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shabbatCTY
A joyful Shabbat in Cincinnati
Friday, December 20th
Drinks & Nosh – 6:00PM
Shabbat Service - 6:30PM
Rhinegeist Brewery, 1910 Elm Street, OTR
*optional dinner by Maize Arepas & Bar, $16 per person
RSVP at https://www.rockdaletemple.org/event/shabbatCTYDec2019.html
Please consider naming Rockdale Temple in your will or estate plan.

**ROCK SHABBAT**

with Birthday Blessings

Friday, December 6
6:15PM

Join us at Rockdale Temple for an uplifting musical Shabbat experience with our own Rock Shabbat Band!

*No dinner will be served after this service*

**MLK DAY OF SERVICE**

A DAY OF UNITY AND SERVICE IN HONOR OF REVEREND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

MONDAY, JANUARY 20
9:00AM - 2:00PM

This multi-generational, interfaith event is a joint program of Rockdale Temple, Adath Israel Congregation, Wise Temple, Avondale Youth Council, Knox Presbyterian Church, and the Islamic Center of Greater Cincinnati.

- Meet at Adath Israel for Breakfast / Speaker / Sign-Making
- Bus downtown for Cincinnati MLK Day March
- Continue with Lunch / Service Project
Senior Rabbi’s Reflections  Recognizing Miracles

How long does it take for you to recognize a miracle? How would we even define a miracle (in Hebrew, nes)? And doesn't the question depend upon what that miracle is?

We talk freely about miracles, especially at Chanukah. When we celebrate the Festival of Lights at the end of December, our dreidels will proclaim, with the letters signifying Nes Gadol Haya Sham, “A great miracle happened there.” Chanukah is all about the miracles.

A search for a working definition reveals, “A miracle is an event not explicable by natural or scientific laws. Such an event may be attributed to a supernatural being.” And while this might be the formal definition of the miracle, we understand the word in many different ways which might defy this definition.

Consider the movie, “Miracle” which tells the story of the 1980 American Olympic Hockey team. Or the way in which we speak of the miracle of birth. Both phenomena can be explained by nature and science. Many of us would feel uncomfortable attributing the victory of the American Hockey team over the USSR team to God. We might feel more comfortable understanding God’s presence in the birth of a baby.

It seems that we often understand the word “miracle” to imply that something seems unlikely and then happens. Achieving something against many odds. Having everything go right when we know that so many things could go wrong and don’t.

The rabbis even saw waking up each morning as a daily miracle. By this definition, of the ordinary being extraordinary, connecting with another in a deep friendship is a miracle. Finding ourselves in the text of the Torah or learning something that transforms us can all be miraculous, if not exactly miracles.

At this season of Chanukah, we call attention to miracles. We learn from the Talmud about the oil that lasted for 8 days when it should have only burnt for 1. Perhaps it happened, perhaps it didn’t. But the rabbis taught us to be aware of the possibility of a miracle. Did it take two days for them to recognize the miracle or eight? Does it take us one minute to recognize the miracle of a healthy birth or eight? Does each day we live increase the awareness of the miracle we share?

During Chanukah, we come together to declare both the miracle of the oil, and the miracle of the persistence of our people and our faith. I believe we participate in a great miracle when we acknowledge God and community, and express thanksgiving, sharing in Jewish rituals.

And so, we light our Chanukah menorahs, and our Shabbat candles. We participate in prayers that are old and new at the same time, helping us to understand the miracles in our lives, creating moments to recognize a nes and express gratitude.

I pray that we spend many more than the eight nights of Chanukah trying to discover how long it takes for us to recognize a miracle. I look forward to sharing a first night of Chanukah with you on December 22nd!

Rabbi Sigma F. Coran
Senior Rabbi
JOIN US FOR CANDLE-LIGHTING AND SINGING, DINNER WITH LATKES & DESSERT, AND FUN FOR ALL AGES!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22
5:30 PM
MAYERSON JCC

AFTER DINNER FUN INCLUDES: DANCING AND GAMES WITH ZAHNADU PRODUCTIONS, BOUNCE HOUSES & ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS, ADULTS-ONLY TRIVIA, AND A PHOTO BOOTH!
*CHILDCARE PROVIDED DURING THE AFTER-DINNER FUN!

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Associate Rabbi & Educator’s Thoughts *Shabbat @ Home*

Shabbat is here, Shabbat is here, we’re so glad that Shabbat is here! Candles burn bright on Friday night, we’re so glad that Shabbat is here!

So we sing at our FoRT (young family) Shabbat services, celebrating the opportunity to come together as a community to sing, pray, and rejoice in Shabbat. As adults, we might sing the words mah yafeh hayom, Shabbat shalom – How beautiful and wonderful is this day, Shabbat of peace! One of the great mitzvot of Judaism is the weekly observance of Shabbat – as Zionist Ahad Haam famous said, “more than the Jewish people have kept Shabbat, Shabbat has kept the Jewish people.” Shabbat binds us together as Jews and connects us to our God, our tradition, and our community.

We invite our community to celebrate Shabbat together during our 2nd annual Shabbat@Home! On Friday, February 28th, congregants are encouraged to open their homes to fellow Rockdale members for Shabbat dinner. We are looking for both hosts and guests as we strive to deepen connections around the Shabbat dinner table. Dinners need not be fancy, but are a chance to be together, get to know new people and connect with old friends, and celebrate Shabbat. We will not hold services at Rockdale on this evening but will provide a pre-recorded Shabbat service on our website for those who would like to pray at home.

Interested in hosting? Rockdale will provide each host with challah, grape juice, prayer sheets, and discussion questions for your guests. There is also limited funding available to offset dinner costs. Hosts may designate the number of seats available and choose to invite a certain guest list or open their home to new friends from our congregation (or both!).

Interested in attending a Shabbat dinner? Rockdale will match you (and your family) with a host! Dinners may be big or small, welcome children or focus on adult connections, and feature a variety of menus. Come hungry for food, friendship, and Shabbat fun!

Guests and hosts alike should sign up at rockdaletemple.org or call Congregational Engagement Professional Emily McOsker in the Temple office by February 14.

We are excited for this special Shabbat. Please join us in celebration, joy, and community!

Rabbi Meredith Kahan

Rabbi Meredith Kahan
*Associate Rabbi & Educator*
"To welcome a guest is greater than greeting the divine presence."
(Babylonian Talmud)

We invite you to find meaning, and create connections

It is our hope that you will share your Shabbat table with other members of our Rockdale Temple community on Friday, February 28. To host a Shabbat dinner or join someone’s table as a guest, sign up at www.rockdaletemple.org/form/ShabbatatHome2020.

Hosts may invite anyone they would like - a family they are friendly with from religious school, friends from the Men or Women of Rockdale, the choice is yours. Guests will be paired with hosts.

If you are 35 or younger, and would like to host, please also register with One Table at OneTable.org. They will reimburse you for up to $10 per guest. If you are over 35, Rockdale Temple will reimburse hosts for $10 per guest with receipts and a picture of group*. Rockdale Temple will also provide you with challah, grape juice, prayer cards, and discussion questions to help you break the ice.

We cannot wait to share Shabbat with you! Questions? Contact Karen Martin, kmartin@rockdaletemple.org.

*Only available for the first 100 guests.
Generously funded by the In the Beginning Fund of the Women of Rockdale
President’s Letter

We are approaching the end of the calendar year on a very positive note at Rockdale Temple. Our rabbis, professional staff and lay leadership continue to work together smoothly and effectively to provide all of us with exciting, memorable and rewarding congregational experiences. I also again want to thank Rabbi Coran, Rabbi Kahan, and all of our professional staff for making the High Holy Day period in September/October so meaningful.

As you know, over the last three years, Rockdale Temple has worked with SAFE Cincinnati to overhaul our Safety and Security Plan and to make significant security improvements to our building. We have formed a Safety and Security Committee to ensure we are continuing to respond appropriately to local and national events. Many of you have noticed and appreciated the presence of officers at events at Rockdale including during the High Holy Days and Shabbat services. In addition to these new security measures, this year, for the first time, we asked non-member-guests to sign in for High Holy Day services and submit to a security screening. I am happy to report that our procedures went smoothly. In the years ahead, we anticipate spending approximately $15,000 annually for managing security for Rockdale Temple. While we are grateful that SAFE Cincinnati will cover some of our expenses, this year we asked for your additional help in meeting the costs of our congregation’s security. I am pleased to say that our members responded very favorably and our High Holy Day appeal resulted in over $15,000 raised. For this, we are very grateful. These funds will be used to enhance the safety and security of Rockdale Temple and our members while attending services and other functions at the Temple.

Beginning December 11 (through December 15), I, together with our rabbis, Karen, Emily, and 10 other Rockdale members, will attend the URJ Biennial in Chicago. The Biennial is expected to attract 5,000 Reform Jews for five days of learning, entertainment, networking and worship. We are also thrilled that Rabbi Coran will be honored during the Biennial on Saturday, December 14th at the WRJ Woman's Empowerment Awards Dinner. The Dinner will recognize 18 inspiring women from the Reform Community who work tirelessly to empower others. Sissy has been selected as one of those women and we are so proud of her accomplishments and the well-deserved recognition.

Early next year, we will begin the search for our new Executive Director. Karen will be with us until late spring; shortly thereafter, she begins her rabbinic studies at Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion. She has handled her duties in a very professional manner and has ably guided the operations of the Temple over the past almost three years. The search committee will make every effort to find someone as professional, engaged and dedicated as Karen.

On a final note, please mark your calendars for Friday, December 20th for Rockdale’s final shabbatCTY for 2019. We will gather at Rhinegeist (1910 Elm Street in Over-the-Rhine) for an evening of prayer, singing, schmoozing and eating. If you have not attended one of these events, please give it a try. Wendy and I look forward to seeing you there.

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

James G. Heldman
President
In September 2018, ejewishPhilanthropy published an article by Rachel Gildiner that declared, “Let’s Make 5779 The Year of the Jewish Woman.” It’s now 5780, but I’ve spent a lot of time lately reflecting on this idea of the Year of the Jewish Woman as a woman, a mother (my youngest, Joel, was born in August), and as a Jewish professional. Women on average make up about 73% of the nonprofit work force and at the largest nonprofits, only 18% have female CEOs. Luckily, my Jewish professional organization, the National Association for Temple Administration (NATA) reports that Reform synagogues show leadership much more in line with their work force with 66.4% of Reform Temples led by women according to the most recent NATA Compensation and Benefits Report.

This December, I will be attending the annual NATA Convention. I look forward to this convention every year because it provides excellent educational opportunities and networking, and I always come back to Rockdale Temple having learned something new that helps us to fulfill our mission, whether that’s best practices in engagement or fundraising, or a new way to use Excel. Thank you all so much for this opportunity!

This year, the NATA Convention is back to back with the Union of Reform Judaism’s Biennial. Every two years, congregants, lay leaders, clergy, and congregational professionals come together for five days of learning and worship. This year, we have 15 members of our congregational community—leaders of RUACH, FoRT, Women of Rockdale, members of our Board of Directors, clergy, and more—attending what will surely be an incredible conference. I cannot wait to see what we create with the ideas and energy we bring back to Rockdale Temple.

The main reason that The Year of the Jewish Woman is on my mind is that our Rabbi Sissy Coran will be honored at the Women of Reform Judaism’s inaugural Women’s Empowerment Awards Dinner on Saturday, December 14th at 5:30 PM at the Marriott Marquis Chicago during a special evening at the URJ Biennial. Rabbi Coran is being honored for her outstanding work lifting up the voices and lives of women. She is the only rabbi from the United States being honored in such a way. We have seen the myriad ways in which Rabbi Coran strengthens and supports our congregation every day, and I’m so excited and proud that her work and dedication are being recognized on an international stage.

We hope that you are able to join us for this event, and if you are unable to do so, please consider making a donation to the WRJ. For information about tickets, sponsorships, and tribute ads, please visit the Women’s Empowerment Dinner page on the WRJ’s website at: https://wrj.org/biennaldinner19. If you have any questions about the event, please reach Shari Schulner, Philanthropy Manager at WRJ, at 212-650-4072 or sschulner@wrj.org.
Rockdale Book Club read *Letters to My Palestinian Neighbor* all the way back in mid-summer. Normally our members would have quickly moved on to a piece of fiction after discussing this work of non-fiction in early September. But the book, a brief yet dense work aimed at an imagined neighbor, left us conflicted and needing to stay focused on it until it was resolved. We had to wait a month for that.

The book’s author, Yossi Klein-Halevi, spoke to our Cincinnati Jewish community on the evening of October 29, 2019 at the JCC. His message was deeply satisfying for me, and apparently for a large portion of our community as well. Many if not most of them had read his book as part of a community-wide read over the summer. A near-capacity crowd in the Amberley Room listened raptly as a balding, thoughtfully delightful 66-year-old Israeli Jew, who had grown up Conservative in America before making aliyah, explained why and how he had written *Letters to My Palestinian Neighbor*.

Halevi’s lecture was one of several events in the “We Need to Talk” series, aimed at opening up difficult conversations about American Jews’ feelings concerning Israel. Those feelings have centered more and more in recent years upon reactions to Israel’s policies with regard to the Palestinians, as well as the metamorphosis of the “two state solution” from a hoped-for possibility to more or less a cynical punchline. The peace movement in Israel has foundered after the Second Intifada and during Netanyahu’s administration. Most recently American campuses have increasingly ostracized Jewish students as agents of “Israeli racism” before they even have a chance to develop an adult point of view on Israel. On this subject Halevi was exceedingly clear: He finds the anti-Israel “Boycott-Divest-Sanction” (BDS) movement on American and European campuses absolutely abhorrent, even as he reserves the right to have his own criticisms of Israel’s policies toward the Palestinians. He believes every Jew should have the same freedom to form his or her ideas on Israel.

Halevi enunciated that evening a familiar tension between struggling with legitimate criticism of the eternal Jewish homeland and bristling at being targeted as an Israel-loving racist. His internal conflict mirrors that of many American Jews who have been afraid to let it be known that they have criticisms of Israel—even as Israel is intensely dear to them.

Halevi’s honesty and passion resolved whatever unease I had felt even after discussing his book with our Book Club in September. I sensed that the wowed attendees departing from the Amberley Room met each others’ eyes more directly than is often possible in crowds. We DO need to talk, and thankfully, Halevi has cleared a path to getting a more nuanced conversation started.

Several copies of his book are still available in the Temple office, if your curiosity is whetted.

And now, we’re also ready to move on in the Book Club to something a bit lighter— a novel! *The Golem and the Jinni* by Helene Wecker feels like utter escapism after *Letters*…. It reads like the script of a magical/historical drama, set in New York’s Lower East Side in 1900. Pick up a copy at the Public Library and feel free to join our discussion up in the Library on Tuesday evening, December 17.

*Karen Zanger*

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

Just like at the Texas border, immigrant parents are being deported from Cincinnati, and their kids risk being left alone. Families live in fear of deportation. We are supporting a lovely family with five children who attend school in the Princeton School District.

Please consider volunteering your time to get to know the family, taking them on local outings, hosting a dinner, or helping them practice English. We would love to connect with them weekly. We are working in conjunction with effective non-profits in the area: Heartfelt Tidbits & Immigration Refugee Law Center.

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

Cora Steinberg

IHN began in 1991 with one center and the participation of eight churches and synagogues to provide support to the homeless. Since 1991, the network of IHN has grown to a mix of over 100 congregational partners representing a wide variety of faiths, with one mission in mind: provide overnight shelter and meals for homeless families in IHN’s Emergency Shelter program.

What has drawn me to volunteer and participate in fulfilling the mission of IHN is working to place an entire family together in temporary shelters. When families have temporarily fallen on hard times, IHN keeps families together. We partner with Adath Israel, Valley Temple, and Northern Hills a number of times throughout the year, for one week at a time, to provide temporary shelter and meals at Adath Israel. There are a large array of opportunities during the week, from helping provide a dinner, doing activities with the children, setting up and tearing down, overnight host, and more. Often the commitment is no more than a few hours of your time and there are openings every night of the week.

This is also a great opportunity for teens to gain volunteer hours, either for mitzvah projects or high school hours. Please consider adding your name to our list and join our Rockdale family of IHN volunteers.

Sara Frankel
Mark and I have been members of Rockdale for more than half of our lives. I do not know where to begin in expressing what the Temple means to us! We first came to Rockdale over 35 years ago because we had met Rabbi Randi Musnitsky when her husband Rabbi Ron Kaplan married Mark's mother and stepfather at Wise Temple. At the time, she was a rabbinic intern at Rockdale. For us it was love at first sight with her. We both knew we wanted her to be the one to officiate our marriage. We first went to Rockdale shortly after his mother's wedding and were greeted by the most amazing warm, kind and enthusiastic congregant…. Sue Richard. Her completely welcoming personality clinched the deal for us. We did not need to look any further for a place to call our spiritual home. Fast forward a few years and our first daughter Nikki was born. Rabbi Goldman came to our house to perform her Baby Naming. His warmth and ability to make every guest in our house feel they were a special and necessary part of the ceremony was what he did best. This occurred again for our second daughter Kelsey. During this time Mark and I were not active in temple life, only attending the High Holiday services. The girls attended preschool at Rockdale and both had Ruth Coppel as their first year teacher. Ruth was amazing. She, like the others we had met at Rockdale, showed incredible compassion and warmth not only to Nikki and Kelsey but also to Mark and me on the few occasions when we were both at Rockdale for services. The girls went on to Sunday School, Hebrew School, and Hebrew High School. Both had their Bat Mitzvahs at Rockdale along with many of the friends they had made in preschool!

Fast forward a few years when Rockdale went through a very rough patch and many congregants left. We, as a couple never considered it. It was at that time that I realized a spiritual home is not completely dependent on the leader but rather the people, the memories, the feeling that it is an essential part of one’s life, and the sense of safety and serenity one gets just walking in the door.

Rockdale has been our “rock” (no pun intended)! It’s where we have turned to not only for life-cycle events, but more importantly when in times of crisis. I will never forget the tragic day of 9/11, the only place I could think of going to immediately to get some sense of security was Rockdale and fortunately, its doors were wide open that night for congregants to gather and feel a sense normalcy, safety and that the world was not about to end. Since then, there have been other personal, community-wide, and national tragedies that have occurred and Rockdale has continued to be the place we turn to for comfort and spiritual guidance. Rabbi Coran was the first person I called after Mark, when Nikki was in a horrific car accident in Israel nine years ago. I knew she would be able to help me get through the sense of complete helplessness and fear. And she definitely did not fail!!

I have been going to Shabbat every Friday for at least the past 10 years. It is the only place I can imagine going to for the feeling of community, spirituality, acceptance, warmth, and most of all love. It started when Margaret Friedman-Vaughan called me and asked if I would go to sit with her. Just that simple phone call of invitation pulled me in and I have never looked back. Each week it’s a different experience but the one constant throughout is I know I will leave feeling renewed from a rough week, calmer, more spiritual and a complete sense of belonging. Throughout the years Mark and I have served on different committees, the Board and participated in many different group events. Sue Richard may have been the one to draw us into the fold of Rockdale initially, but it is the current congregants, rabbis, and staff that have kept us there. Mark and I cannot imagine a better way to keep this incredible temple moving forward and being a part of people’s lives for generations to come than to be a part of the CYJL. We hope others will feel the same way!
Important Calendar Dates

December 8-20....Gift Shop Chanukah Sale

December 18........7:00PM, Sip 'n' Schmooze Appetizer Potluck
                   (at the home of Jen Smilg)

December 25........Annual Day of Service at Ronald McDonald House of
                   Greater Cincinnati

January 12.........10:00-11:00AM, WoR Meeting

February 9.........10:00-11:00AM, WoR Meeting (offsite)

February 22........6:00PM WoR Havdallah with spouses & hors d’oeuvres
                    (at the home of Kelly Waterman)

The winter issue press deadline arrives just as we begin to hurtle toward the busiest season of the year, and just as
Women of Rockdale (WoR) prepare not only for the winter holidays, but also for four of our major annual events.

The first, a Drag Bingo Night on November 9, emceed by Dee W. Ieye, raised money to underwrite the second, our 12th
Annual Christmas Day project of preparing and serving holiday dinner to families staying at the Ronald McDonald
House Greater Charities of Cincinnati.

The third is our Sisterhood Shabbat service, with many WoR members leading the congregation in prayers and read-
ings. Chinese food from Oriental Wok will follow for all attendees and their families. We began a new tradition this
year by presenting a Queen Esther award to a WoR member who has served Rockdale in many roles for many years. It
was our privilege to bestow the first Women of Rockdale Queen Esther Award in honor of Fay May.

The fourth event is the annual Chanukah Sale on December 8. It will take place during Religious School hours and
give students and their younger siblings the opportunity to purchase gifts for friends and family members from among
dozens of items from our Sisterhood Gift Shop.

Several of our members will attend the Union of Reform Judaism’s Biennial Convention in Chicago this December.
Rabbi Coran will be honored by the Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ) as one of 18 Reform Jewish women from
around the world to be recognized for promoting women’s lives and voices with the WRJ’s inaugural Women is Em-
powerment Awards.

It’s never too late in the year to join Women of Rockdale. Any woman in our congregation who has reached the age of
21 is eligible. Come share your ideas and let your voice be heard as we continue to plan programs and events of value
to members and the entire Rockdale congregation. You’re welcome any time!

Tracy McMullen and Donna Gantner
Co-Presidents
Meet the Congregant: Alexia Kadish by Zack Berger, Workum Intern

Born in Redondo Beach, California to a Greek Holocaust survivor and American Air Force doctor, Judaism has always been an important part of Alexia Kadish’s life. She went to Jewish overnight camp, celebrated Shabbat on Friday nights, became involved in UC Davis’ Hillel, taught Hebrew school, and co-led a local temple youth group. New to Sacramento as a California State University graduate student, her grandmother suggested using the nearby synagogue as a way to meet new people. Lo and behold, her grandma’s advice proved helpful and Alexia met Scott Kadish at a Rosh Hashanah service and they married two years later. Their son Zak was born in Sacramento, while son Ethan and daughter Elyse were born in Cincinnati, as Scott was transferred there for his still-current job at Procter & Gamble.

The Kadishes originally were members of a different Cincinnati synagogue, where Alexia continued to teach Hebrew school. Unfortunately, behind-the-scenes problems convinced them to continue their Jewish worship elsewhere, as they were concerned Zak would not have a place to become a bar mitzvah. Eventually, they discovered Rockdale through several friends and by knowing Rabbi Coran, whose son Micah was in the same grade as Ethan at Rockwern Academy. The morning before a New Member Shabbat Service, the Kadishes found out Alexia’s grandmother had passed away. Despite this, they attended the service, which Alexia thought would help channel their grief in a positive way before the funeral. Before the service, Rabbi Coran asked to meet with them without even knowing their situation. Alexia described her as kind, sensitive, and empathetic and that this along with the actual Shabbat service itself, felt right. Thus, the Kadishes became members of Rockdale and Alexia taught various grades of Hebrew school here and even stepped in as the Interim Director of Education.

In June 2013, her son Ethan was injured at camp after lightning struck the ground he stood on. Since then, he has not been able to walk on his own or form full words. Despite how difficult and unreal this situation was, Alexia found hope and solace in both Rockdale and Cincinnati’s Jewish community. Rabbi Coran traveled to Indianapolis as soon as she could to support the family, and continues to support them to this day. They also felt a palpable sense of support after returning to Cincinnati. Beginning that year, Team Ethan has hosted an annual event called Eighth Night for Ethan (on the final night of Chanukah), which serves to raise money to offset uncovered medical expenses related to Ethan’s care. Now, Ethan responds much more to others and feels comfortable with human interaction. He has been a greeter at High Holy Day services for the last two years, which Alexia noticed brought smiles to many people’s faces. Alexia also loved hearing Ethan vocalize during those services, as music was always a big part of the Kadishes’ lives.

After everything she, Ethan, and her family had faced that summer, Alexia stepped back from many of her congregational roles, although she did come back in 2015 to serve as the Interim Educational Director once again while Rabbi Kahan was on maternity leave. Now, Alexia’s role in the Jewish community is similar to life before the lightning strike, yet different. She is in her second year as a science teacher at Rockwern Academy. Alexia loves it, as science was always another one of Alexia’s interests. In fact, she once taught science at a math-science magnet school, forming another connection between her past and present. She said it was a fun challenge to learn the new curriculum at Rockwern Academy. She even raises beetles and silkworms at home now to prepare for the year’s projects!
Ethan Kadish is a teenager from Loveland, Ohio, who suffered a brain injury after he was struck by lightning six years ago. Everything changed for Ethan in that one moment. It costs over $100,000 each year to support Ethan’s uninsured medical expenses. Costs include co-pays and deductibles associated with three health insurance policies; caregiving costs, and nursing care; and a myriad of therapies to help him re-establish basic functions within his brain.

SAVE THE DATE: VIRTUAL EIGHTH NIGHT for ETHAN
a fundraiser to assist with uninsured medical-related expenses.
DECEMBER 29TH, 2019

HAPPY HANUKKAH www.jointeamethan.org

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The Joan S. Goldsmith Judaica Shop

Chanukah Sale!

Menorahs
Candles
Decorations
Dreidels
Coins
and More!!

December 8-20

Shop will be open December 8 & 15
10am - Noon

For more information contact
RockdaleSisterhood@gmail.com

a project of The Women of Rockdale
Phoebe is in the eighth grade at Seven Hills, where she is an industrious student with a solid work ethic. She is a kind and compassionate person with a zeal for life. She is bold and ambitious–always up for a challenge.

Phoebe's interests run the gamut. While school has always been a priority, she makes time to care for her menagerie of animals, her athletic pursuits, and (of course) social engagements. She is charged (along with her sisters) with the care of a horse, pony, two goats, a pig, rabbits, a chicken coop, and a number of other critters. A tremendous athlete, Phoebe plays tennis and lacrosse for Seven Hills. She also plays ice hockey at the Bantam level for the Indian Hill Winter Club Team, and she is an outstanding skier.

Her family is so proud of her for making the decision to take on the challenge of becoming a Bat Mitzvah. She is grateful for the assistance of her outstanding tutor Yael Dadoun, and for the guidance and counsel of Rabbis Coran and Kahan. Her entire family is looking forward to the big day.

Adam O’Koon

Adam is in the 7th grade at Ridge Junior School this year. Prior to that, he attended the JCC Preschool, Shawnee Early Childhood School, and Adena Elementary.

When he was younger, Adam tried soccer and baseball, but decided early that his true love was soccer. He has continued with that, initially in SAY soccer through West Chester Soccer Club, and starting at age 7, with Cincinnati United Soccer Club, currently playing for the 07 Cincinnati United Premier (CUP) Pre-DA. He plays the clarinet in the band at Ridge. He also enjoys computer gaming.

Adam decided to align his mitzvah project with his soccer, collecting used soccer equipment for disadvantaged children through donations for PeacePassers.org.

Adam would like to thank everyone who has helped him prepare for his Bar Mitzvah… especially Rabbi Sissy Coran, Rabbi Meredith Kahan, and his tutor, Jason Schapera.
The Rockdale Temple Bene Israel Society

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Adult Education Opportunities

Shabbat Shal-OM Morning Yoga

*Saturday mornings at 9:30AM*

**December 14, February 8**

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.

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Talmud Lessons Every Jew Should Learn

*Lunch and Learn*

*The Second Tuesday of Each Month at Noon*

**December 10, January 14, February 11**

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.

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Israel; A Multi-Vocal Approach

*Sunday mornings at 11:00AM*

**December 8, January 12**

**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.
Meaningful Disagreements ~ Learning in our Differences

*Wednesday evenings at 7:00PM*

December 4, January 8

*Rabbi Sissy Coran*

One fact people across political divides today may still agree upon is that civil discourse between the political divides is turning less and less civil. Indeed, the sheer lack of desire to try to understand those with opposing political opinions (or political identities) and disagree constructively over critical questions is posing an existential threat to democracies around the world. In response, Pardes (a non-denominational yeshiva) has created this new initiative: Mahloket Matters: How to Disagree Constructively—The Beit Midrash Way. The roots of the beit midrash (Traditional House of Jewish Learning) culture may be found in the ancient rabbinic legend that tells how Moses received a Torah full of ambiguities that needed to be interpreted in contradictory ways known as the 49 vs 49. This methodology of studying text can be used to increase the desire and ability to understand and engage more constructively with conflicting political opinions today, thereby improving civil discourse.

Torah With a Twist: Bible Stories and the Values They Teach Us

*Wednesday evenings at 7:00PM*

February 12 & 26

*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!
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Create a lasting legacy and enrich your community now and for years to come.
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**Friday, December 6**
5:45PM Shabbat Nosh
6:15PM Rock Shabbat Service
*Celebrating Birthday Blessings
*No dinner following this service*

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

**Friday, December 13**
5:45PM Shabbat Nosh
6:15PM Shabbat Service
*with Shir Shalom Choir and celebrating Anniversary Blessings*

**Saturday, December 14**
9:30AM Sichat Torah
9:30AM Shabbat Shal-OM Yoga
10:30AM Service In-the-Round

**Friday, December 20**
5:45PM Shabbat Nosh
6:15PM Shabbat Service
6:30PM shabbatCTY *(Rhinegeist Brewery)*

**Saturday, December 21**
9:30AM Sichat Torah
10:30AM Service In-the-Round

**Friday, December 27**
5:45PM Shabbat Nosh
6:15PM Shabbat Service

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

January 2020

**Friday, January 3**
5:45PM Shabbat Nosh
6:15PM Shabbat Service

**Saturday, January 4**
9:30AM Sichat Torah
10:30AM Service In-the-Round

**Friday, January 10**
5:45PM Shabbat Nosh
6:15PM Shabbat Service
*with Shir Shalom Choir and celebrating Anniversary Blessings*

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

**Friday, January 17**
5:45PM Shabbat Nosh
6:15PM Shabbat Service
6:30PM shabbatCTY *(Greenwich House Gallery)*

**Saturday, January 18**
9:30AM Sichat Torah
10:30AM Bat Mitzvah of Phoebe Rubenstein,
daugher of Scott & Amy Rubenstein

**Friday, January 24**
5:45PM Shabbat Nosh
6:15PM Rock Shabbat Service
*with NFTY participation and Birthday Blessings*

**Saturday, January 25**
9:30AM Sichat Torah
10:30AM Service In-the-Round

**Friday, January 31**
5:45PM Shabbat Nosh
6:15PM Shabbat Service

February 2020

**Saturday, February 1**
9:30AM Sichat Torah
10:30AM Service In-the-Round

**Friday, February 7**
SHABBAT SHIRAH
5:45PM Shabbat Nosh
6:15PM Shabbat Shal-OM Yoga
*with Shir Shalom Choir and celebrating Birthday & Anniversary Blessings*
7:15PM Shabbat Shal-OM Dinner

**Saturday, February 8**
9:30AM Sichat Torah
9:30AM Shabbat Shal-OM Yoga
10:30AM Service In-the-Round

**Friday, February 14**
5:45PM Shabbat Nosh
6:15PM Shabbat Service

**Saturday, February 15**
9:30AM Sichat Torah
10:30AM Service In-the-Round

**Friday, February 21**
5:30PM FoRT Service
*with Pre-K, K, & 1st Grade participation*
5:45PM Shabbat Nosh
6:00PM FoRT Dinner
6:15PM Shabbat Service

**Saturday, February 22**
9:30AM Sichat Torah
10:30AM Service In-the-Round

**Friday, February 28**
Shabbat@Home *(No Services at Rockdale)*

**Saturday, February 29**
9:30AM Sichat Torah
10:30AM Bar Mitzvah of Adam O’Koon,
*son of Michelle & Neal O’Koon*
Rabbi Coran’s Discretionary Fund

In memory of Rhoda Jacobs
Neal Jacobs

In honor of the marriage of
Jacob Kraus & Kim Preminger
Kenneth & Susan Sherman
Florence Zaret

In memory of Mary Reidel
Scott & Sheryl Mattis
Steven & Jeanie Messer

In memory of Sophia Bass
Lynn & David Callif
Boaz & Betsy Cohen

In honor of their marriage
Keith & Simone Shicker

In memory of Ayzik Feldman
Leonid Sigalov & Elena Belfor Sigalov

In memory of Dave Davis
Sheldon & Lynn David

With special thanks
Steven & Megan Ackerman
Steve & Ruth Coppel
David & Beth Shuller
Barbara Turner-Michaelson & Mark Michaelson

Rabbi Kahan’s Discretionary Fund

In memory Sophia Bass
Patricia Kaplan
Adam & Jay Simha

In honor of the marriage of
Jessica Miller & Max Reidel
M. Lori Reidel

In memory of Gene Wacksman
Barry Wacksman

With special thanks
Barbara Turner-Michaelson & Mark Michaelson

Barrows Music Fund

In memory of Jane Felson Brown
W.E. Blair & Judy Tillett

Bene Israel Fund

In honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Julia Frankel
Gerald & Sally Korkin

In honor of the birth of Joel Isaac Martin
Gerry & Sally Korkin

In memory of Doris Vise & Melvin Schaengold
Kenneth & Susan Sherman

In memory of Roy White
Gerald & Sally Korkin

Estelle Levine Fund for Special Children

In memory of Sophia Bass
Bella & Bruce Steinberg
Heritage of Learning Fund
In memory of Scott Kabakoff
Marion Zimmerman
Lilian & Dolph Harteved Fund
In honor of Dolores Goldfinger and her speedy recovery
W.E. Blair & Judy Tillett

Louise Reichert Flower Fund
In memory of Sophia Bass
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Memorial Fund
In memory of Sophia Bass
Susan Atherton
The FanSided Family

Sacred Music Fund
In memory of Ayzik Feldman
Lori Rosenthal

Soup Kitchen Fund
In memory of Sophia Bass
Cora & Don Steinberg
In honor of Dolores Goldfinger and her speedy recovery
Barbara Turner-Michaelson & Mark Michaelson
In honor of Dolores Goldfinger and her birthday
Marion Zimmerman
For the Speedy Recovery of Dolores Goldfinger
Robert Ingberg
In honor of Robert Ingberg’s birthday
Christine & Ramesh Malhotra

In memory of Scott Kabakoff
Robert Ingberg
In honor of the anniversary of
Chris & Ramesh Malhotra
Robert Ingberg
In honor of the birth of Joel Isaac Martin
Robert Ingberg
In honor of the marriage of
Alana & Dariusz Szajnert
Robert Ingberg
In honor of the anniversary of
Lori & George Zahn
Robert Ingberg

Steven E. Altman Fund
In honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Julia Frankel
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Temple Fund
In memory of Sophia Bass
Roger Abrams
Andrea & Edward Herzig
Fred & Lesley Kleiser
Scott & Amy Litwin
Fay May
Robert & Joan Ostendorf
Yonina & Jerry Schuchman
Ingrid Schweiger
Harold & Josepha Silverman
Arlene & Ron Shuller
In memory of Helene Cohen
Amy Diamond
Eddie Wolf & Family

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Temple Fund continued...

In honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Julia Frankel
Marcia & Walter Rubin

In memory of Elsa Kern Greenwald
Stanley & Helene Block

In memory of Joel Ira Herzig
Jacob & Sharon Yosafat

In honor of the birth of Joel Isaac Martin
Andrea & Edward Herzig
Jessica Katz
Chris & Ramesh Malhotra
Fay May

In memory of Gerson Lowenthal
Alice & Stephen Shapiro

In honor of the birth of Leah Schild
Kenneth & Susan Sherman

In memory of Irvin Silverstein, MD
Fay May

In memory of Roy B. White
Daniel Hoffheimer

General Donation
Gary & Ellen Weiss

LATKE MAKERS NEEDED!
If you would like to help make latkes on
Thursday,
December 19
3:00-6:00PM
Please contact Emily McOsker at emcosker@rockdaletemple.org
Mazel Tov...!

- John Cobey for 50 years of service as a member of the Ohio Bar Association
- Susan & Ken Sherman on the marriage of their son, Marc, to Lindsey Gaston
- Dan Hoffheimer on the birth of his granddaughter, Violet Faye Broder
- Andy & Debbie Heldman on the marriage of their daughter, Lizzy, to Ricky Fuqua
- Karen, Stewart, & Sam Martin, and grandmother, Janice Singerman, on the birth of Joel Isaac Martin

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

Artist-in-Residence, Alan Goodis
Rockdale Spain & Portugal Trip

Casa de Sefarad Jewish Museum in Cordoba

Our group in Toledo

Enjoying lunch in Cordoba

Dome at the Royal Alcazar of Seville

Memorial to Jewish fighters in the Spanish Civil War

Janice Singerman & Rabbi Kraus in Seville
October 27 - November 10, 2020

The Alhambra in Granada where the Edict of Expulsion was first read aloud in 1492

The ancient city of Toledo

Views of the Alhambra in Granada

Toledo, Spain

David & Abby Schwartz in Barcelona

The Sephardic Synagogue in Lisbon, Portugal
Members of Rockdale Temple join Shomrei Olam to restore the Mill Creek

A recent October weather-perfect Sunday morning event was organized by Shomrei Olam-Jewish Environmental Advocates of Cincinnati to support the work of the Mill Creek Alliance. Twenty volunteers came from various Jewish congregations and organizations including Wise Temple, Northern Hills Synagogue, Moishe House, and The JTeam, in addition to Rockdale. Because of its success another clean-up event is being organized for early spring. Contact Mike Heldman or Joanne Gerson for more information.

Cut-a-Ton™

Dream of the possibilities of doing some things a little differently to make the planet a little better. Ask yourself, “What matters most to me? What kind of world do I want for my children and grandchildren? Do I think one person can make a difference or do I think it will take several people together to make a difference?” One drop of water will not fill a five-gallon bucket, but many drops will. If it takes many people to lower CO₂ emissions, do you think it is important or worth your time to do your small part?

Shomrei Olam thinks the answer is ‘yes’. We developed a program to help make this possible: Cut-a-Ton.

How does Cut-a-Ton work?

Cut-a-Ton, a fun way to become a better steward of the earth, employs a team support system to cut a ton of carbon dioxide. The program is based on the model developed by the Empowerment Institute and research from the Environmental Protection Agency and several universities including Yale, George Mason, and University of California Berkeley.

Each season a theme will be offered to focus your effort. You, the participant, will be given a list of actions to choose from to reduce the carbon emissions by your household. Choose two or three actions to try each season. Some actions will take as little as a few minutes each week, like turning out the lights when you, or a family member, leave a room. Each action tallies the number of pounds of CO₂ you save (or points) each time you do it. A tally sheet will make it simple to record your success. At the end of the season, or quarter, team members will total their points and celebrate the tons of CO₂ the team together has saved!

We invite you to try it. For more information come to an organizational meeting hosted by the Mike Heldman. He can be reached at mercatorin@aol.com

Submitted by Mike Heldman and Joanne Gerson, Rockdale Environmental Committee
SHABBAT SHAL-OM YOGA

December 14, February 8, & March 14

9:30 AM

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

BENEFITS OF YOGA

- Increased flexibility
- Increased muscle strength & tone
- Protection from injury
- Improved respiration, energy, & Vitality
- Lessen chronic pain

LORI REIDEL, INSTRUCTOR

ROCKDALE TEMPLE
8501 Ridge Road, 45236

Generously supported by the In the Beginning Fund of the Women of Rockdale

Please consider naming Rockdale Temple in your will or estate plan.
**Thank You Bakers!**

Our heartfelt thanks to the volunteers who enhanced our New Year celebrations by baking for our Rosh Hashanah reception. Your delicious contributions made our gathering all the more special. Thank you for making the New Year Sweet!

Rockdale Temple Board, Rabbis and Staff

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**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

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**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 5:30 p.m. 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*

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**High Holy Day Food Drive**

The FreeStore Foodbank would like to thank Rockdale Temple for collecting over 1200 lbs. of food during the High Holy Days!!
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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### ROCKDALE TEMPLE TRIBUTE FORM

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 8561 Ridge Rd. Cincinnati, OH 45236

☐ Check Enclosed   ☐ Visa   ☐ Mastercard   ☐ AmEx

Number__________________________________________

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Billing Name______________________________________

Tribute Occasion:

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

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

Name to appear on tribute: _________________________

Please send acknowledgment to:

Name___________________________________________

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Create a lasting legacy and enrich your community now and for years to come.

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.

Kroger Reward Cards are an easy way to support Rockdale Temple.

Go to [www.Kroger.com](http://www.Kroger.com) and click on the COMMUNITY tab on the top of the page, then select Kroger Community Rewards along the left hand side of the page. Or, call the Rockdale Temple office and someone will be happy to help! The Kroger rewards program requires an annual enrollment.

**Interfaith Hospitality Network**
Rockdale Temple IHN Volunteers Needed

Interfaith Hospitality Network hosts a group of homeless families at Adath Israel Synagogue for 3 weeks per year – a week in July, a week in August and the week of Christmas (for more info about the IHN program see [http://www.ihncincinnati.org/](http://www.ihncincinnati.org/)). For each of those weeks, Rockdale supplies the food and the volunteers to host on Friday nights.

For further information and a tour of the facilities, please contact Rabbi Sissy Coran scoran@rockdaletemple.org

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

**Ritual Committee**
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

**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: Dolores Goldfinger 513.891.0725

**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 Jewish Hospital – MERCYHEALTH**
Please consider naming Rockdale Temple in your will or estate plan.

Shofar Soundings Winter 5780

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6- Marion Levy
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11- Edward Levy
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Adults of January
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Anniversaries will be listed every five years starting with the 5th anniversary. All anniversaries of 50 years or more are recognized.

Birthdays

Adults of December
1- Lee Rozin
2- Deborah Heldman
3- Sanford Paris
6- Bernard Dave
6- Marion Levy
11- Bartley Morrisroe
11- Edward Levy
11- Suzanne Dunbar
15- Sara Kaufman
15- Sheryl Mattis
15- Donald Misrach
18- Dan Perlman
19- Michael Woodson
22- Merrie Tessler

Children of December
7- Eleanor Nordrum
9- Hazel Spaulding
10- Reis Golden
11- Rory Price
14- Anna Rose von Thomsen
14- Samuel Maltz
18- Samuel De Falco
21- Emerson Rosensweet
23- Matthew Silverstein
26- Noah Calico
26- Gabriel Levy
29- Joseph Shapiro
30- Elise Kravitz

Children of January
1- Michael Gantner
2- Rebecca Flowers
6- Samuel Martin
8- Barry Waxler
10- Dani Grossman
13- Adam O’Koon
14- Seth Flowers
17- Morgen Grover
19- Liam Dunkelman
19- Ellie Friedman
24- Phoebe Rubenstein
26- Zsofia Bonyhati
30- Ben-Yishai Sabath Beit-Halachmi
31- Lilly Perlman

Children of February
3- Ethan Weinstein
5- Connor Rosensweet
6- Declan O’Connell
8- Savanna Blackmore
9- Seth Liner
11- Jacob Sponseller
13- Levi Lillenstein
16- Yedidya Sabath Beit-Halachmi
17- Emily Frankel
19- Spencer Auerbach
20- Joy Price
22- Jake Feldman
23- Clara Calico
23- Jacob Sunberg
24- Casey Shaftel
27- Gabriel Kaufman

“Children of the Temple” are those who are 18 years old & younger.
Rock Shabbat Service & Dinner

with NFTY Participation & Birthday Blessings

Friday
01.24.20

5:45pm - Shabbat Nosh
6:15pm - Shabbat Service
7:15pm - Shabbat Dinner

Rockdale Temple’s Family Retreat 2020

Register @ www.rockdaletemple.org/form/religious-school-retreat-2020.html

Friday
January 31st
Sunday
February 2, 2020

Hueston Woods
5201 Lodge Road
College Corner, OH
45003

Please register your family by December 2, 2019
Whether you or a loved one is looking for a thought-provoking class, a ride to the grocery store or medical appointment, an encore career, or ways to live independently, AgeWell Cincinnati is your first step.

Contact us:
513-766-3333 | agewellcincy.org

Your support helped Batya find a job she loves through coaching, support, and access to a network of possible employers.

"I had a blast today. This job is a keeper!"

BATYA, Cincinnati

Thank you to our partner agencies, including JVS Career Services, for helping Batya and countless others.
Condolences to the Friends and Family of:

Eugene Wacksman, beloved member of Rockdale Temple
Lois Oglesby, beloved family member of Johnny Jones
Beatrice Warren-Curtis, beloved family member of Johnny Jones
Hope Stein, beloved sister of Honey Dunaway
Lauren E. Dobrin, beloved sister of Lisa Marcus and Aunt of Avi Marcus-Ream
Sophia Bass, beloved wife of Robert Bass
Ayzik Feldman, beloved father of Elena Belfor
Roy White, beloved father of Barbara Reed
Robert “Bob” Rosenberg, beloved member of Rockdale Temple
Emily “Emmy” Rosenberg, beloved member of Rockdale Temple
Gertrude Sherman, beloved mother of Ken Sherman

May their memories be for a blessing.
Shabbat Shirah
Our Sabbath of Song!

A musical service from start to finish; great for the whole family! Featuring our Shir Shalom Choir and our Rock Shabbat Band and celebrating Anniversary & Birthday Blessings

Friday, 7 February
5:45pm - Nosh
6:15pm - Service
7:15pm - Dinner

Shema PJAMA PARTY

Join us for a Special Family Education Opportunity for Preschool, Kindergarten, and 1st Grade Families!

Sunday, December 8, 2019

9:30-10:00am
All-School T’filah in the Chapel

10:00AM-12:00PM
Interactive Program with Rabbi Coran

Kids are encouraged to wear their PJs as we learn all about the Shema and Jewish bedtime rituals! At least one parent/caregiver should plan to attend with your child(ren).

Please RSVP by December 4, 2019 to Paige Adkins at padkins@rockdaletemple.org or (513) 891.9900.

shabbatCTY

A joyful Shabbat in Cincinnati

Friday, January 17th

Drinks & Nosh - 6:00PM
Shabbat Service - 6:30PM

Greenwich House Gallery, 2124 Madison Road

*optional dinner by Lucius Q, $16 per person

RSVP at https://www.rockdaletemple.org/event/shabbatCTYJan2020.html

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