High Holy Days with Rockdale Temple!

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Announcing Rockdale Temple’s 200th Anniversary Logo Contest!

In 2024, Rockdale Temple will celebrate its 200th anniversary! The Development Committee is hard at work planning a full year of events and activities to commemorate this momentous occasion...and you can be a part of it!

We’re officially launching Rockdale’s 200th anniversary Logo Contest, so break out your colored pencils and markers and dust off your paint brushes. Participants are required to submit a visual image.

Please email your submission to Patty Kaufman by in JPEG format to: pkaufman@rockdaletemple.org

The two winners will each receive a $50 gift card to Plaza Art Materials & Picture Framing!

PLUS: Not only will the winning logos appear on all the 200th anniversary promotional materials, but an article announcing the winners will be submitted to The American Israelite for publication and a banner with the logos will be proudly displayed for all to see!

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

SHABBAT SHAL-OM YOGA

October 17, 1:00PM
November 21, 1:00PM via Zoom

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

LORI REIDEL, INSTRUCTOR

ROCKDALE TEMPLE
8501 Ridge Road, 45236

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Canis Hill Challahs
By Rebecca Garfinkle

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10% of High Holiday challah sales will be donated to the Rabbi Coran Memorial Fund

To place your order online, please visit canis-hill.square.site
For other arrangements/orders, please contact Rebecca by email: canishill@gmail.com
or by phone: (859)496-7149
The New Year 5781

Dear Rockdale Temple Family,

The High Holy Days at Rockdale Temple are a time of introspection and spirituality, tradition and community. Every year, we look forward to meaningful services full of awe-inspiring music and inspirational prayers and learning. We await those special greetings of old friends and relish feeling part of a sacred and historic congregation. We anticipate unique study opportunities and the chance to do the holy work of cheshbon hanefesh, accounting of our souls.

The Days of Awe usually bring a comforting familiarity – our greeters down the long JCC hallway, the music of our quartet and pianist, the feel of the machzor (prayerbook) in our hands, the spotting of friends across the room, the presence of your rabbis on the bima. We're all aware that Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur will be different this year. We have sustained so much loss as a congregation these past five months, most notably the death of our beloved Rabbi Coran. What we experience as we begin 5781 will undoubtedly be different and perhaps come with feelings of grief and discomfort. Still, we will enter a New Year together, as a Kehal Kodesh, a holy congregation.

I recently read an article about the experiences of college freshmen who are beginning their university experiences this year. The author noted that of the students interviewed, every single one lamented that their orientations focused heavily on all the things they could not do, all the typical events they would be missing, all that was abnormal about the coming year. The students understood these truths and yet nobody focused on what they could do, what new and special opportunities were now possible, all that would be normal about college life. They were disappointed that the leaderships of their institutions could only see what would not be. They came to college full of excitement, hope, and possibility, even in these strange times – and all the focus was on the negative.

What is true for these students is also true for us – the High Holy Days, our first semester of Kehal Kodesh Religious School, our ongoing Rockdale programs, groups, and activities – will not be the same. But they will still occur, with so much the same and familiar. They will bring new and special opportunities. They will be meaningful, inspirational, and holy – made all the more so because we will have found ways to be together, in safety and health.

I hope you've seen our congregation's plans for the High Holy Days and are looking forward to welcoming the New Year and observing these Days of Awe with your Rockdale Family. Rockdale's High Holy Day 5781 experience has been created with strong support from our leadership and input from a High Holy Day working team made up of a diverse group of congregants; this has allowed us to understand the needs, desires, and goals of our larger congregation. Please review the schedule, read about our opportunities for Preparing Our Hearts and Homes, and contact your Rockdale staff or leadership with any questions or concerns. This will not be the same High Holy Day season we all look forward to each year, but we are grateful to be able to observe the coming Days of Awe together online as a holy community, trusting that this too shall pass.

For more than five months, our sacred community has gathered in virtual spaces, supported one another with phone calls and porch drop-offs, and found creative ways to stay connected. Shabbat services and adult education have been constant throughout. Our affinity groups and auxiliaries have sponsored online events, classes, and schmoozes.
Our religious school moved successfully online in the spring and has already begun a new year - complete with a car parade! Together, we have met the challenges of a difficult 2020, and I trust that we will see our way to 5781 as a holy congregation.

I look forward to seeing my Rockdale family on Rosh HaShanah. Sean, Seth, and Becca join me in sending you heartfelt prayers for a Shanah Tovah u’Metukah – a Good and Sweet New Year!

Rabbi Meredith Kahan
*Acting Senior Rabbi*

**Selichot**

**Saturday, September 12**

8:00PM Selichot Study
with Rabbi Shena Jaffee via Zoom
Followed by virtual dessert reception

9:30PM Candlelit Selichot Service
with Rabbi Meredith Kahan
streaming at
[rockdaletemple.org/highholydays](http://rockdaletemple.org/highholydays)

**Mazel Tov!**

- To Sarah Lohse on the June 25th birth of her son, Harry Lohse, V.
- To Rabbi Sam & Jason Schapera on the July 28th birth of their daughter, Miriam Yael.
- To Barb & Mike Reed on the birth their grandson, Wilder Lewis.
- To Jackie & Adam Baker on the September 1st birth of their daughter, June Miriam.

*If you would like to contribute moments of congratulations, please send a request to Patty Kaufman, pkaufman@rockdaletemple.org.*
Shalom Rockdale Temple Family,

It is a joy to be joining the Rockdale community as your Rabbi in Residence for 5781! My husband, Brian and I, and our daughters Maya and Noa, have been members of Rockdale Temple for many years, but the chance to serve our community in this way is truly an honor. You have welcomed me to this role with open arms. Is it possible to feel a virtual hug from an entire congregation?

Rabbi Coran, z”l was a dear friend and personal mentor. From the way she ‘rabbied’ – seeming to have all the time in the world for each congregant, to the way she parented, Rabbi Coran was inspiration and support to me. I only hope that in partnership with Rabbi Kahan, I can be a noble carrier of Rabbi Coran’s legacy.

We are encountering our first High Holy Days where the option to gather in person does not exist (except for one beautiful, drive-in Shofar service). So how in the world do we make this holiday season feel, well, like the holidays? These days are supposed to be the pinnacle of the Jewish calendar when our hearts open, and we grapple with the timeless acts of personal assessment and re-centering. This self-reflection is called “Cheshbon Nefesh” literally, an accounting of the soul.

We are now in the month BEFORE Rosh Hashanah – Elul. Jewish wisdom teaches that Elul is a sacred time. It is a Sephardic tradition that during Elul, people awake before dawn to gather and hear one long blast of the ancient ram’s horn, the shofar. Every. Single. Day. It is this piercing, ancient cry of the shofar, that is supposed to awaken our hearts.

What can we do, here in Cincinnati, to awaken our hearts? In her book, “My Jewish Year,” noted author Abigail Pogebriń documented her journey of living a year of her life observing the most important holidays of the Jewish calendar. In anticipation of the High Holy Days, when she couldn’t find a nearby pre-dawn shofar service, she did purchase her own shofar on Amazon. Much to her teenage children’s regret, every morning before the sun rose, Pogebriń padded into the kitchen and sounded one long shofar blast. The first time she successfully sounded the shofar, she recalled, “To my shock, out comes a blast. It’s not pretty but it’s hardy. I keep…thinking how bizarre this is, and at the same time, how visceral. The sound of the shofar is Judaism to me: raw, rousing, plaintive, adamant.”

Rousing. Plaintive. Adamant. We can use this time before Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur to remember what in ourselves is raw, rouses us, and adamantly pushes us to be better. I am not suggesting we sound a shofar in our homes every day until Rosh Hashanah, but we can take time to find that vulnerable place in ourselves.

This most unusual year has been filled with disappointments, loss, and grief. God-willing, we have also been blessed with unexpected joys and pleasant surprises. For all its pain, this era may also have had a distilling effect. We have had to discern what is essential. What is worth taking risks for? What can we let go of?

I urge you to find your own, unique path to prepare for these Holy Days. Let’s remind ourselves, we will be together, as a community. It will look and feel different than past years, but we can also find the familiar. I so look forward to praying together, schmoozing together and just being together. Even as we are physically distant, our hearts will be near one another.

Brian, Maya, Noa and I send our wishes for a sweet, meaningful and healthy 5781.

L’shana tovah,

Rabbi Shena Jaffee
Rabbi in Residence

Rabbi in Residence
As the High Holy Days approach, we pass through the month of Elul, a time for reflection on the past and preparation for the future. I am confident we can all agree that the year coming to a close, 5780, has provided us with much to reflect upon, and much to prepare for, as we look ahead to 5781.

Since joining Rockdale Temple as your Executive Director in May, I have seen our community face phenomenal change. Change doesn’t arrive alone; it travels with loss and it leads us to the future. As a community we have mourned many losses over the past months. With the rest of the world we have mourned the loss of “regular” life as we embraced the necessity of social distancing with the COVID-19 pandemic. Much more personally, we have mourned the communal loss of our own beloved Senior Rabbi Sissy Coran, of blessed memory, z”l.

It is difficult to think of another time that has been so tumultuous. So, for me the question is, how do we handle this tumult? At Rockdale the answer is obvious. We handle it like the warm and loving family that we are. We grieve our losses together and as we look up from our grief, we help each other to look forward, together, to the future.

The year 5781 will be one of planned transition, helping us to move forward together. I am very excited to work with all the members of our community with John Cobey as our President and our talented Board of Directors leading the way.

As a team, we have worked hard this summer to have the Rabbinic and Educational leadership in place so that we can thrive during this transitional year. Rabbi Meredith Kahan continues to lead us as our Acting Senior Rabbi and she is joined by our Rabbi in Residence for 5781, Shena Potter Jaffee. Right now our amazing Rabbinic team is preparing for a High Holy Day season like no other – with creative and engaging virtual services plus some surprises that I don’t want to spoil! Our Religious School, Kehal Kodesh, is ramping up for an exciting year with the guidance of our Director of Education, Nina Loftspring. Nina is working with our teachers and staff to plan for multiple teaching modalities and the possibility of moving back and forth among them as the year, and the pandemic, evolves.

So, 5781, we are looking forward to meeting you and embracing our future. We are the congregation that started Jewish life west of the Alleghenies in 1824, and we are the congregation that continues to create a vibrant Jewish future with faith, creativity, and generosity. Even during a transitional year in the middle of a pandemic, we will continue to thrive and grow as we reinvent Jewish space, Jewish engagement, and move forward together.

Laura Wright
Executive Director
As we approach the fall of a new year, we have time to reflect on where we have been and where we hope to go.

It seemed last Rosh HaShanah was going to herald a great year. Volunteers were out in our community helping others. Our Senior Rabbi seemed healthy and at a sermon spoke of vulnerability when it appeared to many of us that nothing could go wrong.

But things changed. As I write this in July we see that the prior seven years of prosperity were stopped cold in their tracks. Our prosperity was stopped by disease, which put our economy and mental and physical health to the test. Our Senior Rabbi Sissy Coran, who was so instrumental in our lives, untimely passed away before she could finish all her life’s goals for her family and congregation. There was further death of our elder leaders. In essence, the rug was pulled out from under us. Yet we have survived and will survive and live.

When the Spring of 2020 suddenly became the beginning of a cruelest of times, we had to make abrupt changes. The congregation had to meet challenges of changes of leadership in the Board of Directors, Rabbis, Director of Education. Rockdale had to be there for personal events: some pleasurable life cycle events, as well as tragedy, sickness, and even death. The financial situation gyrated as there are those who are unemployed and ill. We have had to decide on dramatic changes in our religious services, like how do we observe the High Holy Days virtually.

Rabbi Kahan, with optimism and determination, stood up and gracefully handled our congregation’s life cycle events and leading virtual services. With the help of our newly appointed Executive Director Laura Wright and countless volunteers, we are tackling problems one by one. Our new Director of Education, Nina Loftspring and our teachers have created a fantastic year for our kids. And the successes go on in spite of the challenges.

What can all of us do as a congregation and as individuals as we approach the High Holy Days and wonder about our inclusion in the Book of Life?. Will we ever get back to “normal”? If not, what is the new “normal”? We must realize that life does not just mean we are physically living and going to work. Life means that we have the full meaning of happiness, experiential joy, and yes, sadness. Life means so many things, like helping those who need it the most as well as those who need friendly and warm support in time of need.

What then can we ask you, the Congregation, to do so we can continue to meet the challenges?

Now is the time to ask not what the Temple can do for you, but what can you do for our members who are going through trying and challenging times. How do we help those who need us but cannot pay the dues; or those who need to laugh and celebrate or on the other hand mourn with friends, but are in isolation? How do we help those who have been supportive of our Temple in the past, but may have lost their jobs and have trouble paying for dues, let alone food and shelter?
Think of it this way. The Ark of the Covenant had front and back handles for individuals to carry in the wilderness. But what happened if one of the people carrying the Ark became ill or grew unable to carry the ark? Another stepped in. We ask you to consider this and contribute your time and financial resources to help our congregation weather the storms.

John G. Cobey
President

Welcome to Our New Rabbinic Intern
Sam Schauvaney!

Sam Schauvaney is a fifth year rabbinical student from St. Paul, Minnesota. She graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 2016 with a degree in Human Development and Family Studies. Sam has served pulpits in New Iberia, Louisiana, and Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Sam has taught in our Kehal Kodesh school for many years and also serves as our Club 456 advisor. In her free time Sam enjoys reading, sewing, and spending time with her cats.
I would like nothing more than to be with our students and families in the Rockdale Temple building this fall. However, given the realities of COVID-19, it will not be safe, inclusive, or logistically possibly to meet in-person. This decision was guided by our core Jewish values of kehillah, community, and pikuach nefesh, saving human life. We have therefore developed an exciting, virtual program to meet the needs of our community during this difficult time. Our Fall 2020 Kehal Kodesh School program is designed to offer your family comfort, community, and flexibility, all while maintaining the standard of excellence you’ve come to expect. Our online, interactive lessons will encourage social connection, fun, and Jewish learning.

This year, our school will be using ShalomLearning's values-based curricula for PreK-6th grade classes. This award-winning program was developed by a team of Jewish and secular educators and curriculum developers. Our school is among 120 partner congregations making Jewish education more engaging and relevant for our students. The ShalomLearning values-based curriculum explores seven Jewish values and their relevance in our everyday lives. Students will learn to use Jewish culture, holidays, text, history, and traditions to make responsible decisions and build positive relationships. Learning together in a virtual classroom, students will see and interact with each other in a real-time, teacher-led class. By being able to log in from home (or anywhere), students understand that learning and Judaism happens everywhere, not just at Religious School. For more information about ShalomLearning, visit www.shalomlearning.org. If you have questions about how our school is implementing the program, please reach out! We look forward to a wonderful new school year and a productive partnership with ShalomLearning.

Throughout the Fall, Kehal Kodesh will enjoy schoolwide family projects known as RockBoxes. Each RockBox is an opportunity for you to take a break from screens, use your hands, engage your senses, and connect with loved ones. While developed with minimal at-home adult responsibility for learning in-mind, resources are offered to encourage informal family conversations and interaction.

RockBoxes will supplement student learning and will either connect back to the students’ classroom lessons or focus on upcoming Jewish holidays. All supplies for projects will be available within the RockBox.

Please visit the Kehal Kodesh School page on the Rockdale Temple website to explore our program for Fall 2020. If you have any questions or concerns, please be in touch.

Our Kehal Kodesh faculty wishes everyone a Happy New Year 5781!
What does God require of us in this moment?

Two years ago, Rabbi Coran, z”l asked us to strengthen our community and abide by Deuteronomy 16:20: “justice, justice you shall pursue.” Through her direction, we did a broad listening campaign, and on Yom Kippur 2018, the congregation voted to focus on gun safety. We then partnered with Ohioans for Gun Safety to get universal background checks for gun purchases on the ballot. Through February 2020, we attended and organized events, and contributed 1,200 signatures to the initiative.

Then, the pandemic; the deep loss of our teacher, rabbi, and friend; and the murder of George Floyd.

Obviously, we can’t be out collecting signatures. But, we committed to the congregation and to Rabbi Coran, and we will follow through. For now, we encourage the community to follow and share information from Ohioans for Gun Safety. We also must respond to the issue of the moment. Our listening campaign indicated our passion for fighting discrimination. The issues of gun violence and discrimination are linked by a culture of violence. Working on one raises the other. And most importantly, it is a Jewish value to be present in the moment we’re in (“Hineini”).

But how can we possibly respond to this moment without Rabbi Coran? Our Rockdale President, John Cobey, answers: to honor her memory is not just to implement the vision she had for us, but to expand it. So, what is required of us? Our prophet Micah teaches: “What does God require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God.”

To do justice, we will leverage individual gifts by identifying and connecting Rockdale members with similar interests into groups, with each group having a goal they can report back to the congregation. If there is a concern that this could lead to too many activities, consider the words of Rev. Dr. William Barber II: “The worst mistake we could make now... would be to demand too little.”

Across society, we haven’t been great about lovingkindness - listening and acknowledging where each of us is on our personal journey of learning. But if we cannot balance understanding and accountability within our own community, then where can we? We are in a position to do this work because of our teacher, rabbi, and friend, Rabbi Kahan. She knows this congregation and it is with her leadership that we can meet this moment in lovingkindness.

Walking humbly means doing the work to understand racism and our part in it. We will bring in speakers to teach us about discrimination. And when partnering, we must follow leaders in the Black community.

We are understandably overwhelmed, and a rational response is to focus on oneself. Rabbi Kahan taught us the important balance from Rabbi Hillel: “If I am not for myself, who will be for me? But if I am only for myself, what am I? If not now, when?”
# Rockdale Temple

## High Holy Days Schedule 5781

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## Shofar Soundings Fall 5781

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**Yom Kippur**

**Monday, September 28**

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**Liturgical Calendar**

### September

**Friday, September 4**  
6:15PM Shabbat Service, Website & Facebook

**Saturday, September 5**  
9:30AM Sichat Torah, Zoom  
10:30AM Shabbat Morning Service, Zoom

**Friday, September 11**  
6:15PM Shabbat Service, Website & Facebook

**Saturday, September 12**  
**Selichot**  
9:30AM Sichat Torah, Zoom  
10:30AM Shabbat Morning Service, Zoom  
8:00PM Selichot Study, Zoom  
9:30PM Candlelit Selichot Service, Website

**Friday, September 18**  
**Erev Rosh HaShanah**  
7:30PM Pre-service Schmooze, Zoom  
8:00PM Erev Rosh HaShanah Service, Streaming at rockdaletemple.org/highholydays

**Saturday, September 19**  
**Rosh HaShanah**  
9:30AM FoRT Service, Zoom  
10:00AM Youth Activity & Service, Zoom  
10:00AM Rosh HaShanah Morning Service, Streaming at rockdaletemple.org/highholydays  
*A virtual Rosh HaShanah reception will be held on Zoom at the conclusion of the morning service*  
4:00PM Shofar Service, Rockdale Temple Parking Lot

**Friday, September 25**  
6:15PM Shabbat Service, Website & Facebook

**Saturday, September 26**  
9:30AM Sichat Torah, Zoom  
10:30AM Shabbat Morning Service, Zoom

**Friday, September 27**  
**Erev Yom Kippur**  
7:30PM Pre-service Schmooze, Zoom  
8:00PM Kol Nidre Service, Streaming at rockdaletemple.org/highholydays

**Saturday, September 28**  
**Yom Kippur**  
9:30AM FoRT Service followed by Activity, Zoom  
10:00AM Youth Activity & Service, Zoom  
10:00AM Yom Kippur Morning Service, Streaming at rockdaletemple.org/highholydays  
*A virtual congregational schmooze will be held on Zoom at the conclusion of the morning service*  
12:00PM Music & Meditation, Streaming at rockdaletemple.org/highholydays  
1:00PM Healing Service followed by choice of facilitated conversation or Shal-OM Yoga, Zoom  
2:30PM Reading of the Book of Jonah and Study Breakouts, Zoom  
4:00PM Teen Conversation on Loss & Grief (7th-12th Graders), Zoom  
4:00PM Yikzor Memorial Service, Streaming at rockdaletemple.org/highholydays  
4:30PM Jonah & the Whale (4th-6th Graders), Zoom  
5:15PM Neilah Service, Zoom  
*A virtual Break-the-Fast will follow Neilah on Zoom*

**October**

**Friday, October 2**  
**Erev Sukkot**  
6:15PM Shabbat & Festival Service, Website & Facebook

**Saturday, October 3**  
**Sukkot**  
9:30AM Sichat Torah, Zoom  
10:30AM Shabbat & Festival Service, Zoom

**Friday, October 9**  
**Erev Simchat Torah**  
6:15PM Shabbat & Simchat Torah Service, Live on Zoom & Facebook

**Saturday, October 10**  
**Simchat Torah**  
9:30AM Sichat Torah, Zoom  
10:30AM Shabbat & Festival Service, Zoom

**Friday, October 16**  
6:15PM Shabbat Service, Website & Facebook

**Saturday, October 17**  
9:30AM Sichat Torah, Zoom  
10:30AM Shabbat Morning Service, Zoom  
1:00PM Shabbat Shal-OM Yoga, Zoom

**Friday, October 23**  
6:15PM Shabbat Service, Website & Facebook

**Saturday, October 24**  
9:30AM Sichat Torah, Zoom  
10:00AM FoRT Shabbat Service, Zoom  
10:30AM Shabbat Morning Service, Zoom

**Friday, October 30**  
6:15PM Shabbat Service, Website & Facebook

**Saturday, October 31**  
9:30AM Sichat Torah, Zoom  
10:30AM Shabbat Morning Service, Zoom

### November

**Friday, November 6**  
6:15PM Shabbat Service, Website & Facebook

**Saturday, November 7**  
9:30AM Sichat Torah, Zoom  
10:30AM Shabbat Morning Service, Zoom

**Friday, November 13**  
6:15PM Shabbat Service, Website & Facebook

**Saturday, November 14**  
9:30AM Sichat Torah, Zoom  
10:30AM Shabbat Morning Service, Zoom

**Friday, November 20**  
6:15PM Shabbat Service, Website & Facebook

**Saturday, November 21**  
9:30AM Sichat Torah, Zoom  
10:30AM Shabbat Morning Service, Zoom  
1:00PM Shabbat Shal-OM Yoga, Zoom

**Friday, November 27**  
6:15PM Shabbat Service, Website & Facebook
Weekly Shabbat Services  
Friday Evenings, 6:15PM  
Saturday Mornings, study at 9:30AM, services at 10:30AM

Topics in Jewish Art with Abby Schwartz  
A special series on the art of the Skirball Museum  
Wednesdays, October 7, 14, & 21, 7:00PM

Coffee Chat with Laura Wright  
Casual conversation for adults. Bring your coffee & breakfast!  
Most Wednesdays, 9:30AM

Member Schmooze  
Casual conversation for Rockdale members  
Many Thursday evenings, 8:00PM

Women of Rockdale Sip & Schmoozes  
Fun conversation with the Sisterhood  
Wednesday, September 30, 7:00PM  
Wednesday, October 28, 7:30PM

Justice Collaborative  
Monday, September 14, 8:00PM  
“I am Not Your Negro” Movie Conversation  
Sunday, October 11, 8:00PM  
“How to be an Antiracist” Book Discussion
Kehal Kodesh School Car Parade, August 30, 2020
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.

Doris* & Stuart* Berman
Max Joseph Bleich
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Matthew* & Jean Chimsky
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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.

*Of Blessed Memory
Library Update

A handful of years ago it was suggested to me that Rockdale should begin a new book group, after a hiatus of some years. People who wished to join in would suggest, choose, read and then discuss Jewish books they thought sounded interesting. Six months later, our initial group included about ten individuals. We decided to alternate reading non-fiction and fiction books, always with some Jewish connection, usually both the author and aspects of the content.

For a brief time our evening discussion get-togethers up in the Library featured snacks and cold drinks, but quickly we streamlined it to feeling good about just getting together to discuss our books. Some of us read via bought books or copies in our Library, but most of us relied on the public library’s real and e-reader books. We gave ourselves between six and eight weeks to get finished. In long-standing book group tradition, many of us would find ourselves reading desperately to get finished before our scheduled discussion date. But even if our members didn’t finish, or sometimes if they didn’t even get around to reading the book at all, we always enjoyed our discussion hour, usually on a Tuesday night. We usually had between five and twelve participants.

Then life happened for many of us, and attendance began to drop. Some non-members who had come for a year or so found that their prior book group took up all their time. Some gave their reading time over to a community project. Some got pulled away by the needs of aging parents, or illness, or family challenges. And all of us have gradually been worn down by the vicissitudes of our national political life. This spring, COVID-19 made meeting in person impossible, although our last two “meetings” had only had three people attend (including me). The death of our beloved Rabbi Coran, of blessed memory, feels to me like it has delivered the final blow to Rockdale Book Group.

What do YOU think? Should we as a congregational family give up on reading a chosen book several times a year and sharing spirited conversation about it, via Zoom for the foreseeable future? Is it too much to cram into our lives, to read a substantial book in five-seven weeks? Do we only read books that help us escape our present reality into a cooler, nicer or alternate world—of the romantic past, of murder mystery or of fantasy? Maybe it’s enough to read just one or two books a year? Or let some read only novels and others read only non-fiction? Should we simply set dates and times when we’ll gather via Zoom and share what we’ve each been reading separately?

I don’t know a right answer. There are no rules for people who love to read books and talk with others about it. We could make up whatever rules we want, IF we’d really like to reconstitute a book group at Rockdale. Over the years with our past group, I know I read books that I will never forget, ones that added to my Jewish identity and changed my understanding of the world. I know this: Whether or not there is a Rockdale Book Group, I’m still going to read. I’d be good with reading along with others at least some of the time. Would you?

I am putting this question out for everyone to consider. If you’d like to join a Zoom meeting at some convenient time this Fall, please drop me a note via email. I will compile a list and send out an invitation to everyone. We’ll meet, toss around ideas and see whether we can come up with a Rockdale Book Group, 2020 Edition.

Karen Zanger
Volunteer Librarian
NEW EMAIL:  karenszanger@gmail.com
I think about why I decided to participate in Create Your Jewish Legacy. I am not from Cincinnati, I am not a lifer, I am married to a man who was raised Catholic, and is not Jewish, and I have been a member of Temple for the past 8 years. In this very short span of time, Rockdale has become my home and my family.

I think about the way I feel when I walk in the door. I feel like I am home and I belong. EVERYONE in my family is welcome. The way that I practice my Judaism does not matter, because what is important is that I am present.

Rockdale takes you as you are, and welcomes you with wide-open arms.

The Rockdale Community is a community of diverse people. I can say that I have friends that are a lot younger than I am as well as a lot older.

The Rockdale Community support LGBTQ+ members proudly and marches in the Pride parade every year.

Rockdale formed the Justice Collaborative to focus on social justice issues that are meaningful to our members.

Rockdale cares tremendously about the environment and has a committee for that.

Rockdale is about action. We participate in marches, task forces, government reform, gender equality, Jewish values, ritual, and the whole family is involved.

My adult children have gone through religious school at Rockdale and know that they are welcome any time. My husband knows that even though he is not Jewish, that he is welcome and accepted for who he is and for however much he wants to participate.

I am proud to be part of this vibrant, active community that values every person no matter their age, gender, color of their skin, or socioeconomic background. This is why I am leaving a legacy gift to Rockdale Temple through CYJL. I am proud of this sacred community and the many relationships that I have built.
Rockdale prides itself on its commitment to the central Jewish tenet of welcoming the stranger and protecting the refugee.

Our congregation continues to partner with Heartfelt Tidbits and Tikkun Farms in helping local refugees and immigrants in need. Risks of COVID-19 have definitely altered/challenged the way we can help this community, however their needs have increased.

Please contact Cora Steinberg to learn more about in-person volunteering for food distribution to families in need. Funding is always necessary and the monies go DIRECTLY to those in need. You can donate at [www.tikkunfarm.com](http://www.tikkunfarm.com) or [www.heartfelttidbits.com](http://www.heartfelttidbits.com).

Cora Steinberg
Chair, Rockdale Reaches Out
Csteinberg999@gmail.com

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Condolences to the Friends and Family of:

Willena Louise Schlueter, beloved mother of Adele (Zvi) Zuckerman
Dr. Meryl Goldman, beloved wife of Rabbi Mark Goldman
Lawrence W. Bratburd, beloved member of Rockdale Temple
Bernard L. Dave, beloved father of Teresa (Chip) Harrod
W. E. Blair Tillett, beloved husband of Judy Tillett
Morton Zeff, beloved member of Rockdale Temple
Gloria Schimmel, beloved mother of Joan (Neal Jacobs) Schimmel
Rhoda Leitner, beloved mother of Perry (Bobbie) Leitner

May their memories be for a blessing.
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 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 Sissy Coran Memorial Fund:** supports exciting innovations, meets challenges, and addresses Rockdale’s most pressing needs.

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

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

**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).

**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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- $18.00 Contribution
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Please consider naming Rockdale Temple in your will or estate plan.
SHOMREI OLAM: Jewish Environmental Advocates of Cincinnati is proud to announce the winners of its essay contest for Jewish youth. The essay contest titled, “What does it mean for Jews to be stewards of the Earth?” celebrates the 50th anniversary of Earth Day, first celebrated on April 22, 1970.

High School division winner, Emily Waterman, received a $500 award. She is senior at Sycamore High School, Rockdale Congregant, and attends Kulanu, the joint Reform Jewish Temples' High School. In citing scripture, “I will plant you, and not uproot” (Jeremiah 42:10) as a metaphor, Emily wrote being a steward of the world means, “not only to conserve the resources this planet has...[but] to take part in modern environmentalism and activism, to pass and lobby for legislation to help the environment, and to remember how much the world needs our aid to stay the beautiful place...it is today.” Reminiscing about her trip to Israel last summer, Emily said, “planting a tree to give back to my homeland was very powerful...I felt like I had finally made a difference, no matter how small.”

In the Junior High School (7th and 8th grade) division, the winners were Levi Goodman and Avi Mattlinsky. Each received a $100 award. Both are 8th grade students at Rockwern Academy. In citing Genesis 1:28, Levi stated that although God gives dominion “over every living thing that moves upon the Earth, a ruler’s responsibility is to take care of his or her people.

Humanity still has this responsibility to this day.” Avi states that the environment is “super important [as] the Earth is a little sibling because God formed one human from the dust of the earth...and blew into the human’s nostrils the breath of life...We humans were made from the earth. That creates a deeper connection between us” (Genesis 2:7).

While as a 6th grader at Rockwern Middle School Academy, Achinoam Maggid did not qualify in the Junior High division of the contest, the outstanding essay was recognized with a special $50 award. In the conclusion of the essay Achinoam states, “I think young people are the future and we need to help the adults change their ways and do more for the planet we call home.”

Shomrei Olam, the only Jewish nonprofit organization in our region focused entirely on the environment, encourages members of the Jewish community, young and old, to be good stewards of the Earth. In addition to the essay contest, Shomrei Olam has held workshops providing information on improving energy efficiency in our community buildings, helped the Mill Creek Alliance remove invasive honeysuckle in the Mill Creek watershed, and is introducing a new program to help individuals reduce their carbon footprint.
Women of Rockdale Look Forward to a More Normal Year

And so the Women of Rockdale close the book on an extremely anomalous one that we hope will not be repeated. Our summer newsletter usually contains a listing of the many activities of the year just past that Women of Rockdale undertook in fulfilling our mission of putting our Jewish values into meaningful pursuits that benefit women and the Rockdale Congregation. Like many other organizations, we had to cancel all of our planned in-person events. Coming early November, the Women of Reform Judaism Central District Conference will now take place on Zoom, as did all our own meetings after the COVID-19 shutdown took place.

Despite the imposed limitations of our current predicament, we are making plans with a new leadership team in place and fresh ideas for meeting the challenge of using online communication platforms to achieve our goals. They include our monthly membership meetings, our annual Sisterhood-led Shabbat Service with our Rabbis, our annual day of service on Christmas at Ronald McDonald House and many other meaningful events.

Guiding us through this daunting adventure are our officers for the 2020-21 fiscal year: President Donna Gantner, who is beginning her second year in that position; Treasurer, Chris Malhotra; Secretary, Leslie Joseph; Immediate Past President, Tracy McMullen. They are joined on the Executive Committee by Members-At-Large, Heinke Lillenstein, Fay May, and Carol Frankenstein. Chris Malhotra is also our Membership Chair. She took over that position from Jen Smilg, who has given countless hours of leadership over many years to ensure that all aspects of WoR administration and activities were skillfully managed and supremely successful. We are truly grateful for Jen’s time, service, and myriad talents.

Our most immediate objective has been to identify meaningful and lasting ways to memorialize our beloved Rabbi Coran z”l. We join with all the Rockdale family in mourning Rabbi Coran’s passing and extend our sincere sympathy to her family and friends. Rabbi Coran is among those wonderful souls who are taken from our midst far too soon. We embrace and treasure the priceless legacy she left to Rockdale by living her commitment to social justice, education, women’s equality, strengthening families, and kindness toward all people.

At our last Zoom open meeting, members offered many fine ideas of ways to establish memorials. One of these ideas was to purchase and plant a tree in her memory. We will be planting it in our courtyard by the chapel. As it grows and flowers, let us remember the ways in which our beloved Rabbi Coran helped each of us, and all of us as a congregational family, to grow and flourish. May we, like Rabbi Coran, give of ourselves--as her tree gives us its beauty for years to come.

Membership in Women of Rockdale is open to all female members of the Rockdale community of college age and beyond. If you have not received the annual membership letter and would like more information about the organization, please call Donna Gantner at 918.408.5024 or Chris Malhotra at 513.374.0009.
Create a lasting legacy and enrich your community now and for years to come.

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In Honor of John Cobey's Presidency
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In Honor of Rabbi Kahan becoming Acting Senior Rabbi
Daniel Hoffheimer

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Birthdays

Adults of September
2- Miriam Richman
4- Fred Kahan
8- Angelika Bonyhati
8- Cheryl Schriber
8- Sonya Oppenheimer
11- Ophra Weisberg
12- Robert Inberg
13- Janet G. Cohen
16- Michael Zwick
18- Libby Fleischer
20- Jeffrey Covel
21- Amy Zeidenstein
21- Mark Lillenstein
22- Robert Stein
23- Nancy Rosenthal
26- Eleanor Shott
30- Sonia Strauss

Adults of October
4- Lilly Narusevich
7- Chris Price
9- Joseph Hirschhorn
9- Elaine Littenhoff
9- Roberta Mallin
10- Bonnie Dick
10- Ronald Rose
20- Edward Wertheimer III
21- Heinike Lillenstein
22- Todd Flagel
23- Phyllis Schiff
24- Alan Fishman
29- Thomas Heldman
15- Rosemary Bloom

Adults of November
1- Alexis Nordrum
2- Christine Kuhr
2- Maurice Dick
2- Bert Rosenberg
6- Susan Friedman
7- Ronald Roth
7- Johnny Jones
11- Mark Rosenthaler
13- Karen Martin
15- Jacqueline Baker
15- Susan Sherman
15- Michael Meyer
15- Doris Kramer
17- Shirma Revelson
22- Michelle O’Koon
25- Renee Frankel
26- Rita Newman
28- Melissa Maimender
29- Stella Swiatek
30- Jason Shaiman

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

Anniversaries

September
8- Mark & Janet Grossman, 40th

October
5- Steven & Claudia Maltz, 15th
5- Jeffrey & Rebecca Rubenstein, 35th
6- Craig Rozen & Gitte Knudsen, 25th
11- Jim & Lori Reidel, 40th
11- Jerry & Nancy Schwartz, 62nd
14- Dr. Anthony & Andrea Checroun, 25th
25- Igor & Marina Rivin, 25th
28- Neal & Michelle O’Koon, 20th

November
16- Larry & Anita Phillips, 35th
30- Dr. Ken & Dr. Sue Sherman, 40th
30- Samuel & Maxine Potter, 52nd
30- Jack & Mary-Bob Rubenstein, 52nd

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

Children of September
3- Cameron Sheldon
3- Melanie Kraus
14- Sophia Checroun
16- Isabelle Bankin
16- Miriam Kravitz
17- Margo Kane
17- Elias von Thomsen
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
23- Alix Tibbs
28- Eve Baker

Children of November
1- Vada Reiss
2- Eden Kraus
7- Marley Perlman
8- Caitlin Barilleaux
11- Ethan Putz
14- Sadie Putz
15- Henry Simon
24- Gideon Brady
24- Naomi Millar
30- Max Bankin

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