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Senior Rabbi’s Reflections

During the High Holy Days, I spoke to you of fear and vulnerability. I spoke to you a little of my own vulnerabilities. It is time for me, and you, to understand that I am more broken that I thought last fall. But I am still (with your help) on a journey to wholeness and Whole Heartedness.

I was diagnosed with Metastatic Breast Cancer last Spring. At the time, I was told that I had the form of the disease that was quite manageable and would impact little on my life and work. Since that diagnosis, I have been enjoying my blessings, including Jacob and Kim’s wedding, family vacations, and an awesome congregational trip to Spain. I have been grateful to continue to be with all of you, to share in your joys and sorrows. It has meant the world to me that I could continue to move forward doing the work that I am meant to do and being capable of continuing to achieve the vision I have for our sacred community, Rockdale Temple. I have every reason to believe that I will continue to do this holy work.

However, I have recently received the news that the specifics of my particular cancer have changed. It would make sense, I guess, that I would have over-achieving cancer! To that end, I have recently concluded radiation treatment on my eye that the systemic therapy on which I had embarked had not cured. As well, in order to treat the cancer that has cropped up in other areas of my body, I have recently begun chemotherapy. The side-effects of these treatments will again reveal my vulnerabilities to all of you.

I have been told by my care team that I will be able to work through this new stage of my life. Nevertheless, I will continue to re-evaluate my energy level as there are likely to be days when I will be more tired than others. I will continue to prioritize the personal and communal spiritual life of our congregants and congregations. Life and life-cycle events and services will continue to proceed with beauty! And, I pray that I will still be able to celebrate with you and be there for you as you need me. I will put lower on the list some of the community obligations and committees on which I sit, should need be. I am most blessed that Rabbi Kahan, Karen Martin and our staff will continue to help me (and us) reach these goals.

I have every confidence in my team of doctors and nurses at the Barrett Center at the University of Cincinnati Medical Center. They are at the top of their game and in the forefront of cutting-edge research and thus, ever expanding options.

I am grateful that so many of you have given me the gift of laying open your own fears and vulnerabilities so that I might be there to support you and be with you. It is important to me that I still be able to be with you and that you should not worry about over-taxing me.

It is still unclear what Matthew, our family, and I will need in the coming weeks and months. At present, your understanding and your love go a long way for us all. We will communicate when we discover needs that others can help us meet. It won’t be possible for me to respond to everyone who reads this and get back to you. But I do believe your prayers and support are with me and with our family. We do value our privacy and our resiliency, and we are grateful to have unwavering friends and family who are with us every step of the way.

Sfg F. Coran
Senior Rabbi
Celebrate Purim with

AN EVENING OF COMEDY by

JOEL CHASNOFF

Admission:
$18 in advance
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Adults only please
Doors open at 7:30 PM

SATURDAY, MARCH 7
8:00 PM
Rockdale Temple, 8501 Ridge Road, 45236

Joel Chasnoff is a stand-up comedian, actor, and author of the comedic memoir *The 188th Crybaby Brigade*, about his experience as a combat soldier in the Israeli army. He has stage and screen credits in nine countries and has been the warm-up act for Jon Stewart and Lewis Black of The Daily Show. He has performed at more than 1,000 comedy clubs, colleges, festivals, and Jewish events across North America, Israel, and Europe. His comedy, both stand-up and written, relies on non-degrading observations about the details of American life and his Jewish upbringing.

Please consider naming Rockdale Temple in your will or estate plan.
Associate Rabbi & Educator’s Thoughts

In April 2018 - inspired by a love for music, following a long-held dream of our rabbis, and with the blessing and encouragement of two of our most senior congregants – shabbatCTY was born. Originally named shabbatOTR, our aim was to bring a musical, joyful, unique Shabbat experience to Over-the-Rhine. We envisioned dozens of people convening for prayer and learning, then departing as friends for shared Shabbat meals and conversations. The first shabbatOTR, held at People’s Liberty across the street from Findlay Market, was just that: an incredibly musical Shabbat service, preceded by community-building around drinks and nosh, and followed by meals at many of our city’s most exciting, independent restaurants.

Since that first shabbatOTR almost two years ago, we have continued to create a joyful Shabbat experience here in the Queen City. Called shabbatCTY (pronounced Shabbat City) because of our mission to pray and learn within the urban core of the CITY of Cincinnati, our amazing Shabbat experience has been held in more than a dozen locations, from coffee shops to parks to art galleries to breweries. shabbatCTY is a project of Rockdale Temple, but all are welcome and shabbatCTY often brings in unaffiliated or uninvolved members of our wider Jewish community. shabbatCTY is designed as an adult experience and has a multi-generational following with empty nesters and young adults being our largest groups.

So, what happens at shabbatCTY? The evening begins with a “happy half-hour,” with local beer, wine, and nosh. Attendees are encouraged to light two of our many Shabbat candles available, and then we all join together to make an “I’chaim,” sanctifying Shabbat with the sweetness of wine. Many people bring drinks to their seats, as we settle in for a very full, very musical Kabbalat Shabbat and Shabbat evening service, which includes ten minutes of Torah conversation with seatmates and friends. Following the shabbatCTY service, many stick around for Shabbat dinner catered by one of the nearby local restaurants, while others head out to dinner at homes and other restaurants.

I hope you’ve heard the buzz around shabbatCTY. We believe there is nothing else like it in our Cincinnati Jewish community, and our consultants around the country tell us we have something special. shabbatCTY is gaining momentum, with both regular attendees and a constant flow of new people trying out this special Shabbat evening. We are filling every seat in our temporary worship spaces, creating sacred space and community by the act of coming together in celebration of Shabbat. If you haven’t yet tried shabbatCTY, please come! And if you already love shabbatCTY, bring a new friend or two!

We are grateful that our leadership and veteran members see the unique value in a semi-regular, parallel Shabbat experience and we are thankful for the presence of those who attend the regular Shabbat service here in the Rockdale Temple chapel on those same Friday nights. I have the privilege of leading shabbatCTY along with rotating partners, including Rabbi Coran, rabbinic interns, and local musicians, and I’m grateful to our staff who helps make it all happen! We are supported by a grant from the Jewish Foundation of Cincinnati, as well as special funding from the In the Beginning Fund of the Women of Rockdale. And most of all, we are uplifted by the people who literally create shabbatCTY right along with us, by forming that sacred space and moment by their presence and participation.
Join us for an upcoming shabbatCTY:

March 13th at Caza Sikes in Oakley

April 24th at the Cincinnati Observatory in Mt. Lookout

June 5th at Memorial Hall in OTR

July 31st at The Porch at Washington Park in OTR

Rabbi Meredith Kahan
Associate Rabbi & Educator

shabbatCTY
A joyful Shabbat in Cincinnati

Friday, March 13th
Drinks & Nosh - 6:00PM
Shabbat Service - 6:30PM

Caza Sikes Gallery, 3078 Madison Road
*optional dinner by The Eagle, $16 per person

RSVP at https://www.rockdaletemple.org/event/shabbatCTYMarch2020
President's Letter

In mid-December, I participated, along with our Rabbis, Executive Director, Engagement Professional, and several members of our congregation, in the URJ Biennial in Chicago. I had never attended the every-other-year event but had heard from past attendees how educational, entertaining and inspiring the four-day experience can be. They were clearly right.

From Wednesday, December 11, until the morning of Sunday, December 15, we were exposed to multiple learning sessions, worship experiences, insightful addresses, musical interludes and other entertainment. Five thousand Jews from all over the country and Canada also enjoyed Shabbat dinner together, as well as Saturday lunch following services. As you know, Rabbi Coran was honored that Saturday night by the Women of Reform Judaism at their inaugural Women's Empowerment Awards Dinner.

The Biennial included 125 learning sessions. To get a flavor of the programming, my individual break-out sessions included “American Anti-Semitism: From Gentleman’s Agreement to the Alt-Right;” “If I Were a Rich Man: Jewish Traditions on Wealth and Poverty”; “A Kaddish for Bernie Madoff: The Film”; a Congregational Presidents’ Meeting; “Hot Topics on Campus: A Student Perspective”; a discussion led by Ferne Pearlstein about her thought-provoking documentary “The Last Laugh,” which explores the use of humor in discussing the Holocaust; and “Addressing Today's Financial Challenges in Congregations.” These and other sessions were thought-provoking, at times inspirational and entertaining. The Plenary sessions included addresses by Daniel Shapiro, Ambassador to Israel during the Obama administration; Rabbi Rick Jacobs, President of the URJ; Jodi Kantor, Pulitzer-Prize Winning journalist; Deborah Lipstadt, Professor of Holocaust Studies at Emory University; Andrew Rehfeld, President of HUC-JIR; and J.B. Pritzker, Governor of Illinois.

During the Biennial, delegates approved three resolutions. The first supports those affected by the opioid crisis. In it, the Reform movement resolves to advocate for the importance of addressing substance abuse, engage congregations and leaders across the URJ to end the stigma around substance use, urge governments to support evidence-based approach for opioid use, increase the availability of opioid reversal medications, expand access to government-funded programs, authorize funding to address the increase in substance use and craft policies to limit prescription opioid abuse. It also calls for congregations to educate their members and include naloxone in their emergency preparedness kits. The second resolution calls for an end to private prisons. As put forth by a proponent: “The bottom line is there's a real inherent conflict of interest. You are making money by keeping people incarcerated and giving them the fewest possible resources because you want to keep making as much money as possible. That's a problem.” The last resolution supports the study of proposals for U.S. slavery reparations. It does not define what form those reparations should take, it simply calls for a federal commission to study and develop proposals on the matter. By approving the resolution, the URJ became the first major Jewish movement to endorse the idea of reparations.

My interaction with presidents of various congregations proved particularly interesting. Many Reform congregations are seeing declining membership, resulting financial struggles and lack of Board leadership. Fortunately, Rockdale Temple does not have these issues: our membership is stable, our finances, including our Endowment Fund, are in good shape and our Board members are knowledgeable, dedicated and engaged, leading the Temple forward. And, of course, we are fortunate to have very strong rabbinic leadership and a professional staff who work tirelessly on a daily basis for the congregation.
As we approach June and the end of my term as President, the Nominating Committee, headed up by Josh Shapiro, is beginning its work to recommend officers and directors to be elected to lead us toward our 200th anniversary in 2024. The Development Committee, chaired by Aaron Herzig and Stephanie De Falco, is diligently putting together a team that will focus on the development of resources to help us continue our path forward, while also playing a significant part in planning the year-long events which will make up our big 200th anniversary year celebration. More on all of this in the months ahead.

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

James G. Heldman
President

Confirmation 5780
Friday, May 29, 6:15 PM

Confrirmands:
Harrison Gollin
son of Andrew & Patricia Gollin

Cameron Sheldon
son of Mark Sheldon & Sheryl Sheldon

Matthew Silverstein
son of Dr. Scott & Gail Silverstein
Executive Director’s Letter

Five years ago, Rockdale Temple joined Jewish organizations around Cincinnati in participating in the Create Your Jewish Legacy program, a project of the Grinspoon Foundation. Since that time, nearly a quarter of our community has committed to leaving a gift to Rockdale Temple through their life insurance, retirement fund, or as a bequest in their will. In fact, so many in our community have participated that we were invited by the Union for Reform Judaism to present a webinar in February about how we’ve been so successful in mobilizing our community.

There’s no deep secret to our success. We have an incredibly caring congregation that is invested in our future. We’ve had support and training from the Jewish Federation’s Create Your Jewish Legacy program as well as their financial incentives to help motivate our work (those incentives have paid for almost all of our Legacy promotion and programming, including the new beautiful piece of art that hangs in our front hall).

On top of that, it’s actually very easy to set up a legacy gift. For many, it’s as easy as a call to their insurance representative or filling out a form online to change designees. When I set up my own commitment, it took fewer than ten minutes!

Some people have worried that they don’t have the funds to think about legacy giving. They have put their kids through school first or things are tight at home. I get it. I have a child in day school and another in day care and we’re saving for college. That is the beauty of legacy giving – it doesn’t affect your budget today. My husband and I have life insurance because we want to make sure that should anything happen to either of us, our children will be okay. We allocated a portion of that policy to benefit Jewish organizations we care about. There will be plenty for our children, and we know that we’re helping sustain communities about which we care deeply.

There is a common misconception that legacy giving is only for the independently wealthy. It’s not. A legacy gift can be as little as $1,000 or 1% of a life insurance policy. Every little bit helps to sustain Rockdale Temple’s future.

The truth about legacy giving is that it is not about money. Legacy giving is about our values and how we want to be remembered. It is about what we want to teach our children. We believe in Jewish community, in this community, and in Rockdale Temple. Some of our legacy donors have generations of history at Rockdale, and some have been here only a few years. Some of our donors are wealthy, and many are not. Some are older, some still have kids in school or no kids at all. We hope you will join Rabbi Coran, Rabbi Kahan, and me, and all our legacy donors by including Rockdale Temple with a gift in your will, life insurance, or estate planning. To participate in the Create Your Jewish Legacy program and join the Bene Israel Society, Rockdale Temple’s society for legacy donors, email me, Karen Martin kmartin@rockdaletemple.org, or contact our committee chair, Sally Korkin at sally916@gmail.com.

Karen Martin
Executive Director
Shabbat Services
Honoring New Members
Friday, April 3
6:15 PM

Women of Rockdale
Dessert Seder
Sunday, April 5
3:00 PM

www.rockdaletemple.org/event/WorSeder2020
Our Rockdale Experience

We decided to participate in CYJL for many reasons.

Judaism is very important to our family. Sara and I were raised in loving Jewish homes, and we wanted to pass that on to our children. It has become very important to them as well.

Our children are the fifth generation of our family to belong to Rockdale Temple, and all have greatly benefitted from their affiliation. All three have attended Sunday School, have become Bar and Bat Mitzvah respectively, have been confirmed, and have attended Kulanu.

Additionally, all three have been to Israel at least once, with Max, our middle son, having participated in Onward Israel as well. All three children have attended Jewish camps. They each have many dear friends from their experiences, that they remain close to even now.

We are very blessed to be part of a vibrant congregation, thanks in large part to Rabbis Coran and Kahan, and our Board members. We attend services as a family whenever possible, and have shared many life cycle events throughout the years at Rockdale.

It is our hope that by participating in the CYJL program others may be inspired to further their involvement in the Jewish community, and gain the enrichment that our family feels.

Allan and Sara Frankel
During the last long gray days of February, it’s hard to believe that Spring will be upon us in about three weeks. Just before Passover on Sunday afternoon April 5 the Women of Rockdale will host its annual Women’s Dessert Seder with the participation of Sisterhoods from The Valley Temple, Wise Temple, and Temple Sholom. Rabbis Coran and Kahan will lead us with the reading of our special Women’s Haggadah that has made our WoR Seders so special and meaningful for the past several years. Rabbis from the Wise, Valley and Sholom congregations will offer their own remarks. We are currently planning the details with the Seder Committee members from the participating Sisterhoods with helpful guidance from Sue Voos, Southwest Area Director, WRJ Central District. All women are invited to attend the Seder. Watch your email and service bulletins for details.

Our annual Chanukah Sale was well-attended and quite successful. Each Sunday School class had a chance to purchase gifts for family and friends. Thanks to the dedication of our many volunteers.

The Women of Rockdale would like to thank Meijer of Oakley for their generous contribution towards our Annual Christmas Day of Service at the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Greater Cincinnati. Together with our members and families we shopped, cooked and served several residents of RMH a festive holiday meal.

Our members are in the midst of helping to organize the WRJ Central District Convention, scheduled for November 5-8, 2020, right here in Cincinnati. If you would like to assist with the planning of this meaningful weekend please reach out to one of us.

We are always happy to welcome any woman of our congregation to join us. We are striving to meet the challenge of changing our structure and programming to accommodate the time commitments of members busy with careers and families. We hope everyone will offer her suggestions and talents to make this change both successful and relevant to the diversity of women who are—or will become—part of the Women of Rockdale.

For more information, please contact Donna Gantner or Tracy McMullen.

We hope to hear from you soon!

Tracy McMullen and Donna Gantner
Co-Presidents
Meet the Congregant: Alana Szajnert by Karen Martin

I met Alana Szajnert shortly after I moved back to Cincinnati and started working at Rockdale Temple. At the time, Alana was meeting regularly with Rabbi Coran as she studied toward her conversion. We both attended RUACH (Rockdale’s Young Adult community) events and Shabbat services and became friends in the last couple years.

Alana grew up in a small semi-rural town of about 3,500 in Kentucky. Her father was an Evangelical Christian, and her mother was Protestant. As a child, Alana’s mother was a spiritual seeker and Alana was exposed to several different sects of Christianity which fed her passion and curiosity about faith and religion.

She found her life’s passion early when she started studying French in high school in an attempt to set herself apart from her Spanish-focused peers. Alana discovered that she loved French and the language came easily to her. That discovery led her to study French in college and earn a Masters in French Literature. Her study of French also took her abroad twice to teach English first in France and then in Germany. She eventually plans to pursue a PhD in French Literature.

Alana’s study of French and time living abroad have given her an appreciation for diversity. “It makes life richer and more interesting,” Alana said when we sat down together.

She also met her husband, Dariusz, here in Cincinnati at a meeting for French speakers through the French Alliance. She was teaching French at a local high school and was desperately in need of something to re-charge her emotional batteries. Alana was a member of the French Alliance but hadn’t been to one of their events in a long while. She went to an event in Clifton where Dariusz was a regular and they hit it off immediately. Dariusz was a Jewish man who grew up in Belgium and Poland, and Alana definitely feels that he has made her life richer and more interesting.

Dariusz and Alana had been dating for a few weeks when he mentioned that he was Jewish. Alana wanted to know more. She picked up a book about Judaism from the library and peppered him with questions. Dariusz eventually shared his family story about those who did- and those who didn’t- escape Poland during the Holocaust. The story had a profound effect on Alana. She and Dariusz were already planning a future together, and she wanted to help ensure that his family line had a future as well. She decided to convert and felt that, given the religiously divided home she grew up in, she wanted to present a united front to their children.

Alana started her conversion in late 2017 at Rockdale Temple with Rabbi Coran. She studied voraciously any book she could find about Judaism, stories of those who converted, or who learned that their family had converted away from Judaism long ago and were rediscovering their faith. She loves that in Judaism you’re always learning, always questioning and growing and sharing what you learn. She loves that Judaism believes in Tikkun Olam- we acknowledge the brokenness in the world and work to fix it. She finished her conversion studies and became Jewish in October 2018 and she and Dariusz married a few months later.

In December 2019, Alana and Dariusz welcomed their daughter Miriam. “We picked the name because we wanted Mimi to have knowledge and strength in her religion, history, and community. We wanted her to hear her name in the Torah and know that she is part of this history and people.”

It is also no accident that Miriam is a musical name. Music is a huge source of spiritual connection for Alana. She sings with the Rock Shabbat band and loves the musical nature of shabbatCTY. She also is active with the Women of Rockdale and is trying to start a knitting group at Rockdale Temple.

We are proud that Alana is part of the Rockdale Family!
As Rockdale reaches out into new community projects, both within the congregational family and in the broader Cincinnati community, it’s good to remember that every strong group for change must start with a common STORY. Our story is our Jewish experience. That story has been passed down through generations for some of us, while for some of us, our Jewish experience has just begun in our own lifetime! I speak for myself—a Jew by choice who has built my own story bridge to the Jewish experience since my young adulthood.

And guess what?? Jewish books have played a HUGE role in constructing my own Jewish story! For some reason, I had been moved to read all the Chaim Potok novels like *The Chosen* before I was Jewish, in high school. Then during conversion study, I read all those old-timey “how to” books for newbies like *To Be a Jew*. Happily, then I got to circle back and create my own Jewish childhood by using lots of Jewish children's books, both to enrich my little daughters’ first years and also to teach Jewish preschool in Nashville, Norfolk and finally, here.

It was the blessing of a lifetime to walk into the old Rockdale Library in 1988 and feel welcomed by the paid librarian and her cadre of great Jewish women volunteers. Almost all of them have passed on now, and I miss them. But while re-carding and shelving circulated books I came to learn our whole library. That made winnowing down the collection very hard, for our move into our present loft library a decade ago.

But the WHOLE JEWISH STORY is still up there, on the shelves! It’s waiting for you and your friends and family, in books you can reach for when you suddenly get curious about a time or a person, when you need to know how to get through a tough time in life, or when a new generation’s questions push your own Jewish knowledge past its limit. It’s all there!

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Here is a complete list of the books our Rockdale Book Group has read since we last tallied after the first two years of our existence. Two more years in, we’ve added some challenging as well as delightful substance to our shared Jewish story! Book Group meets on Tuesday evenings 7-9:00pm, at about six week intervals. We usually decide our next read the same night we discuss our present book, and we alternate between fiction and non-fiction. Please feel welcome to join us—just send me an email and I’ll let you know what our next book will be as soon as we decide it. That way you can be ready to join in our irreverent (but very deep) discussion of it!

| March-May 2018 | Lionness, a biography of Golda Meir by Francine Klagsbrun |
| June 2018 | (((Semitism))) *Being Jewish in America in the Age of Trump*, by Jonathan Weisman |
| September 2018 | *The Fortunate Ones*, a novel by Ellen Umansky |
| November 2018 | *Dirty Wars and Polished Silver: The Life and Times of a War Correspondent Turned Ambassatrix*, a memoir by Lynda Schuster |
| September 2019 | *Letters to My Palestinian Neighbor* by Yossi Klein Halevi |
| November 2019 | *The Golem and the Jinni*, a novel by Helene Wecker |
| February 2020 | *Start-up Nation: the Story of Israel’s Economic Miracle*, by Dan Señor and Saul Singer |

Karen Zanger
Volunteer Librarian
B’nei Mitzvah Celebrants

Maya Jaffee, April 4

Maya is in seventh grade at Walnut Hills High School. She enjoys reading, hanging out with friends, and making people laugh. She loves learning about science and the world around her. She also likes to watch The Office and eat potato chips. Over the summer she goes to a Jewish sleepaway camp called Camp Young Judaea Midwest and is excited to go back this summer! She also wants to visit Israel with her family. Maya doesn’t yet know what she wants to be when she grows up, but she’s excited to find out! She would like to thank her Bat Mitzvah tutor, Mitch, her parents, and her friends and other family.

*Maya will be celebrating her Bat Mitzvah at Adath Israel Congregation.*

Sienna Rae Maltz, April 25

Sienna is a seventh grade student at Sycamore Junior High School, where she is a straight A student.

Outside of school, Sienna’s passion is dancing. Most days she can be found at the studio practicing with her teammates. Sienna competes in several styles of dance including Jazz, Contemporary/Lyrical, Musical Theater, and Hip Hop.

Sienna would like to thank her Bat Mitzvah tutor, Anna Meyers, and Rabbis Coran and Kahan for helping her prepare for her big day. She would also like to thank her friends and family for their love and support.

(not pictured) Jackson Friedman, May 9

Marina Kottler, May 23

Marina is a seventh grade student at Walnut Hills H.S. She loves to paint anything she can get her hands on, such as shoes, phone cases, jars and many other things. Marina was born in Reno, Nevada but found her way across the country, through New Orleans, Louisiana, and to Cincinnati, Ohio. Her favorite month of the year is July because she gets to go to Goldman Union Camp Institute, where she can hang out with friends and participate in plenty of fun experiences with them.

Marina would like to thank her Bat Mitzvah tutor Shirah Kraus. Marina would also like to thank Rabbi Coran, Rabbi Kahan, her Hebrew School and Religious School teachers, and the entire Rockdale community for their support. She also thanks Mom, Dad, her family and friends, and all the cats for their love and support over the years.
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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Bonnie & Darryl Dick
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To learn more about our Bene Israel Society, contact the temple office at 513.891.9900.

Thanks to our talented congregant, Beth Goldstein, for creating the Bene Israel Society logo. The pomegranate image is adapted from a partial stained glass window belonging to and found on the site of the Rockdale Temple building at Rockdale and Harvey Avenues, the home of our congregation from 1906 - 1969.

*Of Blessed Memory
Adult Education Opportunities

Torah With a Twist: Bible Stories and the Values They Teach Us
Wednesday evenings at 7:00PM
March 4 & 18
Rabbi Jonathan Hecht, PhD, Dean, Cincinnati Campus, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion

In Judaism, the stories of the Bible are a source of inspiration, yet many of us know them merely as quaint children’s stories. These stories can hardly inspire us until we know how much depth and meaning each of them possess. In this class, we will explore the stories of the Book of Genesis and plumb their depths together. You will never see these stories the same way again...Guaranteed!

Shabbat Shal-OM Morning Yoga
Saturday mornings at 9:30AM
March 14, April 18, & May 16

Once a month, experience Shabbat rest and refreshment through the practice of yoga. Lori Reidel, Rockdale member and yoga instructor, will teach us to understand the Sabbath through this lens. Attendees are welcome to stay for services in their yoga attire. Bring your own mat, or use the ones provided. Generously supported by the In the Beginning Fund of Women of Rockdale.

Talmud Lessons Every Jew Should Learn
Lunch and Learn
The Second Tuesday of Each Month at Noon
March 17, April 7, & May 12
At Temple or via computer on Zoom Meetings
Rabbi Sigma Faye Coran
(Beginners and Beyond: You need not commit to every month!)

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

Do you want to join the class from your home or office? If you have a computer with a camera or a smartphone and want to join this class online, you can join our lunch-and-learn via Zoom Meeting. Let Rabbi Coran know you will be joining in, and she will send you the email invite! RSVP to scoran@rockdaletemple.org.
Israel: A Multi-Vocal Approach
Sunday mornings at 11:00 AM
April 19
Rabbinic Intern Michael Weiss
Learn, discuss, and delve into the history and reality of the Modern State of Israel. We will have a chance to face the challenge of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, appreciating its complexity by hearing many different voices.

ROCKDALE REACHES OUT

ROCKDALE CONGREGANTS CAN HELP WITH THE IMMIGRANT AT-THE-BORDER CRISIS RIGHT HERE IN CINCINNATI

Cincinnati is home to many families/children who are seeking asylum from their dangerous homelands.

Please join our group of volunteers to mentor local (Cincinnati-area) refugee families.

The biggest needs are for friendship and for rides (to medical or ICE appointments, and to ESL classes).

Rockdale is partnered with established area non-profits: Heartfelt Tidbits, the Welcome Alliance, Cincinnati Immigrant and Refugee Law Center, and the Academy of World Languages.

Please contact Cora Steinberg to get involved and for questions: csteinberg999@gmail.com.

Cora Steinberg
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*with 4th, 5th, & 6th Grade Class participation and Birthday Blessings*  
7:15PM Congregational Shabbat Dinner

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

**Tuesday, March 10** **PURIM**  
5:30PM Purim Dinner  
6:30PM Purim Megillah Reading & Shpiel

**Friday, March 13**  
5:45PM Shabbat Nosh  
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**Saturday, March 14**  
9:30AM Sichat Torah  
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**Friday, March 20**  
5:45PM Shabbat Nosh  
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*with Anniversary Blessings, the Shir Shalom Choir singing, & the Aufruf of Adam Kahan & Elizabeth Kirsch*

**Saturday, March 21**  
9:30AM Sichat Torah  
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**Friday, March 27**  
5:45PM Shabbat Nosh  
6:15PM Shabbat Service

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

## April

**Friday, April 3**  
5:45PM Shabbat Nosh  
6:15PM Shabbat Service with *birthday blessings & honoring new members*

**Saturday, April 4**  
9:30AM Sichat Torah  
10:00AM FoRT Shabbat & Brunch  
10:30AM Service In-the-Round

**Thursday, April 9** **PASSEOVER 1ST DAY**  
10:30AM Passover Festival Service  
6:30PM Congregational Seder

**Friday, April 10**  
5:45PM Shabbat Nosh  
6:15PM Shabbat Service

**Saturday, April 11**  
9:30AM Sichat Torah  
10:30AM Service In-the-Round

**Wednesday, April 15** **PASSEOVER 7TH DAY**  
10:30AM Passover Yizkor Memorial Service followed by *luncheon*

**Friday, April 17**  
5:45PM Shabbat Nosh  
6:15PM Shabbat Service with *Anniversary Blessings, the Shir Shalom Choir singing, & honoring Phil Cohen on his 100th birthday*

**Saturday, April 18**  
9:30AM Sichat Torah  
9:30AM Shabbat Shal-OM Yoga  
10:30AM Service In-the-Round

**Friday, April 24**  
5:45PM Shabbat Nosh  
6:15PM Shabbat Service  
6:30PM shabbatCTY *(Cincinnati Observatory)*

**Saturday, April 25**  
9:30AM Sichat Torah  
10:30AM Bat Mitzvah of Sienna Maltz, *daughter of Claudia & Steven Maltz*

## May

**Friday, May 1**  
5:45PM Shabbat Nosh  
6:15PM Shabbat Service

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

**Friday, May 8**  
5:45PM Shabbat Nosh  
6:15PM Rock Shabbat Service  
*with End of School Year Celebration and celebrating Birthday Blessings*  
7:15PM Shabbat Dinner

**Saturday, May 9**  
9:30AM Sichat Torah  
10:30AM Bar Mitzvah of Jackson Friedman, *son of Susan & Mark Friedman*

**Friday, May 15**  
5:45PM Shabbat Nosh  
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**Saturday, May 16**  
9:30AM Sichat Torah  
9:30AM Shabbat Shal-OM Yoga  
10:30AM Service In-the-Round

**Friday, May 22**  
5:45PM Shabbat Nosh  
6:15PM Pre-Ordination Shabbat Service

**Saturday, May 23**  
HUC Ordination  
9:30AM Sichat Torah  
10:30AM Bat Mitzvah of Marina Kottler, *daughter of Bennett Kottler & Valerie Weinstein*

**Friday, May 29** **SHAVUOT**  
5:45PM Shabbat Nosh  
6:15PM Confirmation Service

**Saturday, May 30**  
9:30AM Sichat Torah  
10:00AM FoRT Shabbat Brunch  
10:30AM Service In-the-Round
Rabbi Coran’s Discretionary Fund

In honor of Phoebe Rubenstein’s Bat Mitzvah
Scott & Amy Rubenstein
Bernard Dave

In memory of Marilyn Reichert
The Estate of David & Marilyn Reichert

In appreciation of the High Holy Days
Mark Micheelson & Barbara Turner-Michaelson

In honor of Rabbi Coran’s receipt of the WRJ Women’s Empowerment Award
Renee & G. Russell Frankel
Susan Peskin & Leanne Cropper
Myron & Joanne Gerson
Donna Kabakoff
Mark Micheelson & Barbara Turner-Michaelson
Christine & Ramesh Malhotra
Allan & Sara Frankel
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Steven & Shelley Goldstein
Daniel Hoffheimer
Samuel & Lesha Greengus
Jack & Nancy Messer
Bernard Dave
Edward & Andrea Herzig
Scott & Sheryl Mattis
Ronald & Anne Roth

In Honor of the Baby Naming of Joel Martin
Janice Singerman

Rabbi Kahan’s Discretionary Fund

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Dan & Abby Rosenberg
Ruth & Steve Coppel
Helene & Millard Mack

In memory of Emily “Emmy” Rosenberg
Dan & Abby Rosenberg

Bene Israel Fund

In memory of Gertrude Sherman
Gerald & Sally Korkin

In honor of Millard Mack’s birthday
Gerald & Sally Korkin

Estelle Levine Fund for Special Children

In memory of Emily “Emmy” Rosenberg
Marcia & Ramon Greenberg

Heritage of Learning Fund

In memory of Bernice Millicent Cohen Nelson
Kenneth Venick & Sharon Nelson

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In memory of Robert “Bob” & Emily “Emmy” Rosenberg
David & Jean Simmons

Memorial Fund
In memory of Harriet Stix & Harriet Kuhn-Hauptman
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Soup Kitchen Fund
In honor of Chris Malhotra & her special birthday
Fay May
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In honor of Fay May
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In honor of the birth of Joel Isaac Martin
Daniel Hoffheimer
In honor of the birth of Leah Schild
Daniel Hoffheimer
In memory of Marty Slavney
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In honor of Steven Schild
Gerald & Sally Korkin
In honor of Renee Frankel
Elaine & Allen Cohen
In memory of Melvin Schaengold
Hedy & Ronald Pearlman
In honor of Sally & Gerry Korkin
Mike, Suzanne, Maya and Ben Afergan
In honor of Sheryl Mattis & her special birthday
David & Kari Ellis
In memory of Don Rosensweet
Charlene Robbins
In memory of Robert “Bob” & Emily “Emmy” Rosenberg
Robert & Loris Ungar
In memory of Roy White
Daniel Hoffheimer
In honor of Millard Mack & his 90th Birthday
Kerri, Danny, Maggie, Sarah & Tobey Sonenshine

Warner Fund
In memory of Ellen Buchsbaum
W.E. Blair & Judy Tillett
Celebration of Life Sculpture

Commemorate that special event or achievement with a plaque on Rockdale Temple's Celebration of Life Sculpture in our social hall.

Large Plaques - $360
Small Plaque - $180

The Women of Rockdale will be presenting a fundraising art auction presented by Marlin Arts to benefit the annual Christmas dinner they provide at Ronald McDonald House and the other service projects the Sisterhood supports. The art auction will take place at Rockdale Temple on May 2, 2020 beginning at 6:00pm. The $10 ticket price will include a complimentary glass of wine or beer and hors d’oeuvres, as well as desserts. There will be musical presentations during the preview. This will be a fun, social event you won't want to miss.

The collection of works provided by Marlin Art will include watercolors, oils, lithographs, giclees, and serigraphs in all price ranges, as well as hand blown glass and sports memorabilia. Featured artists include Jane Wooster Scott, LeRoy Neiman, Michel Delacroix, Marc Chagall, Guido Borelli, Itzak Tarkay, Lena Liu, Robert Lui, Norman Rockwell, and many others. For more information please contact Heinke Lillenstein 716.474.7711 or drhlillen@gmail.com and Donna Gantner at 918.408.5024 or Donnamg1013@gmail.com.

The Sisterhood is still looking for volunteers to help with this project. If you are able to assist, especially on the day of the auction, please contact either of the above numbers. Save the date and plan to attend the art auction for a fun and entertaining evening!

Where do you want to go?

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Mazel Tov!

- Steve & Jeanie Messer on the December 10th birth of their granddaughter, Joey Elizabeth Rubin
- Lori & Jim Reidel on the December 28th birth of their granddaughter, Ella Marie Reidel
- Alana & Dariusz Szajnert on the December 30th birth of their daughter, Miriam Chana Elizabeth Szajnert
- Eden & Yotom Rabinowitz on the February 6th birth of their son, Noam Nashmi Rabinowitz
- Parents, Sydney & Matthew Clark and grandparents, Sheryl & Scott Mattis on the February 12th birth of Evie Levy Clark

*If you would like to contribute moments of congratulations, please send request to Patty Kaufman, pkaufman@rockdaletemple.org.*
Women of Rockdale Queen Esther Award

Fay Boksenbom May, a member of Rockdale Temple for 67 years and counting, is the first recipient of the Women of Rockdale (WoR) Sisterhood’s Queen Esther Award, created to honor a long-term member’s service to Rockdale and to the WoR. She received the award at the annual WoR Sisterhood Erev Shabbat service on November 22, 2019.

“This award is for a WoR member who isn’t necessarily in a leadership role, but who is always there to participate in our activities, offer insights and suggestions at meetings, and just help with whatever needs to be done,” noted WoR co-president Donna Gantner, who proposed creating the Queen Esther Award. “Fay has done all of that and been a constant force for making Rockdale all that it is today.”

Fay grew up in an Orthodox family with parents who wanted her to have a complete Jewish education. In addition to learning from them, she attended Sunday School and Jewish High School at Adath Israel Synagogue and studied Hebrew at Talmud Torah. As an adult she completed the Melton School and the Para-Rabbinic Fellow Program formerly offered by Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.

Fay came to Rockdale as a bride, where she and her husband Marvin (of blessed memory) raised their two sons and saw them through the Jewish rites of passage. She quickly joined the Sisterhood, for which she served as financial secretary and gift shop volunteer for many years.

When Women of Rockdale reorganized seven years ago with a predominantly younger membership than that of the previous Sisterhood, Fay remained a member and regularly attendee at meetings. She provided institutional memory and wise counsel about creating a new mission and sustainable budget. She currently coordinates presenters for the WoR gifts to Bar and Bat Mitzvah celebrants during their services.

“Fay is always there,” said Gantner. “She’s been a wonderful role model.”

In addition to her WoR activities, Fay sang in Rockdale’s Shir Shalom Choir for more than 10 years. She has served on numerous temple committees and currently chairs the Ritual Committee. She has been a regular greeter for Erev Shabbat services since Rockdale began the program six years ago and coordinates congregational outreach to members observing life cycle events. She is a regular attendee at Saturday morning Torah study and has substitute-taught the class on several occasions.

“Fay has given tirelessly and generously to the mission of Women of Rockdale and to the temple as well,” Gantner said. “She’s an exemplary member and a true woman of valor.”
SAVE THE DATE: MONDAY, MARCH 30TH, 7:00-9:00PM

Where: Rockdale Temple, 8501 Ridge Road, Cincinnati, OH 45236

Speaker: Michael Forrester, Energy Manager, City of Cincinnati, Office of Environment and Sustainability

Topic: Green Energy Providers: What are the options, how do they work, who do you trust, and what is a good choice for your home and for the environment?

RSVP: Please RSVP by March 23 to joanne.gerson@earthlink.net

Mr. Forrester manages the new solar project for the City of Cincinnati as well as the aggregate energy solutions for the City. The speaking event is in coordination with the Cut-a-Ton™ winter pilot team theme: reducing energy use in your home. Mr. Forrester’s talk is relevant to Cut-a-Ton™ team members and to anyone wanting to learn about energy options sourced from aggregate energy producers or the City’s new solar project.

The City of Cincinnati, through private funding, is installing a massive array of solar panels that will soon provide 25% energy power to 80,000 Cincinnati homes that opt-in to get renewable energy. When completed this will be the largest municipally owned solar installation in the country. The City is also installing solar panels on several City owned buildings. Renewable energy combined with energy efficiency reduces the amount of carbon dioxide emissions that go into the atmosphere adversely affecting global climate.

Shomrei Olam, Jewish Environmental Advocates of Cincinnati, with support from The Jewish Foundation of Cincinnati, has helped several synagogues become more energy efficient. To help individuals and families reduce their carbon footprint, The Jewish Foundation and the Brueggeman Center are providing support for a pilot study of Shomrei Olam’s new program, Cut-a-Ton™. This project is designed for households to work together in teams in their congregations to reduce their annual CO₂ contribution by a ton, about 15%. Several pilot teams are currently in place. The Cut-a-Ton™ Fall Challenge focuses on excess paper and plastic usage, the Winter Challenge focuses on energy, and the Spring Challenge will focus on food and transportation.

In the Winter Cut-a-Ton™ program, participants learn how to reduce their energy consumption and carbon footprint by making their home and lifestyle energy efficient. Incorporating these actions reduce energy consumption, lowering energy bills.

The City of Cincinnati solar array will be operational by late 2021. That same year is also a Jewish year of rest, shmita. Let’s give the planet a rest by working together to reduce our carbon emissions before next year.

To get involved in Shomrei Olam contact Joanne Gerson at joanne.gerson@earthlink.net

To join the Rockdale Cut-a-Ton™ team contact Mike Heldman at mercatorin@aol.com

For more information, visit www.shomrei-olam.org
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513.891.9900

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www.rockdaletemple.org
Click on “Donate” at the top of the screen.

Passover Yizkor Service
followed by luncheon

Wednesday, April 15
10:30AM
Your contributions to one of our philanthropic funds is a thoughtful way to commemorate special occasions, life cycle events, or to remember a loved one.

Alan L. Rosenberg Memorial Fund: funds temple beautification and enhancements including the acquisition of Rockdale artifacts.

Barrows Music Fund: funds musicians for special events or services.

Bene Israel Fund: Supports the role of Rabbi and Educator.

Estelle Levine Fund for Special Children: funds scholarships for differently abled or gifted children.

Heldman Family Fund: provides financing for special programs; provides special artifacts for Rockdale.

Heritage of Learning Fund: underwrites educational programming for temple members of all ages.

Jules & Elizabeth K. Oppenheimer Fund: provides Goldman Union Camp Institute (GUCI) scholarships for Rockdale youth.

Library Fund: funds the purchase and upkeep of our library books.

Lillian and Dolph Harteveld Fund: enhances the musical program.

Louise F. Reichert Flower Fund: provides bimah flowers and outdoor plantings.

Memorial Fund: helps fund Shabbat, festivals, and other prayerbooks.

Rabbi Sigma Faye Coran’s Discretionary Fund: funds opportunities and charities chosen by Rabbi Coran.

Rabbi Harold D. Hahn Fund: funds the Sunday adult education series.

Rabbi Meredith F. Kahan’s Discretionary Fund: funds opportunities and charities chosen by Rabbi Kahan.

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

Sacred Music Fund: provides for musical enrichment.

Soup Kitchen Fund: funds the Queen City Soup Kitchen.

Stark Fund: provides for musical enrichment of children.

Steven E. Altman Fund: funds the Youth Group of Rockdale (YGOR).

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

Temple Fund: provides annual support for the temple operations.

Trager Family Music Fund: funds brass instruments for High Holy Days.

Ullman Cultural Fund: funds community lectures at Rockdale.

Warner Fund: funds programs for temple seniors.

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Name: ____________________________________________

Address: __________________________________________

City, State, Zip: ____________________________________

Phone: ____________________________________________

Please make a contribution to the following fund:

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

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

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☐ In Honor of  ☐ In Memory of
☐ In Appreciation of  ☐ Speedy Recovery of

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

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Name to appear on tribute:__________________________

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Please send acknowledgment to:

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City, State, Zip____________________________________

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Join the Literacy Network of Greater Cincinnati in the mission to change lives through reading, tutoring and character development. Volunteers are needed for various programs, including Cincinnati Reads, Winners Walk Tall, and office help. Contact Kathy Ciarla or Sarah Cranley at (513) 621-READ to find out how you can positively impact the lives of children in the community.

The Literacy Network of Greater Cincinnati is Seeking Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to help run our Judaica Shop. If you are interested and able to help, please contact donnamg1013@gmail.com

The Jewish Hospital Needs Volunteers

The Jewish Hospital is a community faithful to its Jewish heritage and grounded in the Jewish and Catholic traditions of service to the community.

We are looking for volunteers who would like to share their time for a minimum of 4 hours a week. We have many opportunities in various departments to make a difference!

Join our team!
Contact Volunteer Services, 686-5330.

The Ritual Committee serves as a liaison between the congregation and the clergy. Its goals are to promote and encourage participation in services for Shabbat and festivals and Shabbat morning Torah discussions and services; to evaluate liturgy and music; to discuss issues raised by congregants; to understand rabbinic plans in order to explain them to congregants; and to participate in temple activities.

To become a member of the Ritual Committee, please contact:

Fay May, Committee Chair
Phone: 513.535.1841
faybmay@fuse.net

Greeter Group

We need you to be a part of making Friday night service at Rockdale a special experience. We ask greeters to arrive at 5:30PM and stay in the lobby for a few minutes after services start, about 6:30 p.m. You don’t have to do it every week; you can take on as few or as many Shabbats as fit your busy schedule.

Guests and first-time attendees have told us they’ve really appreciated the warm welcome, being guided to the nosh and/ or sanctuary, and given directions to the restrooms. Longtime congregants have commented on how nice it is to have someone smile and wish them “Shabbat Shalom” as they arrive. This is a real opportunity to demonstrate that everyone is valued at Rockdale. It’s also a lot of fun, and a great way to meet new people.

To become a member of the Greeter Group, please contact:

Chris Malhotra
chrismalhotra@aol.com
Birthdays

Adults of March
3- Barrie Kraus
3- Florence Zaret
7- Kevin Dick
7- Andrew Shott
7- Janet Roger
9- Alexandra Dias
9- Leah Levy
10- Nathan Schmulewitz
11- Samuel Greengus
13- Edward Herzig
14- Jason Chapera
15- Hagit Sunberg
17- Justin Exposito
17- E. Gordon Margolin
19- Stefani Zola
21- Loris Ungar
22- Gerry Kraus
27- Lawrence Bratburd
29- Barry Berman
31- Janet Cohen

Adults of April
1- Mark Berliant
4- Jerry Klein
5- Risa Burstein
10- W. E. Blair Tillett
12- Barbara Harshman
14- Toby Ganz
15- Kathy Pesola
16- Gary Zeidenstein
16- Lois Spahn
17- Shachar Torem
17- Samuel Potter
19- Alice Price
20- Philip T. Cohen
21- Morton Harshman
25- Frances Lowenstein
26- Barbara Turner-Michaelson
27- James Reidel
29- Donna Kabakoff

Adults of May
1- Leonid Sigalov
7- Marjorie Schaal
8- Robert Ungar
10- Perry Leitner
16- Lori Krafte
17- Sherman Couch
18- Gerald Korkin
18- Lesha Greengus
19- Max Leitman
20- Nancy Messer
21- Joan Roberts
25- Noah Csendes
26- Leonard Berenfield
28- Anita Marks
29- Douglas Pullins
30- Ann Berenfield
30- Beatrice Ballas
31- Madeline Berman

Adults of May
16- Willard Vaughan & Margaret Friedman-Vaughan, 40th
17- Vickie & Michael Barham, 45th
18- Jack & Nancy Messer, 52nd
30- Marvin & Gerry Kraus, 62nd

April
1- Frank & Rosemary Bloom, 35th
11- Joe & Marilyn Hirschhorn, 66th
28- Ken & Melissa Mailender, 20th
30- Samuel & Lesha Greengus, 63rd

May
9- Len & Ann Berenfield, 5th
14- Jennifer & Patrick Clark, 25th
27- Kevin & Nancy Dick, 25th
27- Darryl & Bonnie Dick, 30th
28- Larry & Jen Smilg, 25th
30- Todd & Sarah Weiss, 10th

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

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

“Children of the Temple” are those who are 18 years old & younger.
Condolences to the Friends and Family of:

Ellen Buchsbaum, beloved member of Rockdale Temple
Lily Hecht, beloved mother of Rabbi Jonathan Hecht
William Brody, beloved father of Alexia Kadish
Barbara Vogt, beloved cousin of George Zahn
Yoel Beit-Halachmi, beloved father of Rabbi Ofer Sabath Beit-Halachmi

May their memories be for a blessing.

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SERVICE & DINNER!
WITH END OF SCHOOL CELEBRATION & BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!
Friday, May 8
Service - 6:15PM
Dinner - 7:15PM
RSVP online at www.rockdaletemple.org/event/May2020

SAVE the DATE
Rockdale Temple
ANNUAL MEETING
SUNDAY, JUNE 7
10:30AM
SHABBAT SHAL-OM YOGA
March 14, April 18, & May 16
9:30AM

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

BENEFITS OF YOGA
- Increased flexibility
- Increased muscle strength & tone
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- Improved respiration, energy & Vitality
- Lessen chronic pain

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A joyful Shabbat in Cincinnati
Friday, April 24th
Drinks & Nosh – 6:00PM
Shabbat Service - 6:30PM
Cincinnati Observatory, 3078 Madison Road
*optional dinner by Bridges Nepali Cuisine, $16 per person

Soup Kitchen
For families celebrating a Bar/Bat Mitzvah, helping at the Soup Kitchen has been a tradition for many years. Not only does it help kids to empathize with hungry people, it provides an opportunity for families to work together and for parents to pass on Jewish values.

Upcoming Dates:
March 15
April 26
July 26
October 18

To volunteer please call:
Chris Malhotra
513.777.2039
The Chazzan’s Tale
A CANTORIAL CONCERT
4 pm Sunday, March 1, 2020
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Yvon F. Shore

Refreshments follow in the Teller Lounge
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Tsevat Memorial Lecture

THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2020
12:15-1:30PM | Mayerson Hall

Join us for lunch and the Tsevat Memorial Lecture in honor and memory of Dr. Mattiahu Tsevat, who taught at HUC-JIR for more than 20 years, his wife, Miriam, and son Danny.

Guest Speaker
Dr. Christine Thomas holds a joint appointment with Xavier University and Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion as assistant professor of Hebrew Bible. Topic: “Gender and Politics in Late Bronze Age Syria: The Undoing of the Daughter of the Great Lady.”

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