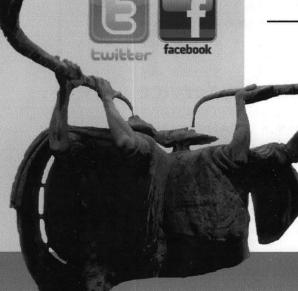
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# Shofar Soundings



#### DAN NICHOL CONCERTS

Saturday, December 1st 8:00 p.m.

**HAVDALAH & HOUSE CONCERT** 

#### Sunday, December 2rd

11:00 a.m. KEHAL KODESH CONCERT Open to the Public

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(See page 5 for details)

10 a.m. - 12 noon Sisterhood's KID'S CHANUKAH SALE

During Religious School Hours

(See page 8 for details)



#### Saturday, December 8, 2012



9:30 a.m.

Sichat Torah (Torah Discussion)
10:30 a.m.

Service-in-the-Round

5:30 p.m.

#### CHANUKAH DINNER

With Games & Activities (See page 3 for details)

Friday

December 14, 2012

5:45 p.m. Shabbat Nosh

6:15 p.m.

Saturday December 15, 2012 10:00 a.m.

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Followed by Snack & Activity (See page 2 for details)

#### ROCK SHABBAT

With Birthday Blessings No Shabbat Dinner

> CASTING CALL PREMIER EVENT Saturday, December 15, 2012

> > (See page 13 for details)

#### UPCOMING IN JANUARY

Monday, January 21st ...... Martin Luther King, Jr. March
(See page 4)

Friday, January 25th ..... Erev Tu B'Shevat Seder Service (See page 15)

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### FROM THE RABBI'S DESK

~Re-Dedication at Chanukah~

ecember brings with it long nights and dark days. We greet the solstice, the "shortest day" of the year and we banish the darkness on the 25th of Kislev with the lights of our menorahs. December also brings with it change. The solstice also marks the time when daylight hours will begin to increase. The changes of the seasons, the tilt of the earth are constants each year. The one thing we can always count on being the same is that there will always be change!

As we move into December, our congregation will experience some changes as well. Our Educator/ Administrator, Margaret Friedman-Vaughan, will continue in a leadership role at Rockdale Temple as our Administrator. From January to May, our Religious School will be ably led by Alexia Kadish, a talented educator and committed and compassionate woman (see her article in this bulletin as well as Margaret's). Beginning July 1, Meredith Kahan will direct Kehal Kodesh, our

Religious School, as part of her new role as Assistant Rabbi/ Educator. And some change has already begun as Adult Education now falls under my purview.

I want to take this opportunity to personally thank Margaret for her passion for our Religious School over the past 8 1/2 vears. She has led the school with great compassion and dedication. She is personally

responsible for having re-built our school from small classes in 2004 to a robust and vibrant program in 2012. Margaret has kept the focus on teaching Jewish values and uplifting students. She has worked personally with all of our children and met each family where they are. Margaret has been a role model in living a life committed to Judaism. In addition, Margaret has supported my goals for our community's religious education and has fostered creativity among our teachers. I am grateful for the light of learning that Margaret has shared with our Holy Congregation.

As our congregation meets these changes, I know we are all grateful that Margaret will still be a part of our Rockdale family and will be devoting her talents to the future health and sustainability of our sacred community. I also know that as one chapter ends and another begins for Kehal Kodesh, the Religious School of Rockdale Temple that we will build on the foundation that Margaret has set and grow from strength to strength. I am confident (even though I don't like change much) that our leadership has planned for a positive future for our congregation.

We light our menorahs and embrace change and light. We celebrate Chanukah-the holiday of re-dedication. We're-dedicate ourselves to our traditions and continue in the spirit of this festival as a proud lewish community. We re-dedicate ourselves to our community, participating and bringing light to others. We re-dedicate ourselves to our future as a Holy Congregation.

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Rabbi Sigma Faye Coran

## Join the smiling faces of Tot Shabbat



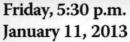
Saturday, 10:00 a.m. December 15, 2012

Tot Shabbat Service

Followed by Snack & Activities













**Tot Shabbat Service** 

With PreK-K-1st Grade Participation Followed by Tot Shabbat Dinner

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# Chanukah Dinner Saturday, December 8, 2012 at 5:30 p.m.

Amberley Room, Mayerson JCC



Boneless Breast of Chicken Served with a Raspberry Glaze

Chicken Nuggets
For Children

Variety of Greens

With Mandarin Oranges, Dried Cranberries and Choice of Dressing

Seasoned Green Beans

Eggplant Parmesan
Vegetarian Option

Homemade Latkes

Fried Apples

DJs: George & Lori Zahn

Zahnadu Productions

Games, Dreidels, & More!

#### **Holiday Tzedakah Project:**

Collect books, toys and wrapping paper

We need your help making homemade latkes; contact Reeda Miracle at rmiracle@rockdaletemple.org.

Tear off RSVP

#### Chanukah Dinner RSVP

Saturday, December 8, 2012, 5:30 p.m. at Mayerson JCC RSVP by December 5, 2012

Name:	•		
Phone:			
	Number of Adults:	\$12.50 each	
	Number of Children ages 4 to 12:	\$ 6.00 each	
	Number of Children ages 3 & under:	Free	
	Family Maximum \$36.00; Total Amount Enclose	ed: \$	
	Please make checks payable to	);	

**Rockdale Temple** 

### FROM OUR RABBINIC INTERN

~Saturday Learning Opportunities~

"...But the study of Torah is equal to them all because it leads to them all." (Babylonian Talmud, Peah 1:1)

This month, I'd like to alert you two exciting opportunities for learning and growth here at Rockdale Temple. These opportunities are not new, however... they are Sichat Torah, our weekly Torah study, and Shabbat morning services!

Every Shabbat, we hold hour-long morning services starting at 10:30am. This is a unique moment for prayer each week, as a small but dedicated group of congregants meets to sing, worship, and hear the words of Torah together. There are a few things about Saturday morning services that I think make these worship opportunities unique. First, we pray in the board room chapel area, sitting in a circle. This allows the group to feel like a community, and to truly hear each other as we pray. Second, every person attending

services has the opportunity to participate in the Torah service, whether by

making an aliyah to the Torah and saying the blessings over the reading, lifting or dressing the Torah. or even reading the Haftarah selection for the week (in English, of course)! Finally, these Saturday morning services allow us all to become more familiar with our

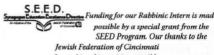
liturgy, various musical traditions, and new(er) prayerbook, Mishkan T'filah. Saturday morning Shabbat worship is a wonderful way to connect with the community, God, and our Jewish tradition.

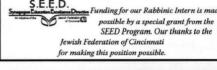
What may be less familiar to our Temple community is Sichat Torah, our Shabbat morning Torah study. Our study is held from 9:30 to 10:30 each Saturday morning, and is even accompanied by bagels, coffee, and tea! Torah study follows a Parashat HaShavua (portion of the week) format, meaning that each Shabbat morning, we study the assigned Torah portion for

the week. The facilitator of Sichat Torah (usually me, but often Rabbi Coran or even a congregational lay leader!) will bring the text of the Torah portion to the group along with interesting commentaries, related current events, and pertinent questions. Our discussion is always lively, fascinating, and thought-provoking. Even though many participants have been involved in Sichat Torah for years, others are brand new to the study- no experience is required, just an interest in Torah!

I hope that you will join me in prayer and study on Shabbat mornings. Feel free to participate in Sichat Torah, Shabbat services, or both! Come every week or just try it out! These opportunities are open to all in our congregation. I look forward to welcoming new faces to our Shabbat morning observance, and I know that together we will continue to grow and learn as a community.











### Club 456, Rak Noar & YGOR Members & Family Martin Luther King, Jr. March From the Freedom Center

Monday, January 21, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.

9:00 A.M	MEET AT ROCKDALE TEMPLE
10:00 A.M	DEPART FOR THE FREEDOM CENTER
10:45 A M	MARCH FROM

FREEDOM CENTER TO FOUNTAIN SQUARE.

11:15 A.M. .....INTERFAITH SERVICE

Followed by March to Music Hall

12:30 p.m. Lunch at

**CAREW TOWER FOOD COURT** 

1:30 P.M. RETURN TO ROCKDALE TEMPLE

FAMILIES WHO WISH TO ATTEND THE

COMMEMORATIVE PROGRAM AT MUSIC HALL

FROM 12:00-2:00

MAY MEET THEIR CHILDREN AT MUSIC HALL Watch your mail for flier & permission slip!

RSVP by January 16, 2013

Evan Souliere, Club 456 Coordinator, (413) 244-3744, evan 1127@gmail.com Alexia Kadish, Interim Director of Education, (513) 476-5757, abkadish@rockdaletemple.org Meredith Kahan, YGOR Advisor, (513) 376-7669, meredith.kahan@gmail.com

# Dan Nichols Concert December 1st & 2nd

## FROM OUR BOARD PRESIDENT

Fifty years ago and why it matters today. . .

join in an intimate experience with

### dan nichols

havdalah & house concert

saturday december 1st 8:00 pm

adults only

at the home of Rabbis Sissy Coran & Matthew Kraus call 513-891-9900 or email concert@rockdaletemple.org to RSVP and for additional information



join with Rockdale's Kehal Kodesh Religious School

# dan nichols

sunday december 2nd I 1:00 am all are welcome!

Dan Nichols has become one of the most beloved and influential Jewish contemporary musicians in North American. His music appeals to the spirit and makes Jewish tradition accessible to young & old.

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ope Paul VI opened The Second Vatican Council exactly fifty years ago—October 1962. Why do I choose this topic for discussion in an article addressed to a Reform Jewish Congregation?

Understand that Vatican II as it's commonly known was nothing less than a shocking event in the Roman Catholic Church-it was the first ecumenical council in nearly a hundred years. While much of what came from Vatican II directly affected the religious practices of those in the Church, perhaps the most dramatic statements involved how the Church would view and interact with other faiths. Georgetown University Professor John O'Malley describes the overall theme as one of reconciliationallowing Catholics to pray with other Christian denominations and encouraging friendship with non-Christian faiths.

Growing up in a predominately Catholic community, the years following Vatican II were nothing less than dramatic. Our small synagogue was a fixture just across from the town's post office—itself already more than fifty years old, yet a mystery to most Catholics in the community. School groups almost immediately wanted to visit the synagogue. Without a fulltime Rabbi, tour duty fell to congregants. My mother, Helen, did many of these tours and I still have vivid memories of parents often being far more interested than the students they chaperoned. The questions—sometimes mildly humorous to a young child---were always genuine.

Imagining similarities to their own churches, many were fascinated to see the Torah scrolls as they were able to stand on the bimah and view the handwritten Hebrew lettering. These tours and other interfaith activities created opportunities to dispel myths and correct misunderstandings.

The dialogue between Catholics and Jews took place at many levels and we now have a richer understanding of one another. It is now routine for the Catholic schools to bring classes to our synagogues. And, we have a rich and mutually rewarding relationship with the region's premier Jesuit University that included last spring's emotional presentation by Elie Wiesel. The groundbreaking exhibit that chronicles Pope John Paul II and his relationship with Jewish people is now back at Cincinnati at the Skirball Museum at Hebrew Union College. Just two examples of dialogue that might have never happened prior to Vatican II.

The ritual changes brought about by Vatican II are now broadly taken for granted. Catholics struggle with other challenges leaving some both in and outside the Church to question whether today's Church still embraces some of the more progressive ideas introduced fifty years ago. As Jews,--particularly Reform Jews-- we should take a moment to remember and applaud the messages of tolerance and ecumenical acceptance.

Steven Acermann
Board President

#### KEHAL KODESH ~Another Step in Life's Journey~

Birth is a beginning and death is a destination, but life is a journey...

o begins the prayer that is familiar to all of us in our High Holy Day liturgy, and those of you who know me, know that I am all about the journey, that I truly believe life is a series of journeys, that various people join us for parts of the journey, some of the parts are more difficult than others, sometimes we take a wrong turn and have to retrace our steps-the parallels are numerous. A journey is defined as "the act of traveling from one place to another," as such I am taking poetic license with the term and including "traveling" to include spiritual, emotional and psychological traveling.

I came to Rockdale Temple as Director of Life Long Learning in June 2004. Before I even arrived. I was asked to also serve as Temple Administrator, a role I was assured would not detract from my primary duties as Educator and one which, if we deemed it was necessary, would be temporary. Well, life often being what it is, has a way of setting its own course (i.e. journey); the position evolved into a dual-role that has continued for more than eight years. Last year after much thought and prayer I made the difficult decision to pursue the role of Temple Administrator instead of Director of Life Long Learning—a choice that took many people by surprise. My journey has taken me to the place where I know that this is the right decision for me and for my husband, who has lovingly and patiently allowed me to pursue my

dreams while he has put many of his on hold. Journeys

are about being able to listen to the wisdom of the voices of those who have gone before you, of learning from their experiences, of hearing what is often not spoken out loud, and of discerning what is contained within the silences.

As I look forward to my future at K.K. Bene Israel, I look back with pride and humility. I am proud of what we have accomplished over the past eight years: We have gone from Rockdale Temple Religious School to Tzur Shalom to Kehal Kodesh. I am grateful to Rabbi Coran for her leadership, friendship, and guidance throughout the years. We have been led by the most capable Presidents— Gary Heldman, Mike Friedman, Susan Sherman, Barry Gibberman, Mark Schaengold and now Steven Ackermann. We have had amazing Rabbinic Interns and HUC students, fabulous teachers-really, they are the foundation of the school-and parents who are caring and dedicated to their children having a Jewish education. We are a loving community that warmly embraces everyone who walks in the door. I am honored that you have allowed me to share your most intimate moments and be present for so many of your most important lifecycle events. I will always treasure these experiences.

While I won't be here on Sunday mornings, I will still be part of the fabric of K.K. Bene Israel. I will be working with our Membership team, with Social Action and Outreach, with individual families, with PJ Library, and of course with all of the Administrative minutiae. You may be wondering what will happen to Kehal Kodesh-in fact, I probably should have begun with that-you will be in great hands for the remainder of the year. Alexia Kadish, our school Librarian, and mother of Zakary, Ethan and Elvse, will be taking over the remainder of the school year as our interim director. She is uniquely qualified for this role—she calls herself a "bridge" as she has served between teachers/directors in the past, most recently at Rockwern Academy. I know you will find Alexia to be thoughtful, wise, and patient as she slides into her new role. Rabbi Coran, Meredith and I have been working with Alexia all year to make sure we have a smooth, seamless transition. Alexia will take a more public role during the month of December, making announcements, being more visible, answering questions, sending out the newsletter, getting to know parents' names (she already knows most of the kids), and generally acquainting herself with the administrative aspects of being the educator.

Please feel free to talk to either of us if you have concerns about your child/ren; we want to make certain that all of our students' needs are addressed and that all of our parents are comfortable. Change is never easy, we are creatures of habit and we are most comfortable when things stay the same. Sometimes however, we need to change, we need to grow and stretch; we need to give ourselves permission to take a chance when the still, small voice within us propels us forward. Thank you for your faith in me and for opening your hearts to me. Hazak, hazak, v'nithazek—may we go from strength to strength.

L'Shalom

Jarjo Sur 4 Margaret Friedman-Vaughan

#### Kehal Kodesh Religious School ~October 14, 2012~

# KEHAL KODESH ~Shehecheyanu~



The Naming of Our Camel: Mayim Maca B







Baruch atah adonai eloheinu melech ha'olam shehecheyanu v'kiy'manu v'higyanu lazman hazeh.

Blessed are You, our G-d, Creator of time and space, who has supported us, protected us, and brought us to this moment.

sk anybody in my family and they will concur that the Shechehyanu is, hands down, my favorite blessing. A blessing of thanksgiving, not only do we say it to usher in the holidays, but it is a blessing that I try to find at least one opportunity to recite each day. Most recently, I have found myself saying this blessing on seeing the beautiful changes in leaves, when in attendance as a friend's son becomes a bar mitzvah, and (somewhat reluctantly) while sitting beside my oldest son as he learns to drive.

I will even have the occasion to say a "shehecheyanu" when I begin my duties as interim director of education at Kehal Kodesh in January. When first asked to consider this short-term assignment—to serve as the bridge between Margaret and





Meredith—I was honored to be given the opportunity and saw it as a new challenge to experience.

A little bit about myself...I have been in education for the last 20 years, in some avenue or another. Years ago, as I was working toward my teaching credential at California State University, Sacramento, I began teaching Hebrew and Sunday School, something I have continued to do from one congregation to another over the last 20 years. In doing this I have grown in so many ways: "Jewishly," spiritually, as well as being able to learn along with my students. One thing that has remained constant is my passion for reaching out to a classroom of students who are eager (well, most of the time...) to be engaged and to contribute to their learning adventure.

I look forward to the coming months as a way to get to know better the families who comprise our wonderful Religious School, and to have the opportunity to grow in yet another dimension. I thank Margaret Friedman-Vaughan for her years of dedication to Rockdale Temple's Religious School and I wish her all the best in the future!

B'Shalom.

Alexia Kadish Interim Directtr of Education



5th/6th Grade Family Education God Talk: Exploring Our Relationship with God



#### WRJ/SISTERHOOD December-January Updates

#### December Mitzvah Opportunities:

Annual Chanukah Mitzvah (now through December 16)

An annual event at Rockdale, and a wonderful way for families to help those in need in our community, we collect personal care items and kosher food for the kosher food pantry. Look for the barrel by the main entrance.

Ronald McDonald House December 25, 10 am – 2 pm (even earlier if you want!)

Everyone's welcome to join Barrie Kraus, Robin Collins, many sisterhood members and their families as we prepare a holiday meal for the residents of the Ronald McDonald house, a home for families with a child at Cincinnati Children's Hospital due to serious illness.



Teresa Ames & Alison Auerback Sisterhood Co-Presidents

#### December & January Events:

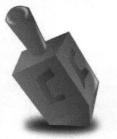
SUNDAY, December 2, 10 a.m.— Short meeting followed up KIDS CHANUKAH SALE (prior to Dan Nichols Concert). SATURDAY, December 8, 5:30 p.m. Temple Chanukah Dinner – look for information on page 3.

THURSDAY, December 20, 7:30 p.m. Women's Book Club. Contact Temple office/ Meg Ackermann for current selection and more information.

SUNDAY, January 6, 10:15 a.m.— Sisterhood meeting. Recap of the year so far, upcoming events and **your** input for this spring and next year.

SATURDAY, January 19, 6:30 p.m. – Joint Brotherhood and Sisterhood Potluck – see attached flyer.

RSVP'S ALREADY BEING ACCEPTED FOR JOINT BROTHERHOOD SISTERHOOD Night at the Theater, March 2. See details on the next page.



## Sisterhood

# Kid's Chanukah Sale (12/2 during school hours!)



A fun opportunity for your child to shop for gifts for the family!

- All items under \$20, most under \$10
- Hanukkah Items, Gifts for Mom, Dad & Family
- Sign below to give your child permission to shop

Or come join us priorCut & R	to the Dan Nichols concert
My child will be shopping for gifts	Oh, no! We've already done our shopping
I'll be sending cash in with my child	I'll be attending with my child
Charge my credit card on file at temple. You	MUST call temple to confirm! dollar limit: \$
My child is authorized to use the credit of (Sisterhood & Rockdale cannot be resp	card I sent in with them to dollar limit: \$
Child's name	Grade
Parent signature	(required if charging)

### NIGHT AT THE THEATER

#### IT'S BACK!

Joint Brotherhood & Sisterhood Night at the Theater



Saturday, March 2, 7:30 p.m. Cincinnati Shakespeare Company (Not recommended for children

due to adult themes)

Ticket price: \$32 (or less if we qualify for a group rate)

Reserve your space now! RSVP to tcames@att.net.

# BROTHERHOOD December-January Updates

#### Blood Drive

he people at
Hoxworth were
thrilled with the
number of Rockdale
congregants who
showed up for this
year's Mitzvah Palooza
Blood Drive!

Last year, we had 23 people sign-up to donate... *this year we had* 30!

We even had two members of our youth group sign-up to donate. Wow!



We're also aware of at least three adult members of our Temple who donated blood for the first time!

Brotherhood and Sisterhood would like to thank our entire Temple family for stepping-up and making a difference in the lives of others.

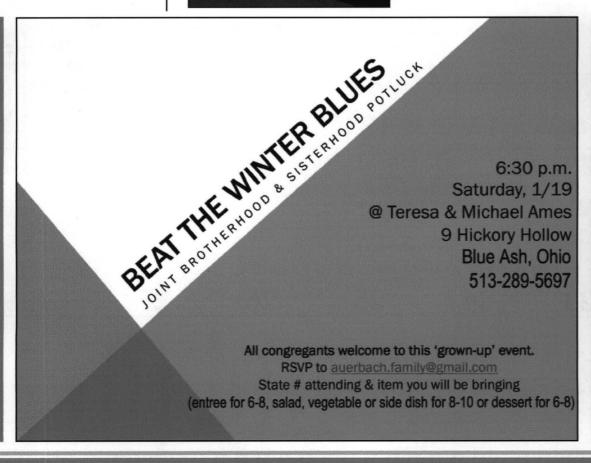
Maimonides said the second highest form of mitzvot is to give anonymously to unknown recipients.

Everyone who participated in the blood drive did just that!

Thank you for your kindness!

Darryl Dick Brotherhood President

Teresa Ames & Alison Auerbach Sisterhood Co-presidents



# DECEMBER 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:30 a.m. Kehal Kodesh Religious School 10 a.m 12 noon Religious School Chanukah Shop 11:00 a.m. DAN NICHOLS In Concert 7:00 p.m.		4:30 p.m. Hebrew School	7:00 p.m. Rak Limud: Adult Education Bringing the Dead Sea Scrolls Alive with Rabbi Matthew Kraus	7:00 p.m. Board Meeting	5:45 p.m. Shabbat Nosh 6:15 p.m. Shabbat Service	CHANUKAH ~1ST CANDLE~  9:30 a.m. Sichat Torah (Torah Discussion) 10:30 a.m. Service-in-the-Round 5:30 p.m. CHANUKAH DINNER With Games & Activities Amberely Room
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# JANUARY 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		No Hebrew School Temple Office Closed			5:45 p.m. Shabbat Nosh 6:15 p.m. SHABBAT SERVICE	9:30 a.m. Sichat Torah (Torah Discussion) 10:30 a.m. Service-in-the-Round
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9:00 a.m Light Breakfast 9:30 a.m. Kehal Kodesh Religious School 10:15 a.m. Sisterhood Meeting No Kulanu (CRJHS)		4:30 p.m. Hebrew School 7:30 p.m. Ritual Committee Meeting			5:30 p.m. Tot Shabbat Service With PreK-K- 1st Grade Class Participation Followed by Tot Shabbat Dinner 5:45 p.m. Shabbat Nosh 6:15 p.m. SHABBAT SERVICE	9:30 a.m. Sichat Torah (Torah Discussion) 10:30 a.m. Service-in-the-Round
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No Kehal Kodesh Religious School No Kulanu (CRJHS)	MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY  9:00 a.m. Club 456, Rak Noar & YGOR Meet at Temple to Participate in MLK March	4:30 p.m. Hebrew School 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	23	24	EREV TU B'SHEVAT CONFIRMATION TRIP NFTY KALLAH 5:45 p.m. Shabbat Nosh 6:15 p.m. EREV TU B'SHEVAT SEDER SERVICE With Anniversary Blessings & Choir Singing Followed by Tu B'Shevat Kiddush 25	Tu B'SHEVAT CONFIRMATION TRIP NFTY KALLAH  9:30 a.m. Sichat Torah (Torah Discussion) 10:30 a.m. Service-in-the-Round
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#### BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

#### Birthdays

#### Adults of December

- 1 ..... Lee Rozin
- 2 ..... Esther Silverman
- 2 ..... Lillian Zanger
- 5 ..... Chris Malhotra
- 6 ..... Bernie Dave
- 6 ..... Marion Levy
- 10 ..... Ruth Coppel
- 10 ..... Cindy Emmer
- 10 ..... Liza Feldman
- 11 ..... Suzanne Dunbar
- 11 ..... Edward Levy
- 11 ..... Israel Lichtenstein
- 11 ..... Karen Zanger
- 12 ..... Trudy Dekaney
- 13 ..... Debbie Loewenstein
- 14 ..... O.J. Cohen
- 19 ..... John Altshool
- 19 ..... Irvin Bisnov
- 19 ..... Eleanor Cohen
- 19 ..... Ken Venick
- 21 ..... Julie Whayne
- 22 ..... Lynda Monahan
- 25 ..... Bill Roberts
- 27 ..... Estelle Finkelman
- 30 ..... Jeanne Goldberg
- 31 ..... Bette Karpen

#### Children of December

- 2 ..... Benjamin Fryxell~18 years old
- 2 ..... Matthew Wagner~13 years old
- 4 ..... Julia Mattis~16 years old
- 4 ..... Rebecca Peters~13 years old
- 6 ..... Claire Seid~18 years old
- 9 ..... Sydney Cropper~12 years old
- 14 ..... Sammy Maltz~4 years old
- 16 ..... Austin Dick~15 years old
- 18 ..... Jason Berry~12 years old
- 18 .... Sam DeFalco~4 years old
- 29 ..... Joe Shapiro~10 years old
- 30 ..... Matthew Auerbach~16 years old
- 30 ..... Elianah Cohen~10 years old
- 30 ..... Emma Cohen~10 years old
- 31 ..... Alison Epstein~8 years old

#### Adults of January

- 3 ..... Susan Peskin
- 12 ..... Marilyn Reichert
- 14 .... Seymour Gold
- 16 ..... Carl Gutmann
- 18 ..... Susan Stern
- 20 ..... Richard Friedman
- 22 ..... Howard Goldberg
- 22 ..... Sherri Tieger
- 23 ..... Morton Schwartz
- 23 ..... Marjory Wyler
- 25 ..... Viola Glassmann
- 26 ..... Ana Bunis
- 28 ..... Helen Ackermann

#### Children of January

- 3 ..... Nathan Cohen~8 years old
- 7 ..... Max Frankel~14 years old
- 8 ..... Barry Waxler~8 years old
- 8 ..... Sophie Wiles~7 years old
- 10 ..... Dani Grossman~5 years old
- 13 ..... Adam O'Koon~6 years old
- 14 ..... Charlie Heldman~18 years old
- 16 ..... Maggie Rubenstein~5 years old
- 19 ..... Liam Dunkelman~4 years old
- 19 ..... Ellie Friedman~7 years old
- 24 ..... Phoebe Rubenstein~7 years old

Adult Birthdays are listed every five years starting with the 40th birthday and for all members who have reached the age of 75. "Children of the Temple" are those who are 18 years old & younger.

#### Welcome New Members

Tony & Steph DeFalco and their children

Sam & Brie



#### Anniversaries

#### December Anniversaries

- 18 ..... Ralph & Frances Lowenstein~57th
- 21 ..... Donald & Rita Newman~66th
- 23 ..... Seymour & Phyllis Gold~56th
- 25 ..... Ayzik & Liza Feldman~58th
- 29 ..... Edward & Nancy Rosenthal~55th

#### January Anniversaries

- 5 ..... Howard & Shirma Revelson~66th
- 26 ..... Edward & Leah Levy~55th

Anniversaries are listed every five years starting with the 10th anniversary. All anniversaries of 50 years and over are recognized.

#### Mazal Tov

# Bob Altbaier & Cathy Kobel

on their marriage October 14



Judith Feinberg on the marriage of her son

Benjamin Feinberg-Gerner

to Jacob Somerson October 14



#### Elaine & Alan Fishman

on the marriage of their daughter

Amy Fishman to Jonathan Kurz
October 20



#### Sarah Winston & Dan Bush

on their marriage November 3



#### CONDOLENCES

#### Casting Call Premier Saturday, December 15, 2012

# A Special Thanks: Meg Ackermann

# to the friends & family of

Doris Berman Farber devoted mother of

Barry & Madeline Berman
beloved grandmother of
Sherri & Mark Hageman
loving great-grandmother of
Emily & Grace Hageman

James W. Mathews
cherished brother of
Mary-Bob & Jack Rubenstein

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#### Casting call: Looking for members 50-65 Perfect for singles and empty-nesters who are interested in dinners, schmoozing, and Jewish camaraderie. Premier event will be **Saturday** December 15♥ to celebrate Chanukah. For reservations or more information contact: Barbara Turner-Michaelson 821-4028 or the Temple Office 891-9900

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hange seems to be in the air this year, and while we have made it clear that neither of us really likes change, it goes with the territory-people's needs change, the circumstances of our lives change, our paths take us different places. Part of our transition this winter involves the departure of our intrepid Membership and Dues Coordinator, Meg Ackermann, at the end of December. We want to thank Meg for her invaluable assistance in all aspects of our Membership managementrecruitment, engagement, and retention and for having ongoing sensitive conversations with our members. Meg's commitment to our Temple, even before she became a paid employee, was obvious from the moment she and Steve joined Rockdale in 2005.

We thank Meg for her service to our congregation and we appreciate her and the gifts she has shared with us the past six years: her wit and wisdom, her compassion and kindness, her accounting and financial skills, and her willingness to do whatever task we have in mind and for bringing much needed laughter into the office. Before Meg was on staff, she was a volunteer in our office, so we look forward to her continuing to assist us in various volunteer capacities. And, since Steve is still President of the Board, we know she will not be going far, except perhaps for more frequent trips to Dallas to see a certain grandchild. Thanks Meg-you are welcome to stop in and help stuff envelopes or bring us pizza anytime you like!

With profound gratitude,

S.7.C.

Rabbi Sigma Coran &

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Margaret Friedman-Vaughan

#### ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

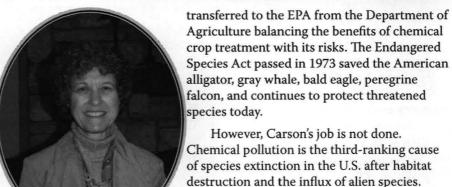
~One Person's Vision~

Tell young people this is the 50th anniversary of the book <u>Silent Spring</u> by Rachel Carson and they respond they never heard of the author or the book. Yet Rachel Carson forever changed the course of history!

Rachel Carson (1907-1964) earned her Master's degree in Marine Biology from Johns Hopkins University. Her book focused attention on the decline of bird populations related to chemical pesticides and herbicides. She argued that "contamination of man's total environment" with chemicals that accumulate in the tissues of plants and animals and humans alter genetic structure, thus presenting the first scientific argument that man-made pesticides may cause cancer in humans.

Industry fought back, labeling her as a crazy hysterical woman who loved birds, and bunnies.

But the public read her book and President John F. Kennedy listened. Federal and state investigations were launched to verify her claims. Carson's well documented book empowered the people to organize grass roots movements against toxic pollution resulting from chemicals routinely sprayed on communities. Scientists were forced to acknowledge they had limited understanding of unintended consequences detrimental to public health. Silent Spring resulted in an environment movement that continues today. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) established in 1970 for federal oversight and protection, was an outcome of pressure from grass root environmental groups. The tasks of pesticide regulation and food safety inspection were



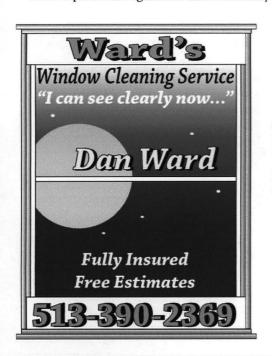
Last month I had the pleasure of attending a lecture by Sandra Steingraber, author of

Rachel Carson died of cancer in 1964.

Raising Elijah, Living Downstream, and Having Faith. She is the "Rachel Carson" of our time. Through careful and sound scientific understanding she explains the perils we face daily and the lack of public policy to safeguard our health and healthy development of children. Every parent needs to read Raising Elijah to protect their children from devastating consequences such as asthma and autism. Through exploration of daily life Steingraber discovers hidden toxins that are affecting children's health nationwide. I hope you read it!

The battle between the environmentalist and the exploiter is not over. We continue poisoning our air, water, soil, and altering the climate systems upon which we depend for survival. Carson and Steingraber are heroes, each demonstrating that the vision of one can lead many.

Joanne Gerson Environmental Committee Chair





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he 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.

Next scheduled meeting: Tuesday, January 8th, 7:30 p.m. Fay May, 779-2774 faybmay@fuse.net

# SAVE THE DATE:

FRIDAY JANUARY 25, 2013

> 5:45 P.M. Shabbat Nosh

6:15 P.M. Erev Tu B'Shevat Seder Service

> Followed by Tu B'Shevat Kiddush



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# LIBRARY UPDATE ~New Additions to Our Collection~

s we dig into the winter months, a library can feel like a more attractive place to visit--- or at least more so for its printed content than for its air conditioning during the summer heat! If you visit Rockdale's cozy library, up the stairs from the new community room, you'll find the usual treasure trove of adult and children's fiction and non-fiction books, but also lots of new acquisitions. Many get placed first in the display shelves and racks to catch your eye, but some have already been shelved among similar topic books. If you are curious but cannot find a book in our self-service collection, remember that they are all listed in our Card Catalogs-chests of small drawers full of cards, located right by the elevator doors. As we learned decades ago, books are searchable on the cards in both the upper children's catalog and the lower adult catalog, by 1) the first major word in the title, 2) the author's last name, and 3) the category of subject matter of the book. Of course, you can always contact me, using the Temple Directory, for help too!

Here are some of our best recent additions.

#### Children's books:

It's a—It's a—It's a Mitzvah (Suneby, Liz), Sammy Spider's New Friend (Rouss, Sylvia), The Animated Children's Kosher Holiday Cookbook (Peterseil, Yaacov), Brother Sun, Sister Moon: Saint Francis of Assisi's Canticle of the Creatures (Paterson, Katherine), The Shema in the Mezuzah: Listening to Each Other (Sasso, Sandy Eisenberg), Tefilat HaDerech: The Traveler's Prayer (Buchin, Joshua), The Vanishing

Gourds: A Sukkot Mystery (Axe-Bronk, Susan), The Mitzvah Magician (Marshall, Linda Elovitz), Emanuel and the Hanukkah Rescue (Hyde, Heide Smith), Speak Up, Tommy! (Greene, Jacqueline Dembar).

#### Adult books:

Honest Answers
to Your Child's Jewish
Questions (Forman,
Sharon), Dough: A Memoir
(Zachter, Mort), Rabbi Outcast:

Elmer Berger and American Jewish Anti-Zionism (Ross, Jack), The Many Faces of God: A Reader of Modern Jewish Theologies (Soncino Press), The Book of Blessings: New Jewish Prayers for Daily Life, the Sabbath, and the New Moon Festival (Falk, Marcia), In the Catskills: a Century of Jewish Experience in "the Mountains" (Brown, Phil), Jerusalem: the Biography (Sebag Montefiore, Simon), The Alexandria Letter (fiction, by Honig, George), Stars of David: Prominent Jews Talk About Being Jewish (Pogrebin, Abigail).

Finally, I was glad to add two books by a young woman Reform rabbi whose early years as an HUC student brought her through Rockdale's religious school, Jamie S. Korngold. Her career has emphasized finding spiritual meaning in outdoor experience, and so she is known as "The Adventure Rabbi." They are God in the Wilderness: Rediscovering the Spirituality of the Great Outdoors with the Adventure Rabbi and The God Upgrade: Finding Your 21st-century Spirituality in Judaism's 5,000-year-old Tradition.

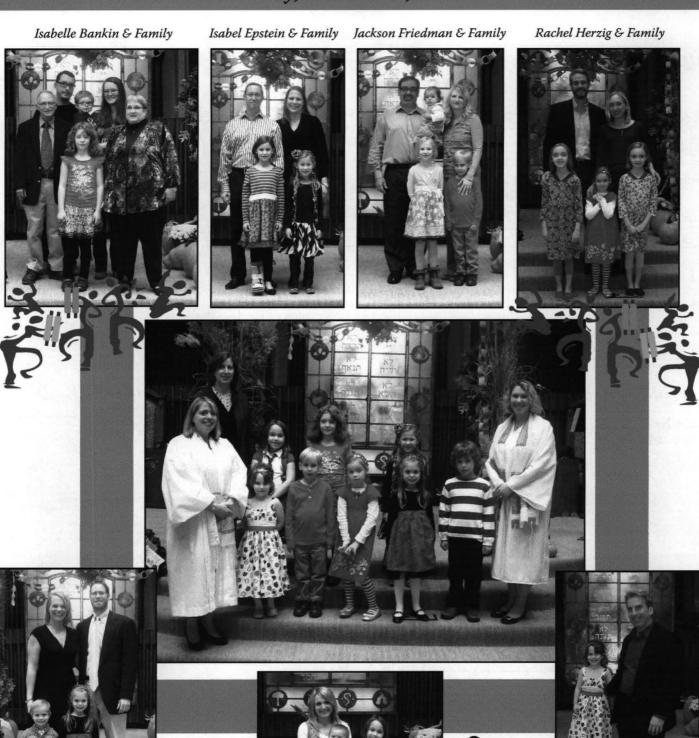
You can see from the above tiny sampling that our library speaks to many, many curiosities and personal styles of Jewishness. Come be a seeker there!

Karen Zanger Volunteer Librarian

# MITZVAH PALOOZA 5 ~Sunday, November 4, 2012~



# CONSECRATION 2012/5773 ~Sunday, October 7, 2012~



Sienna Maltz & Family

Hannah Miller & Family

Marina & Bennett Kottler

#### MITZVAH OPPORTUNITIES

#### Donations for Survivors of Domestic Violence

# TRAVEL SIZE TOILETRY ITEMS NEEDED

#### Soup Kitchen

December 16 & 23

Please volunteer and do not miss a fun Sunday with a nice group of people. Looking forward to working with you. To volunteer please call: Dolores Goldfinger 891-0725

#### The Literacy Network

of Greater Cincinnati Seeking Volunteers

oin 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, on how you can positively impact the lives of children in the community.

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 that would like to share their time. A minimum of 4 hours a week is the commitment. We have many opportunities in various departments to make a difference! Join our team!

Contact Information: Volunteer Services PH#686-5330

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### IHN Sign-up for Rockdale Temple's Day to Host: December 28, 2012

E-mail address	Phone	1111
	I cannot volunteer my time, but would like to make a monetary donation of \$	
	Please make checks payable to Adath Israel; IN THE MEMO, PLEASE WRITE: "IHN"	
	Mail to: Adath Israel, 3201 E. Galbraith Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45236	1

We are trying something new this hosting week where we are in charge of getting volunteers for only one evening during the hosting week.

We have chosen Friday night December 28th.

<u>PLEASE CHOOSE THREE JOBS</u> from the list below which interest you and mark them, <u>ORDERING THEM IN PRIORITY</u> from 1(1st choice) to 3 (3rd choice). First come first served basis. We will do our best to give each person his/her first choice. Please e-mail the form to Kathy Wise at <u>kawise@cinci.rr.com</u>, mail the form to Adath Israel, or drop it off to either Adath Israel or Rockdale Temple by **December 3rd**. Letters will be mailed the week of December 3rd to confirm assignments. A highly recommended training will be held Wednesday, December 19th, 2012 at 7:30 at Adath Israel (especially important for first-time volunteers).

#### **Dinner Hosts**

Name/Names

Consult with Food Coordinator for menu ideas, shop for ingredients, cook and serve the meal, clean up after dinner, approximately 3 PM - 6:30 PM at the synagogue. Funds may be available to underwrite these meals. If you would like to underwrite a meal, please let us know.

Friday, December 28th

Evening Hosts (5:15 PM - 8:30 PM)

Greet guests as they arrive, assist with serving dinner, eat with the guests, explain the rules, and participate in any planned activities, or converse with the guests, two adults or one family for each evening:

Friday, December 28th

Activity Helpers (6:00 PM - 9:00 PM)

Must be 13 or older unless accompanied by a parent; up to four adults or one family. Assist with planned activities and/or supervise and join in "free-play" time.

Friday, December 28<sup>th</sup>

**Overnight Hosts** 

Arrive at 8:30 PM; depart after serving and cleaning up breakfast, at approximately 7:00 AM daily and 8:00 AM on weekend mornings, two adults for each evening, preferably one man and one woman:

\_Friday, December 28th

For questions or further information, contact:

Dolores Goldfinger, Rockdale Temple, at 891-0725

Please e-mail the form to Kathy Wise, kawise@cinci.rr.com

Mail or Drop Off at Adath Israel December 3rd
Letters will be mailed the week of
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#### TRIBUTE FUNDS

~Donations from October 9, 2012 - November 5, 2012~

#### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

General Donations:

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In memory of Doris Berman-Farber,
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In honor of Molly Grossman
becoming a Bat Mitzvah

#### RABBI VICTOR & Louise Reichert Fund

Mark & Janet Grossman

In memory of the Yahrzeit of Hildred Schwartz Phil & Helene Cohen

#### HERITAGE OF LEARNING FUND

In honor of Marvin Kraus's speedy recovery

Michael & Gila Naveh
In honor of Chris Malhotra on her
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#### SOUP KITCHEN FUND

General Donations:
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In honor of the special birthday of
Eleanor Shott

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In honor of Gregory Rivin
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Robert Ingberg
In honor of Asher Weinstein
becoming a Bar Mitzvah
Robert Ingberg
Dolores Goldfinger

#### Ullman Fund

In honor of Marvin Kraus' speedy recovery Blair Tillett & Judy Lawrence

#### LIBRARY FUND

In honor of Asher Weinstein becoming a Bar Mitzvah Ira & Susi Kadish

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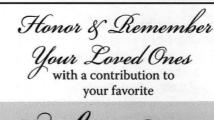
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Marion Rosenbaum
In memory of Ann Robens
Marc & Deborah Berkson
Arthur & BI Foreman

#### WARNER FUND

In memory of Robert E. Fremont Blair Tillett & Judy Lawrence

#### SHABBAT NOSH FUND

In honor of Asher Weinstein
becoming a Bar Mitzvah
Julia & Bill Weinstein
In honor of the wedding of
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#### CALENDAR LITURGICAL

Friday, December 7, 2012

5:45 p.m.

Shabbat Nosh

6:15 p.m.

SHABBAT SERVICE

Saturday, December 8, 2012 Chanukah 1st Candle

9:30 a.m.

Sichat Torah

(Torah Discussion)

10:30 a.m.

Service-in-the-Round

5:30 p.m.

Chanukah Dinner

With Games & Activities

Friday, December 14, 2012 Chanukah 7th Candle

5:45 p.m.

6:15 p.m. שבת Shabbat Nosh

Rock Shabbat Service With Birthday Blessings

NO SHABBAT DINNER

Saturday, December 15, 2012 Chanukah 8th Candle

9:30 a.m.

Sichat Torah (Torah Discussion)

10:00 a.m.

Tot Shabbat Service Followed by Snack & Activities Service-in-the-Round

10:30 a.m.

Friday, December 21, 2012

5:45 p.m.

Shabbat Nosh

6:15 p.m.

SHABBAT SERVICE

With Anniversary Blessings

& Choir Singing

Saturday, December 22, 2012

9:30 a.m.

Sichat Torah

(Torah Discussion)

10:30 a.m. Service-in-the-Round

Friday, December 28, 2012

5:45 p.m. 6:15 p.m. Shabbat Nosh

SHABBAT SERVICE

Saturday, December 29, 2012

9:30 a.m.

Sichat Torah

(Torah Discussion)

10:30 a.m.

Service-in-the-Round

Friday, January 4, 2013

5:45 p.m.

Shabbat Nosh

6:15 p.m.

SHABBAT SERVICE

Saturday, January 5, 2013

9:30 a.m.

Sichat Torah (Torah Discussion)

10:30 a.m.

Service-in-the-Round

Friday, January 11, 2013

5:30 p.m.

Tot Shabbat Service With PreK-K-1st Grade Class Participation Follow by Tot Shabbat Dinner Shabbat Nosh

5:45 p.m. 🔏 6:15 p.m.

SHABBAT SERVICE

Saturday, January 12, 2013

9:30 a.m.

Sichat Torah (Torah Discussion)

10:30 a.m.

Service-in-the-Round

Friday, January 18, 2013

5:45 p.m.

Shabbat Nosh

6:15 p.m.

Rock Shabbat Service With Birthday Blessings

Followed by Shabbat Dinner

Saturday, January 19, 2013

9:30 a.m.

Sichat Torah (Torah Discussion)

10:30 a.m.

Service-in-the-Round

Friday, January 25, 2013 Erev Tu B'Shevat

5:45 p.m.

Shabbat Nosh SHABBAT SERVICE

6:15 p.m.

With Anniversary Blessings

& Choir Singing

Saturday, January 26, 2013

Tu B'Shevat

9:30 a.m.

Sichat Torah (Torah Discussion)

10:30 a.m.

Service-in-the-Round

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