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Upcoming Events

**shabbatCTY**
A joyful Shabbat in Cincinnati
Friday, December 7th
6:00PM
Skrball Museum, 3101 Clifton Avenue

*With an oneg viewing of Jewish Cincinnati: A Photographic History by J. Miles Wolf

Dinner Catered by The Eagle, $16 per person

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**MLK March**
Monday, January 21, 2019
9:00 a.m. Meet at Rockdale

Join us as we honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and march for racial equality, take part in an interfaith service with other Cincinnati religious communities, and attend an optional commemorative program at City Hall, or lunch downtown with your Rockdale friends.

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**Family Retreat 2019**
February 8-10
Hueston Woods State Park

Join our Religious School families, rabbis, faculty, and madrichim at Hueston Woods State Park for a weekend of prayer, learning, and community. Celebrate Shabbat, spend time with family and friends, and have fun!

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**Tell Your Torah**

Register at rockdaletemple.org/FamilyRetreat2019 by December 2, 2018
As I write this reflection, I am still reeling (as I know you are) from the terrible, hateful murder of 11 Jewish people who were studying and praying on a Shabbat morning in Pittsburgh.

These have been trying times to be a Jewish person in America. These have been trying times to be an American. When we heard the news of the anti-Semitic act in Pittsburgh, we understood this to be an outgrowth of what we have been feeling for a while now. Incidents of hate speech and crimes have been on the rise in the past two years. We have witnessed White Supremacists marching down the streets of Charlottesville. We have seen swastikas painted on our dear Hebrew Union College, Withrow High School, and on synagogues and Jewish Community Centers.

We all have learned that Chanukah is the story of a war for religious freedom. We understand that the Maccabees fought the Syrian-Greeks and prevailed, re-dedicated the Temple in Jerusalem, and re-established a Jewish, autonomous state in the Land of Israel.

The Maccabees were known, once they established their kingdom, as the Hasmoneans. They were a ruling family that was modeled after other Hellenistic governments and they took on Greek names (Agrippus and Alexander, as two examples). This family is known to us as those who preserved the Jewish traditions, yet they also lived in the world they knew, and took on some of the ways of the society they inhabited. One of the rulers in this dynasty was a woman—Queen Salome Alexandra (in Hebrew, Shlomtzion HaMalkah).

The Hasmonean Dynasty lasted around 100 years and ended when the Land of Israel became part of the Roman Empire. Herod was a puppet king of the Roman Empire and took a wife from the Hasmonean family in order to claim some authenticity with the people. The Hasmonean Dynasty was the last period in which Jews were autonomous in the Land of Israel until 1948. The Maccabees remain a symbol of victory and self-rule in that land.

The Hasmoneans are also a symbol of how Jewish self-rule was possible because of their integration of cultural elements of Greek society while also maintaining Jewish values at the same time. As we celebrate Chanukah this year, this point might also be meaningful to us. The Maccabees, like us, struggled to balance that line between being “modern” and being true to Torah.

We want to live in our world as people who participate in our society and value the many cultures around us and in our community. As we light the candles and eat the latkes, we also struggle with our Jewish identity. It is always particularly difficult during the “holiday season” to remember who we are. It is sometimes challenging for us to remember the values of our traditions and to live by them.

We all have our own traditions from our families at this time of year. As we incorporate them into our Chanukah celebrations, we challenge ourselves to remember what it means to be Jewish. Perhaps we might put some chutney on the latkes. We might serve them with lasagna or stir fry.

Then we will say our blessings and remind ourselves that to be Jewish means to be grateful for the opportunity to gather as family and as community. To be Jewish means to be thankful for our survival over generations and to continue the covenant we have with our God.

Rabbi Sigma F. Coran
Senior Rabbi
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Ivdu et Adonai b’simcha bo’u I’yanav b’ranana! Worship God with gladness! Come into God’s presence with singing! (Psalm 100:2)

According to the Psalmists, we should pray to God with joy and song. This was surely the Talmudic Sages’ aim, too—they considered song to be a way of serving God with joy and gladness (B.T. Arachin 11a). And on Shabbat at Rockdale Temple, it is our goal, as well.

I proudly tell people that this is a “singing” congregation—our community enjoys participating in the music of each worship service, no matter the style. We have talented soloists and songleaders, Rock Shabbat band members, and Shir Shalom choral singers—and we have spirited singing members, as well! Our chapel is filled with a multitude of voices on Shabbat, never just that of the music leader(s).

Rabbi Reuven Hammer writes that “music is essential to Jewish worship.” This is perhaps because (according to Lenn Millbower, author of Training with a Beat) music “is an ancient universal language that transcends words.” Millbower, an expert in music as a teaching tool, explains that music communicates feelings and establishes community among individuals. A deeper Jewish perspective is explained by Rabbi Larry Hoffman in The Art of Public Prayer, who believes that music is essential to Jewish prayer because of the roles it plays: “The music of worship does five things…it enhances the message of the words, evokes association of the flow of time in the sacred calendar, bonds together the worshipping community, stirs our emotions, and helps us know the presence of God.”

Rockdale Temple is a great place to “worship God with gladness,” and “come into God’s presence with singing!” Each month, we have the opportunity to raise our voices alongside the members of our Rock Shabbat Band, who lead us in the folk and camp-style tunes of our Reform Movement’s songbook. Rock Shabbat is a perfect service to come together with a multigenerational community to sing, dance, clap, and maybe even move with the music. We have an equally special prayer opportunity at our monthly choir-led Shabbat. During this service, our Shir Shalom Choir and its director, Mary Southworth, lead us in traditional, classical Reform, and contemporary melodies. This beautiful service gives space for both singing and listening—both prayerful acts!

Our Jewish calendar calls out a special musical Shabbat each year, one named for the Song which appears in the week’s Torah portion. This year, Shabbat Shirah, the Sabbath of Song, begins on Friday evening, January 18—and we plan to welcome this Shabbat with song! Please join Rabbi Coran, Mary, and me, along with the Rock Shabbat Band and Shir Shalom Choir, for a “Prisms” service—one we begin our songs, the music won’t stop until we reach the conclusion of the service! Don’t miss this truly special opportunity to come into God’s presence with song.

And speaking of special opportunities to pray in song, I hope you’ll attend shabbatCTY on December 7 (Skirball Museum at HUC) or February 1, or both! If you haven’t yet participated in shabbatCTY, you’ll find a warm, spirited, almost entirely-musical Shabbat worship experience. During each of our past four Shabbatot, participants have lifted their voices in melody and harmony, bringing amazing spirit, warmth, and joy to communities of 50+ people. shabbatCTY is held at different spaces around Cincinnati’s urban core and is preceded by a happy (half) hour and followed by an optional dinner catered from a local restaurant. Be part of a unique prayer community in Cincinnati, led by Rockdale Temple’s rabbis, staff, and lay leaders.

Rabbi Judah the Hasid taught, “Say your prayers in a melody that is most pleasant and sweet to you. Then you shall pray with proper kavanah (intention), because the melody will draw your heart after the words that come from your mouth.” May we find opportunities to pray with songs of joy, and as we do, connect to one another and know the presence of God.

Meredith Kahan
Associate Rabbi & Educator
As I write this letter, I am ever so mindful of the tragedy that occurred in Pittsburgh in late October. As part of the community of American Jews, our Rockdale family continues to grieve with the members of the Tree of Life Synagogue, the Pittsburgh community, and the nation at large. There is no better time than now to be present and actively participate in the religious services, programs, educational opportunities and vitality of Rockdale Temple.

As many of you know, our congregation participated recently in the Union for Reform Judaism's (URJ) Congregational Assessment Project, which included a financial assessment. Congregants were asked to complete surveys, and the Temple’s Board of Directors also completed assessments regarding the functions of Temple leadership. I am happy to report that close to 50% of our members completed surveys.

The Board of Directors, at a retreat held in October, reviewed and analyzed the results with Gila Hadani Ward, URJ’s Director of Lay Resources Strengthening Congregations, who flew in from New York to lead us through the process. I want to share some of the findings with you.

As to the statement, “I would recommend this synagogue to a friend,” 88% of our members responding said they strongly agree or agree with that statement. With regard to the statement, “Over the past three years, members of the synagogue’s volunteer leadership made me feel welcome,” 85% of responding members strongly agreed or agreed. The same statement made with respect to the Temple’s professional leadership led to a “strongly agree” or “agree” response from 92% of the respondents.

Other significant highlights comparing Rockdale Temple to all synagogues surveyed include the following:

- 72% of respondents feel they get good value for their membership dues (strongly agree and agree)—2% above average of all synagogues surveyed.
- 93% of respondents plan to remain a member of the congregation for the foreseeable future—4% above average.
- 76% of respondents feel the synagogue manages the budget effectively—19% above average.
- 71% of respondents feel the synagogue is transparent about its budget—14% above average.
- 60% of respondents feel that lay leadership represents their interests well—6% above average.

While there are places where we are strong, there is always room to grow. We have identified several areas where we would like to turn our attention and resources over the next few years: How do we tap into the satisfaction and loyalty of our congregants and cultivate a donor mentality? How do we educate our congregation on the mission, vision, and values of Rockdale Temple? And how do we identify, cultivate, and train new leadership for the future of our Temple?

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

James G. Heldman
President
Any moment of true connection is a moment of vulnerability. We open ourselves to another person, laying some part of our heart and soul bare. How much more so must that be true when we open ourselves to God? Whether we believe that God has a distinct presence in the universe or is an intrinsic part of the word and lives around us, or perhaps somewhere or nowhere in between, many of us come to Temple to seek out connection, to God and/or to each other. We want to believe that we are safe and secure in our house of worship. For generations in America, we have believed that as Jews we were safe.

We are shaken by the murder of 11 at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, and we continue to pray for the full and speedy recovery of the six who were wounded, including the officers who rushed in to help protect and serve. I also feel so deeply grateful for the 1200 people who showed up in support and solidarity at the Cincinnati community vigil arranged by our rabbis and hosted by the Mayerson JCC on October 28. As I write this article, we are only days past the shooting at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh.

There is a myth we tell ourselves, that “it can’t happen here.” While I certainly pray for that to be true, Cincinnati’s Jewish communal agencies and religious institutions have spent considerable time and effort planning for the worst case scenario. With the support of SAFE Cincinnati, a community-wide initiative of the Jewish Federation of Cincinnati, and funded in part by the Jewish Foundation, to improve Jewish Cincinnati’s readiness to deal with security threats and natural disasters, we have overhauled our security plan in the last year. We have made real changes to bring us in line with best practices and to align our plan with our campus partners.

A plan is nothing without action. Our staff undergoes training annually for how to respond to an active shooter event. We have participated in city wide exercises with the FBI and Homeland Security. We have developed a close relationship with our partners in the Amberley Police Department, who have a copy of our security plan and who are familiar with our practices and procedures. In October, our religious school teachers participated in their first city-wide security training, and have received training specific to Rockdale Temple as well. Our board has also received copies of our security plan and we walked through the plan earlier this year.

In terms of security, Cincinnati’s Jewish community has a lot to be proud of. We have dedicated an incredible amount of time and resources to ensuring that the worst never comes to pass. We are national leaders in security preparedness. Does this guarantee that nothing will happen at Rockdale? No. So long as those who would wish us danger have easy access to guns, that danger will always exist.

During our High Holy Days, before the Pittsburgh shooting, our community voted to take action toward sensible gun laws. We will be partnering with Ohioans for Gun Safety in working close the background check loopholes, and we hope that you all will join us in this work. We pray in the Hashkiveinu ufros aleinu sukat shlomecha, spread over us Your shelter of peace. As Reform Jews, we pray that God will do God’s part, and we know that we in turn must do ours.

Karen Martin
Executive Director
Adult Education Opportunities

New! Shabbat Morning Yoga
*Saturday mornings at 9:30 a.m.*
December 8, January 12, February 16, March 16, May 4, June 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.

Talmud Lessons Every Jew Should Learn
*Lunch and Learn*
The Second Tuesday of Each Month at Noon:
December 11, January 9, February 12, March 12, April 9, May 14
At Temple or via Google Hang-Out
*Rabbi Sigma Faye Coran*
*Beginners and Beyond: You need not commit to every month!*

We will start with 12 sections of Talmud that Rabbi Aaron Panken, of blessed memory, loved to teach his students before his untimely death in May. Rabbi Panken developed this curriculum as Professor and then President of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.

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.

From Profane to Sacred
*Sunday mornings at 11:00 a.m.*
December 16, January 6, February 24
*Rabbinic Intern Zachary Goodman*

Find meaning in living Jewishly throughout the year by deepening your understanding of Jewish traditions, from the everyday to the holy days. We will interact with one another, with Jewish text, and music. Our Rabbinic Intern will engage your mind and spirit. *Feel free to join our Religious School parents for a schmooze at 10:00 a.m. and stay to learn.*
The Golden and Not-so-Golden Ages of Spanish Jewry

**Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m.**

**February 20 & 27**
Professor Jennifer Grayson, Assistant Professor, Hebrew Union College and Xavier University

**March 6 & 13**
Professor Craig Perry, Assistant Professor of Judaic Studies, University of Cincinnati

The history of Jews in Spain has been varied. At times, Jews enjoyed safety and security. Spain was a center of Jewish life and learning— from Torah commentary to philosophy, literature, and beyond. At other times, Jews (and New Christians from Jewish families) were targeted and persecuted, leading to the Inquisition and Expulsion in the 15th Century. What lies hidden in mosques, churches, and castles? How has our tradition preserved this unique history? Join in learning from two engaging professors of Medieval Jewry. Perfect for those planning to travel with Rockdale to Spain in October 2019, and for those wanting to learn and explore this rich history,
Meet the Congregants: Leslie and Dani Reiss by Monica Valentini

Three generations of the Reiss family walk through our temple. Leslie and Dani Reiss represent two of these three generations—Leslie is Dani’s mother-in-law, but it’s nearly impossible to tell that the two aren’t mother and daughter when you see them answering questions for each other and making plans to sign the kids up for camp…for next year.

Leslie Reiss hails from New York and moved to Cincinnati with her husband, Bernie, when he worked for Federated Department Stores (now Macy’s). This move brought Rockdale into their lives, and Leslie has now been actively involved here for 25 years, serving as a board member and starting various programs. Raising their children, Matt and Aaron here was an obvious choice and that’s how their son, Matt, met his future wife, Dani. Matt and Dani knew of one another from religious school and Confirmation class, but didn’t reconnect until years down the road when everything clicked into place for the two. Dani and Matt were married by Rabbi Coran and now have two beautiful children, Vada and Shai.

When she’s not keeping herself busy as a real estate agent, Leslie enjoys playing golf, mahjong, and canasta, and savoring every moment of her spare time. Babysitting also plays a major role in her life as a grandmother of three. As for Dani, after earning her Masters degree from the University of Cincinnati and teaching at Mt. Healthy High School for seven years, Dani currently teaches part-time at the University of Cincinnati as an Intervention Specialist, and has worked for the past four years at Kehal Kodesh as the Student Support Specialist on Sundays and Tuesdays. Dani also serves on the FoRT committee, helped plan Rockdale’s family retreat, and stepped in for Rabbi Kahan at religious school when she was on maternity leave. This amount of involvement has allowed Dani to work closely with Rabbi Kahan, who is around Dani’s age and has children similar in age to Dani’s. Sharing these milestones has been very special, strengthening Dani’s relationship with Rabbi Kahan and further solidifying Dani’s (and Leslie’s) feeling of comfort here.

Leslie claims she is taking a step back from her involvement at Rockdale to make way for others to become involved, like her daughter-in-law, Dani. After 25 years of contributing so much to Rockdale, Leslie deserves to relax and play a little mahjong. Mahjong is so popular in Leslie’s home, in fact, that Dani’s son, Shai, picked up an interest for the game, which he thinks is “Bubbe’s jong,” and asks Leslie to play “your jong.”

Leslie and Dani have learned to love their Judaism here, have built a relationship with one another here, and have been around for the many big changes here at Rockdale. They believe that the changes have only made this place better. Growing and changing alongside Rockdale has made it so integral to their lives and the lives of their families that neither Dani nor Leslie would ever think of leaving, and with their significant and meaningful dedication of time, effort, care, and everything else they’ve contributed, Rockdale wouldn’t be the same without them.

Rockdale Reaches Out

Rockdale members can help local refugees right here in our community. Rockdale Temple has partnered with Heartfelt Tidbits and the Welcome Project to assist individuals and families who have been displaced from their homelands and settled in Cincinnati. Heartfelt Tidbits has ongoing ESL, citizenship, and crafts classes—all of which need volunteer help. Volunteers can learn to be “ambassadors” to support Green Card and Citizenship navigation.

At Rockdale, we need volunteers to support the Welcome Project’s community dinners (made possible by United Way’s Cincinnati Tables grant. The focus is on holding these dinners in neighborhoods where immigrants and refugees live, inviting the local neighborhood (our congregation) to be part of the meal, allowing everyone a chance to get to know each other, build friendships, and highlight the neighborhood. Rockdale would love to host a dinner in 2019, and we need your help!

Please contact Cora Steinberg at csteinberg@cinci.rr.com to discuss various opportunities to match your availability.
Not so very long ago, our congregation settled into the new space we now know as Rockdale, with its welcoming foyer, sun-filled social hall, lower level kitchen and youth lounge—and our loft library, up on top of it all. Helpers got the boxes and boxes of adult and children's books onto the shelves, and soon Sunday School classes began flocking through the library weekly.

Most classes arrived excited and energized, galloping upstairs or bursting out of the elevator. The teacher asked the kids to come sit on the carpet in the children's books “cove,” and the librarian sat on a tiny chair facing them. A few children, especially the older ones, would start sitting, but most of the younger kids sprawled, rolled, pulled and hugged on their friends.

Especially, they all competed to have control of the one very large stuffed bear in the children’s area. The librarian aimed only to read one or two books and then “discuss” the day’s theme (what the rainbow meant to Noah, the importance of trees, why matzah?) Even good “discussion” included lots of squirming, extravagant ideas and rambling stories. But wrestling for the big stuffed bear often meant the librarian had to stop and move it out of reach.

Finally, the class checked out books, then they left, and another class arrived minutes later. It felt like barely-controlled chaos. The librarian felt for the quieter children, who seemed pretty overwhelmed by the library experience.

Then one Sunday, the teenage library helper, or madrich, Aaron, came up with an idea: Why not have a few MORE stuffed animals in the library for the kids to hold onto, or use as a pillow? It might end the fights for the lone bear, help the more distractible ones settle down, and the shy ones feel more at ease. What a great idea! Aaron brought a dozen smallish stuffed animals from his home and the librarian got about a dozen more medium size ones from IKEA.

They were a hit! Storytime got cozier since there were enough animals for each child to choose one to hold each week. Arrival at the library led to choosing an animal and sitting down with it—the cue to launch into the day’s books and “discussion.”

Then a funny thing started happening. Stuffed animals just began showing up at the library. First tiny bears and doggies, a little white rat, then a rotund green frog, a giant panda, two large tigers, bunnies, a huge camel named Mayim, and great big fuzzy bears in all shades: red, white, tans, browns, black. Dogs and seals and lizards. A twelve-foot red python.

It was lots of fun to see them all, especially when they sat in chairs with kippot on their heads. But it took a long time to clear them away so you could even GET to the books, or vacuum the carpet, or have a yoga class or a meeting in the library. The librarian wondered how the children could even check out books on Sundays.

So after a long talk, one day, a group of the hugest animals volunteered to leave the library, so that there would again be enough room for the people and the books. It was sad, but not all the animals left—lots stayed. The librarian said, if they promised not to get more than two feet tall or long, they could still live at the library. And so they did.

Karen Zanger
Volunteer Librarian
When the Justice Collaborative first started its listening campaign months ago, gun safety was one of the issues that kept coming up. This feeling of inevitability that, eventually, we will all be personally affected by gun violence has been weighing on many of us. When Dan Hoffheimer was shot, our worst fears became reality—that someone close to us, someone we admire, was impacted by some concurrence of culture, and politics, and poverty, and crime. The randomness of it was part of the tragedy.

And then the shooting at Tree of Life. Targeted. Calculated. And our entire community felt directly attacked.

In last month’s *Shofar Soundings*, you may have seen Rabbi Coran announce that, on Yom Kippur, the congregation selected gun safety as our advocacy issue. This is the issue about which our congregation declared, “It’s time to act.” We cannot solve this complicated problem with one campaign, but we refer to Pirkei Avot: “You are not obligated to complete the task, but neither are you free to desist from it.”

We have decided that we are going to start somewhere—taking on the gun-show loophole and expanding background checks. This will not solve the problem, but we as a community will take some action, and we will do it together.

The Justice Collaborative is currently reaching out to Ohioans for Gun Safety, local elected officials, and others to formally ally ourselves with for this cause to identify specific tasks that we can do as a congregation.

Anyone who has run into Dan since the shooting knows that he has not let his experience with gun violence take his humanity. Nor will we let any tragic event take ours.

The Justice Collaborative’s next meeting is Tuesday, December 4 at 5:00 p.m. at Rockdale. If you are interested in participating, please join us.

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**Bat Mitzvah Celebrant** *Ellie Friedman*

Ellie Friedman is a 7th grade student at Mason Middle School. She was born in Alexandria, VA and moved to Mason in 2011. Ellie enjoys several artistic mediums, including drawing, painting and video. She also plays volleyball and will start track and field this spring. Ellie values the friendships she’s made in our community circles, including at Rockdale and GUCI.

For Ellie’s Mitzvah Project, she will donate her time and some of her Bat Mitzvah money towards homelessness-based charities in the Cincinnati area. A lot of hard work and commitment went into preparation over the past year. Ellie and her entire family are so thankful for all the help from her tutor Zachary Goodman, Rabbi Sissy Coran, and Rabbi Meredith Kahan. Ellie has a younger brother Jackson, two younger sisters, Abby and Rebecca, and two proud parents, Mark and Susan.
The day after 11 Jews were murdered in Pittsburgh, teens from four Reform temples made the decision to still show up at the doors of Kulanu, Cincinnati’s Reform Hebrew High School. It was not their regular classes they sought out that night; they came to mourn a tragedy, comfort one another and be in community. The atmosphere was different—students hugged, cried, and grieved the deaths caused by yet another act of gun violence. Kulanu’s Healing Service sparked the need for action amongst the teens. They quickly organized themselves and created their own Show Up Shabbat service, dinner and social action program.

The Friday night service provided a space for teens to discuss problems of antisemitism, gun violence, and how they wanted to take action. Students led their teen community in prayer and music. They wrote Divrei T’filah, words of prayer, that were shared throughout the service. Morgen, 15, shared that “During this time of mourning, fear, and anger we ask God to shelter us with peace. 11 people in Pittsburgh died for being Jewish, and 2 in Kentucky died for being black—so how do we give support to each other and others who need ‘shelter’? We are shown examples through fighting hate with love.” The teens then joined their voices in Hashkiveinu, the prayer asking God to shelter us with peace, while standing under a shelter created by Tallitot, prayer shawls.

“I hope that the community will continue to fight for the Jewish people and fight against antisemitism. Peace, to me, means everyone coming together and supporting each other so that we all have the same rights and no one [has to] fear dying because of who they are,” said Shayna, 16. Shayna then asked for others to share what peace means to them. Below are three anecdotes of the teens in attendance:

- “Peace means being able to observe my first amendment right.” – Lindsey, 16
- “Peace means feeling safe enough to be myself.”—Mel, 15
- “To me, peace means not being afraid to go outside.” – Logan, 14

 Teens also wanted to make sure action was taken during their Show Up Shabbat and worked on a letter-writing campaign for the families of those killed in Pittsburgh. Sarah, 17, wrote to the Tree of Life Synagogue, “I, and the whole Jewish community, have your backs. We will not stand idly by.” They collected funds to send to Pittsburgh to pay for Shabbat meals for families, and created a social media campaign to help educate and comfort their teen community across the country. Check out #Cincyteens4pitt to see some of their efforts.

“I was scared of how the event last week was going to change so much for me, but then I realized, it doesn’t get to. It doesn’t get to make me scared to be here. It doesn’t get to make me terrified to be around people at school. By simply showing up today, not only are all of you proving that you’re not scared, but you are proving that you will not let something like this change the way you live,” reflected Elyse, 15.

May the voices of our teens continue to lead us forward and provide comfort and clarity as we strive for a safer and more welcoming future.

Nina Loftspring, Kulanu Director
Dori Singer Zoot, NFTY OV Regional Director
How many people can name their great-grandparents? If their names were not their legacies, what was their legacy? We look around and see our institutions and remember Christopher Wren who said, “If you look for our monument, just look around. But who were they and what did they believe was important?”

What will your legacy be? Will it be a name stuck to some speechless pictures? Yes, it could be that, but the real answer could be the institutions that are meaningful to you and the passing of your legacy along as a statement of what you felt was important. That is a legacy worth having, and you might have it by looking into and participating with many of us in the Create Your Jewish Legacy program, better known as CYJL. This permits you to give to the charity of your choice a percentage of your assets or a certain amount when you pass on. Through CYJL, you are demonstrating to your progeny and other members of our community what you think is important, and at the same time, helping to build and fund those institutions for the future.

My wife, Jan Frankel, and I want to help preserve Rockdale’s heritage of promoting a close and friendly Temple community that has the flexibility to serve our future generations. Our forefathers did it for us, and we want to pass it on. You, the reader, may be old Rockdale or young Rockdale, but our common mission is to make it a Rockdale ready for the future, and you can put your “shoulder to the wheel.”

Future generations will look upon this gift as sustaining those values that are important to you and as helping congregants learn from your generosity and tzedakah. Further, your name will be associated with the gift and you will not be just a picture and a name with no voice—your voice will speak loudly to future generations through your actions.

It is my hope that you would consider Rockdale in your legacy plan. You can do so by contacting Sally Korkin, Aaron Herzig, or Karen Martin for more information.

Eighth Night for Ethan
December 9, 2-4 p.m.
FREE with RSVP at https://www.mayersonjcc.org/misterg/

Come celebrate the season with a fun Chanukah concert by multicultural and Latin Grammy award-winning musician, Mister G! Join PJ Library for an exciting and energetic concert to close the Chanukah season! This fun family concert will feature favorites, like “The Mitzvah Bus” and “Challah-lalala.” You won’t want to miss this show! This event is presented in partnership with PJ Library, Eighth Night for Ethan and Help Hope Live.

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News from the Women of Rockdale

- Important Calendar Dates -

December 2: Sisterhood Meeting with Program led by Rabbi Coran - 10:30 a.m.
December 13: Schmooze 'n' Sample Potluck hosted by Chris Malhotra - 6:30 p.m.
December 25: Day of Service at Ronald McDonald House - 11:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.
January 6: Sisterhood Meeting with Program - 10:30 a.m.
January 17: Joint Dinner Out with Valley Temple Sisterhood - 6:30 p.m.
February 6: Dinner Out (Wednesday) - 6:30 p.m.
February 24: Sisterhood Meeting with guest speaker - 10:30 a.m.

Join us on Sunday morning, December 2 at 10:30 a.m. for a brief meeting and a special program led by Rabbi Coran about how interfaith or blended families cope during the holiday season. A light brunch will be served.

Chris Malhotra will be hosting our next members-only Schmooze 'n' Sample on Thursday, December 13 at 6:30 p.m. Please watch your email for a Signup Genius Invitation.

For the past 12 years on December 25, we have come together with our families to prep, cook, and serve Christmas Dinner to the families staying at the Cincinnati Ronald McDonald House. We are limited in the number of people that can help, so we have created shifts to allow more families to assist with this mitzvah.

- Prep—11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Cook/Serve—2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- Serve/Clean-Up—5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

If you are interested in volunteering, please send an email with your interest to rockdalesisterhood@gmail.com.

On Thursday, January 17 the Valley Temple Sisterhood will be joining us at our monthly dinner out. We have a reservation at Oriental Wok in Hyde Park for 6:30 p.m. Please RSVP if you are able to join us at rockdalesisterhood@gmail.com or 513.428.1972.

Our Gift Shop is open during Religious School hours (Tuesdays 4:30-6 p.m., Sunday mornings 10 a.m.-12 p.m.) and by appointment. Volunteers are needed for winter and spring shifts in our Gift Shop. Contact Tracy McMullen to sign up.

Women of Rockdale Monthly Dinners

Join us for appetizers, dinner, and drinks each month as we eat at a locally-owned restaurant. Check your email for our Evite and reply so we can save you a seat at the table.
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*Please consider naming Rockdale Temple in your will or estate plan.*
What is the Bene Israel Society? by Karen Martin

We have talked a lot in Shofar Soundings and other publications about the Bene Israel Society, but it has been some time since we discussed what the Bene Israel Society is. The Bene Israel Society are those members of Rockdale Temple who have chosen to bless Rockdale Temple with a gift through their life insurance policies, retirement funds, or through their estate. We launched the Bene Israel Society through our work with the Create Your Jewish Legacy Program, an initiative of the Jim Joseph Foundation, but we do have members of our Bene Israel Society whose gifts predate that program.

We are blessed to have more than 60 individuals and couples in our Bene Israel Society, in part because it is remarkably easy to join. For many, adjusting their life insurance beneficiaries requires adjusting a few numbers on a piece of paper or through a website. In fact, Rockdale Temple has broken the curve on number of people who are, or who plan to become legacy givers.

Legacy givers at Rockdale include folks who have been members of Rockdale for generations, and others who are newer to our Temple and community and have found a home here at Rockdale. Some members have significant means, and others are still beginning their careers. What they have in common is a belief in Rockdale and its mission of bringing people together through learning, worship, and deeds of righteousness.

While no one has joined the Bene Israel Society for the “perks,” we do deeply appreciate the commitment of our society members, and we want to recognize their gifts. Recognition includes listings in Shofar Soundings and during High Holy Day services, cards and a small gift during the High Holy Days, a special Shabbat dinner at Rabbi Coran’s home, and enrollment in our Perpetual Memory program so that their name will be remembered so long as K. K. Bene Israel – Rockdale Temple exists.

The process for joining the Bene Israel Society is very easy. If you have made a legacy commitment to Rockdale Temple in the form of a gift in your estate planning, or through an IRA account or life insurance designation, please let us know! We have a couple of forms we keep for our records, and are happy to share them with you or help you fill them out. If you’d like to learn more about leaving a legacy gift to Rockdale, contact a member of our Create Your Jewish Legacy team: Richard Friedman, Aaron Herzig (co-chair), Jim Heldman (Board President), Dan Hoffheimer, Gerry Korkin, Sally Korkin (co-chair), Jamey Kurtzer, Joshua Shapiro, or reach out to me, Karen Martin, at 513.891.9900, or kmartin@rockdaletemple.org. Any one of us would be happy to speak with you about this opportunity to ensure that Rockdale Temple will be here for many future generations.
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.

Doris* & Stuart Berman*
Max Joseph Bleich
Rosemary & Frank Bloom
Lynn Chaifetz
Anthony & Andrea Checroun
Matthew & Jean Chimsky
John Cobey & Jan Frankel
Alfred M. Cohen
Barb & O.J. Cohen
Ken & Janet Cohen
Rabbis Sigma F. Coran & Matthew Kraus
Bernie Dave
Jim Ellis
Mark & Nancy Feldman
Lisa & John* Fox
Gail & Dick Friedman
Robert Frohman
Nancy & Dr. Barry Gibberman
Dolores Goldfinger
Rabbi Mark & Dr. Meryl Goldman
Michael G. Hall
Andy A. & Debbie Heldman
Gary & Austine Heldman
Jim Heldman & Wendy Saunders
Michael Heldman & Beth Franks
Andrea & Dr. Edward Herzig
Lauren & Aaron Herzig
Daniel J. Hoffheimer
Dr. Robert Ingberg
Johnny “JJ” Jones
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Nancy & Jerry Klein
Sally & Gerry Korkin
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Hagit & Jeff Sunberg
W. E. Blair Tillett
Julie & Shachar Torem
Robert & Loris Ungar
Sarah Weiss & Todd Schild
4 Anonymous Donors
*Of Blessed Memory

To learn more about our Bene Israel Society, contact the temple office at 513-891-9900.

Thanks to our talented congregant, Beth Goldstein, for creating the Bene Israel Society logo. The pomegranate image is adapted from a partial stained glass window belonging to and found on the site of the Rockdale Temple building at Rockdale and Harvey Avenues, the home of our congregation from 1906 - 1969.
Tribute Funds Donations October 11 - November 10, 2018

**Rabbi Kahan’s Discretionary Fund**

In Honor of the Baby Naming of Zoe Lipstein
   Ellen Lipstein & Jonathan Spaulding

High Holy Day Contribution
   Vicki & Alan Solomon
   Sue Gilbert

**Alan L. Rosenberg Memorial Fund**

High Holy Day Contribution
   Neal Jacobs & Joan Schimmel

In Memory of Helene S. Cohen
   Helene & Millard Mack

**Rabbi Coran’s Discretionary Fund**

In Memory of Carol Berliant
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In Memory of Helene S. Cohen
   Daniel J. Hoffheimer
   Bob & Cissy Lenobel
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   Donna, Neal, & Rhoda Mayerson

In Memory of Pauline Tabak
   Daniel J. Hoffheimer

In Memory of Joel Ira Herzig
   Daniel J. Hoffheimer
   Barrie & Steven Kraus
   Leslie & Bernie Reiss
   Ken & Sue Sherman
   David & Abby Schwartz
   Barry & Nancy Gibberman

In Memory of David Davis
   Lynn & Sheldon Davis

High Holy Day Contribution
   Rachel & Steven Schild

**Heritage of Learning Fund**

In Memory of Sally Peterson
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In Memory of Joel Ira Herzig
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In Memory of Joel Ira Herzig
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In Honor of the Birth of their Granddaughter
   Scott & Carrie Lipps

**Louise F. Reichert Flower Fund**

In Memory of Helene S. Cohen
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In Memory of Jehudis “Hilda” Lichtenstein  
*Blair Tillett & Judy Lawrence*

**Memorial Fund**

In Memory of Carol Berliant  
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In Memory of Joel Ira Herzig  
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In Memory of Helene S. Cohen  
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Helen Greenberg  
Edward Wertheimer  
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In Honor of the Birth of Madelyn McBride, Granddaughter of Chris & Ramesh Malhotra  
*Donna Kabakoff*

In Memory of Joel Ira Herzig  
*Christine Malhotra  
Fay B. May*

High Holy Day Contribution  
*Kathy Rubenstein*

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**Condolences**

To the Family and Friends of:

- **Joel Ira Herzig**  
  Beloved son of  
  Ed & Andi Herzig  
  Beloved brother of  
  Aaron & Lauren Herzig  
  Beloved uncle of  
  Emma, Lila & Rachel Herzig

- **Dave Davis**  
  Beloved friend of  
  Rockdale Temple

- **Matthew Chimsky**  
  Beloved husband of  
  Jean Chimsky

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Rockdale Temple Office  
513-891-9900

Or make an online donation at  
www.rockdaletemple.org  
Click on “Donate” at the bottom of the screen.
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: 513-779-2774
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 5:30 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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Your contribution 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 at Rockdale Temple.

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-Residency programming.

Sacred Music Fund: provides for musical enrichment.


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**

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Please make a contribution to the following fund:

☐ $18.00 Contribution
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☐ Other, please specify:

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

☐ Check Enclosed  ☐ Visa  ☐ Mastercard  ☐ AmEx

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Tribute Occasion:

☐ In Honor of
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☐ Speedy Recovery of

For (Bar Mitzvah, wedding, etc.) ____________________________

Name to appear on tribute________________________________

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"It is not incumbent on you to finish the task, but neither are you free to absolve yourself from it."
– *Ethics of the Fathers*, 2:21

Two ancient cultures approached their environmental problems differently—one survived, the other did not. What can we at Rockdale learn from them?

Easter Island: A volcanic island formed around 750,000 years ago. It is one of the most isolated islands in the world to have inhabitants, and is known for its ahu and moai statues built between 1100 C.E. and 1600 C.E. Evidence of settlement dates somewhat before 900 C.E. At its peak, the population was anywhere from 15,000 to 30,000. When the Polynesians first arrived, the island was heavily forested with several varieties of tall trees, including the 65 ft. giant palm trees. Deforestation began immediately upon human arrival, as the new Polynesian inhabitants cleared areas for farming, using the wood for construction of houses, seaworthy canoes, and later the ground ladders used to move their 300 statues weighing between 10-75 tons. Clan chiefs ordered clan members to build bigger and heavier statues to boast their triumph over other clans on the island. Wood was burned for cooking, warmth, and for cremation. The bark was used to make rope and clothing. However, by the late 1600s the whole forest was gone, all of its tree species extinct, all local birds extinct, access to food from the sea ended, civil war ensued, and ended in cannibalism. Today, the few remaining trees on Easter Island are no taller than 10 ft., and only 110 inhabitants remain. What happened there has been extensively studied by scientists worldwide, as the isolated island represents a microcosm of our planet.

The Highlands of New Guinea: The Highlands of New Guinea is a success story of people living sustainably for about 46,000 years until recent times. New Guinea is a large island north of Australia, lying close to the equator with hot, tropical rainforests on the perimeter lowlands, and tall, rugged, forested mountains and glaciers in the interior. Europeans settled in the perimeter lowlands and never ventured into the rugged terrain. The indigenous highland society was not discovered until the 1930s when airplanes began to fly over the area. Like the Easter Islanders, the Highlanders needed wood for building houses and fences, for making tools, utensils, and weapons, as well as fuel for cooking and heating. Unlike the Easter Islanders, they grew trees by transplanting into the many small tree gardens tree seedlings that sprouted naturally on the river banks. The advantages are numerous; the roots hold the soil, and add nitrogen and carbon to the soil increasing the soil fertility. Maintaining a healthy tree population served their needs for wood and survival. Highlanders have managed to operate sustainably for tens of thousands of years despite climate changes and outside influences. (If you would like to learn more, Easter Island, New Guinea, and many other societies are covered in detail in the book *Collapse* by Jared Diamond.)

In October of this year, the International Governmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) published a special report on the effects of global warming of 1.5 °C above pre-industrial levels. “*Limiting global warming to 1.5°C would require rapid, far-reaching and unprecedented changes in all aspects of society.*” With clear benefits to people and natural ecosystems, limiting global warming to 1.5°C compared to 2°C could go hand-in-hand with ensuring a more sustainable and equitable society, but the time to act is rapidly closing.” The report finds that global net human-caused emissions of carbon dioxide (CO2) would need to fall by about 45 percent from 2010 levels by 2030. The report ends optimistically, pointing to advances in technology and global efforts that makes this goal achievable. (ipcc.ch/pdf/session48/pr_181008_P48_spm_en.pdf)
“People do what they know, even when what they know is wrong.”  - George Simmel

We wonder, what were the people on Easter Island thinking when they cut down the last tree? Will your grandchildren want to know what you were thinking when you did not reduce your use of fossil fuels to lower your carbon footprint to slow global warming? Or will they proudly say that their grandparents made choices to reduce the use of fossil fuels to reduce their carbon footprint?

“Everyone thinks of changing the world, but no one thinks of changing himself.”  - Leo Tolstoy

Cincinnati is one of 20 cities to be awarded resources and technical support to achieve their ambitious climate goals under the Bloomberg American Cities Climate Challenge! The Cincinnati Plan includes 80 strategies to reduce Cincinnati’s carbon emissions by 80% by 2050. Local citizens can become active in the “Year of Living Sustainably” through a series of twelve-month mini-campaigns focused on individuals adopting at least one new sustainable practice each month to encourage everyone to do their part.

**December**—Energy reduction; make your home energy-efficient to save money and lower your carbon footprint

**January**—Sustainable living; resolve to take a new step toward sustainability as you embark on the New Year

**February**—Transportation; consider how to get the most out of your commute

**March**—Nature connection and gardening; visit a park and cultivate your own backyard green space

To get ideas about what you can do, visit: cincinnati-oh.gov/oes/citywide-efforts/climate-protection-green-cincinnati-plan/ and cincinnati-oh.gov/oes/a-year-of-living-sustainably/take-action/

The Rockdale Environmental Committee wants to hear from you to learn what members of our Rockdale community are doing to contribute to a more sustainable environment. Please share your experiences. Call Joanne Gerson at 793-2648, or email joanne.gerson@earthlink.net.

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**Environmental Committee: Lessons in History** by Joanne Gerson

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

FoRT Shabbat on the Farm November 2018

Shofar Soundings Winter 2018/2019

shabbatCTY
A joyful Shabbat in Cincinnati

Friday, February 1st
Drinks & Nosh – 6:00PM
Shabbat Service - 6:30PM

*Location & Dinner following TBD
**Birthdays**

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“Children of the Temple” are those who are 18 years old & younger.

Children of December

7: Evan Flagel, age 18
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9: Hazel Spaulding, age 3
9: Sydney Cropper, age 18
10: Reis Golden, age 9
14: Sammy Maltz, age 10
14: Anna von Thomsen, age 13
18: Jason Berry, age 18
18: Sam De Falco, age 10
21: Emmy Rosensweet, age 2
23: Matthew Silverstein, age 15
26: Gabriel Levy, age 6
26: Noah Calico, age 10
29: Joe Shapiro, age 16
30: Elise Kravitz, age 16

Children of January

1: Michael Gantner, age 12
2: Becca Flowers, age 2
6: Sam Martin, age 4
8: Barry Waxler, age 14
10: Dani Grossman, age 11
13: Adam O’Koon, age 12
14: Seth Flowers, age 4
17: Morgan Grover, age 16
19: Liam Dunkelman, age 10
19: Ellie Friedman, age 13
24: Phoebe Rubenstein, age 13
26: Zsofia Bonyhati, age 13
30: Ben-Ishai Sabath Beit-Halachmi, age 7
31: Lilly Perlman, age 13

Children of February

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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.
Mitzvah Opportunities

Kroger Community Rewards Program

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

Go to 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/). 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

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.

To volunteer please call:
Dolores Goldfinger
891-0725

Upcoming dates:
December 9, 2018
January 13, 2019
March 31, 2019
June 30, 2019
August 11, 2019
November 24, 2019

The Literacy Network of Greater Cincinnati is Seeking Volunteers

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

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