



# SHOFAR SOUNDINGS



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## MAZEL TOV!

To **Rabbi Sam and Jason Schapera** on the birth of their son, *Michael Hadar Schapera*, and to **Miriam and Adina Schapera** on their new brother, and to **Marcia Gerstein** on her grandson

To **Isaac Phillips** on becoming a Bar Mitzvah

To **Amelia Phillips** on becoming a Bat Mitzvah

To **City Swiatek** on becoming a B'nei Mitzvah

To **Frannie Kahan, daughter of Susan and Fred Kahan, and James Swan** on their engagement

To **Danny Mattis, son of Scott and Sheryl Mattis, and Ashley Jud** on their marriage

To **Jonah Lillenstein** on becoming a Bar Mitzvah

To **Liam Dunkelman** on becoming a Bar Mitzvah

To **Amy Sherman, daughter of Ken and Sue Sherman, and Jeff Campbell** on their upcoming nuptials

To **Noa Jaffee** on becoming a Bat Mitzvah

To **Justin Levy** on being honored by the Nancy & David Wolf Holocaust & Humanity Center as an Upstander

To **Rabbi Meredith Kahan** on her election as Vice President of the Greater Cincinnati Board of Rabbis

To **Michael and Carly Kahan**, on the birth of their daughter, *Nora Shay Kahan*, and to **Sheldon and Brenda Kahan** on the birth of their granddaughter

*If you would like to contribute moments of congratulations,  
please contact Patty Kaufman, [pkaufman@rockdaletemple.org](mailto:pkaufman@rockdaletemple.org).*



## Senior Rabbi Meredith Kahan

*Hineini*—here I am.

On Rosh HaShanah, as we once again read from our Torah the account known as the *Akedah*, the Binding of Isaac, we will hear God call to our patriarch: “Avraham!” And then we hear Abraham’s reply: “*Hineini*”—here I am. As students of Torah, our first question must be, “why does Abraham use this particular word, *hineini*, to answer God?” In Modern Hebrew, we can simply answer *ani po*—I am here. But God isn’t just looking for Abraham in the backyard. God isn’t taking attendance in class. God is calling Abraham to a task; God is about to test Abraham’s faith—this is a meaningful call that requires a meaningful answer.

We encounter the word *hineini* throughout the Days of Awe. Its purpose, I think, is to convey a sense of *meaningful* presence.

As Rosh HaShanah begins, the prayer leader stands before God at the open ark for a special liturgical moment, a moment that proceeds the entirety of the High Holy Day worship experience. On Erev Rosh HaShanah, for the first time in my rabbinate, I was the leader with the privilege and responsibility of saying the traditional “*hin’ni*”—“here I am.” As our High Holy Day *machzor* teaches, this word reflects the humility and self-awareness necessary for approaching God during the Days of Awe and for the task of *cheshbon hanefesh* (taking account of one’s soul). And for me, your rabbi, I pray that in this sacred moment of reverence, I begin to fulfill my holy responsibility of leading our *kehal kodesh*, our holy congregation, through this holy season.

Soon enough, we will gather to welcome the new year 5783, confess our wrongdoings, and pray for a good and sweet future. Each member of our community will have the opportunity to say “*hineini*”—here I am, ready to engage in the sacred work of these holy days. What does it mean for each of us to say *hineini* during this season?

It might mean we are standing humbly before God, prepared to encounter the Holy One. It might mean we are turning inward, willing to be introspective and honest with ourselves. It might mean we are present with our loved ones and community, supported and inspired by those around us.

Saying “*hineini*” is an individual act, a deeply personal statement. And yet, we do not observe these High Holy Days alone, in a vacuum. They are meant to be marked with congregational community. We pray together, we sing together, we contemplate together, we confess together, we mourn together, we celebrate together. What might it mean, then, to say “*hineinu*”—we are here, together?

It might mean we are supporting our beloved congregation with our time, talents, and resources, ensuring Rockdale Temple thrives for another 200 years. It might mean we are embracing new faces and deepening relationships with those we already know, ensuring Rockdale Temple continues as a congregation in which people feel seen and valued.

It might mean we are showing up, as well as finding new ways to get involved in services, programs, classes, and events, ensuring Rockdale Temple grows as a *beit t’filah* (house of prayer), *beit midrash* (house of learning), and *beit k’nesset* (house of gathering).

As we each prepare to say *hineini*, to be meaningfully present during these High Holy Days, I invite you to consider what saying *hineini* means to you. And please feel welcome and encouraged to share with all of us how we might say *hineinu*—we are here, as a Rockdale Temple family, a sacred congregation.

I look forward to sharing these High Holy Days with our Rockdale Temple family. Sean, Seth, Becca, Sari, and I wish you and yours a very sweet, happy, healthy, and meaningful 5783!



Rabbi Meredith Kahan  
Senior Rabbi



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## Assistant Rabbi & Educator Erin Binder



*“As we begin this new year of 5783, may we find joy in beginning anew, bringing with us all the lived experience and wisdom of the last year, and may we feel the blessing of being a part of the Rockdale Temple family.”*

Over the next month of Elul, we are challenged by our Jewish calendar to simultaneously contemplate the past year as well as anticipate the year to come. The practice of reflection is an important one. What did the last year hold for us? What did we learn? How can we improve? And yet, as we get closer to Rosh Hashanah, we eagerly begin to ready ourselves for the new year—new goals, new learning opportunities, and maybe even new relationships and experiences that will find us along the way.

The shift doesn't magically happen at Rosh Hashanah though. Our Holy Day season extends all the way through to Simchat Torah, where we complete the cycle of Torah and begin anew. As my love of Torah is becoming more known in our congregational community, it should come as no surprise that Simchat Torah is one of the peak moments of the High Holy Day Season for me. While there is certainly a sense of satisfaction that we made it through the packed spiritual season, truly it is because we joyfully celebrate Torah and will fully immerse ourselves in the newness of 5783. Simchat Torah is also special as we share in our ritual of Consecration, formally welcoming our youngest learners as they begin their journey of Jewish learning and living. Our Simchat Torah celebration is Sunday, October 16th—come join us!

Our senior team and leadership have spent the summer engaging in the work of reflection and thoughtful planning for the year to come. There is much to be excited about at Rockdale Temple as we begin a new year of learning and programming for all ages!

Kehal Kodesh, our religious school, began on Sunday, August 28 with our Opening Day festivities in the park, which also brought together the FoRT families, youth group participants, and more! We have a full calendar of family learning, camp-style programming, retreats and field trips (including to the Cincinnati Zoo on Parashat Noah!), youth engagement, and Shabbat gatherings.

Not to worry though, the lively programming isn't exclusive to our youth and family community. We are also launching a new adult education series, more affinity group programming, a new lens and theme for Shabbat Torah study, and ways for each person to meaningfully engage in this sacred community.

As we begin this new year of 5783, may we find joy in beginning anew, bringing with us all the lived experience and wisdom of the last year, and may we feel the blessing of being a part of the Rockdale Temple family.

*Shanah Tova*—may it be a happy and healthy new year for us all!

*Erin Binder*

Rabbi Erin Binder  
Assistant Rabbi & Educator



## President Sally Korkin

Dear Rockdale congregants,

As I write my first letter as President of Rockdale Temple, I am honored and humbled to be only the fourth woman President in our almost 200-year history. I am a lifelong member of Rockdale Temple, having grown up attending services and religious school on Rockdale Avenue. I was consecrated and confirmed there, and I am proud that my Confirmation photo from 1962 hangs on our wall of honor in our Ridge Road location. My family and I have celebrated many lifecycle events on the bima in the Messer Chapel.

I am grateful to be leading our historic congregation during our Bicentennial year which will begin during Sukkot in 2023, continue throughout our anniversary month of January 2024, and culminate in the summer of 2024. The Bicentennial Events Committee has many exciting plans, so watch for details!

As a congregation, our 200th anniversary gives us the opportunity to celebrate our historic past and look forward to the next 200 years. Our Bicentennial Fund Campaign Committee has been working behind the scenes during the last months soliciting support for our Bicentennial Fund to endow the Senior Rabbi position. In August, we began the next phase of the campaign, reaching out to our entire congregation. Please join us so we can reach our goal, hopefully by the High Holy Days.

Above the entrance of my beloved Temple where I grew up were the words, "My house shall be called a house of prayer for all people." One of my plans as President is to increase our membership and continue to engage our current members. You can help by reaching out to people you know who are not affiliated with a local congregation and invite them to join you at a service or event. Please contact me to become engaged or re-engaged, and with any suggestions or ideas. Each of our congregants has talents and skills to contribute, and we look forward to finding out our members' skill sets, interests, and passions to share.

By the time this edition of *Shofar Soundings* arrives in your homes, Rabbi Meredith Faye Kahan will have been installed as our tenth Senior Rabbi. On behalf of the Board of Directors and the entire congregation, we wish her Mazel Tov!

I look forward to seeing you during the High Holy Days, greeting you in person or having you celebrate with us virtually. One of my favorite parts of the Holy Days is seeing and hearing the brass horns which have been endowed through the Trager Family Music Fund. The sound of the horns always takes me back in time to the sanctuary on Rockdale Avenue.

Gerry and I and our family wish you a happy and healthy new year.

L'Shanah Tovah!



Sally F. Korkin  
President



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## Executive Director David Solomon



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### RECAPPING A SUCCESSFUL SUMMER AT ROCKDALE

The team kept busy here once again this summer! We held a number of beautiful family Simchas, celebrated a new class of Confirmants while observing Shavuot, and observed many special Shabbats. We Rocked the Block in early July with 200 congregants in attendance. I was personally moved at our Shabbat service later in the month honoring so many of our members who have been at Rockdale for 50 or more years.

We looked inward at our operation to see where we can continue to elevate. We quite literally elevated when we changed out our chapel lights, a few of which had burnt out. We upgraded to LED bulbs that are more environmentally friendly, cost effective, and should last for years to come. Rockdale also hosted a congregation wide security training in the Messer Chapel presented by Safe Cincinnati, where we learned how to respond to active security threats.

Our team is in the process of taking a hard look at some of our backend systems and hope to find efficiencies in our work and be able to provide a more seamless member experience online in the future. To that end, we installed our new Board of Directors at our Annual Meeting in June, who have already started strategizing on how to continue to make Rockdale Temple an inclusive and welcoming place.

Our Bicentennial Campaign honoring the 200 years of our rich history was announced this Summer as well. We are so close to our goal which will allow us to endow our Senior Rabbi position for our next 200 years and beyond. It has been a privilege and honor to participate in this campaign with our congregation. The installation of Rabbi Kahan as our 10th Senior Rabbi was especially meaningful in light of our upcoming bicentennial anniversary.

I look forward to seeing you in the coming weeks for High Holy Day services. As always, please call or email me anytime if I may be of service. May you be inscribed and sealed for a good year. Shana Tova!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Solomon". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "David" and last name "Solomon" clearly distinguishable.

David Solomon  
Executive Director



# GARY HELDMAN MENORAH AWARDS

## 2022/5782

In 1978, Rockdale Temple initiated The Menorah Award to honor and thank congregants who go above and beyond for their congregation. The award is named for Gary Heldman, a life-long member of Rockdale, who also served as President of the congregation during a crucial time in Rockdale's history. The three individuals awarded with this honor gave of themselves over the course of the past year (and indeed for many years) to help build Rockdale Temple and help it grow toward the future, while honoring our historic past. The Gary Heldman Menorah Award carries with it the opportunity for each honoree to pay it forward with a donation to a Rockdale initiative of their choice. We look forward to our honorees' new gifts as we thank them for all their past donations of resources, time, energy and heart.



### Jennifer Clark

Jennifer, along with her husband Patrick, and their two children Gabe and Hannah, joined Rockdale Temple twelve years ago. Some might say Jennifer has made an outsized impact in her twelve years! Jennifer jumped into leadership at Rockdale right away, serving as an art teacher in the then-combined Tzur Shalom Religious School. She served as a role model for many new teachers in our Kehal Kodesh School until she stepped down to take on a new community challenge—leading the Chaverim M'Yisrael program via the Jewish Federation. Jennifer has long served on our Membership Committee and does much of Rockdale's unofficial outreach in the greater community. Jennifer is a longtime member of the Women of Rockdale, serving as Co-President with her friend Jen Smilg. Jennifer now leads our Engagement Task Force, and was the mastermind behind many of our creative, online programs during the virtual wave of 2020-21. After serving on the Board in an ex-officio capacity as Women of Rockdale Co-President, Jennifer took on a director role and is always an inspired, upbeat voice in our leadership. Jennifer is never afraid to take on a challenge that will better our Rockdale Temple community and is always ready and willing to say "yes" when we need her wisdom and creativity.

### Bennett Kottler

Bennett, his wife Dr. Valerie Weinstein, and their daughter Marina joined Rockdale Temple almost ten years ago. The entire family quickly got involved at Rockdale, and we have had the pleasure of watching Marina grow up as Valerie and Bennett have given of themselves to better our Rockdale community! Bennett has served as a director on our Board for the past six years, bringing his quiet wisdom and thoughtfulness to our sacred work. You may know Bennett best from one of his two areas of interest—music and the environment. Bennett has been a member of the Rock Shabbat band for many years, bringing his talents to whatever instrumental section is needed; banjo, electric guitar, percussion, Bennett does it all! He is also a longtime, dedicated member of the Rockdale Environmental Committee, offering his professional expertise and personal passion to this important work. Bennett has led our hillside cleanup, Mitzvahpalooza projects, Shmita programs, and has served as the Environmental Committee's representative on the Board. Though we will be sad to see Bennett finish his tenure on the board, we know that we will continue to see him in action on the bima and out in the community.

### Tracy McMullen

Tracy McMullen joined Rockdale Temple over 20 years ago and has been dedicated to our sacred congregation ever since. For the past two decades, Tracy has given her time and talents to enrich the Rockdale Temple community. Tracy has served as a director on our Board for the past four years and has chaired the Audit Committee! She is a longtime member and leader of the Women of Rockdale, recently serving as President. Tracy is also a regular greeter and participant at Shabbat services, and her beautiful soprano voice can be heard in our Shir Shalom Choir each month. Tracy's artistic talents have brought us Purim shpiel backdrops of all sorts—from the rooftops of London to the Muppet Theater—and she has been working on the Noah's Ark mural in the lower level for many years now. If you've never seen it, or haven't looked recently, we encourage you to take a look! Tracy is also active in our broader community, including her role as a docent for the Skirball Museum at HUC. Tracy recently served on the Assistant Rabbi & Educator Search Committee, and though she stepped off the board this month, I know we will continue to call upon her talents!



### **WELCOME, RABBINIC INTERN EMILY DANA!**

Emily Dana is a 4th year rabbinical student at the Cincinnati Campus of HUC-JIR. Before attending HUC, she grew up in the Chicago suburbs and graduated from Brandeis University.

She is currently a member of the Student Ministrations Committee and serves as the Secretary of the Rabbinical Student Association. Emily has just finished her first unit of Clinical Pastoral Education after completing a year as the Student Rabbi for Temple Israel in Paducah, KY.

In her spare time, Emily loves playing with her cat, Hercules, embroidering, and doing disability advocacy work. We welcome Emily to Rockdale Temple for the 2022-23/5783 year!

# WELCOME

## **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!**

**Aaron & Judith Rapport**  
**Drew & Mel Spievack and Artie**



# The Bicentennial Campaign

As Rockdale Temple prepares to celebrate our Bicentennial in 2024, we are pleased to announce that we have launched our Bicentennial Fund. Rockdale Temple has a historic place in the development of Judaism in the United States. K.K. Bene Israel is the oldest continuous Jewish congregation west of the Allegheny Mountains and the 11th oldest congregation in America.

Through its Senior Rabbis, from Dr. Max Lilienthal to Rabbi Meredith Kahan—ten in all—the congregation has grown, changed, moved, and become a leader in Cincinnati. Just as the past Rabbis built a congregation for us and our families, we must pledge to continue that tradition into the next 200 years.

Rockdale Temple has established the Bicentennial Fund with the goal to ensure that rabbinic leadership will carry on the traditions of the past, while placing a unique stamp within the congregational family. The fund's stated goal is \$1 million, and during the early stages of the campaign, we have received many generous gifts from congregants and donors including some who are no longer members, but understand the value of Rockdale and the importance of continuing its traditions.

When fully funded, the Bicentennial Fund will safeguard financial support of the Senior Rabbi position for the next 200 years. "Our goal is to build for the future through the Bicentennial Fund," said Rabbi Kahan. "We will secure Rockdale's future by connecting through our values, sustaining our traditions, building upon our strengths, and developing new leaders."



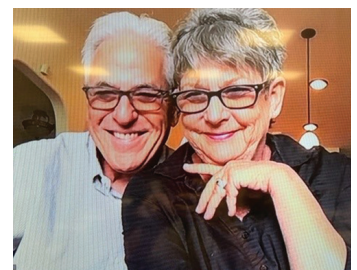
Dr. David Schwartz and Josh Shapiro, co-chairs of the Bicentennial Fund Campaign, commented, "We are pleased by the congregation's level of excitement about the Bicentennial Fund, and the overwhelming support the Fund has received in its early days."

We invite our congregational family to be a part of this historic celebration by making a generous gift to the Bicentennial Fund and be included in Rockdale's plan to

preserve our history, maintain our goals, and act on our values. If you have already made a commitment to the campaign, thank you!

*If you would like to donate to the Bicentennial Fund, please contact David Solomon by calling 513-891-9900 or by emailing him at [dsolomon@rockdaletemple.org](mailto:dsolomon@rockdaletemple.org)*

*You can also visit our website: [www.rockdaletemple.org/200th](http://www.rockdaletemple.org/200th)*



## Bicentennial Fund Campaign Committee

Dr. David Schwartz  
and Josh Shapiro,  
*Co-Chairs*

John Cobey  
Stephanie De Falco  
Richard Friedman  
Jim Heldman  
Aaron Herzig  
Andi Herzig  
Dr. Ed Herzig  
Dan Hoffheimer  
Ruth Klette  
Gerry Korkin  
Sally Korkin  
Bernard Reiss  
Leslie Reiss



200 YEARS OF LIVING JEWISH VALUES

K.K. BENE ISRAEL ROCKDALE TEMPLE // 1824-2024

# High Holy Day Schedule

## Rockdale Temple 5783



### Sunday, September 25

8:00PM

#### EREV ROSH HASHANAH SERVICE\*

with Board of Directors Installation

### Monday, September 26

#### ROSH HASHANAH MORNING SERVICES

##### FoRT Service

*Infants to 1st Graders & Families*

9:30AM (Rockdale Chapel)

followed by Interactive Family Experience<sup>^</sup>  
(10:00-11:00AM, with a supervising adult)

*Childcare available through Morning Service*

##### Youth & Family Service

*2nd to 6th Graders, Families Welcome*

10:00AM (Rockdale Chapel)

followed by Interactive Youth Experience<sup>^</sup>  
(11:00AM-12:30PM)

##### Morning Service\*

10:00AM

followed by Rosh Hashanah Reception

##### Tashlich Service

5:00PM (French Park)

Meet in the first parking lot; access from  
Section Road, just east of Ridge

**\*THESE SERVICES WILL BE HELD IN THE  
MAYERSON JCC AMBERLEY ROOM AND  
STREAMED LIVE ON OUR WEBSITE.**

**<sup>^</sup>REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

### Tuesday, October 4

8:00PM

#### EREV YOM KIPPUR SERVICE\*

Kol Nidre

### Wednesday, October 5

#### YOM KIPPUR MORNING SERVICES

##### FoRT Service

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9:30AM (Rockdale Chapel)

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##### Morning Service\*

10:00AM

##### Afternoon Study

1:00-2:30PM (Rockdale Chapel)

A Conversation with Sarah Weiss:  
Reflecting on 18 Years at HHC

##### Afternoon Service\*

Return and Repair

3:00PM

##### Yizkor Service\*

Remembrance

4:30PM

##### Neilah Service\*

Conclusion and Havdallah

Followed by Break-the-Fast

5:15PM



# Birthdays and Anniversaries

## ADULT BIRTHDAYS

### SEPTEMBER

- 1 Nora Rubinoff
- 1 Vickie Barham
- 2 Miriam Richman
- 6 Matthew Kane
- 7 Corinne Covel
- 8 Benjamin Rosensweet
- 10 Nancy Messer
- 11 Ophra Weisberg
- 12 Dr. Robert Ingberg
- 13 Ethan Smilg
- 13 Willard Vaughan
- 15 Scott Csendes
- 16 Sally Korkin
- 16 Michael Zwick
- 18 David Dunaway
- 18 Lynn Shaftel
- 20 Jeffrey Covel
- 24 Rita White
- 25 Hannah Zeidenstein
- 26 Eleanor Shott

### OCTOBER

- 2 Leslie Putz
- 7 Joseph Hirschhorn
- 9 Roberta Mallin
- 10 Doug Sawan
- 12 Robert "Chip" Harrod
- 20 Edward Wertheimer III
- 21 Heinke Lillenstein
- 22 Linda Swiatek
- 23 Maxwell Grossman
- 27 Dr. Myron Gerson

### NOVEMBER

- 1 Samuel Frohman
- 2 Linda Sawan
- 2 Maurice Dick
- 2 Bert Rosenberg
- 6 Laura Lichtenstein
- 7 Ronald Roth
- 7 Johnny Jones
- 8 Dr. Stephen Feagins
- 11 Sheryl Sheldon
- 15 Dr. Michael Meyer
- 15 Doris Kramer
- 17 Shirma Revelson
- 19 Lila Herzig
- 19 Emma Herzig
- 24 Jodi Csendes
- 25 Renee Frankel
- 26 Rita Newman



*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'S BIRTHDAYS

### SEPTEMBER

- 1 June Baker
- 3 Cameron Sheldon
- 14 Kyle Checroun
- 16 Miriam Kravitz
- 17 Margo Kane
- 17 Elias von Thomsen
- 20 Sophia Shapiro
- 25 Samuel Burstein
- 29 C Magnus Knudsen
- 30 Zoe Lipstein

### OCTOBER

- 1 Loralie Brady
- 6 Julia Frankel
- 18 Marlee Goddard
- 21 Blake Rosensweet
- 27 Freddie Goddard
- 28 Eve Baker

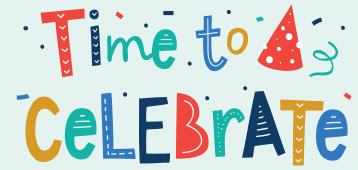
### NOVEMBER

- 1 Vada Reiss
- 2 Eden Kraus
- 8 Caitlin Barilleaux
- 11 Ethan Putz
- 14 Sadie Putz
- 24 Gideon Brady
- 24 Naomi Millar
- 30 Avi Levinson



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

## ANNIVERSARIES



### SEPTEMBER

- 13 Jeffrey & Susan Routh, 25th
- 18 Christine & Ramesh Malhotra, 51st

### OCTOBER

- 7 Morton & Sally Cohen, 50th

### NOVEMBER

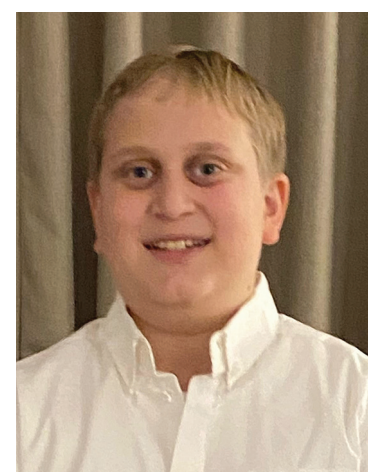
- 7 Honey & David Dunaway, 30th
- 19 Donald & Barbara Misrach, 50th
- 21 Scott & Jodi Csendes, 30th
- 30 Samuel & Maxine Potter, 54th
- 30 Jack & Mary-Bob Rubenstein, 54th



*Anniversaries will be listed every five years starting with the fifth anniversary.*

*All anniversaries of 50 years or more are recognized.*

## B'nei Mitzvah Celebrants



### **SAM BURSTEIN, September 3, 2022**

Sam Burstein is entering the 8th grade at Ballyshannon Middle School in Union, KY, where his favorite subjects are math and computer coding. At Ballyshannon, Sam plays alto saxophone in the school band, and after only playing for 9 months, Sam auditioned and was selected to perform with the school's symphonic band at the KMEA conference in 2022.

In his free time, Sam enjoys playing video games, spending his summers at Goldman Union Camp Institute, and riding horses. Sam has a great love of animals and enjoys spending time at the Cincinnati Zoo where his favorite animals are the giraffes and polar bears (he misses not having polar bears anymore).

Sam would like to thank his Bar Mitzvah tutor, Madeline Budman, as well as Rabbi Kahan, Rabbi Binder and Rabbi Kraus for helping him prepare for this occasion. He would also like to thank his parents Rob and Risa Burstein, and his sister Emily for their support.

Because of his love of animals, Sam has chosen to help support the Rockin' E Ranch at the YMCA's Camp Ernst to support the health of the horses he loves to ride there as his B'nai Mitzvah project. If you would like to donate, donations can be sent through Venmo to @Risa-Burstein.



### **MARGO KANE, September 10, 2022**

Margo Simone Kane is the sibling of her big sister Ava, and her younger brother Ari. Margo is entering the 7th grade at Walnut Hills Junior High, as she is transitioning over from the Spencer Center. She enjoys the challenges of school and pushes herself to do her best. At school she enjoys being a member of the Brain Bowl Team. She loves building friendships while also treasuring her alone time.

Outside of school Margo spends time reading, as she is an avid reader, frequenting her local library to pick up new books. She is also very dedicated to art, particularly visual arts. She loves to draw and build, and is creative and resourceful.

Margo is very focused on her future and the future of our planet. Margo is learning to scuba dive, and her Grandfather John is teaching her to be a certified diver. With her scuba lessons Margo intends to learn more about our oceans and what she can do to help protect them. She has a passion for Marine Biology and she hopes to one day work to help restore and preserve our oceans. She has also recently discussed pursuing law so she can help as a legal advocate for environmental issues.

We are so proud of Margo and treasure watching her develop, evolve and grow.





### **SAM NGUYEN, October 22, 2022**

Sam Nguyen is in the 7th grade at School for the Creative and Performing Arts where they are majoring in Voice and Drama. In addition to their performing arts studies at school, Sam loves Math and Social Studies. In much of their afterschool time, Sam can be found at Cincinnati Ballet where they study in the Otto Budig Academy program. Sam also enjoys drawing anime and creating animated videos with their friends. They currently aspire to work in film editing or animation.

Sam would like to thank Rabbi Kahan and Rabbi Binder and their B'nei Mitzvah tutor, Ben Rosen, for helping them to prepare for their Mitzvah service. They are grateful to all of their family and friends for the support in helping them to reach this milestone—in particular their Mom and Dad and their brother, Felix.

## CELEBRATING OUR FOUNDER JOSEPH JONAS



Shabbat Services with  
Speaker Rabbi Gary P. Zola, Ph.D.

CINCINNATI'S FIRST PERMANENT JEWISH RESIDENT:  
**JOSEPH JONAS**  
AND THE FOUNDING OF JEWISH  
COMMUNAL LIFE IN CINCINNATI

Friday, September 9  
6:15PM  
Rockdale Temple

### MONUMENT DEDICATION FOR JOSEPH JONAS

Ceremony followed by optional  
Walking Tour, Cemetery Visit,  
and Photo Op

Sunday, September 18  
1:00PM  
Chestnut Street Cemetery

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## Spring and Summer Rockdale Events





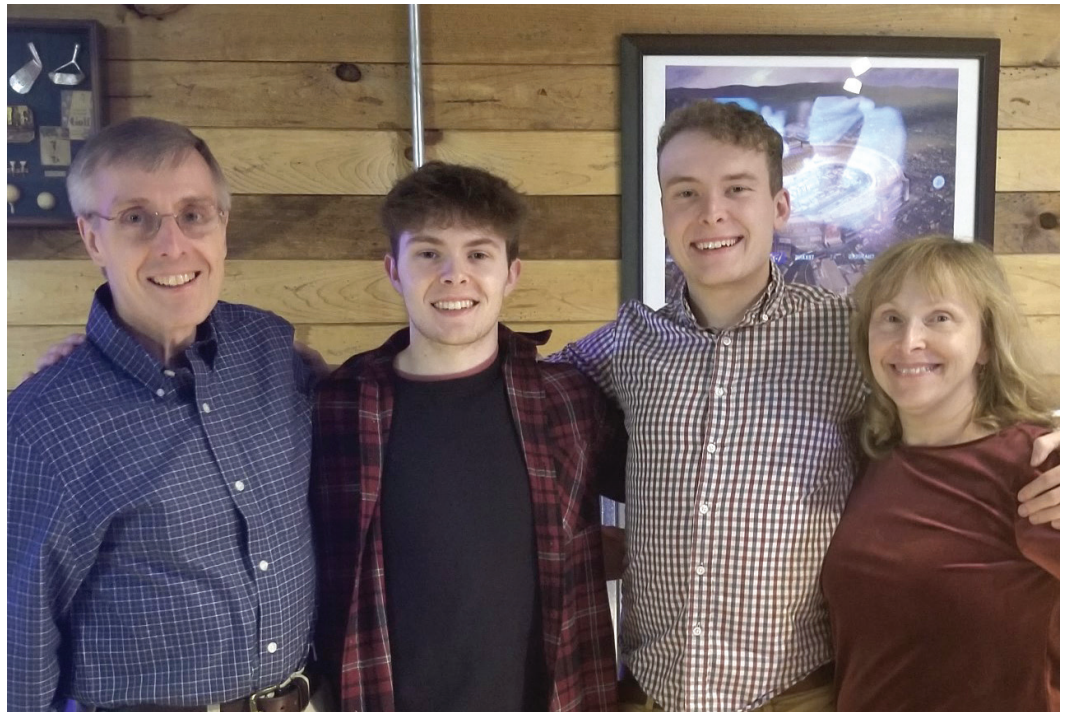




## *Bene Israel Society Testimonial: Risa Spieldoch Feagins*

*“I am very appreciative of the knowledge, energy, and positive vibrations that Rockdale has bestowed upon me and my family.”*

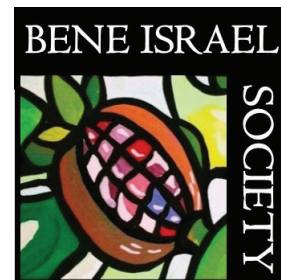
My path to Rockdale was simple and straightforward. My family and I moved from Springfield, OH to Cincinnati in August 2012. My husband, Steve, and I were anxious to quickly find a temple so that our sons, then 10 and 13, could join religious school at the beginning of the academic year. I had planned to visit all 4 reform congregations in the area, and my first stop was Rockdale. After meeting then Senior Rabbi Sissy Coran, z”l, seeing the beautiful chapel, and feeling a warm and welcoming atmosphere, we had no need to look further. We knew that our decision to join Rockdale, although quick, was meant to be a few weeks later when I was visiting my parents in St Louis. During my stay, a gentleman stopped by my childhood home to install a newly purchased window shade. He and I exchanged pleasantries, and he asked where I lived. To my reply of Cincinnati, he mentioned that he knew Cincinnati well because his first cousin lived there. His first cousin was Rabbi Coran!



In almost 10 years at Rockdale, I have enjoyed numerous services and many holidays. I have made many new friends. My social justice awareness has been heightened. I have learned about our history, culture, and customs, and I have been reminded about kindness and compassion. My boys completed religious school and ultimately were confirmed. I participated in the adult B’nei Mitzvah program, and I now serve on the Board of Directors. I feel very privileged to have had these enriching opportunities to learn and lead.

I am very appreciative of the knowledge, energy, and positive vibrations that Rockdale has bestowed upon me and my family. Create Your Jewish Legacy is a vehicle through which I can express my gratitude. Contributing to CYJL allows future generations of congregants to enjoy these same benefits and blessings. By leaving a legacy gift, I hope to inspire others to participate in and enjoy the many gifts of Rockdale Temple.

# 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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*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.*

# September

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				<b>1</b> 6:30p Women of Rockdale End of Summer Sip n' Schmooze	<b>2</b> 5:45p Shabbat Nosh 6:15p Shabbat Services 	<b>3</b> 9:30a Sichat Torah (Torah Study) 10:30a Bar Mitzvah of Sam Burstein
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Labor Day	<b>6</b> Hebrew School	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 7:00p Book Group	<b>9</b> 5:45p Shabbat Nosh 6:15p Shabbat Services with Rabbi Gary Zola, Ph.D. & Music by Mary Southworth with Anniversary Blessings	<b>10</b> 9:30a Sichat Torah (Torah Study) 10:30a Bat Mitzvah of Margo Kane שבת שלום
<b>11</b> 9:30a Kehal Kodesh Religious School 10:00a Parent Schmooze 11:00a Rak Limud Pre-High Holy Days Adult Ed 12:30p WoR Event with Wise Temple Sisterhood Lunch and Skirball Museum tour	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Hebrew School	<b>14</b> 5:30p FoRT Adult Gathering	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 6:00p shabbatCTY 6:15p Prerecorded Shabbat Services 	<b>17</b> 9:30a Sichat Torah (Torah Study) 10:30a Shabbat Morning Services 7:00p Selichot Study 9:00p Selichot Services
<b>18</b> 9:30a Kehal Kodesh Religious School 1:00p Monument Dedication of Joseph Jonas	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 12p Seniors Art Museum Trip Hebrew School	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 5:45p Shabbat Nosh 6:15p Shabbat Services with Birthday Blessings 	<b>24</b> 9:30a Sichat Torah (Torah Study) 10:30a Shabbat Morning Services
<b>25</b> Erev Rosh HaShanah 8:00p Erev Rosh HaShanah with Installation of Board of Directors	<b>26</b> Rosh HaShanah 9:30a FoRT Services 10:00a Youth & Family Services 10:00a Rosh HaShanah Morning Services 5:00p Tashlich	<b>27</b> 	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 5:45p Shabbat Nosh 6:15p Shabbat Services 	

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						<b>1</b> 9:30a Sichat Torah (Torah Study) 10:30a Shabbat Morning Services
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Erev Yom Kippur 8:00p Erev Yom Kippur (Kol Nidre) Services	<b>5</b> Yom Kippur 9:30a FoRT Services 10:00a Youth & Family Services 10:00a Morning Services 1:00p Afternoon Study 3:00p Afternoon Services 4:30p Yizkor Services 5:15p Neilah Services	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 5:45p Shabbat Nosh 6:15p Shabbat Services 	<b>8</b> 9:30a Sichat Torah (Torah Study) 10:30a Shabbat Morning Services
<b>9</b> Erev Sukkot 9:30a Kehal Kodesh Religious School 5:30p Seniors Sukkot Dinner 7:00p Erev Sukkot Services	<b>10</b> 10:30a Sukkot Morning Services and Festival Luncheon 	<b>11</b> Chol HaMo-eid Sukkot 5:00p Yom Ivrit	<b>12</b> Chol HaMo-eid Sukkot	<b>13</b> Chol HaMo-eid Sukkot	<b>14</b> Chol HaMo-eid Sukkot 5:45p Shabbat Nosh 6:15p Shabbat Services with Anniversary Blessings and the Shir Shalom Choir 	<b>15</b> Chol HaMo-eid Sukkot 9:30a Sichat Torah (Torah Study) 10:30a Shabbat Morning Services
<b>16</b> Hoshana Rabbah 9:30a Kehal Kodesh Religious School 5:30p Congregational Dinner 6:30p Erev Rock Simchat Torah Celebrating Consecration	<b>17</b> Simchat Torah and Sh'mini Atzeret 10:30a Simchat Torah Yizkor Services and Festival Luncheon 	<b>18</b> Hebrew School	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 5:45p Shabbat Nosh 6:15p Shabbat Services 	<b>22</b> 9:30a Sichat Torah (Torah Study) 10:30a B'nei Mitzvah of Sam Nguyen
<b>23</b> 9:30a Kehal Kodesh Religious School	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Hebrew School	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 5:45p Shabbat Nosh 6:15p Shabbat Services with Birthday Blessings 	<b>29</b> 9:30a Sichat Torah (Torah Study) 10:30a Shabbat Morning Services
<b>30</b> 9:30a Kehal Kodesh at the Cincinnati Zoo 5p WoR Sip n' Schmooze	<b>31</b>					

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# November

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>1</b> Hebrew School	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 5:45p Shabbat Nosh 6p shabbatCTY 6:15p Shabbat Services  שבת שלום	<b>5</b> 9:30a Sichat Torah (Torah Study) 10:30a Shabbat Morning Services
<b>6</b> 9:30a Kehal Kodesh Religious School	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Hebrew School	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Veterans Day 5:45p Shabbat Nosh 6:15p Shabbat Services led by Women of Rockdale and Shir Shalom Choir	<b>12</b> 9:30a Sichat Torah (Torah Study) 10:30a Shabbat Morning Services  
<b>13</b> 9:30a Kehal Kodesh Religious School	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 5:00p Yom Ivrit	<b>16</b> 12p Seniors Outing	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 5:45p Shabbat Nosh 6:15p Rock Shabbat with 2nd & 3rd Grade Participation and Birthday Blessings  	<b>19</b> 9:30a Sichat Torah (Torah Study) 10:30a Shabbat Morning Services 6:30p WoR Art Auction Community Fundraiser
<b>20</b> 9:30a Kehal Kodesh Religious School 10:00a Parent Schmooze	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Thanksgiving  	<b>25</b> 5:45p Shabbat Nosh 6:15p Shabbat Services  	<b>26</b> 9:30a Sichat Torah (Torah Study) 10:30a Shabbat Morning Services
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Hebrew School	<b>30</b>			

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## September

### Friday, September 2

6:15p Erev Shabbat Services

### Saturday, September 3

9:30a Sichat Torah (Torah Study)

10:30a Bar Mitzvah of Sam Burstein,  
son of Risa & Robert Burstein

### Friday, September 9

6:15p Erev Shabbat Services

*with special guest speaker, Rabbi Gary Zola, Ph.D. and Anniversary Blessings*

### Saturday, September 10

9:30a Sichat Torah (Torah Study)

10:30a Bat Mitzvah of Margo Kane,  
daughter of Ann & Matthew Kane

### Friday, September 16

6:00p shabbatCTY @ Taft

Brewporium

6:15p Pre-recorded Erev Shabbat  
Services (online only)

### Saturday, September 17

9:30a Sichat Torah (Torah Study)

10:30a Shabbat Morning Services

9:00p Selichot Services

### Friday, September 23

6:15p Erev Shabbat Services

*with Birthday Blessings*

### Saturday, September 24

9:30a Sichat Torah (Torah Study)

10:30a Shabbat Morning Services

### Sunday, September 25

8:00p Erev Rosh Hashanah Services

### Monday, September 26

*Rosh Hashanah*

9:30a FoRT Services

10:00a Youth & Family Services

10:00a Morning Services

5:00p Tashlich (French Park)

### Friday, September 30

6:15p Erev Shabbat Shuvah Services

## October

### Saturday, October 1

9:30a Sichat Torah (Torah Study)

10:30a Shabbat Shuvah Morning Services

### Tuesday, October 4

8:00p Erev Yom Kippur (Kol Nidre)  
Services

### Wednesday, October 5

*Yom Kippur*

9:30a FoRT Services

10:00a Youth & Family Services

10:00a Morning Services

1:00p Afternoon Study

3:00p Afternoon Services

4:30p Yizkor Services

5:15p Neilah Services

### Friday, October 7

6:15p Erev Shabbat Services

### Saturday, October 8

9:30a Sichat Torah (Torah Study)

10:30a Shabbat Morning Services

### Sunday, October 9

7:00p Erev Sukkot Services

### Monday, October 10

10:30a Sukkot Morning Services and  
Festival luncheon

### Friday, October 14

6:15p Erev Shabbat Services

*with Anniversary Blessings and the  
Shir Shalom Choir*

### Saturday, October 15

9:30a Sichat Torah (Torah Study)

10:30a Shabbat Morning Services

### Sunday, October 16

6:30p Erev Rock Simchat Torah

*Celebrating Consecration*

### Monday, October 17

10:30a Simchat Torah Services and

Festival luncheon

### Friday, October 21

6:15p Erev Shabbat Services

### Saturday, October 22

9:30a Sichat Torah (Torah Study)

10:30a B'nei Mitzvah of Sam Nguyen,  
child of Abby Marcus & Qui Nguyen

### Friday, October 28

6:15p Erev Shabbat Services

*with Birthday Blessings*

### Saturday, October 29

9:30a Sichat Torah (Torah Study)

10:30a Shabbat Morning Services

## November

### Friday, November 4

6:00p shabbatCTY

6:15p Erev Shabbat Services

### Saturday, November 5

9:30a Sichat Torah (Torah Study)

10:30a Shabbat Morning Services

### Friday, November 11

6:15p Women of Rockdale Shabbat  
Services

*with Anniversary Blessings and the  
Shir Shalom Choir*

### Saturday, November 12

9:30a Sichat Torah (Torah Study)

10:30a Shabbat Morning Services

### Friday, November 18

6:15p Rock Shabbat Services

*led by 2nd & 3rd Graders,*

*with Birthday blessings*

### Saturday, November 19

9:30a Sichat Torah (Torah Study)

10:30a Shabbat Morning Services

### Friday, November 25

6:15p Erev Shabbat Services

### Saturday, November 26

9:30a Sichat Torah (Torah Study)

10:30a Shabbat Morning Services





## THIRTY-THREE MEMBERS FROM ROCKDALE TEMPLE WENT CAMPING AT KENTUCKY'S CARTER CAVES STATE PARK OVER MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND!

What better way to consider our relationship to land, earth, and each other than to take families camping under the stars? The idea of taking families tent camping was born during discussion at a Rockdale Temple Environmental Committee meeting last summer. Committee members hoped that through first-hand experiences of various types, participants would develop a better appreciation of the endless mystery and wonder of our natural world. This was the last of many Shmita events this year, 5782.

Rockdale's first ever camping trip brought together 10 families, representing 33 people from ages 3 to 80, from novices to experienced campers, for a fantastic time at Carter Caves State Park in Kentucky. We were blessed to have support, guidance, and knowledge from Sierra Club volunteers, Barry Randall and Nancy Ball, who provided instruction before and during our camping trip.

With their superb guidance, we listened to the owls, learned about bats, took a no-flashlight night hike to use all our senses, and learned how to make a delicious campfire dump cake! Campers shared campfire recipes and treats, including marshmallows with chocolate centers. Around the campfire, we celebrated Shabbat and Havdalah services led by our own Amy Shaiman. We enjoyed making S'more's, going hiking, fishing, and touring a cave lead by a park ranger. The consensus was, "let's do this again next year!" We welcome all Rockdale campers, from all levels of experience and all ages, to join the fun next year! If you are interested or just want more information, contact Becca Blumer at [bblumer@rockdaletemple.org](mailto:bblumer@rockdaletemple.org).

Joanne Gerson  
*Chair, Environmental Committee*





Thank you to all who have sent in your membership forms and dues. If you have not received yours yet, please contact Chris Malhotra or send an email to [womenofrockdaletemple@gmail.com](mailto:womenofrockdaletemple@gmail.com). We look forward to a great year with many opportunities for socializing, learning and volunteering!

Women of Rockdale held our annual election in May at an enjoyable Sip n' Schmooze gathering. Susan Klug Kahan is serving her second year as President. Alana Levy will serve as her Co-President. Officers and board members continuing include Chris Malhotra as Treasurer and Membership Chair, Leslie Joseph as Secretary, and Heinke Lillenstein as an At-large Board Member. Linda Chatterjee is a new At-large Board Member, and Teresa Ames remains as Programming Chair. We have lots of ideas, plus events coming up, so keep your eye out for information in Rockmail!

Women of Rockdale members enjoyed our end of summer get together on September 1. We have a luncheon and exhibit tour at the Skirball Museum jointly planned with Wise Temple Sisterhood on Sunday, September 11. We will also be holding evening Sip n' Schmoozes on Sunday, October 30 at 5 pm and Thursday, December 1 at 6:30 pm. Our annual Women's Shabbat Service is scheduled for November 11, and Rabbi Kahan has been working with us to plan a creative service. All interested members still have time to get involved!

Save the date for a terrific congregational community fundraiser on Saturday evening November 19. There will be an art auction, and dinner with music. It will be a fun evening. We will be raising funds to benefit a special Rockdale project. Stay tuned for more information about this and other events.

Yours in Sisterhood,  
Susan Klug Kahan, *President*



*Women of Rockdale celebrated at their High Tea Seder in April 2022.*



## Rockdale Reaches Out



Dear Congregants,

Rockdale continues to partner with local organizations to help refugees in Cincinnati.

**Heartfelt Tidbits (HFT)**– directly helps families and children with basic and educational needs. HFT partners with several schools (Academy of World Languages and Rising Stars), and can connect volunteers to families and kids. Both of these schools serve kids who need a lot of support, including many students and families who are new to the USA.

**Buddies Program:** HFT will match a volunteer with a student, and the volunteer will help with homework on-line, at the school, at home, or at a nearby library.

**After-School Program at Rising Stars-Carthage.** We will need volunteers this fall, from 2:30–5:30pm—you can choose how often you'd like to help.

**The Willows Apartment Complex (Chesterdale Road in Springdale)** is home to many immigrants and refugees and families in-need. Many volunteer organizations help these families. Food distribution happens at the Willows every other Friday, 10am–1pm. Often, there is also a need for furniture and clothes.

**Heartfelt Tidbits Volunteer Coordinator:** Contact Shannon Wilson with any questions. E-mail: [shannon@heartfelttidbits.org](mailto:shannon@heartfelttidbits.org)

As always, I'm glad to help connect Rockdale members to volunteer experiences which benefit new-to-the USA neighbors! We can plan a "group" volunteer event, or I can help you find what works best for you individually.

Sincerely,

Cora Steinberg

*Chair, Rockdale Reaches Out*

[Csteinberg999@gmail.com](mailto:Csteinberg999@gmail.com)





# Rockdale's Justice Collaborative

With the High Holy Days approaching, it is fitting that we at the Justice Collaborative consider our accomplishments over the past year and look forward to the future. This year, our committee resumed meeting once a month and began ramping up our planning and actions. We initially organized our work around three efforts: Gun Safety (led by Mark Michaelson), Voting Rights (led by Andi Herzig), and Criminal Justice (led by Molly Goldberg). As the year went on, we also expanded our efforts into Abortion Rights and Access (led by Emily Levinson).

By organizing our committee in this targeted way, we have been able to:

- Participate in RAC's core and campaign teams and promote their programs, including bail reform education, call-in-week for voting rights, lobbying federal legislators on voting rights, lobbying state legislators for death penalty abolition, and an educational seminar on abortion rights
- Have a Rockdale representative, Leslie Joseph, be one of two co-leaders in RAC Ohio's "Every Vote, Every Voice" voter engagement campaign
- Plan a community MLK Day online gathering
- Plan a death penalty abolition letter writing event where over a dozen letters to legislators were written
- Participate in JCRC's Gun Safety committee with leadership from Mark Michaelson and Dan Hoffheimer
- Deepen our relationship with other gun safety organizations by co-promoting their events
- Be the lead Jewish organization at Moms Demand Action's Wear Orange event for gun safety
- Promote and attend the Planned Parenthood Advocates of Ohio's rally for abortion rights
- Distribute abortion resources available from RAC and Women of Reform Judaism
- Maintain our relationship with the Ohio Organizing Collaborative through the efforts of Valerie Weinstein

As we reflect on these efforts, we consider them in light of the points of progress and pull-backs that happened over the past year. The overturning of *Roe v. Wade* was a reminder that parts of society will organize to reverse the progress that we and previous generations have fought for. But we know that this reversal was achieved through commitment over decades, and it is always possible to shift the tides again. It is up to us to build momentum on the issues that align with our values. Come build momentum with us on these issues so we can join a movement that will win.

Justin Levy  
*Chair, Justice Collaborative*  
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**ROCKDALE'S  
JUSTICE  
COLLABORATIVE**





# shabbatCTY

A joyful Shabbat in Cincinnati

Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup>

Taft's Brewpourium

4831 Spring Grove Ave, Winton Place

Drinks & Nosh – 6:00PM

Shabbat Service - 6:30PM

\*Optional dinner, \$18 per person

Register at [www.rockdaletemple.org/event/shabbatctysept2022](http://www.rockdaletemple.org/event/shabbatctysept2022)

## Sukkot

### Erev Sukkot Service

Sunday, October 9

7:00PM

in the Messer Chapel  
& live on our website/Facebook  
followed by Kiddush & Oneg in the Sukkah

### Sukkot Morning Service

Monday, October 10

10:30AM

in the Messer Chapel  
& live on our website/Facebook  
followed by Festival Luncheon in the Sukkah

## Simchat Torah

### Congregational Dinner

Sunday, October 16

5:30PM

in the Heldman Social Hall  
& live on our website/Facebook

### Erev "Rock" Simchat Torah & Consecration Service

Sunday, October 16

6:30PM

in the Messer Chapel  
& live on our website/Facebook

### Simchat Torah Service with Yizkor

Monday, October 17

10:30AM

in the Messer Chapel  
& live on our website/Facebook  
followed by Festival Luncheon Heldman Social Hall



## Meet The Congregant: Susan Klug Kahan BY LINDA CHATTERJEE

On a sunny day outside Wyoming Community Coffee, I had the opportunity to talk to our Women of Rockdale President about her life before coming to Cincinnati in 2015.

Susan Klug Kahan is a California girl, “born and raised” in San Diego. Her maternal grandfather’s family had come from Sarajevo (the capital of Bosnia and Herzegovina) but identified as Spanish Jews. Her mom was always full of energy, helping to run Susan’s dad’s medical practice and volunteering for everything in the community. After Susan’s father died, her mom went to work and eventually ran her own business as a conference organizer. She was also artistic. Susan decided to combine her inherited interests in art and medicine to become a medical illustrator. One day, while standing in line to register for a science class at Stanford University, she got talking to a young man named Fred who wanted to be a doctor and that was the start of something wonderful.

After Stanford, Susan attended the University of California at San Francisco and obtained a Masters in Medical and Biological Illustration. After graduation, she and Fred married at her Temple in San Diego, and she joined him in Pittsburgh where he was doing an internship and residency. Then they lived in Manhattan during Fred’s fellowship, before the Navy posted him to...San Diego, CA. What a blessing! While Fred was at sea or busy at Balboa Hospital, Susan had family around to help her with their baby girls—first Alexandra and later, Chloe.

From California, the family moved to Ohio for Fred to gain experience at the Cleveland Clinic. Their youngest daughter Frannie (Frances) was born there. Fred then joined a busy private practice in Stockton, CA where the family lived from 1992–2015. They would still visit grandma in San Diego every Passover, often taking the girls’ friends—Jewish or non-Jewish. Everyone always had a great time.

Susan enjoyed singing in the Adult Choir at Temple Israel in Stockton (and now her lovely soprano harmonies can be heard in our Shir Shalom choir). She was also on the Temple Israel Board for 12 years, serving one term as President. When Fred wanted to change to a less demanding schedule, they looked around the country for a practice that needed a cardiac anesthesiologist and settled on the Cincinnati area. Susan says they “lucked out” with the community in Wyoming. Within days, they were invited to the local 4th of July party and Susan had been signed up for the gardening club.

By this time, all the girls had finished college. Alex was in Washington, D.C. working for the Obama Administration. Chloe was making a music career in Los Angeles, and Frannie had recently graduated with a degree in Art History. Frannie volunteered to help her parents move. She is now the Director of Cultural Arts Engagement at the Mayerson JCC, next door to Rockdale.

Medical Illustrating has developed to be computer based. Susan now focuses on other forms of art which she enjoys, such as painting furniture and creating mosaics. She also participates in community art projects such as the painting of a rain barrel at the Cincinnati Zoo, and the Under One Roof exhibit at the JCC. She also enjoys Israeli dancing, and is currently helping her daughter Alex prepare for her September wedding in Washington, D.C.

We are so glad to have Susan, Fred, and Frannie as part of our Rockdale community.

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# Tribute Funds

*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.

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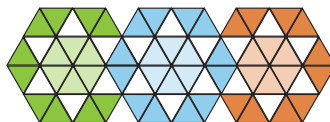
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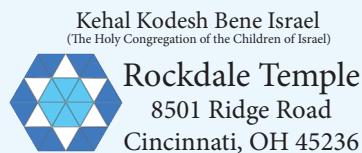
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