
JCGC Hosting Cemetery Visits at Several Local Cemeteries

October 28, 2018  •  11:00AM
Memorial Garden Dedication for Bill Riegel and Tour with Rabbi Gary Zola at JCGC’s Walnut Hills Cemetery

For more information visit jcemcinc.org
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.

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**ROCKDALE TEMPLE TRIBUTE FORM**

Name: ____________________________________________

Address:____________________________________________

City, State, Zip:_____________________________________

Phone:_____________________________________________

Please make a contribution to the following fund:

☐ $18.00 Contribution  ☐ $36.00 Contribution
☐ Other, please specify:______________________________

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

☐ Check Enclosed  ☐ Visa  ☐ Mastercard  ☐ AmEx

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Speedy Recovery of __________________________________

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

In Appreciation of _________________________________

In Memory of _________________________________

Speedy Recovery of ________________________________

Please send acknowledgment to:

Name_____________________________________

Address______________________________________

City, State, Zip_______________________________

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Please consider naming Rockdale Temple in your will or estate plan.
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

Kroger Community Rewards Program

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.

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:
November 24, 2019

The Literacy Network of Greater Cincinnati is Seeking Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to help run our Judaica Shop. If you are interested and able to help, please contact rockdalesisterhood@gmail.com

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.

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
Birthdays

**Adults of September**
- 2- Miriam Richman
- 3- Cathy Heldman
- 6- Micah Kraus
- 8- Adrienne Davidson
- 8- Sonya Oppenheimer
- 11- Ophra Weisberg
- 12- Robert Ingberg
- 16- Kathryn Wolf
- 16- Michael Zwick
- 18- Libby Fleischer
- 20- Jeffrey Covel
- 21- Meg Ackermann
- 21- Mark Lillenstein
- 22- Sandra Rubin
- 22- Robert Stein
- 23- Nancy Rosenthal
- 26- Eleanor Shott
- 30- Sonia Strauss
- 30- Asher Weinstein

**Adults of October**
- 1- Sara Goldberg
- 4- Lilly Narusevich
- 6- Judi Rosensweet
- 7- Joseph Hirschhorn
- 7- Morton Zeff
- 7- Jena Rosenson
- 10- Nathan Frohman
- 7- Molly Grossman
- 10- Ronald Rose
- 14- Gregory Rivin
- 15- Rosemary Bloom
- 15- Owen Heldman
- 20- Edward Wertheimer III
- 21- Jennifer Shaftel
- 22- Alana Levy
- 22- Noah Smilg
- 25- Ruth Kaufman
- 25- Leanne Golden
- 25- Zachary Berger

**Adults of November**
- 1- Maia Davidson
- 2- Bert Rosenberg
- 2- Maurice Dick
- 7- Johnny Jones
- 11- Lauren Jones
- 15- Doris Kramer
- 15- Michael Meyer
- 17- Shira Revelson
- 21- Tom Drake
- 25- Renee Frankel
- 25- Aaron Heldman
- 26- Rita Newman
- 26- Peter Bonyhati
- 29- Stella Swiatek

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

**Children of September**
- 3- Melanie Kraus
- 3- Cameron Sheldon
- 14- Sophia Checroun
- 16- Miriam Kravitz
- 16- Isabelle Bankin
- 17- Elias von Thomsen
- 17- Margo Kane
- 20- Sophia Shapiro
- 25- Samuel Burstein
- 29- C Magnus Knudsen
- 30- Zoe Lipstein

**Children of October**
- 1- Loralie Brady
- 6- Julia Frankel
- 21- Blake Rosensweet
- 22- Ariela Kurtzer
- 28- Eve Baker

**Children of November**
- 1- Vada Reiss
- 2- Eden Kraus
- 7- Marley Perlman
- 8- Caitlin Barilla
- 11- Ethan Putz
- 14- Sadie Putz
- 19- Lila Herzog
- 19- Emma Herzog
- 24- Naomi Miller
- 24- Gideon Brady
- 30- Max Bankin

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

Anniversaries

**September**
- 2- Scott & Sherri Slovin, 40th
- 10- Robert & Sophia Bass, 52nd

**October**
- 11- Gerald & Nancy Schwartz, 61st
- 16- Roy & Margaret White, 10th
- 23- Jeffrey & Corrine Covel, 25th

**November**
- 30- Samuel & Maxine Potter, 51st
- 30- Jack & Mary-Bob Rubenstein, 51st
- 28- Rabbi Meredith Kahan & Sean Flowers, 10th

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

**FOOD TRUCK SUKKOT SHABBAT!**

**FRIDAY**
**OCTOBER 18, 5:30 PM**

Join us to celebrate Shabbat during Sukkot with our FORT friends! After services, purchase dinner from the food trucks onsite and eat together in our Rockdale sukkah!

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**Rockdale Temple**

**Selichot**

Saturday, September 21, 2019

8:00 PM
Study Session & Discussion

Using the guidance and insight of Rabbi Debra Robbins’ new book, *Opening Your Heart with Psalm 21: A Spiritual Practice for the Jewish New Year,* as well as a profound musical selection, we will join in a journey of learning and reflection.

9:00 PM
Refreshments

9:30 PM
Candlelight Service
and changing of our Torah covers

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**Parents’**

**FORT NIGHT OUT**

5:30 PM - 9:00 PM

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Mill Creek Greenway Trail Clean up

Sunday morning October 20

~ join Shomrei Olam - Jewish Environmental Advocates of Cincinnati and the Jewish Community to clear brush and plant trees on this scenic trail for The Mill Creek Alliance

~ after party at Northside Yacht Club

click for information and sign-up

Condolences to the Friends and Family of:

Leon D. Sabath, beloved father of Rabbi Rachel Sabath Beit-Halachmi
Eugene Wacksman, beloved member of Rockdale Temple
Lauren E. Dobrin, beloved sister of Lisa Marcus

May their memories be for a blessing.
Please consider naming Rockdale Temple in your will or estate plan.

SHABBAT SHAL-OM YOGA

September 14, October 19, November 16, & December 14

9:30 AM

Classes are suitable for both beginners and experienced practitioners. Everyone is welcome. During the classes, Lori Reidel, an experienced yoga instructor, will give practical instruction as we flow through our sequences with intention, braiding postures together that will open, stretch, and restore your body.

BENEFITS OF YOGA

- Increased flexibility
- Increased muscle strength & tone
- Protection from injury
- Improved respiration, energy, & Vitality
- Lessen chronic pain

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