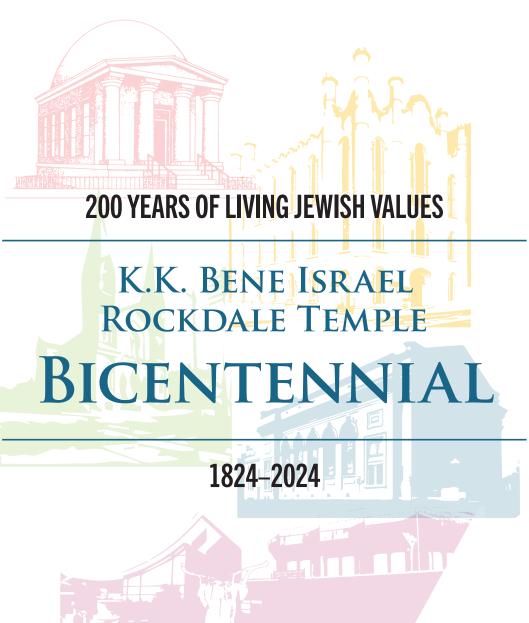
ROCKDALE TEMPLE FALL 5784



# SHOFAR SOUNDINGS



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## MAZEL TOVE

To **Trip Wolf** on the birth of his grandchildren: Josie Horn, Daughter of Kathryn & Ben Horn and Dean Wolf Munro, son of Trisha & Andrew Munro

To **Benjamin Peck** on becoming a Bar Mitzvah

To Brie De Falco on becoming a B'nei Mitzvah

To **James and Lori Reidel** on the birth of their grandson, Otto Arthur Reidel, son of Travis and Patty Reidel and brother of Ella and Lucy

To **Jim Heldman and Wendy Saunders** for receiving the Greater Cincinnati Planned Giving Council's Annual Voices of Giving Award

To **Jim Heldman and Wendy Saunders** on the birth of their grandson, Zander Edward, son of Courtney Heldman and Jessica Wing

To **Ruth Klette and Andrew Cusher** for their son, Jordan Klette-Cusher, being a finalist for the Nancy and David Wolf Holocaust and Humanity Center's Upstander Awards

To **Professor Michael A. Meyer,** Adolph A. Ochs Professor Emeritus at HUC-JIR, Cincinnati, who was honored by the Center for Jewish History at a Gala Dinner in New York on June 7, 2023, "in recognition of his outstanding scholarship in modern Jewish History and his decades of leadership in Jewish Studies."

To our Rockdale Temple members elected to the Jewish Federation of Cincinnati's board at its annual meeting in May: Jim Heldman, Todd Schild, Abby Schwartz, and Caroline Winstel McLeod

To **Alexia and Scott Kadish** on the marriage of their son, Zakary to Emily Farbman.

If you would like to contribute moments of congratulations, please contact Patty Kaufman, pkaufman@rockdaletemple.org.



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ALREADY REGISTERED!





## Senior Rabbi Meredith Kahan

#### STANDING ON THE PRECIPICE OF OUR 200TH YEAR

As I write this article, we are reading the Book of Deuteronomy, consisting mostly of Moses' long, impassioned speech(es) to the Israelites, preparing them to enter the Promised Land. They stand on the banks of the Jordan River, eagerly waiting to cross over. Like our Biblical ancestors, we too stand on the precipice, excited to begin a New Year, 5784, but especially *this* New Year—our 200th. We have been preparing ourselves to enter this auspicious year, planning in earnest to celebrate our Bicentennial.

Moses' message to the Israelites is one of love, of anticipation, of excitement. He recalls for the People of their roots, their core stories, their biggest moments. He reminds them to revere God, to walk in God's ways, to uphold God's Teachings. And even though he himself will not enter this next phase of life, Moses celebrates alongside his people and helps them realize this blessing of moving forward.

At our 199th Annual Meeting, held June 11, 2023, our Rockdale Temple family discussed some of these same themes. Here are just a few notes from our Community Conversations:

#### RECALLING OUR ROOTS — What has Rockdale meant to you/your family?

- This is THE Jewish institution for our family; Rockdale has been here for us for the entire cycle of life.
- Rockdale means tradition, Judaism continuing from generation to generation.
- Rockdale is inclusive \* welcoming \* warm \* home.

## UPHOLDING OUR TEACHINGS & VALUES — What are you looking forward to experiencing/being involved in during the Bicentennial Year?

- Sharing gratitude for those who have stepped up to ensure our future.
- Welcoming unaffiliated/under-engaged people and including the whole community.
- Learning about our history, celebrating our lives, knowing that Rockdale thrives and moves forward.

## REALIZING THE BLESSING OF MOVING FORWARD — What do you hope for Rockdale's future?

- Grow \* Be on the leading edge \* Innovate \* Transform with the times.
- Be creative in meeting our mission. Rethink success.
- Shared responsibility for Rockdale; everyone will be a stakeholder and leader.
- "I hope that we'll be pleasantly surprised by Jewish life and our Rockdale Temple!"

As I walked around the Heldman Social Hall during the Annual Meeting, hearing all of these ideas (and so many more) from our congregational family, I felt uplifted, encouraged, and comforted. Our is a sacred community that is proud of its history, dedicated to its purpose, and inspired to move forward. Standing on the precipice of 5784, our 200th year, I feel a tremendous sense of security, knowing that our members are devoted to ensuring Rockdale's future, not just celebrating its past. It is a story worth celebrating, but in large part because the story is far from over.

I look forward to welcoming this New Year with my Rockdale Temple family. Sean, Seth, Becca, and Sari join me in wishing you a sweet, happy, and healthy 5784 and a very special year of celebration.

Shanah tovah,

Rabbi Meredith Kahan

Senior Rabbi



## Assistant Rabbi & Educator Erin Binder



"As we wrap up summer and come back together to kick off the school year and to welcome a new Jewish year, may we celebrate our holy community."

#### THE JOY OF COMMUNITY

We use the phrase sacred or *holy community* quite a bit, and for good reason. Not only is it the translation of Kehal Kodesh, the formal name of our congregation and the newer name of our religious school program, but it is also about the nature of how we are connected. Being in relationship with one another isn't just because we are Jewish or even that we choose Rockdale Temple to be our spiritual home. It comes from a sense of belonging—that we both contribute and receive from this collective of people and of families. It also comes from a strong foundation of values, history, and appreciation for what community and affiliation provide.

For me, as a rabbi and as an educator, the summer is necessary to reflect, relax, and recharge for the year...AND I have greatly missed seeing so much of our youth and family community each and every week. Gathering on a Sunday morning is one of my favorite times of the week. There is such joy and dedication to the experience not just for our young people, but also for parents, educators, madrichim, and even us rabbis.

The highlight of every year in the Kehal Kodesh Religious School program is the Family Retreat. In February, we had over 100 people join us at Hueston Woods for our weekend of learning, community, Shabbat, and fun! It is an opportunity for our families to be all together in every combination of relationship and connection.

I was approached by some of our Religious School parents last year who were interested in finding additional opportunities for that kind of connection. Thanks to generous funding from the Women of Rockdale In The Beginning Cookbook Endowment Fund and the Jewish Foundation of Cincinnati, we are launching a new initiative called **Mishpacha Meetups**.

*Mishpacha* means family, and it's clear our Kehal Kodesh feels like a family! In addition to the informal youth group programming for our young people, this new initiative will bring together the entire family to socialize and connect in a fun atmosphere. The Family Retreat doesn't have to be the only time we hang out together—now we have Mishpacha Meetups!

As we wrap up summer and come back together to kick off the school year and to welcome a new Jewish year, may we celebrate our holy community—finding moments of meaningful connection and opportunities for joyous engagement!

Shana Tova,

Rabbi Erin Binder

Assistant Rabbi & Educator

# HIGH HOLY DAYS



8:00pm Erev Rosh HaShanah Service Board of Directors Blessing (AR) (D)



### **ROSH HASHANAH**

9:15AM FORT Service



10:00AM Youth & Family Service



10:00AM Morning Service

Sermon by Rabbi Gary P. Zola, Ph.D. in Celebration of the Bicentennial of K.K. Bene Israel





5:00pm Tashlich Service French Park - Section Road



8:00pm Erev Yom Kippur Service Kol Nidre





### YOM KIPPUR

9:15AM FORT Service



10:00AM Youth & Family Service



10:00AM Morning Service



1:00pm Yom Kippur Study with Rabbi Richard S. Sarason, Ph.D.



3:00pm Afternoon Service

Holiness & Hope



4:30pm Yizkor Service Remembrance

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5:15<sub>PM</sub> Neilah Service

Conclusion and Havdallah



200 YEARS OF LIVING JEWISH VALUES

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



Rockdale Temple



(AR) Amberley Room



Streaming at rockdaletemple.org

## KK BENE ISRAEL/ROCKDALE TEMPLE BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION EVENT CALENDAR

#### **FEATURED EVENTS**

### Opening Event & Sukkot Celebration

Saturday, September 30, 2023 at 4:00pm at Tikkun Farm

## Bicentennial Celebration Weekend: 200 Years of Living Jewish Values

January 26-28, 2024

#### **200th Anniversary Shabbat**

Friday, January 26, 2024 at 8:00pm

#### **Bicentennial Gala**

Saturday, January 27, 2024 at 7:00pm

#### **Kehal Kodesh Celebration**

Sunday, January 28, 2024 at 9:30am

## Closing Weekend of the KK Bene Israel Bicentennial

June 7-9, 2024

#### **Rock the Block**

Friday, June 7, 2024 at 5:00pm

#### **Annual Meeting**

Sunday, June 9, 2024 at 10:00am

#### **BICENTENNIAL YEAR EVENTS**

#### **Shabbat Sermon**

by Congressman Greg Landsman

Friday, October 27, 2023 at 6:15pm

### Rockdale on Broadway with Rabbi Ken Kanter

Sunday, November 12, 2023 at 4:00pm

## Shabbat Sermon: Dr. Max Lilienthal of Bene Israel by Michael Meyer, Ph.D.

Friday, December 1, 2023 at 6:15pm

### Dr. Max Lilienthal on Chanukah presented by Cantor Bruce Ruben

Sunday, December 10, 2023 at 10:00am

#### Musician-in-Residence Weekend Alan Goodis

March 1-3, 2024

#### Scholar-in-Residence Weekend Karla Goldman, Ph.D.

March 15–17, 2024

#### *In the Beginning* Celebration

**Shabbat Sermon by Karen Martin** 

Friday, April 5, 2024 at 6:15pm

#### A Taste of In the Beginning

April 2024 – date and details TBA

## The Art & Artifacts of Rockdale Temple led by Abby Schwartz

Sunday, April 14, 2023 at 10:00am

Calendar is current as of September 1

Events at Rockdale Temple unless otherwise noted. For more information and to RSVP, visit *rockdaletemple.org/200* 

## President Sally Korkin

Dear Rockdale congregants,

This is the year! Our K.K. Bene Israel - Rockdale Temple Bicentennial year begins during the High Holy Days with our 200th Anniversary opening event celebrating Sukkot on September 30 at Tikkun Farm in Mt. Healthy, sponsored by the Women of Rockdale *In the Beginning* Cookbook Endowment Fund. Rockdale's gift to Tikkun Farm is a pergola which will be used as our sukkah during the event and is now a permanent structure there. We are appreciative of Rachel and Steven Schild for graciously stepping up to sponsor the pergola, built by many hardworking congregants over the last months.

All of our Bicentennial year events are included in this issue of Shofar Soundings. Mark your calendars, and watch for more details throughout the year! The celebration will include our January 26–28, 2024 Gala Weekend; with a meaningful service on Friday night, the Gala on Saturday night, and a very special event for our Kehal Kodesh students to wrap up the weekend on Sunday. In addition there are impressive speakers, musical programs, and many special activities planned. It will truly be a monumental year for our congregation and the Cincinnati Jewish community.

At our Annual Meeting on June 11, we held important community conversations about "What Rockdale has meant to you and your family, What you are looking forward to during the Bicentennial year, and What goal you have for Rockdale in the next ten years." This information will be an important part of our Strategic Planning. I want to thank all our members who responded to the congregational Strategic Planning survey. We wanted to make sure we heard everyone's voice as we begin the process this fall.

I announced at the Annual Meeting that The Jewish Foundation of Cincinnati awarded Rockdale Temple a three-year congregational grant beginning on July 1, 2023. We are grateful to The Jewish Foundation of Cincinnati for their partnership and support of our Congregational Engagement Professional, our many affinity groups, our Kehal Kodesh Religious School, and much more.

Rockdale Temple is pleased to welcome our new Congregational Engagement Professional, Elyse Krause, who joined the Rockdale team on July 24. She will be working with our Rabbis and staff to ensure that all our congregants' needs are met.

I look forward to seeing you during the High Holy Days, greeting you in person or having you celebrate with us virtually. As I have said before, 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 where I grew up.

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

L'Shanah Tovah!

Sally & Korkin
President



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## Message from Executive Virector Lisa Schneider



"As we gear up for the 2023–2024 year and celebrate our congregation's 200th anniversary, we have so many programs and events scheduled."

The Rockdale team has continued to be busy this summer. We started off by celebrating a new class of confirmands while observing Shavuot. We Rocked the Block for the third time in early June with approximately 200 congregants attending this event. On June 11, we held our 199th annual business meeting of K.K. Bene Israel/Rockdale Temple. Typically programming and events tend to slow down during the summer months, our team has not. We have used this time to work on other projects to prepare for the year ahead. We have spent some time over the past few months reorganizing and cleaning out various supply closets, preparing for the High Holy Days, and getting things in place for Rockdale's 200th Anniversary Celebration year.

The Facade Restoration is still being completed. The goal is to have this work done by the end of August. I want to thank Bernie Reiss, who continues to be our liaison for this project, for all the time he has spent working with the team on this project.

At the end of July, we welcomed our new Congregational Engagement Professional, Elyse Krause to our team. Elyse is getting acclimated to her role, and we are happy to have her here. If you have not yet met Elyse when you are at Rockdale, please stop by and introduce yourself.

As we gear up for the 2023–2024 year and celebrate our congregation's 200th anniversary, we have so many programs and events scheduled. Please look for information regarding these via Rockmail, our website, and in your email.

I have been a member of Rockdale for almost 23 years. I have attended many High Holy Day services here, but this year I feel more excited about them as I get to spend them with you in my role as the Executive Director. I look forward to seeing you in the coming weeks for High Holy Day services. As always, please call or email me anytime if you have questions or concerns. May you be inscribed and sealed for a good year. Shana Tova!

Lisa Schneider
Executive Director

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## Staff Spotlight: Elyse Krause

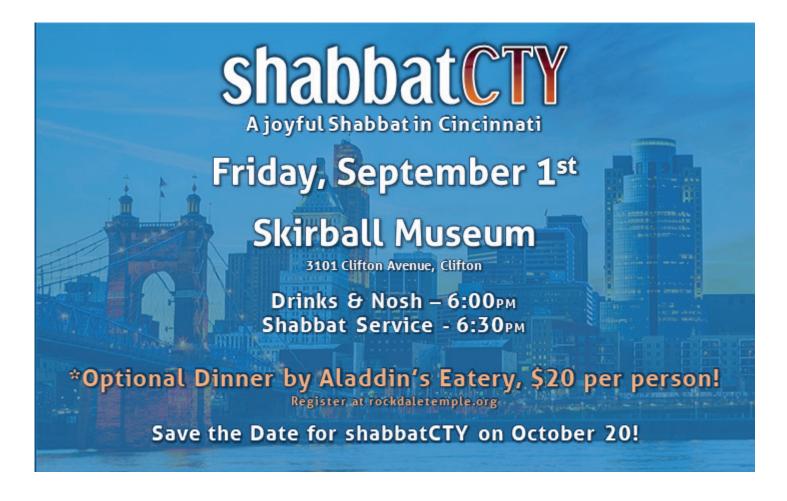
Elyse Krause, a Cincinnati native, is thrilled to join the Rockdale Temple family as our new Engagement Professional. This is Elyse's first time working professionally within the Jewish community, though she is already an active volunteer and recently completed the Jewish Federation's LEAD (Lead, Educate, Act and Develop) course for emerging young leaders.

LEAD started her on the path towards Rockdale by way of JCRC and the Jewish community's involvement in the state-wide Reproductive Freedom campaign. Elyse looks forward to collaborating on many more social justice projects, as well as sharing her love of learning and getting involved in the full spectrum of Temple life. Elyse is proud to have chosen Judaism; she connected with Judaism in 2020 and completed her conversion in the fall of 2021. As a member of the Jewish community, Elyse enjoys Torah study, spending time with her chosen Jewish family, and hearing people's stories of growing up Jewish. When she is not working, you can find her relaxing on the balcony with a set of knitting needles and her sweet fur baby, Chickadee. Elyse looks



forward to getting to know each member of our Rockdale Temple family! You may reach Elyse at ekrause@rockdaletemple.org or 513.891.9900, extension 102. Elyse will be in the

You may reach Elyse at ekrause@rockdaletemple.org or 513.891.9900, extension 102. Elyse will be in the Temple office Tuesday–Friday and present at Rockdale events, services, and programs!



## Birthdays and Anniversaries

#### **ADULT BIRTHDAYS**

#### **SEPTEMBER**

- 1 Donn Vidmar
- 1 Vickie Barham
- 2 Miriam Richman
- 7 Patricia Gollin
- 10 Nancy Messer
- 11 Ophra Weisberg
- 11 Peter Schiff
- 12 Dr. Bob Ingberg
- 16 Sally Korkin
- 16 Michael Zwick
- 20 Jeffrey Covel
- 22 Kim Schmulewitz
- 23 Paul Ruuge
- 26 Ellie Shott
- 26 Alyssa Gibberman

#### **OCTOBER**

- 4 Lilly Narusevich
- 5 Gillian Belfort
- 5 Christian von Thomsen
- 5 Jonathan Mezibov
- 5 Carrie Lipps
- 7 Joe Hirschhorn
- 8 Todd Schild
- 9 Robbie Mallin
- 12 Chip Harrod
- 20 Ed Wertheimer III
- 21 Heinke Lillenstein
- 23 Emily McOsker
- 25 Sarah von Thomsen
- 27 Dr. Myron Gerson
- 29 Cindy Kravitz
- 29 Suzanne Fairbanks
- 30 Noah Stern

#### **NOVEMBER**

- 2 Bert Rosenberg
- 6 Linda Greenberg
- 7 J.J. Jones
- 7 Ronald Roth
- 15 Doris Kramer
- 15 Dr. Michael Meyer
- 17 Shirma Revelson
- 18 Nathan Bowman
- 18 Tracy Yarchi
- 21 Maxwell Auerbach
- 25 Boris Masinovsky
- 25 Renee Frankel
- 26 Rita Newman



Adult birthdays are listed every five years starting with the 25th birthday and every year for members who have reached the age of 75.

#### **CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAYS**

#### **SEPTEMBER**

- 14 Kyle Checroun
- 17 Elias von Thomsen
- 17 Margo Kane
- 25 Samuel Burstein
- 29 C Magnus Knudsen
- 30 Zoe Spaulding

#### **OCTOBER**

- 1 Loralie Brady
- 6 Julia Frankel
- 18 Marlee Goddard21 Blake Rosensweet
- 21 Blake Rosensweet 27 Freddie Goddard
- 28 Eve Baker

#### **NOVEMBER**

- 1 Vada Reiss
- 2 Eden Kraus
- 11 Ethan Putz
- 12 Holden Jacob
- 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**

- 3 Jim Heldman & Wendy Saunders, 45th
- 9 Lawrence Waldrop & Carol Frankenstein, 45th
- 18 Chris & Ramesh Malhotra, 52nd
- 19 Glenn & Pamela Chundrlek, 25th

#### **OCTOBER**

- 7 Morton & Sally Cohen, 51st
- 13 Jonathan Spaulding & Ellen Lipstein, 10th

#### **NOVEMBER**

- 8 Brian & Rabbi Shena Jaffe, 20th
- 19 Donald & Barbara Misrach, 51st
- 30 Jack & Mary-Bob Rubenstein, 55th
- 30 Samuel & Maxine Potter, 55th

Anniversaries will be listed every <u>five</u> years starting with the fifth anniversary.
All anniversaries of 50 years or more are recognized.

# WELCOVE

**NEW MEMBERS:** 

Natalie Schwab Sarah & David Tarai and Family

### Gary Heldman Menorah Awards 2023/5783

Each year, at our Annual Meeting, our congregation honors members of Rockdale Temple with a Gary Heldman Menorah Award. The three individuals we celebrate today 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. We are grateful to all those who volunteer their time to contribute to our congregation. We particularly honor these three for their tremendous contributions over the years. The Gary Heldman Menorah Award carries with it the opportunity for each to give a donation to a Rockdale initiative or fund of their choice.

We look forward to our honorees' new gifts as we thank them for all of their past donations of resources, time, energy and heart.

#### John G. Cobey

John served for many years on our Board of Directors before stepping into the President's role in June 2020. John was our congregation's "Pandemic President," and he took up that challenge with passion, with

great care, and with love and concern. Throughout his presidency, John balanced the practical needs of the Rockdale institution with the social and emotional needs of our members. Under John's leadership, our Engagement Task Force was born, and countless other efforts were enthusiastically supported. As President, John was always present for our community; he was – and continues to be – a frequent participant in services, adult education, and celebrations. President John Cobey gets so much credit for the way he shepherded our congregation through a very difficult time, not to mention the way he joyfully shows up for us now that his tenure has concluded.

#### **Jason Schapera**

Jason Schapera, along with his wife, now-Rabbi Sam Schapera, came to Rockdale Temple as a young college student, eager to teach in our Kehal Kodesh religious school. Jason has taught many different subjects and age groups at Kehal Kodesh—most recently Rak Noar—and has served as a youth group advisor and B'nei Mitzvah tutor, as well. Jason is beloved by his students - he creates deep, meaningful relationships with each one of his learners, especially his B'nei Mitzvah students, and has even volunteered to run a Jewish D&D game for a group of interested Rockdale kids. Jason is a regular participant in our Shabbat

morning minyan and Torah Study group, bringing his deep knowledge and love of Torah to our community. He serves on the FoRT Committee, is a prolific volunteer, and is now our new chair of the Rockdale library!

#### **Rabbi Matthew Kraus**

Rabbi Kraus returned home to Cincinnati with his beloved, Rabbi Sissy Coran, z"l, when she became our congregation's

9th senior rabbi in 2004. We have been uniquely privileged that Rabbi Kraus offered—and continues to offer—so many of his own unique contributions and gifts to our community. Rabbi Kraus has taught many adult education courses, played for more than a decade in the Rock Shabbat Band, traveled with our Rockdale family around the world, and continues to serve on faculty at GUCI each summer. Rabbi Kraus created Rak Noar, our special 7th/8th grade program almost 20 years ago, and has innovated, adapted, and grown it, touching an entire generation of young adults. Rabbi Kraus has also partnered with us in supervising 2nd year HUC students—he is truly a teacher's teacher, a rabbi's rabbi. Our Rockdale Family cherishes all the gifts of his time, energy, heart, and mind that he has shared with us.



## Celebrating Jewish Summer Camp

Jewish summer camp holds a special place in the hearts of many individuals. It fosters a sense of belonging, nurtures Jewish identity, offers opportunities for connection with other Jewish kids throughout the region, and is a space for engaging experiences to create lasting memories. Rockdale is a proud supporter of Jewish summer camp and this summer, we had over 35 Rockdale members as campers and staff at our regional Reform Movement camp, Goldman Union Camp Institute (GUCI), as well as at Camp Livingston and Camp at the J! Ultimately, the magic of Jewish summer camp lies in its ability to create a transformative and enriching Jewish experience that shapes the lives of our young people in positive and meaningful ways.



## Spring and Summer Photos



## Bene Israel Society Testimonial: stu and karen zanger

"We know that Rockdale has connected us to so much of the goodness in our lives. How could we not wish the same for future generations?"

Rockdale will receive a legacy gift from us, Stu and Karen, once we both leave this life. We know that Rockdale has connected us to so much of the goodness in our lives. How could we not wish the same for future generations?

When we brought our very young family "home" to Cincinnati in 1988, it was Rockdale that we chose as our "temple home," Karen's first one here, having returned to her hometown as a Jew by choice. Within a week we had received a call asking if we'd like to form a chavurah as part of temple life—something still new at that time. That Sukkot we met for the first time the people who we still consider our "chavurah family," some of whom even live on either side of us in our "Deershadow shtetl." Our children all grew up together. We studied widely and taught each other monthly, traveled together for shabbatons, cooked for and blessed and nursed each other, buried, married, divorced, celebrated conversions, and greeted grandchildren. COVID divided us only physically. These relationships grew from the seed we had planted at Rockdale 35 years ago.

Some of our chavurahniks happened to be professional farmers, and year by year, they brought Stu along in his quest for delicious veggies and dark, rich soil. First he, and eventually both our daughters learned from Dick and David and Jim how to use raised beds, to grow garlic, to till less and to garden organically. Some of them sold veggies and flowers in the new farmers market scene sprouting in the 1990's and early 2000's. We joined the market community selling Vanishing Granola for a time, and more recently with daughter Jess's Zoftig Bakehouse. Stu has also served on the board of our local farmer's market for more than a decade now. And it started that first Sukkot with our Rockdale chavurah and its Jewish farmers.

We knew enough about making television to tell Rockdale's story in video form on the occasion of Rockdale's 190th year. In the making of that video, we got closer with all our

congregant interviewees—and especially one, Ed Marks, who voiced the soundtrack elegantly. A few years later, he and Anita moved to Florida, but first Ed asked Karen to take his place on the board of Jewish Cemeteries of Greater Cincinnati. During production, we had caught Ed's Cincinnati Jewish history fever. So Karen was soon drawn into the vast "library" of people's stories contained in that unique new organization's 25 cemeteries. Thanks, Rockdale, again!

And then there was Rockdale's library. Karen made friends there, played with children via stories, and had an entire Jewish world at her fingertips for about 30 years. What better way to grow Jewishly than by living within a mental map of a Jewish library?

No words can thank you enough, Rockdale,

for all you have opened up to our family. When we are gone, we will gladly help Rockdale continue for those who come after us.



## 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.



Steven Altman\* Sylvia (Sukey) Altman\*

Dr. Michael & Teresa Cohen Ames

Leonard Berenfield\* Doris\* & Stuart\* Berman Rabbi Erin Binder

Max Joseph Bleich Rosemary\* & Frank\* Bloom

Lynn Gross Chaifetz Linda Chatterjee

Anthony & Andrea Checroun Matthew\* & Jean\* Chimsky Jennifer & Patrick Clark

John Cobey & Jan Frankel

Max Cobey Alfred M. Cohen Barb & O.J. Cohen Ken & Janet Cohen Rabbis Sigma F. Coran\* & Matthew Kraus

Bernie Dave\*

Stephanie & Tony De Falco Bonnie & Darryl Dick

M. James Ellis

Risa Spieldoch Feagins & Steve Feagins Lisa & John\* Fox G. Allan & Sara Frankel

Dr. G. Russell & Renee Frankel Gail\* & Dick Friedman

Robert Frohman

Dr. Barry & Nancy Gibberman

Dolores Goldfinger\*

Rabbi Mark & Dr. Meryl\* Goldman

Michael G. Hall\*

Andy A. & Debbie Heldman

\*Of blessed memory

Betty Heldman

Gary & Austine Heldman George\* & Anne Heldman

Jim Heldman & Wendy Saunders Michael Heldman & Beth Franks

Idalynn Herzberg\*

Andrea & Dr. Edward Herzig

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Mitchell\* & Florence E. Zaret

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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.

## The Bicentennial Campaign

Thank you to the donors listed here who have already made pledges and gifts to the Rockdale Temple Bicentennial Campaign to endow and secure the Senior Rabbi position. The extraordinary generosity of our community has enabled us to reach and exceed our \$1,000,000 goal as we begin our Bicentennial year. Contributors to the campaign, including current members and former members, recognize the impact and significance of Rockdale Temple's Senior Rabbis in their lives. The campaign continues, so if you have not made a donation yet, please consider a meaningful gift of any amount so that all our members' names can be included on this growing list.

#### BROADWAY 1836 CHAVURAH \$50,000 TO \$99,999

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## The Bicentennial Campaign



200 YEARS OF LIVING JEWISH VALUES

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## September 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
= Anniversary Ble	*	Shir Shalom Choir Rock Shabbat			6:00p shabbatCTY at Skirball Museum Prerecorded Erev Shabbat Services	9:30a Sichat Torah 10:30a Shabbat Morning Services
<b>3</b> No Kehal Kodesh Religious School	<b>4</b> Temple Office Closed Labor Day	<b>5</b> Hebrew School	6	7	8 6:15p Erev Shabbat Services	9 10:30a Rabbinic Intern Madeline Budman's 5th Year Sermon at HUC 8:30p Selichot Dessert & Reflection 9:30p Selichot Services
<b>10</b> No Kehal Kodesh Religious School  10:00a Mishpacha Meetup: Apple Picking	11	<b>12</b> Hebrew School 7:00p Adult B'nei Mitzvah Class	13	14	<b>15</b> 8:00p Erev Rosh HaShanah Services	<b>16</b> ROSH HASHANAH 9:15a FoRT Services 10:00a Youth Services 10:00a Morning Services 5:00p Tashlich
<b>17</b> No Kehal Kodesh Religious School 10:00a Brotherhood Sukkah Building	18	<b>19</b> No Hebrew School	20	21	<b>22</b> 6:15p Erev Shabbat Shuvah Services	9:30a Sichat Torah 10:30a Shabbat Shuvah Morning Services
<b>24</b> No Kehal Kodesh Religious School 8:00p Kol Nidre Services	YOM KIPPUR 9:15a FORT Services 10:00a Youth Services 10:00a Morning Services 1:00p Yom Kippur Study 3:00p Afternoon, Yizkor, Neilah Services	26 Hebrew School	27	28	29 6:15p Erev Shabbat Sukkot Services	9:30p Sichat Torah & Kaddish Recitation (Zoom only) 4:00p Bicentennial Opening Event & Sukkot Celebration at Tikkun Farm

Calendars are subject to change.

## October 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> 9:30a Kehal Kodesh Religious School	2	3 Hebrew School 6:00p Brotherhood Bourbon in the Sukkah	4	5	5:15p Congregational Dinner 6:15p Erev Shabbat Simchat Torah and Consecration	<b>7</b> 9:30a Sichat Torah 10:30a Shabbat Simchat Torah Services with Bat Mitzvah of Loralie Brady
<b>8</b> 9:30a Kehal Kodesh Religious School	9	<b>10</b> Hebrew School 7:00p Adult B'nei Mitzvah Class	11	12	13 6:15p Erev Shabbat Services	9:30a Sichat Torah 10:30a Shabbat Morning Services
9:30a Kehal Kodesh Religious School	16	17 5p Hebrew School - Yom Ivrit	18	19	20 6:00p shabbatCTY	9:30a Sichat Torah 10:30a Shabbat Morning Services
9:30a Kehal Kodesh Religious School 3:30p Baby Boomers @ Musical of Musicals	23	24 Hebrew School 7:00p Adult B'nei Mitzvah Class	25	26	6:15p Erev Shabbat Services with guest speaker Congressman Greg Landsman	9:30a Sichat Torah 10:30a Shabbat Morning Services
9:30a Kehal Kodesh Religious School	30	<b>31</b> No Hebrew School		= Anni	iversary Blessings nday Blessings	= Shir Shalom Choir = Rock Shabbat

Calendars are subject to change.

## November 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
= Anniversa = Birthday = Shir Shal = Rock Sha	om Choir		1	2	<b>3</b> 6:15p Erev Shabbat Services	9:30a Sichat Torah 10:30a Shabbat Morning Services
9:30a Kehal Kodesh Religious School 10:00a PreK, K, 1st Family Education	6	<b>7</b> Hebrew School 7:00p Adult B'nei Mitzvah Class	8	9	6:15p Rock Shabbat Services with 2nd & 3rd grade participation 7:30p Congregational Dinner	9:30a Sichat Torah 10:30a Shabbat Morning Services
9:30a Kehal Kodesh Religious School 4:00p Rockdale on Broadway	13	<b>14</b> Hebrew School	15	7:30p Brotherhood Touchdowns at the Temple	6:15p Erev Shabbat Services led by Women of Rockdale	18 9:30a Sichat Torah 10:30a Shabbat Morning Services
9:30a Kehal Kodesh Religious School 10:00a Parent Schmooze	20	21 No Hebrew School	22	Thanksgiving Temple Office Closed	<b>24</b> 6:15p Erev Shabbat Services Temple Office Closed	9:30a Sichat Torah 10:30a Shabbat Morning Services (Zoom only)
<b>26</b> No Kehal Kodesh Religious School	27	28 Hebrew School 7:00p Adult B'nei Mitzvah Class	29	30		

Calendars are subject to change.

## The Chain of Tradition – Confirmation 5728/1968

My brother, John Fox, of blessed memory, was in the Confirmation class of 1968. His Confirmation was the same day as my college graduation from Washington University, and my mother decided it was more important and more meaningful for our family to be

at John's Confirmation than at my graduation. So, I received my diploma by mail, and that's why I had a part in the Chain of Tradition ceremony.

The service was on June 2, 1968 and was the last one at Rockdale Avenue Temple, with a reception after in Philipson Hall. The Chain of Tradition ceremony included four Rockdale members representing different eras of confirmands. Dr. Stuart Schloss represented the classes of the first hundred years; Helene Cohen, the classes of 1924-1949; and Jon Hoffheimer, the classes of 1950–1959. I was confirmed in 1962 and I represented the classes of 1960-1967. Each of us held a silver ring, 8½" in diameter, engraved with the years, and we linked our rings together. The final four rings were engraved with the names of the 54 confirmands of the Confirmation class of 1968, and linked by members of the class. When the rings were discovered in the Rockdale archives in the basement, there was a ninth ring for the Confirmation class of 1969, so the ceremony continued for one more year.

As I looked at the program from Confirmation 5728/1968, it was wonderful to see that members of that class still live in Cincinnati and belong to Rockdale: O.J. Cohen, Jackie Cole Cooper, Ruth Friedman Coppel, Bob Frohman, Beth Goldstein,

and Linda Messer Sawan. Charles Zax is a regular participant at our Saturday morning services. In addition, Jan Frankel's brother, Bob Frankel, and Lynn Mayfield's brother, Dan

Rosenberg, were in the class.

My hope is that during our 200th anniversary celebration year, many former Rockdale members will visit and proudly view their Confirmation photos on our historic wall of honor.

-Sally Fox Korkin



Confirmation 5728/1968





Confirmation 5783/2023

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## Rock The Block



## Meet The Congregants: the Levinson family—by Linda chatterjee

When Dr. Emily Levinson and her husband, lawyer Aaron Levinson came to Cincinnati from St. Louis, their friend Joel introduced them to his cousin Rabbi Meredith Kahan. The Levinsons celebrated Rosh Hashanah with the Kahan-Flowers family, and when their son Henry was born soon afterwards, Rabbi Kahan officiated at his Bris. Henry was born in April of 2019, and his little brother Avi arrived in November of 2020. It has been a busy time!

Emily was in St. Louis for Teach for America after completing a degree in Chemistry from Emory University. She taught two years of 7th and 8th grade Science and Chemistry in high school. Aaron is originally from New Jersey and was going to law school at Washington University in St. Louis, having attained a degree in History from Tulane. As he began his career as a prosecutor for St. Louis City, he realized he wanted to become part of the local Jewish community. He started going to events for young professionals at "Next Dor House" where he met Emily. Their first date was on Valentine's Day because it was the first evening they were both free. So as not to be too "pink and flowery" too soon,



they chose a brewery. Romance grew though. The couple were married in Emily's hometown in 2016.

Emily is originally from South Bend, Indiana. She was active in her synagogue growing up and attended the Young Judea camp. After Teach for America, she went to medical school at Columbia Medical School in Missouri and chose to specialize in Family Medicine. Emily's residency brought the family to Cincinnati. Aaron

has been working as a prosecutor in Kenton

County, KY but recently decided to start his own business—Levinson Law. He will specialize in criminal defense.

When Aaron has had any spare time, he has enjoyed playing rugby, but he says he is now retired after breaking his wrist. Emily has played tennis all her life, and they both enjoy travel, reading, cooking, and watching soccer games as FCC and Arsenal fans. The family lives in Clifton.

What do they like about Rockdale? Emily says she has enjoyed the opportunity to work with the Justice Collaborative and is happy to be in a congregation that is so passionate about issues she cares about. Aaron enjoys spending time with the boys while Mom volunteers; he appreciates that Rockdale has been "welcoming, low-pressure, and understanding" of parents with young children. The family enjoys attending services and events together! Henry recently started Religious School and Avi is beyond excited to be starting this fall! There is so much to look forward to.

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### Rockdale Reaches Out



## TIKKUN FARM: 200TH OPENING EVENT VENUE AND COMMUNITY PARTNER

Tikkun Farm (TF) is a nonprofit neighborhood farm in Mt. Healthy, engaged in the sacred work of restoring people, community, and creation by offering visitors, guests and volunteers opportunities to engage in "meaningful work and spiritual practices."



The owners of Tikkun Farm bought the former dairy farm in 2010. In 2015, the owners of TF created a non-profit to support their neighbors. Since then they have offered land for Bhutanese refugees to farm, invited local non-profits to meet in the farmhouse, created a fiber arts maker space, and hosted summer camps and an after-school program for underserved neighborhood youth.

Rockdale became connected with TF in 2017 through our connection with Heartfelt Tidbits, a local nonprofit (read more below!) partnering with TF to assist refugees in the area. Over the past six years, Rockdale Temple has sponsored a raised garden bed at TF, our members have helped at TF's summer camps, and still other Rockdale members have served during TF's regular Volunteer Days.

During 2020, TF greatly expanded their program to provide healthy food to those in need. Since then, TF has sent out 320 crockpot meal bags every week and distributed food to more than 300 families every weekend. More than 200 weekly volunteers join in the meaningful work of feeding our neighbors, caring for creation, tending to animals, preparing youth for jobs, educating children about the environment, growing food, and healing trauma.

When planning the 200th Anniversary Sukkot celebration, we identified Tikkun Farm as a meaningful location for our event. We approached Mary Laymon, TF's owner, to ask for use of the space in exchange for a special contribution from Rockdale. Mary proposed the building of a pergola, to be used during our event as a Sukkah, as a permanent, meaningful, needed addition to Tikkun Farm.





Many Rockdale Temple and Tikkun Farm volunteers have helped build this pergola over the past six months. Rockdale members Rachel and Steven Schild were so moved by TF's space, mission, and energy that they donated the funds to purchase the building materials. Thank you, Rachel and Steven, and thank you Rockdale Temple family for supporting Tikkun Farm, one of our special community partners in repairing the world.

#### Our Partner in Welcoming Neighbors - Heartfelt Tidbits

Heartfelt Tidbits (HFT) has helped 55,000 refugees and immigrants call Cincinnati home since 2008. Heartfelt Tidbits is a non-profit organization empowering refugee and immigrant families to reach self-sufficiency through extensive support and innovative programming. Rockdale Temple partnered with HFT in 2014 when our members expressed a desire to be involved with helping local refugees.



HFT is unique and impressive because its (very small) staff and (large group of) volunteers help refugees for "the long welcome," during which HFT assists with housing, medical needs, education, ESL, citizenship, youth support, a new neighbors program, job readiness, and community gardens. Rockdale members, led by Cora Steinberg, have volunteered with HFT for the past decade and continue to support and welcome our new neighbors.

This summer, HFT provided mini-summer school for kids and their families. During that time, we identified several newly-arrived families to our community, connected with two families from Venezuela and one from Guatemala, and identified a need for support for the 500 new immigrants from Mauritania, many of whom are living 12 people to a one-bedroom apartment. For these individuals and families, and so many more, HFT is often their first and primary source of assistance.

Our Rockdale Temple family remains committed to helping local refugees. We have the opportunity to enter a second decade of partnership and support! Many have asked how we can make a more personal impact and perhaps we can "adopt a family" who has just arrived. Rockdale members who are so moved can, through a donation to Heartfelt Tidbits, provide to a new neighbor:

\$60: Phone minutes or bill for one month

\$75: Cleaning supplies, paper goods, and personal hygiene products for one month

\$100: Halal meat for two people for two weeks

\$105: Metro Tank Pass for one month

\$410 to \$495: File for work permission for one person with humanitarian parole status

(I-765) work authorization card

\$800 to \$1200: Rent for one month

\$4000: Used van or car from auction

Donations may be made online at www.heartfelttidbits.com/donate.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support for refugees and immigrants, our new neighbors! For more details and information, please contact Cora Steinberg, Rockdale Reaches Out Chair, at csteinberg999@gmail.com.

Cora Steinberg

Chair, Rockdale Reaches Out

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### Environmental Committee



"Three generations of the Rockdale community gathered in nature for connection and togetherness."

#### **SECOND ANNUAL CAMPING TRIP**

Over the weekend of May 19-21, the Environmental Committee hosted their second annual camping trip in beautiful Brown County, Indiana. Three generations of the Rockdale community gathered in nature for connection and togetherness. We brought in Shabbat during a rain shower, went for a hike in the state park, explored the town of Nashville, Indiana, made food together and convened by the campfire. The kiddos enjoyed hanging in the hammock and playing games, while the adults relished in conversation and connection. We look forward to our third camping trip this coming May. We hope you'll consider joining us!



## Women of Rockdale

Hello. I'm so pleased to be leading the Women of Rockdale in our Temple's 200th Anniversary Year. We are looking forward to participating in all of the congregational events, especially a celebration of our *In the Beginning* Cookbook which was originally published in 1975 when the mothers of many of our current members were active in Sisterhood. Their efforts raised funds that are still being used each year for many projects that improve the social enhancement of Rockdale.

We look forward to our signature events: the monthly women's night out dinners, our Women's Shabbat on November 17, preparing and serving the holiday Christmas dinner at Ronald McDonald House on December 25, and our annual Women's Seder in April. In addition, we will have a joint adult program with Brotherhood early in 2024, and most importantly strengthen our connections with the Religious School families throughout the year. Being a teacher and student of Nonviolent Communication, I promise you that I will never try to "guilt you" or persuade you to volunteer for anything. Please join us. Make friends. Participate as much or as little

Linda Chatterjee President, Women of Rockdale

as you can, and have fun!



### **Brotherhood**

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We had a great kickoff to the year at our annual Brotherhood cookout on August 10. We had a nice turnout as we gathered for food and drinks, backyard games, and most of all for the camaraderie. It was wonderful to catch up and talk about the Brotherhood's upcoming plans. Special thanks to Andrey of the Temple's Building and Grounds team for manning the grill all evening long.

Thanks also to those Brotherhood members who were able to join us for Kehal Kodesh Opening Day. Another annual tradition, it was an honor to provide and serve lunch to bring in the school year for our young learners.

We hope you will join us in the Fall for more exciting programs. On the morning of Sunday, September 17, we will use our time and talents to build the Temple's outdoor and chapel sukkahs. The more hands, the better for this fun and meaningful mitzvah.

On Thursday, November 16, we will gather in the evening for "Touchdowns at the Temple." Let's cheer on our Cincinnati Bengals together over pizza and wings when they travel to Baltimore for an important AFC North showdown. We will turn the Heldman Social Hall into an all-out viewing party with the game being played on the projector.

Please reach out to me anytime if you have ideas for programs or want to get involved with the Brotherhood!

David Solomon

Brotherhood President

## High Holy Days for Youth & Families

Rosh HaShanah - Saturday, September 16 Yom Kippur - Monday, September 25

### 9:15am FoRT Service

(Infants-1st graders & familes)

followed by:

Interactive Family Experience\*

[Child(ren) with an adult]

#### 10:00am

### Youth Service

(2nd-6th graders, families welcome)

followed by:

Interactive Youth Experience

(2nd-6th grade\*)

Childcare available following Family Experience | \$15 per child; \$30 family cap
 \*Adults must remain on campus

Register at rockdaletemple.org/hhdyouth5784 by Sept. 6

# What's in your basement?

What's in your basement? What's in your closets? What's in your files? Do you have any Rockdale photos, certificates, programs, memorabilia, correspondence, or interesting relics? As we get ready to celebrate Rockdale's 200th anniversary, we welcome (via donation or temporary loan) your artifacts! From your family archives to Rockdale's archives, we will safeguard your treasures!

Contact Lisa Schneider in the Temple office if you find something interesting to donate or loan. Please note, we are not accepting books (unless they are uniquely historic) or general Judaica with no connection to Rockdale's history.



## Rockdale's Justice Collaborative

As Rockdale Temple begins its Bicentennial celebration, the Justice Collaborative also commemorates 200 years of social action. From its founding in 1824, K.K Bene Israel has committed itself to address the needs and issues of congregants and of the Cincinnati community that welcomed it.

Indeed, the congregation was formed because the rapidly growing Queen City was in need of a Jewish cemetery. The tradition of burial societies and caring for the dead always have been a focus of Jewish charity.

According to Vera Sanker's History of Rockdale Temple, "In 1855, Dr. Max Lilienthal was elected as the first permanent rabbi to officiate regularly at K.K. Bene Israel. He identified himself with general community causes. This progressive spirit became a tradition of the congregation and the participation of rabbinic and lay leaders in congregational and communal activities has persisted throughout the years."

When laying the cornerstone of the building on Rockdale Avenue in the spring of 1908, Dr. Philipson noted that "the congregation through its members must be a living, active force in carrying out the lofty precepts of faith and right living."

When the Rockdale Avenue building was burned during the riots of 1968, a deeper realization of the congregation's responsibilities in the community took place. While the incident and the rapid growth of membership prompted moving to Amberley Village, Rabbi Reichert, Temple presidents and congregants became active in the Civil Rights movement.

Rabbi Murray Blackman, Rabbi Harold Hahn, and Rabbi Mark Goldman were all involved in community-wide social justice activities. A Social Action Committee began to reach out to other faith groups to try to solve Cincinnati's problems together. The congregation started Mitzvahpalooza and the Environmental Committee. Women of Rockdale used its In the Beginning Endowment Fund to sponsor emergency contact cards for teenagers. The FreeStore/FoodBank annual drive saw most congregants bringing bags of canned goods or a monetary donation throughout the High Holy Day season.

Rabbi Sissy Coran, z"l, started a "listening" campaign to encourage congregants to tell their stories of social injustice. The campaign grew into a Temple project focusing on Gun Safety.

The success of that project in terms of numbers of people who participated, led to the formation of the current Justice Collaborative. The Collaborative is involved in projects from voting rights to gun safety to reproductive freedom, to criminal justice reform, and more. Rockdale works in collaboration with other Jewish congregations and organizations such as RAC and JCRC, and the Justice Collaborative also builds relationships with many other community organizations. Members participate in getout-the-vote drives and ballot initiative signature gathering, We Wear Orange for Gun Safety on Fountain Square. Rabbi Kahan and Rabbi Binder lead us in joining the citywide marches for justice in the Pride Parade and Martin Luther King, Jr. Day March.

For more information or to join this important work in Rockdale's third century contact Rabbi Erin Binder or Justin Levy.

Andi Herzig

Member of Justice Collaborative







## 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.

**Bene Israel Fund:** supports the role of Rabbi and Educator.

**Bicentennial Fund:** endows the Senior Rabbi position.

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 Erin Binder's Discretionary Fund:** funds opportunities and charities chosen by Rabbi Binder.

**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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Name	☐ In Honor of ☐ In Memory of
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Please make a contribution to the following fund:  \$18 Contribution  \$36 Contribution  Other, please specify:	Name to appear on tribute:
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Check enclosed Visa MasterCard AmEx	Name
Number	Address
Exp. Date CVV	City State Zip

# Selichot



During the High Holy Day season, we reflect on our relationships, choices, beliefs and practices. We consider where to make repairs and when to atone.

#### 8:30PM Dessert & Reflection

in the Heldman Social Hall

Enter into this holy season with personal reflection, conversation with community, and attention to the themes of Selichot. Gather over dessert and refreshments and tap into opportunities for contemplation.

#### 9:00PM Candlelight Selichot Services

Led by Rabbi Meredith Kahan & Rabbi Erin Binder in the Messer Chapel & streamed live

We open our hearts to the Days of Awe. Sit together by candlelight for prayers and songs of forgiveness, change our congregation's Torah covers to white, and hear the sound of the shofar to herald this season of return.

## Saturday, September 9



## Tribute Junds Ponations MAY 1-JULY 31, 2023

## RABBI MEREDITH F. KAHAN'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In memory of Maurice Dick

The family of Maurice Dick Daniel Hoffheimer

**General donation** 

Todd & Jamie Flagel

In memory of Adele G. Wolf

Daniel Hoffheimer

Steve & Jeanie Messer

In honor of Maddie's baby naming and the wedding of Andrea Diamond and Daniel Wittenberg

Andrea Diamond & Daniel Wittenberg

**In memory of Frank Bloom** The Family of Frank Bloom

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**In memory of Maurice Dick** The family of Maurice Dick

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Marcie & Jack Schreibman

In honor of Anya Kleymeyer's baby naming

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In memory of Jack Schwab

The family of Jack Schwab

## RABBI SISSY CORAN MEMORIAL FUND

**In memory of Adele G. Wolf** Rabbi Matthew Kraus

**In honor of Fay May's 92nd birthday** Jenny & Beckett Broh

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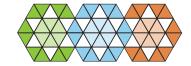
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