



# SHOFAR SOUNDINGS



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## MAZEL TOV!

To **Joseph and Marilyn Hirschhorn**  
on the birth of their great-grandchildren,  
Josie Horn and Dean Wolf Monro

To **Susan Klug Kahan and Dr. Fred Kahan**  
on the marriage of their daughter  
Frannie to James Swan

To **Frannie Kahan**  
on her marriage to James Swan

To **Adam and Elizabeth Kahan**  
on the birth of their daughter Layla  
and to **Sheldon and Brenda Kahan**  
on the birth of their granddaughter

To **Loralie Brady** on her Bat Mitzvah

To **Fay May** on the marriage  
of her grandson Jeffrey May to Lexi Perroux

To **Dan Hoffheimer**  
on the birth of his grandson Reid Hart Broder,  
son of Leah F.H. Broder and Daniel S. Broder

To **George Zahn** on the Special Recognition Award  
at the Cincinnati Jazz Hall of Fame Ceremony

To **Qui Nguyen** on the opening of his play,  
*Poor Yella Rednecks* at Manhattan Theatre Club

To **Nancy and Barry Gibberman** and  
**Alyssa Donahue and Alex Gibberman**  
on the naming of their grandson and son,  
Ryan Bradley Gibberman

To **Adrienne Davidson** on receiving the  
Gerri Harbison Spirit of Montgomery award from  
the Montgomery, Ohio Chamber of Commerce for  
her work with the Montgomery Farmers' Market

*If you would like to contribute moments of congratulations, please contact Patty Kaufman, [pkaufman@rockdaletemple.org](mailto:pkaufman@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 6:00pm

**Kahal 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



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or to RSVP for events*

## BICENTENNIAL YEAR EVENTS

**Shabbat Sermon: Religion & Politics**  
by Congressman Greg Landsman  
Friday, October 27, 2023 at 6:15pm

**Bus Tour of Bene Israel's  
Homes and History**  
led by Rabbi Gary P. Zola, Ph.D.  
Sunday, October 29, 2023 at 1:00pm

**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**  
Saturday, April 6, 2024 in the evening

**The Art & Artifacts of Rockdale Temple**  
led by Abby Schwartz  
Sunday, April 14, 2023 at 10:00am

**Events at Rockdale Temple unless otherwise noted.**



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## MARCH FOR ISRAEL – UNITY, HUMANITY, HOPE

On Tuesday, November 14, I joined more than 290,000 Jews in Washington, D.C. for the March for Israel. Its three goals were clearly stated—March for Israel, to free the hostages, and against antisemitism. Amidst the backdrop of the U.S. Capitol, the Washington Monument behind us, the largest gathering of American Jews in history prayed, sang, listened, chanted, hugged, witnessed, and hoped together. I was grateful to attend with the support of our congregation’s leadership, joining a delegation of 400 Jewish Cincinnatians organized by the Jewish Federation of Cincinnati. After a very long day, I arrived home inspired, uplifted, and comforted.

The March for Israel was organized by Jewish Federations of North America (of which our Cincinnati Federation is a part) and the Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations (to which our Reform Movement’s organizations belong). The participants in the March for Israel reflected the diversity of the Jewish people and American Jewish community, as did the messages shared from the podium. Though not all the messages shared resonated with everyone, nor did I agree with everything said (and thought some important things were left unsaid), there was a strong sense of unity amongst those assembled. As my colleague Rabbi Sue Shankman of Washington Hebrew Congregation noted, “today was an amazing affirmation of Jewish peoplehood.”

Knowing that we were standing together with so many of our Jewish family filled my heart (I even stood with my actual family, bumping into my D.C.-based cousin who I didn’t know would be in attendance)! Our Cincinnati delegation was as diverse as the crowd itself, including community members of every denomination and generation, high schoolers and college students, communal professionals, Israelis, and families. The Reform Movement and our Reform congregations were present in significant numbers. The speakers represented multiple faiths, political perspectives, nationalities, leadership positions, and perspectives. Very little (if any) negative or violent rhetoric was heard from the crowd, and participants with a multiplicity of perspectives were both encouraged to and clearly felt comfortable advocating their positions. As Rabbi Jill Jacobs, a Reform rabbi and executive director of T’ruah: The Rabbinic Call for Human Rights encouraged her followers, “those of us who seek a political solution that upholds the human rights of both Palestinians and Israelis are in the majority. Let’s make sure our voices are loud today.”

I want to highlight three sets of speakers I found particularly powerful. The first (though very late in the program) were two college students, one from George Washington and another from Columbia, who spoke passionately about the challenges faced by college students in this moment. They were passionate, confident, and proud to be Jewish—their message gave me hope for our future generations. The second was in a class all her own—Professor Deborah Lipstadt, expert in antisemitism and Holocaust, now serving as our government’s Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Antisemitism. She spoke with great clarity on the antisemitism Jews are facing in our country and all around the world, and rightly insisted that we have an obligation to care about those facing Islamophobia and other hatreds, as well.

Ambassador Lipstadt remarked that “Jews are strongest at our broken places”—a truth so clearly on view at the March. Finally, the three families of people being held hostage (including a small child)—their time at the podium was





the only time of the day that the crowd was silent. I think it's important to emphasize that the family members of the hostages were the strongest voices demanding that we recognize the humanity in our Palestinian neighbors. Alana Zeitchik, representing six of her family members being held hostage, insisted, "For too many, it feels like to care about one family—to love one child—is to diminish the suffering of another. But the simple human truth is that you don't have to choose. You can abhor the suffering of Palestinian families and the suffering of Israeli families like mine."

Rockdale's own Jackie Congedo (who serves as Chief Community Engagement & External Relations Officer of the Holocaust and Humanity Center) beautifully expressed the meaning of this moment in time: "...with me, I could feel so many generations who've come before in this centuries-long quest for Jewish safety." Just as our ancestors have done for thousands of years, we search for light in the darkness. And as we approach Chanukah, our season of rededication, I pray that we will rededicate ourselves to unity, humanity, and hope.

**Unity**—that we may find strength in Jewish peoplehood, comfort in this large, diverse, complicated Jewish family, joy in the knowledge that we exist in such beautiful diversity and complexity.

**Humanity**—that we may recognize the worth of every person, the inherent dignity of every human being, and stand staunchly against the suffering of all innocent people.

**Hope**—that in this dark time in our story, we will find a way to be a light to the world; that we will strive to increase light just as we do each night of Chanukah; that we will know that our hope is not, will not, cannot be lost.

May this be a season of light for us all,

*Meredith Kahan*

Rabbi Meredith Kahan  
Senior Rabbi



# Assistant Rabbi & Educator Erin Binder



*“Let us spread  
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When I was a teenager here at Rockdale Temple, I vividly remember gathering with my fellow youth group friends in the youth lounge to watch the Super Bowl. I could have cared less about football (please don't hold that against me!)—rather for me, it was about being with my Jewish friends in our Jewish space. Now as an adult, the idea of hosting a youth group Super Bowl party sounds silly—why would we hire the advisor, staff the building, pay for security, and order all the snacks and treats just to watch a sports game that they could watch at home?? Young Erin had the answer all along: Being with Jewish friends and Jewish community, in any space, is joyful, safe, welcoming, and fun.

This is something our youth groups and family programs have embodied for a long time. Recently, Club 456 (our 4th, 5th, & 6th graders) went bowling and Rak Noar (7th & 8th graders) partook in a murder mystery game. YGOR (our high school youth group) also enjoyed a beautiful afternoon at Blooms & Berries. Did the events have inherent Jewish content? No, not really. Were they worth the investment and time spent together? Absolutely.

This is also something our other affinity groups are embracing. Our Boomers and Seniors have enjoyed visits to museums, theater, and other cultural outings. The Women of Rockdale go out to dinner and the Brotherhood enjoys sporting events. Surely these are things that they can do outside of Jewish community, but we are choosing to gather and experience together.

The truth is that we offer something special. Last edition, I wrote about the sacred nature of our community. Rockdale is more than just a place where we have a transactional membership, but rather it is a community that is spiritual, relational, and holy. Since the onset of the Israel-Hamas war, that has felt even more precious and necessary. Now more than ever, Rockdale and Jewish community is a place where you can feel safe, seen, and have a sense of belonging.

Being a Jew in our world isn't always an easy experience. This has been true throughout history. The ancient rabbis say it is a mitzvah to place the Chanukah lights in the window or at the entrance to one's home for all to see. It is to remind us of the miracles of Chanukah and the importance of ritual and light. However, the rabbis also say that in times of danger, it is enough to light your chanukiah on a table inside.

In these times of darkness, let us continue to gather for any and all opportunities. Let us bring more light to the world with our joy, our friendships, and our adventures together. Let us spread a shelter of peace over our community and pray for better days ahead.

Chag Urim Sameach—Happy Chanukah!

*Erin Binder*

Rabbi Erin Binder  
Assistant Rabbi & Educator

Dear Rockdale congregants,

The Bicentennial year continues! We were honored to welcome Congressman Greg Landsman as our featured speaker at our October 27 Shabbat service. His sermon, "Reflections on Religion and Politics," and the question-and-answer session following were extremely compelling. Greg's father was confirmed at Rockdale in 1960, and he is a descendant of Bene Israel founding member David Israel Johnson who was Rockdale's third President from 1827–1829.

On Sunday, October 29, Rabbi Gary Zola was our tour guide as we travelled by bus to prominent locations in the history of K.K. Bene Israel including the Chestnut Street Cemetery and the site of Rockdale Avenue Temple at Rockdale and Harvey Avenues (where many of us grew up). We are grateful to Rabbi Zola for teaching us about the congregation's history in the context of Jewish Cincinnati, and also for delivering our Rosh Hashanah morning sermon.

Rabbi Ken Kanter presented *Rockdale on Broadway* on Sunday, November 12 featuring a galaxy of stars from the College Conservatory of Music and special Rockdale celebrities. The afternoon showcased the great songs from Broadway connected to significant moments in Rockdale Temple's 200-year history.

It's been a busy Fall at Rockdale! We began our Bicentennial year on September 30 at Tikkun Farm at an incredible Sukkot celebration attended by 160 congregants and friends of Rockdale. Thank you to the Women of Rockdale *In the Beginning* Cookbook Endowment Fund for sponsoring our kickoff event.

Our Bicentennial programs and events will continue through June 2024. Watch for your invitation to the Bicentennial Celebration Weekend, January 26–28, 2024. Friday night's Legacy Shabbat service will feature music spanning 200 years, and an elegant dessert reception will follow. Saturday night's Bicentennial Gala will begin in our Heldman Hall and will include a walk through Rockdale's history. The celebration will continue in the Amberley Room of the Mayerson JCC with dinner and dancing to the Chuck Taylors. Our Kehal Kodesh family will have their own special Bicentennial event on Sunday morning, January 28.

This issue of *Shofar Soundings* includes an update on our Strategic Planning process chaired by Dick Friedman. In August, our Board of Directors created new Vision and Mission statements. Our Vision: We are a vibrant, inclusive, innovative congregation creating connections to Judaism and each other. Our Mission: Our Reform Jewish community celebrates lifelong learning, strives to repair the world, and creates meaningful worship and transformative Jewish experiences.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our annual High Holy Day Appeal to rebuild our sound system in the Messer Chapel and the Heldman Social Hall. That work is in progress.

Wishing you and your families a Happy Chanukah, and a good 2024, 200 years since our founding in January 1824!



Sally F. Korkin  
President



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# Message from Executive Director Lisa Schneider



*“Rockdale’s warmth and personality was what attracted me all those years ago. From congregant to Executive Director, I appreciate the culture of gratitude.”*

What a year it has been in my role as Executive Director! So many things have happened this year: we hired new staff, welcomed new members, hosted countless programs and events, and began the celebration of our Bicentennial year. I want to share a couple reflections in making the change from long term congregant to Executive Director.

As many of you know, holidays are a big deal at Rockdale. Like so many of our events, Chanukah has a lot of moving parts and utilizes not just our building, but the Amberley Room as well. There is something about overseeing an event this large and in many different spaces that opened my eyes to just how many details go into Rockdale’s programs and events. Details like donuts. I’ve never seen so many donuts in my life! In addition to learning just how many donut varieties there are, I experienced the tradition of putting not only apple sauce or sour cream on latkes: but putting both at the same time! It wasn’t bad, but as a through and through New Yorker: apple sauce only is the superior way to eat latkes! Shout out to my fellow New Yorkers and #TeamApplesauceFans!

Another eye-opening experience: how long the High Holy Day Season is and how early Rockdale begins preparing. As a congregant I thought that the preparation for the High Holy Days started a few weeks before Rosh Hashanah. Being on the other side of things, as Executive Director I learned (very quickly) that work for the High Holy Days starts in early summer and continues through Simchat Torah. This is when, as staff, we can say the High Holy Days are over. I am very thankful to our team for all the hard work that went into making the High Holy Days a meaningful and joyful experience for our congregation.

Working behind the scenes, I have a greater appreciation for all the work that goes into making our Rockdale community what it is. I love that my role has given me the opportunity to reconnect with members, deepen other relationships, and establish new relationships!

Rockdale and the Jewish community have experienced many challenges this year. Most recently, the importance of security. Rockdale has proactively evaluated our security measures and is actively assessing our cybersecurity. I feel proud that we can quickly pivot to implement additional security measures that make our members safer. We trained our greeters and ushers in how a simple hello can have a huge impact on safety. We are in touch with local and national organizations monitoring antisemitism to make sure we continue to keep Rockdale as safe as possible.

Rockdale’s warmth and personality was what attracted me all those years ago. From congregant to Executive Director, I appreciate the culture of gratitude. It starts at the top with our Board and Rabbis and extends to the community. I cannot tell you how many times I hear a genuine thank you as I walk out of meetings, programs, or events. Rockdale has built a community that not only acknowledges, but also deeply values what people do. I am proud to be a part of the community we have and continue to build.

As we move to winter and colder temperatures, I want to continue to lift up and cultivate our warm and welcoming environment. As I look to my second year as Executive Director, my focus is continuing to celebrate our Bicentennial and nurturing a thriving and sustainable organization.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Lisa Schneider". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline.

Lisa Schneider  
Executive Director

# Staff Spotlight: Rebecca Wall

## WELCOME REBECCA WALL AS THE NEW YOUTH GROUP OF ROCKDALE (YGOR) ADVISOR!

Rebecca is originally from Denver and was an active member of NFTY-MV (Missouri Valley), serving on both her youth group board and the MV regional board. She grew up going to Shwayder Camp in the mountains of Colorado and attended multiple summers at Kutz Leadership Camp in Warwick, NY. Rebecca shared with our teens, “I made lifelong friends and memories through NFTY and I am hoping to provide an environment for you all to do the same!”

Rebecca went to college for musical theater in New York City, worked in tech in Seattle, and is now in culinary school in Cincinnati. Rebecca, her partner Matt, and wonderful son Sanders, joined the Rockdale family two years ago and love being a part of Kehal Kodesh. They live in Northside, love their life in Cincinnati, and for fun, enjoy family Skyline dates and Kings Island adventures.



# Rockdale Sukkot & Bicentennial Celebration

## ROCKDALE'S USHPIZIN – SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

One of the greatest mitzvot of Sukkot is to invite guests into your Sukkah. A mystical custom that became popular in the Middle Ages was to invite ushpizin, “invisible” guests, to the sukkah along with “visible” ones. Each night of Sukkot, a prayer would be recited asking a biblical figure to come and visit in the sukkah. Over time, biblical female figures joined their male counterparts, and historical personalities and departed family members were called upon to represent the blessing and legacy of our tradition.

At the Bicentennial Opening Event, we used the traditional words: “Come in, come in, honored and holy guests”—to invite those who helped shape the heritage we inherit as members of Rockdale Temple.

On that day we prayed: May our sukkah be filled with honored friends, beloved family, righteous guests, rejoicing, and peace.

### JOSEPH JONAS (1792–1869)

When Joseph Jonas arrived in Cincinnati in March of 1817, he was to become the first permanent Jewish settler in the Queen City. Despite his “Jewish solitude,” Jonas believed that Cincinnati had the potential to be a thriving Jewish community. As he encouraged more Jews to join him, they acquired a plot of land which became the Chestnut Street Cemetery, and 200 years ago, he was founder and first President of K.K. Bene Israel. Jonas’ legacy is in his determination to preserve Jewish life, his dedication to include women in Jewish leadership, and his commitment to communal relations as a proud citizen of Cincinnati. As we continue into the 3rd century of Rockdale Temple, we uphold the dream of Joseph Jonas and as he would have great pride in our beloved community.



### STELLA HEINSHEIMER FREIBERG (1862–1962)



Stella Heinsheimer Freiberg was active in both civic and religious philanthropic activities. In addition to her sponsorship of the arts and co-founding of the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, Freiberg was also one of the founders of

the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, serving in its leadership and supporting their efforts for many years. She received an honorary doctorate from HUC in recognition of her numerous contributions to the college and to the Reform Movement at large. Music and Reform Judaism shaped Stella Freiberg’s identity. The symphony that she helped to found brought music and musicians to her beloved Cincinnati. As a proud member of K.K. Bene Israel and founder of the national Sisterhood organization, she followed a family tradition of involvement with the Reform Movement, creating within it a special place for Jewish women.

### RABBI VICTOR REICHERT (1897–1990)

Rabbi Victor Reichert began his career at Rockdale as Assistant Rabbi in 1927, became Senior Rabbi in 1938 when Dr. David Philipson retired, and served the congregation in that role until his retirement in 1962 when he became Rabbi Emeritus. Rabbi Reichert was a close friend of the poet Robert Frost, including inviting Frost to speak from the Rockdale Avenue bimah. Rabbi Reichert was a well-respected rabbi and deeply involved in interfaith work. In all his many years as Rockdale’s rabbi, at the end of each school year, Rabbi Reichert would remind the religious school students to, “Read a good book, take a long walk, and make a new friend.”



### SUE RICHARD (1934–2014)



Sue Richard served as Rockdale’s first woman President from 1983–1985, and was the first in the city to serve in that role. Sue ascended to her historic role as President as a Rockdale and community volunteer, holding a Sisterhood leadership role prior to becoming congregational president. Referred to as warm, kind, and enthusiastic, Sue helped Rockdale’s community grow by emulating the warm and welcoming tagline we always aspire to achieve. As a fellow congregant shared, “Sue Richard may have been the one to draw us into the fold of Rockdale initially, but it is the community that keeps us here.” To Sue, everything was always “terrific,” and she was a true mensch, leading with dignity, style and grace.

# Rockdale Temple Family Roots

When we celebrated our 180th anniversary in 2004, we sent a questionnaire to our congregants requesting information about how long they have been members and how far back they could trace the membership in their families so we could honor them during the 180th anniversary service. Here are some responses from some of our longstanding members on the occasion of Rockdale's 180th:

**Alison Auerbach's** children are 7th generation members. Her husband Steve Auerbach, z"l's great-great grandfather, Abraham Wormser (born in Cincinnati in 1847), was the shammes at Mound Street Temple where he lived in an apartment in the basement.

**Ruth Friedman Coppel** and her sister **Lynn Friedman Chaifetz** are 4th generation members. Their children are part of the family's 5th generation.

**Alfred M. Cohen's** grandfather, Alfred M. Cohen, joined as a young man in 1870, and was President of Rockdale from 1912–1915.

**Dan Hoffheimer** can trace his family's membership to the 1840s, beginning with Max Hoffheimer who belonged from 1848–1888. Dan's grandfather, Harry M. Hoffheimer, Sr., was Rockdale's President from 1919–1921.

**Dr. Bob Ingberg** has belonged since the early 1940's and was consecrated in 1944. His great-aunt and great-uncle, Eva and Jacob Weisberg, were born in 1860 and 1861 and buried by Dr. Reichert.

**Millard Mack** is proud to trace his family's membership to the 1860s. He is a lifelong member whose great-grandfather, Sol Fox, born in 1862, was President from 1901–1904.

**Ed Marks'** family roots go back to 1851. His great-great grandfather, Henry Marks, and his great-grandfather, Isaac Marks, joined K.K. Bene Israel in 1851.

**Lynn Rosenberg Mayfield** is a 4th generation member, tracing her Rockdale roots to her great-grandparents, Josie and Arthur Stroheim, her grandparents, Janet and Sidney Rosenberg, and her parents, Dottie Rosenberg Senior and Alan Rosenberg.

**Ronald Roth** can trace his membership to his great-grandparents, Alfred and Carrie Rosenbaum, "over 100 years ago" (in 2004).

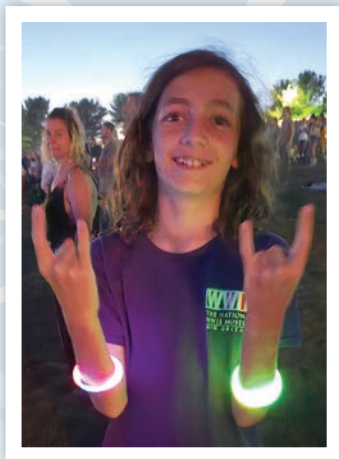
**Steven Schild** has a long Rockdale lineage. In his response, he highlighted on the list of past Presidents those who are members of his Schild and Schwab families: Simon Greenebaum (1907–1908), Julius Schild (1928–29), Morton J. Heldman (1939–1941), Warren Heldman (1953–1955), Alfred G. Schwab (1959–1961), and his wife, Rachel K. Schild (1995–1997).

**Now, 20 years later, we are once again requesting our members' Rockdale roots.** Please let Sally Korkin (sallyk916@gmail.com) know about your special Rockdale heritage in preparation for our 200th anniversary!



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# B'nei Mitzvah Celebrant



## HOLDEN JACOB

Holden is a 7th grader at Mariemont Jr. High School, where he is a member of the cross country team and enjoys learning about science and math. Having moved here a year ago from New Orleans, Holden has enjoyed making friends at Rockdale Temple and in his neighborhood. He still misses his family and friends from New Orleans, and he is excited to share his new life with them when they come here for his Bar Mitzvah. He enjoys playing video games, Dungeons & Dragons, soccer, and Pokemon.

Holden would like to thank his tutor, Madeline Budman, for her patience and dedication to his learning. He would like to thank Rabbi Kahan and Rabbi Binder for being so open and welcoming to him and his family when they first joined Rockdale, as well as their guidance and support throughout his Bar Mitzvah training. He would also like to thank his parents, Monique and Paul Jacob, for helping him through all of his studies and preparation for this day.



## BICENTENNIAL YEAR EVENTS

# CELEBRATING OUR FIRST RABBI DR. MAX LILIENTHAL

Shabbat Services  
with Sermon-Lecture  
by Michael A. Meyer, Ph.D.

**"DR. MAX LILIENTHAL  
OF BENE ISRAEL"**

Friday, December 1  
6:15PM

Followed by hors d'oeuvres + Q&A

**DR. MAX LILIENTHAL  
ON CHANUKAH**

Presented by  
Cantor Bruce Ruben  
Author of *Max Lilienthal:  
The Making of the American Rabbinate*

Sunday, December 10  
10:00AM  
Brunch Included



RSVPs appreciated:  
[rockdaletemple.org/200](http://rockdaletemple.org/200)



200 YEARS OF LIVING JEWISH VALUES

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

Matters of strategy and organization build the foundation for best practices and futures of any designed corporate or quasi corporate style entity otherwise known as human systems. In merely a handful of days following an invitation to accept a nomination to become a member of the Board of Directors of Rockdale Temple, I was asked to partner with the Temple leadership to lead and assist in designing a three-year Plan Strategy process on the very eve of the celebratory 200th Bicentennial year 2024 to ensure a stable and sustainable bright future for the Temple. In accepting the request to do so, I was, and I am pleased to note, that I would be able to bring to the table the many experiences I have had and through the opportunities that I have and have had in many significant leadership roles regarding strategic planning in the Jewish community and beyond throughout my now 80 plus years of existence.

I had the good fortune close to 50 years or more ago to be mentored during my academic and administrative career at the University of Cincinnati by two individuals, the late Dean Campbell Crockett and the late President Warren Bennis of the University of Cincinnati, who noted publicly that I possessed an “intuitive sense of organization.” It was in their favor that I was introduced to the training that they both received at the NTL Institute for Applied Behavioral Science. Simply put, “Who we are is what we do” is a credo at NTL (National Training Laboratory) and is an attempt to make the world a more just, inclusive and compassionate place.

So, with all of that in mind, I assisted and led, along with a carefully selected, energetic and engaged Strategic Planning Committee, the leadership of Rockdale Temple, a Strategic Planning process of, “who we are, what we do, and why we do it.” From my initial meeting in February 2023 with the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors, we moved forward to engage a consultant, Anne Maxfield, underwritten by donated funds. We surveyed the members of the Rockdale Board of Directors and staff for their views and surveyed the congregation members at large. Next, we interviewed, person to person, a group of carefully chosen stakeholders from within the congregation and the Jewish community at large for their views. We developed a freshened Brand Identity by creating a new Vision and Mission statement, and with the Data Points, gathered from all of the energies and efforts listed, developed a three-year Brand Strategy which was approved and adopted by the Board of Directors allowing Rabbi Kahan and her team to put into effect an Action Plan that will assist the Temple with its bright future for the next 200 years.

Noting a watch word quotation here, attributed to Leonardo da Vinci, “I have been impressed with the urgency of doing. Knowing is not enough; we must apply. Being willing is not enough; we must do.”

Dick Friedman, Chair  
*Strategic Planning Committee*

## **VISION:**

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## **MISSION:**

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# Birthdays and Anniversaries

## ADULT BIRTHDAYS

### DECEMBER

- 1 Lee Rozin
- 3 Jeffrey Routh
- 3 Sanford Paris
- 4 Vanessa Kurtzer
- 5 Christine Malhotra
- 8 Andrew Goddard
- 10 Nancy Gibberman
- 11 Israel Lichtenstein
- 15 Brad Hoicowitz
- 15 Donald Misrach
- 16 Bennett Kottler
- 20 Joshua Peck
- 22 Lynda Monahan
- 22 Merrie Tessler
- 24 Jennifer Glaser
- 28 Bradley Blackmore
- 28 Jeff Millar
- 30 Lorie Baker
- 30 Daniel Stein

### JANUARY

- 3 Barry Gibberman
- 6 Rochelle Stutz
- 7 Max Frankel
- 7 Rabbi Mark Goldman
- 9 Dr. Mark Mandell-Brown
- 10 Alison Auerbach
- 10 Kathy Woodson
- 11 Edward Marks
- 12 Joyce Alpinier
- 14 Sean Flowers
- 18 Susan Stern
- 20 Richard Friedman
- 25 Brenda Kahan
- 25 Viola Glassmann
- 26 Brantley Wilks
- 29 Ellen Drake
- 31 Lacy Wolfe

### FEBRUARY

- |                        |                      |
|------------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Madelyn Levy         | 12 Robert Bass       |
| 1 Corinne Simkin       | 13 Teresa Harrod     |
| 2 Elizabeth Chudnovsky | 13 Dr. Morton Mallin |
| 4 Marilee Lerman       | 14 Judith Seltzer    |
| 4 Ramesh Malhotra      | 16 Caleb Winston     |
| 5 Stephen Shapiro      | 20 Ken Mailender     |
| 6 Marvin Kraus         | 24 Erva Dick         |
| 8 Mark Wolfe           | 25 Glenn Chundrlek   |
| 8 Robert Altbaier      | 26 Mark Hageman      |
| 8 Jack Rubenstein      | 26 Sherri Slovin     |
| 9 Ralph Lowenstein     | 27 Alfred Cohen      |
|                        | 28 Dr. Linda Olasov  |

*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

### DECEMBER

- 3 Gavin Dowd
- 7 Eleanor Nordrum
- 9 Hazel Spaulding
- 10 Reis Golden
- 14 Samuel Maltz
- 14 Anna Rose von Thomsen
- 18 Samuel De Falco
- 21 Emerson Rosensweet
- 24 Micah Morrisroe
- 26 Gabriel Levy
- 26 Noah Calico

### JANUARY

- 2 Becca Flowers
- 6 Samuel Martin
- 6 Lyla Peck
- 7 Laura Tarai
- 10 Dani Grossman
- 13 Adam O'Koon
- 14 Seth Flowers
- 19 Liam Dunkelman
- 19 Ellie Friedman
- 20 Nathaniel Barnhart
- 24 Phoebe Rubenstein
- 26 Zsafia Bonyhati
- 31 Lilly Perlman

### FEBRUARY

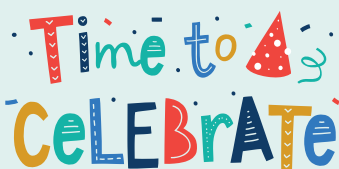
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| 3 Ethan Weinstein   | 11 Evie Clark       |
| 5 Connor Rosensweet | 13 Levi Lillenstein |
| 6 Declan O'Connell  | 23 Clara Calico     |
| 8 Savanna Blackmore | 24 Casey Shaftel    |
| 8 Elon Katz         | 27 Laney Wilks      |

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

## ANNIVERSARIES

### DECEMBER

- 10 Preston & Kathy Woodson, 40th
- 30 Leonid & Elena Sigalov, 35th



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

# WELCOME

## **NEW MEMBERS**

**Daniel & Alyssa Allen and Family**

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**Beth Mandel & Brian Driscoll**

**Joel & Hilary Suddleson**

**Mark & Lacy Wolfe and Family**

# Fall Events at Rockdale



# Fall Events at Rockdale



## *Bene Israel Society Testimonial:* RENEE AND MATT ROSENSWEET

*“We hope that by making this commitment today we can ensure that both Rockdale Temple and Camp Livingston will be here not only for our children, but our children’s children.”*

We became a part of the Bene Israel Society because Matt came from a congregation in Dayton that has always valued its Foundation. So, when the Jewish Federation of Cincinnati started the Create Your Jewish Legacy Program, it really interested Matt and reminded him of the strong community he came from. He also, at the time, was President of the Board of Camp Livingston.

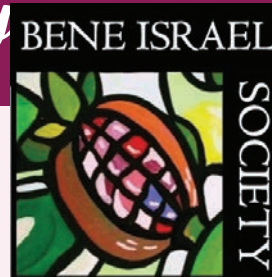
The choice of organizations was easy. It was always going to be the two organizations that built up our children’s Jewish identity. Rockdale fosters and supports that identity during the year with Religious School, the Family Retreat, and Youth Group. Camp Livingston lets them live their Judaism out loud during the summer. Both are equally important to them and therefore both are equally important to our family.



Because of these two community organizations, we have a daughter who has developed a love for Israel, a son who comes out of his shell every time he comes home to camp in Indiana, and a son and daughter who see everyone as a friend and want to support every kid.

Having been involved in Jewish life, we know that it is not easy to keep an organization running and that it takes time and money to do it. And we hope that by making this commitment today we can ensure that both Rockdale Temple and Camp Livingston will be here not only for our children, but our children’s children.

# 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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\*Of blessed memory

**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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**\$25,000 TO \$49,000**

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## **ROCKDALE AVENUE CHAVURAH**

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# The Bicentennial Campaign



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

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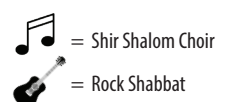
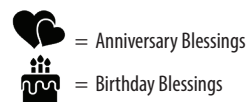
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Rabbi Gary and Stefi Zola

# December 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 = Anniversary Blessings  = Birthday Blessings					 = Shir Shalom Choir  = Rock Shabbat	
					<b>1</b> 6:15p Erev Shabbat Services with Sermon by Dr. Michael Meyer Rak Noar Retreat	<b>2</b> 9:30a Sichat Torah 10:30a Shabbat Morning Services 5:00p FoRT Havadallah Rak Noar Retreat
<b>3</b> 9:30a Religious School with 4th & 5th Family Education Rak Noar Retreat	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 4:00p Hebrew School  7:00p Adult B'nei Mitzvah Class	<b>6</b> 4:00p Hebrew School	<b>7</b> Chanukah Begins 	<b>8</b> 6:15p Rock Shabbat and Chanukah Party   	<b>9</b> 9:30a Sichat Torah 10:30a Shabbat Morning Services 
<b>10</b> 9:30a Religious School: Pajamakah Chanukah 10:00a Bicentennial Event: Brunch & Presentation by Cantor Bruce Ruben 	<b>11</b> 	<b>12</b> 5:00p Yom Ivrit 7:00p Adult B'nei Mitzvah Class 	<b>13</b> 	<b>14</b> Ethan's 8th Night for Israel 	<b>15</b> 6:15p Erev Shabbat Services  	<b>16</b> 9:30a Sichat Torah 10:30a Bar Mitzvah of Holden Jacob
<b>17</b> 9:30a Religious School 12:00p Club 456 event	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> No Hebrew School	<b>20</b> No Hebrew School 7:00p WoR Paint Night	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 6:15p Erev Shabbat Services	<b>23</b> 9:30a Sichat Torah 10:30a Shabbat Morning Services
<b>24</b> No Religious School	<b>25</b> Temple Office Closed WoR at Ronald McDonald House	<b>26</b> No Hebrew School	<b>27</b> No Hebrew School	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 6:15p Erev Shabbat Services	<b>30</b> 9:30a Sichat Torah 10:30a Shabbat Morning Services
<b>31</b> No Religious School						

Calendars are subject to change.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> Temple Office Closed	<b>2</b> No Hebrew School	<b>3</b> No Hebrew School	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 6:15p Shabbat Services  	<b>6</b> 9:30a Sichat Torah 10:30a Shabbat Morning Services
<b>7</b> 9:30a Religious School 10:00a Parent Schmooze 10:00a WoR meeting	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 4:00p Hebrew School 7:00p Adult B'nei Mitzvah Class	<b>10</b> 4:00p Hebrew School	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 6:15p Rock Shabbat  	<b>13</b> 9:30a Sichat Torah 10:30a Shabbat Morning Services
<b>14</b> No Religious School	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 4:00p Hebrew School	<b>17</b> 4:00p Hebrew School	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 5:30p FoRT Shabbat with Pre-K, K, 1 Participation 6:15p Shabbat Services	<b>20</b> 9:30a Sichat Torah 10:30a Shabbat Morning Services
<b>21</b> 9:30a Religious School with 2nd & 3rd Family Education	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 4:00p Hebrew School 7:00p Adult B'nei Mitzvah Class	<b>24</b> 4:00p Hebrew School	<b>25</b> Tu B'shevat	<b>26</b> 8:00p Legacy Shabbat Service	<b>27</b> 9:30a Sichat Torah 10:30a Shabbat Morning Services 6:00p Bicentennial Gala
<b>28</b> 9:30a Religious School with Kehal Kodesh 200th Gala	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 4:00p Hebrew School	<b>31</b> 4:00p Hebrew School			



Calendars are subject to change.

# February 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 = Anniversary Blessings  = Birthday Blessings	 = Shir Shalom Choir  = Rock Shabbat			1	2 6:15p Shabbat Services 	3 9:30a Sichat Torah 10:30a Shabbat Morning Services
4 9:30a Religious School 10:00a Rak Limud: 200 Years of Environmentalism	5	6 4:00p Hebrew School	7 4:00p Hebrew School	8	9 6:15p Shabbat Services Family Retreat	10 9:30a Sichat Torah 10:30a Shabbat Morning Services Family Retreat
11 No Religious School Family Retreat	12	13 4:00p Hebrew School 7:00p Adult B'nei Mitzvah Class	14 4:00p Hebrew School	15	16 6:00p shabbatCTY 6:15p Shabbat Services	17 9:30a Sichat Torah 10:30a Shabbat Morning Services 3:00p Baby Boomers Event
18 No Religious School	19	20 5:00p Yom Ivrit	21	22	23 6:15p Shabbat Services  	24 9:30a Sichat Torah 10:30a Shabbat Morning Services
25 9:30a Religious School 1:00p WoR and Brotherhood Fowling Event	26	27 4:00p Hebrew School 7:00p Adult B'nei Mitzvah Class	28 4:00p Hebrew School	29		

Calendars are subject to change.



Rockdale Temple

# Chanukah CELEBRATION

**Friday, December 8**

5:45pm - Festive Nosh!

6:15pm - Chanukah Rock Shabbat!

7:00pm - Dinner & Party!

Kids & Families:

Dancing and games with D.J. Zahnadu Productions, bounce house, & fun activities!

Adults:

Trivia, winter drink bar, & desserts!

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



# Time Capsule for Our Bicentennial

***"In 25 years,  
the school  
children will be  
grownups and  
will celebrate  
the 200th  
anniversary  
as the oldest  
continuous  
Jewish  
congregation  
west of the  
Allegheny  
Mountains."***

In 1998, K.K. Bene Israel Rockdale Temple, observed our 175th anniversary. Mark Goldman was Senior Rabbi, Ed Herzig was Temple President, and Gerry Korkin and Andi Herzig served as co-chairs of the year-long celebration.

Among the special events was the preparation of a time capsule. On September 13, 1998, Rabbi Goldman, Ed and Andi Herzig and Gerry Korkin joined with the children of the Religious School to install the capsule in the ground in the courtyard and place a stone marker on top of the plot. At the time, Ed explained to the students that, "We are celebrating a significant milestone in American Jewish history. We dedicate this time capsule to the Temple members who have gone before us, and to our future."

After placing the capsule in the ground and installing the stone marker, Rabbi Goldman said to the children, "When you come back to this spot 25 years from now... may the world be one happy family." In 25 years, the school children will be grownups and will celebrate the 200th anniversary as the oldest continuous Jewish congregation west of the Allegheny Mountains.

But in the early 2000s, Rockdale sold the building, including the courtyard, to the JCC. The building was remodeled and the courtyard reconstructed. As we approached the Bicentennial, the Herzigs and Korkins reminisced about the 175th events and wondered where the time capsule was. The stone marker was found in a basement storage room under the Messer Chapel, but the capsule itself was nowhere to be

seen. Everyone presumed it was still underground in the courtyard, but where?

In September of this year, Ed and Gerry, with the help of Noah Smilg, went searching through the entire courtyard with metal detectors, shovels and metal rods. At one point the metal detector beeped loudly and all were very excited to start digging. But a foot or so down, all that was discovered was an old drainage pipe. The weather turned cold and rainy and the three sleuths decided to try again another day.

A few weeks later, Andi Herzig, Sally Korkin and Barrie Kraus were in the basement storerooms searching for artifacts to be displayed at the Bicentennial Gala weekend in January. They recognized the stone marker off to one side of the room. The women

looked around the shelves, crates and boxes until finally an oddly shaped, dusty object caught their eye. Tucked away in a corner, under a low-hanging HVAC pipe, was a cylinder with ropes encircling it. A week later, Gerry, Ed and Noah returned to Temple, entered the storeroom, and muscled the strange object from its resting place. To their surprise and delight, it was the 1998 time capsule.

The time capsule will be on display at the Gala and the students of Kehal Kodesh will once again be involved in discovering the contents and learning more about Rockdale's 200 years of living Jewish values.

By Andi Herzig



# Rockdale Temple's Messer Chapel Restoration Project

In October 2022, Rockdale Temple officially kicked off the Messer Chapel restoration project in partnership with and supported by the Jewish Foundation of Cincinnati, Jewish Federation of Cincinnati, and the Mayerson JCC. Funding was generously provided by the Jewish Foundation for which Rockdale and the JCC are extraordinarily grateful. Special thanks to Bob Clayton, Director of Community Property Development for the Jewish Federation of Cincinnati, for his leadership and partnership throughout the project. It was the team effort that led to the successful results that were achieved. Retired architect, Bernie Reiss, represented Rockdale's interest throughout the process. He spent countless hours overseeing the project, and provided guidance and oversight through the entire process. Rockdale's staff appreciates his dedication.

A bit of background: Rockdale Temple is a cast in place concrete structure originally constructed in 1969. Over time the building's exterior began to deteriorate as evidenced by crumbling concrete and exposed steel reinforcing bars. In light of these deficiencies, the Jewish Federation agreed to support a full assessment of the Rockdale Temple property that we lease from the JCC. The leased area includes the Messer Chapel building and the administrative wing. In addition to the concrete repairs, the work included painting the exterior facade of the chapel and concrete portions of the administrative wing, painting the metal frames surrounding the marble panels and windows, replacement of skylight glass panels, roof repairs, marble cleaning and crack repairs, improvements to site grading, and power washing all of the exterior brick.

Investigations by structural engineers, JCA, began in earnest in the Spring of 2022 to identify the scope of work. In November 2022 the contractor, SSRG was awarded the concrete repair work. At the same time an architectural/structural engineering firm, KZF was engaged to document the balance of the scope of work which was subsequently added to SSRG's contract. Construction commenced on site

in March 2023 with final painting expected to be completed in November.

Our restoration work could not have been better planned considering it fits so perfectly well with our Bicentennial anniversary and the celebrations we have planned. Comparing the before, during and after photos really capture the changes. Thank you to our congregation for your patience during this process—we hope everyone enjoys the beautiful restoration work!



***“Our restoration work could not have been better planned considering it fits so perfectly well with our Bicentennial anniversary and the celebrations we have planned.”***



# 200th Opening Event at Tikkun Farm



*Our whole family had the best time!*



*That was a wonderful event last night!*

# 200th Opening Event at Tikkun Farm



*We loved Tikkun Farm and can't wait to go back again!*



# 200th Opening Event at Tikkuun Farm

How very Rockdale to celebrate outdoors and as a community like that!



We loved how family-friendly the evening was!



# 200th Opening Event at Tikkuun Farm



*You guys did a great job on weather!*



*That was the prettiest sukkah I've ever seen!*





## SHOULD I GET SOLAR PANELS? by Brad Blackmore

The answer to the question “should I go solar” is complicated. If you’re considering it, you will need a site visit by a solar company, but having some knowledge upfront will help you see through the sales pitch. Having gone solar earlier this year, this article is my attempt to help you.

The Environmental Committee is currently planning the third annual Rockdale Temple Camping Trip. This year, we will camp at Caesar Creek State Park, just about 40 miles north of Rockdale, May 17–19, 2024.

For those who like nature, but are uninterested in camping, we invite you to join us just on the 18th for a day of learning about, and connecting with, the natural ecosystem in our area. We will end the day by cooking over the fire, celebrating Havdalah together, and making s’mores. This event is for all ages!

More information and the registration link will be available soon.

Contact Lauren Lillenstein for more information: [laurenlillenstein@gmail.com](mailto:laurenlillenstein@gmail.com)

If you’re lucky, your home will have a “Sun Number” listed on Zillow, under Utilities – Green Energy. Though the program ended in 2017, approximately 84 million homes still have the Sun Number, a well-trusted estimation of your home’s ability to go solar. A score above 70 means your home has the potential to go solar. You can also use one of the many solar energy calculators online. Like the Sun Number they consider the size and tilt of the roof, the amount of tree cover, the orientation of the home and, even the typical weather patterns in your area.

Our decision to go solar also needed the “Energy Offset” or the percentage of energy usage that can be replaced with solar power. We scheduled a few site visits with Duke Energy’s preferred partners and received similar offset calculations. Some provided spreadsheets of data to back up their claims, while others provided PowerPoint slides with beautiful graphics. With recent advancements in solar, achieving 100% offset is possible. Finally, the third piece of the solar puzzle is the price.

The time it takes to save money on energy costs equal to the cost of the solar panels is called the “payback period”. This period may change if Duke Energy changes their energy fees more than expected over time. For most homes with average energy consumption, current solar panel technology, at current pricing and energy costs, the payback period is approximately 15 to 20 years if you include the 30% federal tax credit, valid until 2032.

Most vendors will offer 25-year financing to help reduce your monthly payments to around your monthly energy bill, which is how you can “go solar for free.” Vendors may offer as much as 20% cash discounts taking the payback period down to 13 to 15 years.



Duke Energy Ohio offers net metering, meaning they will give you credit for solar energy you add to the grid. Up to 120% of your energy bill is given back to you as credit on your utility bill. In the event of a roofing claim, the cost to remove and return the solar panels will be covered, according to State Farm Insurance. Depending on the real estate market in your area, as much as 50% of the cost of solar panels can be returned to you in home equity.

My final thought is the most important one. Adding solar panels to your home will reduce your carbon footprint. The average home emits 15–20 tons of carbon per year. Even if you just break even, saving the planet one home at a time is something worth doing.

For questions, contact Brad at [bsblackmore@gmail.com](mailto:bsblackmore@gmail.com)

# Women of Rockdale and Brotherhood

*What a wonderful Bicentennial Kickoff event we all enjoyed at Tikkun Farm! One of our top goals this year is just to enjoy and celebrate our 200th year.*

In November, many Rockdale Women helped lead our Women's Shabbat and we welcomed new friends from other local Sisterhoods. There was a lovely dinner catered by Mikey Frank that followed.

We are planning a fun Sip n' Paint night at Pinot's Palette in West Chester on December 20th from 7-9pm, perhaps with a glass of wine or two to unlock our innate talent. Register at this link: [www.pinotspalette.com/west-chester/event/726513](http://www.pinotspalette.com/west-chester/event/726513)

For the past 12+ years we have volunteered on Christmas for a day of service at the Greater Cincinnati Charities Ronald McDonald House, adjacent to Cincinnati Children's Hospital. This year, Susan Klug Kahan will organize our special day. Due to the newly established rules following the pandemic we are no longer shopping, prepping, and cooking the meal. Our job on Christmas Day is to serve the meal and to offer warmth, comfort, and hospitality to families who are away from home at RMH while their children receive care at Cincinnati Children's. Teens 16 and over are welcome to participate with their parents. Please call or email Susan if you wish to participate: [klugmedart@yahoo.com](mailto:klugmedart@yahoo.com)

Watch Rockmail for upcoming events in February and March. Stay tuned for more information on this and other fabulous activities in the new year.

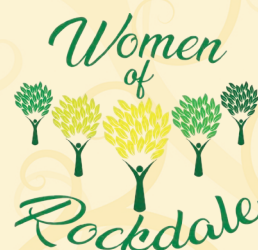
Linda Chatterjee, [Chatterjeelinda4@gmail.com](mailto:Chatterjeelinda4@gmail.com)  
*President, Women of Rockdale*

The Brotherhood had a couple of nice programs in the Fall, and we look forward to keeping the fun going this Winter. In September, we spent a Sunday morning together and built the Temple patio sukkah fueled by coffee and donuts. Thanks to Brotherhood members Roy Heizer, Gerry Korkin, Jason Shaiman, Teddy Shaiman, Drew Spievack, and Sheldon Weinstein for getting our sukkah constructed in record breaking time.

In November we had a great turnout for our Touchdowns at the Temple event. We turned the Heldman Social Hall into a Bengals watch party as they traveled to Baltimore for Thursday Night Football. The game was projected on the big screen as we cheered on our hometown team over wings, pizza, and drinks and had a great time doing it.

Be on the lookout for more information regarding our upcoming programs. Brotherhood member Bennett Kottler will be giving an intriguing lecture on 200 years of Cincinnati's environmental history through a Jewish lens in honor of our Bicentennial. We plan on teaming up with the Women of Rockdale for a joint fowling outing. In the Spring, we are excited to organize an outing to Great American Ballpark to cheer on the Reds.

David Solomon  
*Brotherhood President*



*Online gift shop coming soon.*

***“Women of Rockdale will be joining Rockdale's Brotherhood for a fowling night in February.”***



*Building the Rockdale Temple patio Sukkah.*

## Meet the Congregants : THE MORRISROES — BY LINDA CHATTERJEE

Alexis Morrisroe met her first Holocaust survivor at age 19 when Alexis was a student at the University of Pittsburgh. Esther Haas had a unique survival story. Alexis wanted to talk more. Talking led to meals together, grocery shopping, and just hanging out. Alexis soon realized that Holocaust education was her calling in life, to honor and remember people like Esther, and she graduated with two Master's degrees – European History and Elementary Education. In 2015, she arrived in Cincinnati to work as Director of Education at the then Center for Holocaust and Humanity Education (now Nancy and David Wolf Holocaust & Humanity Center).

Bartley Morrisroe grew up in New Jersey and, after completing his graduate degree, moved to Brooklyn, New York and pursued a career as a journalist. He worked for a wide range of magazines including Martha Stewart Living and Spin. Alexis says he is an amazing trivia partner because of his diverse knowledge. In 2010 he felt the need to try something new and enrolled in law school. His grandfather had started Pilot Chemical Company, now headquartered in Cincinnati, and Bartley knew he could best contribute to the family business as General Counsel.

After he moved here, a friend he was studying for the Ohio Bar exam with started suggesting to Bartley that she could introduce him to a really nice young woman, also from out of town. Bartley agreed to think about it after the Bar exam. Fortunately, both the Bar exam and the introduction went well, leading to a first date at Senate in Over-the-Rhine. Alexis called a friend that night and announced that she had found her partner.

The couple were married at the Phoenix event space and joined Cincinnati's "Honeymoon Israel" trip.

Although a mutual friend officiated at their wedding, Alexis fondly remembered that when casually speaking about her wedding at a meeting for the Cincinnati Jewish Educators Council, Rabbi Coran volunteered to marry them, no questions asked. That welcome meant a lot because Bartley is not Jewish. They were starting an interfaith family. Alexis says that people often ask how they handle different aspects of interfaith family life, and she often jokingly tells them "we are just figuring it out as we go along." It just seemed natural that the Morrisroes would join Rockdale. And the Rockdale community, particularly Rabbi Coran, and now

Rabbi Kahan and Rabbi Binder, have been so instrumental in making them more confident in the interfaith home they've created. The family has joined other Rockdale families on the annual Family Retreat and Bartley enjoys Rabbi Kahan's "This is how we Jew it" classes.

Rockdale is significantly bigger than the synagogue Alexis attended as a child. In her small western New York town, one building had to serve several denominations. It was an old and beautiful building with stained glass. Alexis' mother worked to get it on a preservation list to protect the building for posterity. Sometimes, Alexis was the only Jewish kid in her school, but the year of her Bat Mitzvah, there were four other kids becoming B'nei Mitzvah at her synagogue and that was very special.

Alexis and Bartley now have two boys. When she was pregnant with the younger one, Alexis had to go on five weeks of bedrest. Both Alexis and Bartley's parents are retired, spending winters in Florida and summers in Pennsylvania or upstate New York. Grandparents arrived to help with the toddler, but dinner was provided daily by friends from Rockdale. Alexis says that the congregation has become like a second family. Bartley agrees and says there are no words to describe how much they appreciated the

way Rockdale showed up for them in that difficult and unpredictable time.

Jacob Evan is now 7. Micah Ezra is 2½. The "E" middle names are in memory of Alexis' friend, Esther Haas who, because of the experiments performed on her in Auschwitz, could not have children of her own.

These days, Alexis relishes being a consultant and determining her own schedule. She's a senior facilitator with Echoes & Reflections, a Holocaust curriculum with the Anti-

Defamation League and co-teaches classes in Holocaust education with a colleague at Northwestern University. She's also scheduled to teach a class at the University of Cincinnati on Holocaust Education Design this upcoming Spring semester.. She loves serving as co-chair of the Membership Committee at Rockdale and a member of the Justice Collaborative. When Bartley isn't at work or with his family, he enjoys being a Cub Scout den leader, going to concerts and running in Cincinnati's many 5Ks, 10Ks and half-marathons.



# Rockdale's Justice Collaborative

There's a quote from a radical Jewish political activist, Emma Goldman, that gets paraphrased to something like: "If I can't dance, I don't want your revolution!" Putting Goldman's radical politics (and disagreeable tactics – at least by the opinion of this author) aside, her point is that whatever world we're working towards, it must be one of joy, where people can experience "beautiful, radiant things." At least that much, I can agree on. It may also be just as important that we're building practices of joy in the here and now, as Rabbi Binder teaches us. Only if we bring this into our daily life, can we build the world of joy, and of safety, that we want.

Chanukah provides an opportunity to consider how we might bring light into our lives and into our worlds. Chanukah also reminds us of how the Maccabees fought to maintain and preserve Jewish practices against an encroaching foreign culture that sought to assimilate the Jews. These two aspects of Chanukah provide an important insight that we are obligated to be active participants in the world around us, but we must also make sure to do it authentically without giving up who we are and sacrificing our safety.

What has been so inspiring about being part of the Justice Collaborative is that we are able to consider how we build a world of dignity-for-all through a particular Jewish lens. Whether we're working on abortion access, criminal justice, gun safety, racial justice, or voting rights, we look at these systemic issues through Jewish teachings and history. The members of our committee and the participants in our work show up joyfully and Jewishly for the betterment of all. Of course, we do the work: collect signatures, write letters and postcards, engage others, textbank, phonebank, show up at meetings, vote, etc. But we also educate each other, lift each other up, step up when we need to, and do so collaboratively and full of care for one another. It's the world I want to live in. As you're lighting your Chanukiah this year, we hope you do so joyfully with the prayer for more light in the world. And we hope you'll find time to dance with us.

Justin Levy  
*Co-Chair, Justice Collaborative*



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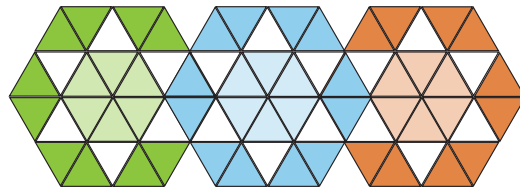
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