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## Shofar Soundings

Friday, April 5, 2013 6:15 p.m.

## ROCK SHABBAT

Welcoming NFTY-OV Regionals

& Birthday Blessings

FOLLOWED BY
SHABBAT DINNER



Friday, April 12, 2013 5:30 p.m.

## TOT SHABBAT

With Special
PJ Library Program
Followed by
Tot Shabbat Dinner



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# RAK LIMUD ADULT EDUCATION

What I Learned When...

1948-2013: Israel at 65

(See page 5 for details)





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## FROM THE RABBI'S DESK ~Renewal of the Sacred: Israel & Us

s we find ourselves deep in the spring season, we will, once again celebrate Israel's birth. The birth of the modern state is for us, a spring of us its own. A spring for us-a re-birth of our people as an autonomous people in our ancient land. Now, as Israel's 65th birthday approaches, we take time to do some accounting. We take time to consider our relationship with the Jewish state. We take time re-new our relationship.

For many of us, our relationship with Israel is not so straight forward. This is not troubling for me. Our relationships with most people are not always clear. And we are Jews, prone to examine, re-examine, debate and argue. It is how we show love, to criticize and support all at once.

One aspect I would like us to consider is the rights of women in Israel. One symbol of this aspect of Israeli life takes form in a group who calls itself Women of the Wall. I spoke about Women of the Wall in March of this year after yet another colleague of mine was detained at the *kotel*.

It has been nearly 25 years since women of the wall was founded, as I read on their website,

"On the morning of December 1, 1988, a multi-denominational group of approximately seventy women approached Jerusalem's Kotel (Western Wall) with a Torah scroll to conduct a halakhic

(according to Jewish law)
women's prayer service. As no provisions for Torah reading existed in the women's section of the Kotel, we brought a sefer Torah (Torah scroll), stood together, and prayed out loud (a number of us wore prayer shawls).
Suddenly many women, and men on

the other side of the mechitzah (barrier separating men and women), began to scream, curse and even threaten us. Despite these events, we managed to complete our Torah reading. The then Kotel Administrator, Rabbi Yehuda Gertz, allowed us to continue our service stating that we were "not violating Halakhah."

I remember that day. I was studying in Jerusalem and many of us heard of the incident. Most of the women were there as part of International Jewish Women's conference and they had borrowed our Torah from HUC. In March, on Rosh Chodesh Adar, many of my classmates and I joined in the Rosh Chodesh celebration at the Kotel. I was part of the group of women who approached the wall silently as a group. Men yelled at us. Our male colleagues shielded us as some tried to throw chairs at us. One young woman was sent to the hospital with a cut from a chair. We took the Torah to an area near the wall to pray.

It is hard to believe that 24 years have passed since I prayed with the women of the wall. One of the women with whom I studied that year, Rabbi

Susan Silverman was detained on this Rosh Chodesh Adar along with her daughter Hallel. There has been some press coverage of this as Rabbi Silverman's younger sister is the comedienne, Sarah Silverman. But this is the last of many months in which women have been detained at the Western Wall and we are now into a second generation of those who fight to have the right to pray as women with women at what our people say is the holiest spot in the Jewish world.

We can't have it both ways—either the *kotel* is a holy site for all Jews or it is an Ultra-Orthodox synagogue. As a holy place, treatment of women should be sacred. Women should not be subjected to violence at the Western Wall or anyplace. When we tolerate violence and disrespect at the wall, we support a system that abuses women in all spaces. It is time for us to stand in solidarity with the Women of the Wall and to stand against abuse of women. It is time for us to believe that the *kotel* can be a place of holiness.

I am currently in the process of planning a congregational trip to Israel for next year. I hope for us to continue to examine and love the State of Israel, as we do all the members of our families. I hope that you will let me know that you are interested in being with me in that sacred and unique place. Next Year in Jerusalem!

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Rabbi Sigma Faye Coran

If you want one of these you're going to need few of these,

you're going to need a few of these.



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#### www.cincinnaticareer.net

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513) 985-0515; e-mail: scholarships@ivscinti.org

# Rock Shabbat With 2nd/3rd Grade Participation









# TOT SHABBAT ~ With PJ Library Special Program~

## **Tot Shabbat**

With Special PJ Library Program & Dinner





Friday, April, 12, 2013 5:30 p.m.

Followed by Tot Shabbat Dinner
Let us know how many in your family will
by staying for dinner.
RSVP by April 10, 2013
to Cyndi at 513-891-9900 or cyndi@rockdaletemple.org

# FROM OUR RABBINIC INTERN ~Our Story Begins with Freedom~

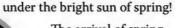
s we approach the month of April, I can't help but be excited. I have completed almost two amazing years as rabbinic intern here at Rockdale. My Ordination (June 8, 2013) is just two months away! My thesis, exploring the teaching of t'filah in religious schools, is DONE!!!!

In addition to all the wonderful things going in my personal life, there are also exciting things going on this April in the life of our community! Our congregation will welcome NFTY-Ohio Valley Regionals, the regional senior youth group convention planned by our own Youth Group of Rockdale, the weekend of April 4th-7th. We can look forward to great communitywide programming in celebration of Israel at 65, as well as Adult Education opportunities right here at Rockdale on Sunday mornings. You can even learn more about my thesis project, as well as those of my colleagues David Spinrad and Jim Stoloff, during Wednesday evening presentations.

From Ecclesiastes we learn: "ein chadash tachat ha-shemesh — there is nothing new under the sun." But I'm not sure I agree- I think there is always something new, something exciting, something different to experience. And while I'm sure that from the view of Ecclesiastes "under the sun" really refers to "in the whole, wide world," I am also quite sure that there truly is **plenty** new



Funding for our Rabbinic Intern is made possible by a special grant from the SEED Program. Our thanks to the Jewish Federation of Cincinnati for making this position possible.



The arrival of spring brings the promise of increasing light in our world. Our days will get longer, our sun will shine brighter (or so it will seem), and our world will feel warmer (we hope). As spring begins, there is so much to look forward to in our lives and the life of our Rockdale community. I invite you to share

in the excitement of spring along with me! Join me in marking Israel's 65<sup>th</sup> with a learning opportunity here at Rockdale or an event with our greater Jewish community. Study with one of my classmates (or me!) on a Wednesday evening and hear what the Class of 2013 has been up to this year. Volunteer at or participate in YGOR's Regionals along with our fantastic teens.

I look forward to welcoming the light and warmth of this upcoming spring with all of you. After all, here at Rockdale, "yesh chadash tachat hashemesh" – there are so many new and exciting opportunities for us to enjoy.

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Meredith Kahan Rabbinic Intern



## Camping Program Gift Increased

Program provides grants for all Jewish youth from the Greater Cincinnati area who want to attend Jewish overnight camps. The grants are an investment in our children's future, made possible by the support and generosity of The Jewish Foundation of Cincinnati and other donors.

Grants are available for all children, regardless of whether or not they have previously attended a Jewish overnight camp. Grants are offered to first year and second year applicants. Children can apply for a grant of up to \$900 for a two-week summer session or a grant of up to \$1,800 for a three-week or more summer session.

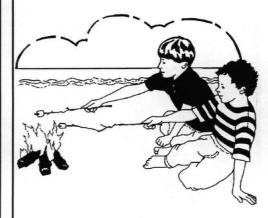
Grants from the Jewish Overnight Camping Program are a gift. They are not need-based and are not contingent on other scholarship or financial aid dollars.

Further information and an application form are available at:

### www.jewishcincinnati.org/ camping

Application Deadline: May 1st For information please consult Rabbi Coran.

This program is administered by the Jewish Federation of Cincinnati.



## Brotherhood Internet Security Class

# Internet Security With Glenn Chundrlek Sunday, April 7, 2013 10:15 a.m.

he Internet has given us unprecedented access to information. It also allows us to communicate with people everywhere. Because our computers play such critical roles in our lives, and we trust them with so much personal information, it's important to know how to improve their security so we can continue to rely on them and keep our information safe.

Join Brotherhood on Sunday, April 7th at 10:15 a.m. as internet security specialist Glenn Chundrlek provides an overview of online threats and offers tips to help keep you, your family, and your information safe on line.

Bagels, cream cheese, OJ, coffee, fruit, and donuts will be served!



You can help us grow our membership by inviting your friends, neighbors and family to share our services, school, classes, programs & joy.

## RAK LIMUD

**April Adult Education** 

## What I Learned When...

Wednesday Evenings 7 PM

5th Year HUC Rabbinic Students (soon to be rabbis) share topics from their theses:

## April 10th

Chocolate Moses

David Spinrad will discuss his research concerning a contemporary Jewish response to forced labor, child labor and human trafficking.

## April 17th

Bonia Shur: Improviser

Jim Stoloff will offer a picture of the late Bonia Shur, composer and one-time Director of Liturgical Music at Hebrew Union College, in Cincinnati. We will understand Bonia's impact on contemporary Jewish music and the modern rabbinate.

## April 24th

How the Spirit Moves

Rockdale Temple's Rabbinic Intern, Meredith Kahan, will share research, music and stories about Children's Spirituality and how what moves us changes, or doesn't, as we grow older.



## 1948-2013: Israel at 65

Sunday Mornings 10:00 AM

#### April 14th

A Survivor's Story in Israel
Dr. Henry Fenichel

Join us for an inspirational morning with a survivor from the Speakers' Bureau of the Center for Holocaust and Humanity Education. At the age of six, Henry Fenichel and his mother were sent to the Westerbork Detention Camp. After being moved to Bergen Belsen, they requested relocation to British-mandate Palestine. With the help of a Swiss forger, they were exchanged for German civilians held abroad and escaped to Palestine. As a Professor of Physics at the University of Cincinnati, Dr. Fenichel has a unique window into Israel's technology boom.

## April 21st

What we learned at Nuremberg John Dolibois

A fascinating speaker, Mr. Dolibois was an interrogator at the Nuremberg trials after WWII. Born in Luxembourg he emigrated to the US prior to WWII with his family, was educated at Miami University and later came back there to work creating their fundraising operation. Mr. Dolibois was also the US ambassador to Luxembourg where Miami has its European campus which is named after him.

## May 5<sup>th</sup>

Israel Today

Yair Cohen, Israeli Shaliach (Emissary) to Cincinnati will speak about current issues of interest in Israel.

## ADMINISTRATOR'S CORNER ~New Goals, Additional Tasks~

t is good to take time off to renew and regroup; it is also good to come home and resume one's routine. I thoroughly enjoyed my sabbatical and am grateful that I am part of a congregation that understands the importance of this kind of time. It is amazing how quickly a month goes by; I only completed a fraction of the tasks I had set aside, although I did take time to travel, find some sun (it is there!), and visit a number of dear friends. I was reminded again about the importance of having meaningful work and a purpose to each day. This is one of the things for which I am grateful at Rockdale-some days may provide too much purpose and meaning, but I know that each day when I walk through the door there will be some way in which I can make a difference in someone's day-that is the gift we are given each day, the opportunity to make a difference if we choose to do so.

The next several months are very critical ones for us; we are working diligently to close budget gaps for the coming year and to close out the current year with as little deficit as possible. While we have many new members, we have also had a number of people transition away from our congregation and we have lost a few to out of state moves and many to death. The good news is that so many of our new members are young adults who are bringing energy and enthusiasm to the Temple. The bad news is that we still have far too many people who are struggling financially, and are unable to support the congregation at the level we need to be financially independent. I have come to learn that this is the new norm across the country and we are no different than any other congregation. I have also learned that it is not a Jewish issue; the financial crisis is imbedded in all faith communities. Our response

at Rockdale is to continue
to welcome people at the
level at which they are
able to contribute while
encouraging people to
strive to be sustaining
members (\$1,750) or
higher. If you have not
turned in your pledge
form, please do so,
it is the only way we
have to plan in a fiscally

responsible manner.

Among my new responsibilities are all aspects of Membership, Marketing and Public Relations, and PJ Library. I'm pretty certain I can handle Membership and PJ Library, although assistance and ideas are always welcome, but I am not a Marketing or PR person, so if anyone out there would like to lend their expertise, I am happy to have your assistance—especially from some of our younger members! Regarding Membership, we have recently begun an as yet unnamed "baby-boomer" group that has been gathering for social events. If you were born between 1946 and 1964 and have not been contacted. please let me know and we will add you to the roster. We are also gearing up for a "seniors" group, those born before 1946; if you would like to help with the formation and event planning for that group please let me know. Both of these will be lay led activities so we need congregants who are willing to take the lead in planning and promoting programs.

There are some things that never change: my door always remains open, my email and phone remain the same, please feel free to contact me if I can do anything to be of service to you.

L'shalom,

Margaret Friedman-Vaughan Temple Administrator

## BAR MITZVAH CELEBRANT

Saturday
April 20, 2013
Bar Mitzvah of
Matthew Wagner
son of
Stacy & Stephen Wagner
brother of
Jackie Wagner



atthew attends Mason Middle School and is in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade. He is on the middle school track and field team and plans to play football this fall. Some of Matt's hobbies are computer games, reading, and backpacking with his dad.

Matt is looking forward to his Bar Mitzvah and has been busy learning the Torah portion with his tutor. He is also working on his Bar Mitzvah project, which is collecting books and donating them to Children's Hospital and Cincinnati Library.



#### Kehal Kodesh Religious School Purim Activities

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# KEHAL KODESH RELIGIOUS SCHOOL ~Celebrating Israel~

hen you think of Israel, what images come to mind? Do you think of praying at the Western Wall? Or do you think of floating in the Dead Sea? Whether you've had the opportunity to visit our Jewish Homeland or not, just thinking of the country is bound to conjure up a myriad of images. For me, I think back many (many) years ago, when my only experience in Israel was a one-day excursion while on a cruise in the Mediterranean Sea. While we only had several hours to tour around, my 11-year-old self knew that what I was seeing was something special. It's amazing to think that while I only spent eight hours in the country, those images have remained with me through all of these years.

One of the most incredible things is how this tiny country, surrounded by enemies, has managed to flourish and succeed throughout its history. Look in the news and you will see articles devoted to the technological advances made...in Israel. In April, we celebrate the holiday of Yom Ha'Atzmaut— Israel Independence Day. It is a day to rejoice in the history of the country and the steadfastness of her people. Here in Cincinnati, we have had many opportunities to celebrate Israel this year. You can't go far without seeing

a flier advertising the latest Israel @65 event. I hope you've had the chance to attend one or more of these community-wide events.

Even our youngest members can be introduced to the wonders of this beautiful country. The PI Library has many books available on the topic of Israel. In Ella's Trip to Israel, a little girl named Ella travels through Israel with her parents, enjoying many sights. She brings along her best friend, a stuffed monkey named Koofi, whose misadventures are never a problem! Another book, It's Israel's Birthday, shows preschoolers taking a pretend trip to Israel to celebrate Yom Ha'Atzmaut. After an imaginary plane ride, the children pick oranges from a kibbutz orchard and visit a Western Wall made of blocks. The youngsters also explore the desert, swim in the Dead Sea, and join a parade.

Our oldest son is preparing for the summer of a lifetime, as he joins teens from across the United States for the NFTY in Israel 2013 summer trip. I am so excited for the experience he is going to have and the stories he will come back with, but especially for the images he will carry in his mind forever.

Alexia Kadish Interim Director of Education





# WRJ/SISTERHOOD April Updates

here are two more events planned as we move towards the end of school and wrap up another year of events, camaraderie and mitzvah opportunities.

#### Pot Luck Havdalah

On April 27 at 6:30,
Sisterhood and Brotherhood
are holding a Pot Luck/
Havdalah Service. Our last pot
luck was a lot of fun! There
were approximately 30 people
enjoying the company and the
fabulous food! This Pot Luck will be
held at Rockdale. All congregants are
welcome. Sitting and care is available
for kids (there is a \$5.00 charge per
child to cover food and care). You do
not need to be a member of Sisterhood
or Brotherhood to attend.

We'll be taking over Rockdale for the night. Dinner and drinks for the adults will be in the Social Hall, Children under 5 will be in the boardroom with an age appropriate movie and games and children 6 and over will be in the youth lounge with age appropriate movie and games. A pizza dinner will be provided for kids old enough to eat pizza. Parents of smaller children are asked to bring the food/drink needed for smaller children. There is no cost for the pot luck, instead everyone is requested to bring a main course or side dish for six, or a desert or appetizer for 8. We will provide nonalcoholic drinks. It is BYOB if you wish to drink something else. Please RSVP to Teresa at TCAmes@att.net by April 20. Include the number of adults and children attending and the item you are contributing to the Pot Luck.



Teresa Ames & Alison Auerbach
Sisterhood Co-Presidents

### Closing Meeting with Brunch & Beading Event

On May 19 at 10:00 we'll have our closing meeting. We will be hosting brunch and a beading event where you can make either a necklace, bracelet (or both!) The cost of each item is \$15.00. Please RSVP to Teresa at <a href="TCAmes@att.net">TCAmes@att.net</a> by May 12 with your choice and the color beads you would like for your selection. You can pay for your selection at the event.



Basic wire wrapping for earrings.

Shown using lucite flowers and
antique brass findings.

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## Ritual Committee

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, March 12th, 7:30 p.m.

Fay May, 779-2774 or faybmay@fuse.net

#### Shiva Treats for the Grieving

It has been a very difficult winter with many congregants losing loved ones. Our sympathy goes out to all the families who are grieving. Through this trying time, Sisterhood recognizes the need to help make things easier for congregants by providing a tray of sweets for those sitting shiva, or hosting family after a funeral. If you are able to provide baked goods that we can store in the freezer, or if you are able to help assemble and deliver the trays when needed, please contact Dori Mack Hoicowitz at *DTMNY@aol.com*.

## Do You Want to Join the Sisterhood Board?

The Nominating Committee is forming to put a slate together for next year's Sisterhood Board. If you are interested in being on the Sisterhood Board, please contact Alison Auerbach at <u>Auerbach.family@gmail.com</u> by April 15 so she can forward your information to the nominating chairs.

### Help Sisterhood Servce Lunch to NFTY-OV

Rockdale Temple Youth Group is hosting a Regional NFTY (National Federation of Temple Youth)
Conference. Sisterhood is providing lunch for the kids at Temple on
Friday, April 5. If you are able to help serve lunch, please contact Dolores
Goldfinger at 891-0725 to volunteer and get more information.

Alison Auerbach Teresa Ames Sisterhood Co-Presidents



Four Petal Flower Bracelet, also using lucite.

# BROTHERHOOD ~April Updates~

#### Bringing the Dead Sea Scrolls Alive

♦ he Rockdale Men of Reform Judaism would like to thank Rabbi Matthew Kraus for presenting "Bringing the Dead Sea Scrolls Alive" to Brotherhood members and their families and friends on Sunday, March 3rd. Rabbi Matthew is an excellent presenter and his style of mixing humor with his subject matter is always well received. We're happy to report that Rabbi Matthew's presentation was held before an audience of 38 people... the largest gathering for a Brotherhood event that anyone could remember. Interested in learning more? Enjoy Dead Sea Scrolls podcasts for free on I-tunes at https://itunes.apple.com/ us/podcast/uc-classics-ancient-world/ id573942394?mt=2

Thanks again to Rabbi Matt and everyone who attended!

#### Dinner & Theater

On Saturday, March
2nd, over 20 Rockdale
congregants gathered
at Buca Di Beppo for
dinner, and then attended
Dangerous Liaisons at the
Cincinnati Shakespeare
Company. Brotherhood
would like to thank
Sisterhood's Teresa Ames
and Alison Auerbach for
being the driving force behind
this event. The food and friendship
was wonderful, and the play was
entertaining and unique!

#### Full Circle

And speaking of theater, Cincinnati's Jewish Playwright, Kalman Kivkovich, will be presenting Full Circle, an evening of three short Holocaust stories at the Jarson-Kaplan Theater on Tuesday April 9th at 7:30. Admission is only \$8. You can learn more by

visiting www.cinciplaywrights.org.

Kalman's plays are always entertaining! If you're looking for quality Jewish theatre, plan on attending. Need more information? Contact Darryl Dick at 513-884-1919 or healthinsurancehelper@gmail.com.

Darryl Dick Brotherhood President







# **APRIL 2013**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Passover ~6th Day~	Passover ~7th Day~	15.00		NFTY-OV REGIONALS	NFTY-OV REGIONALS	NFTY-OV REGIONALS
SOUP KITCHEN COOKING NO KEHAL KODESH RELIGIOUS SCHOOL	10:30 a.m. YIZKOR MEMORIAL SERVICE Followed by Passover Luncheon	No Hebrew School		5:00 p.m. NFTY Regionals Rockdale Temple	8:00 a.m. NFTY-OV Regionals Rockdale Temple 5:45 p.m. Shabbat Nosh 6:15 p.m.	9:30 a.m. Sichat Torah (Torah Discussion) 10:30 a.m. Service-in-the-Rou
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# MAY 2013

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26	27	28	29	30	31	June $1$

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

## Birthdays

#### Adults of April

- 4 ..... Felicia Holub
  - ..... Harvey Richman
  - ..... Ann Robens
- 10 ..... Blair Tillett
- 12 ..... Barbara Harshman
- 14 ..... Mark Schaengold
  - ..... Paul Travis
- 16 ..... Rachel Kambelis
  - ..... Lois Spahn
- 17 ..... Sam Potter
- 19 ..... Sally Peterson
- .... Alice Price
- 20 ..... Phil Cohen
- 21 .... Morton Harshman
- 22 ..... Elaine Fishman
- 23 ..... Marjorie Rosenthal
- 24 ..... Doug Goldberg
- 25 ..... Frances Lowenstein
- 30 ..... Richard Wiener

#### Children of April

- 2 ..... Emily Hageman~14 years old
  - ..... Tate Sheldon~4 years old
- 5 ..... Adrianna Schneider~18 years old
- 8 ..... David Zuckerman~7 years old
- 12 ..... Indrani Chatterjee~17 years old
  - ..... Vikram Chatterjee~17 years old
  - ..... Libby Mack Hoicowitz~7 years old
- 13 ..... Eric Schmulewitz~7 years old
- 15 ..... Jacob Shapiro~5 years old
- 18 ..... Carly Varland~17 years old
- 22 ..... Sienna Maltz~6 years old
- 23 ..... Caroline Routh~10 years old
- 24 ..... David Fryxell~16 years old
  - ..... Cassie Heldman~16 years old
- 30 ..... Elyse Kadish~10 years old

#### Adults of May

- 1 ..... Matvey Chudnovsky
- 5 ..... Lynne Gordon
- ..... Bridget Katchman
- 6 ..... Helen Malof
- 8 ..... Robert Ungar
- 11 ..... Linda Abrahamson
- 12 ..... Cissy Lenobel
- 13 ..... Barbara Cohen
- 18 ..... Lesha Greengus
- 21 ..... Donald Newman
- 26 ..... Len Berenfield
- 28 ..... Tom Fairbanks
  - ..... Helayne Friedman
- 29 ..... Dan White
- 30 ..... Bea Ballas

#### Children of May

- 1 ..... Maayan Yarchi~18 years old
- 2 ..... Maria Steinberg~14 years old
- 5 ..... Arieh Venick~18 years old
- 7 ..... Emily Braverman~15 years old
- ..... Jackson Friedman~6 years old
- .... Marina Kottler~6 years old
- 14 ..... Ethan Chundrlek~11 years old
- 15 ..... Griffin Lynn~7 years old
- 20 ..... Cameron Csendes~14 years old
- 21 ..... Noa Jaffee~4 years old
- 25 ..... Noah Csendes~13 years old
- 28 ..... Yaffa Muhlbaum~15 years old
- 30 ..... Maya Berry~10 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.

## Anniversaries April Anniversaries

- 4..... Shock & Julie Torem~15<sup>th</sup>
- 11 ..... Joseph & Marilyn Hirschhorn~59th
  - ..... Gene & Betty Wacksman~60th
- 15 ..... Matthew & Jean Chimsky~63rd
- 18 .... Bert & Barbara Rosenberg~65th
- 30 ..... Samuel & Lesha Greengus~56th

#### May Anniversaries

- 1 ..... Robert & Jane Garfield~30th
- 14 ..... Andrew & Sally Shott~30th
- 25 ..... Mark & Susan Friedman~10th
- 25 ..... Jordan Ottenstein & Marni Phon~5<sup>th</sup>
- 26 ..... Guenter & Libby Fleischer~56th
- 29 ..... Ken Venick & Sharon Nelson~20th
- 30 ..... Alan & Elaine Fishman~30th
- 30 ..... Scott & Alexia Kadish~20th
- 31 ..... David & Marilyn Reichert~54th

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

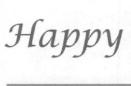
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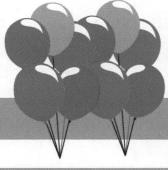


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# ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE ~ The Importance of Trees~

#### Trees come before stars

According to the Genesis account of the seven days of Creation – trees were created on the third day and stars were created later, on the fourth day. To come before the stars, trees must hold a special place in our world and imagination. To celebrate Earth Day and Arbor Day 2013, the Environmental Committee will give each Rockdale Temple student an American Hazelnut tree. This article offers ideas about planting and caring for all kinds of trees.

## Plant the right tree in the right place

Plan carefully to assure that your new tree you will be a welcome fixture for its 10 to 100 year life. Select a place with enough room for your tree's branches (and roots too!) to grow without tangling in power lines or damaging built structures, including underground utility lines, fences, and your house. Trees on the south or west of your house will provide shade and reduce your energy bills during the summer. However, an evergreen, which never loses its leaves, would cool your house during the winter too. Therefore,

consider the diversity of trees. Three-foot high Dwarf Japanese Maples and 100-foot Sugar Maples are all part of a single family. Trees tolerate different ranges of temperature, rainfall, sun, and soil. Your tree may survive harsh environmental conditions, but it may be stressed and not live to its maximum potential.

#### Baby a new tree

Plant new trees with its crown. where root changes to stem, slightly elevated from the ground surface. Backfill the hole with 2 parts existing soil to 1 part organic material, such as compost. Do not compact the soil. A newly planted tree needs two years to become established. During this time its roots develop an intricate network with the soil. Until that time, your tree will need extra care. Unless it is a wet year, extra water is a needed during the first years of a tree's life including occasionally in the winter. Water a tree with a slow drip rather than a quick torrent of water. A slow drip of water travels deeper in to soil and encourages tree roots to do the same. Use water wisely and avoid midday watering in warm weather. Be patient with your new tree and remember the adage – During the  $1^{st}$  year trees sleep. In the  $2^{nd}$  year trees creep, and in the  $3^{rd}$  year they leap.

American Hazelnuts are hardy trees native to the U.S. that like full sun or partial shade. They grow to some 15 feet with a 10-foot spread and with a dense round shape that provides privacy. Although each tree has male and female parts, you'll need two trees in close proximity to produce nuts. Nonetheless, birds, bees, and other wildlife will benefit from their flowers.

# Submitted by Bennett Kottler A Gift to you from the Rockdale Environment Committee

On Arbor Day, Sunday, April 28th, the Environment Committee will distribute one Hazelnut tree seedling and planting instructions to each Sunday school student as they leave the building. Environment Committee member, David Rosenberg, has placed each seedling in a pot with soil. The root system is not developed to hold the soil together. Plant per the instructions, water and enjoy watching your seedling become a beautiful tree!

## HAZELNUT ROLL Recipe provided by Gerry Kraus

6 eggs

1 tsp. baking powder

3/4 cup sugar, & 2 Tbsp.

A few grains of salt

11/2 cups hazelnuts

1 1/2 cups whipping cream

(ground in blender)

1/2 tsp rum or vanilla

Separate eggs. Beat whites until they stand in soft peaks. Beat 1/2 cup sugar into egg white mixture, adding 1 Tbsp sugar at a time. Set Aside. Beat yolks until thick and lemon-colored. Beat in 1/4 cup sugar.

Mix ground nuts, baking powder and salt. Stir into egg yolk mixture. Fold in the beaten egg whites. Spread batter evenly into a jelly-roll pan (10x14inches) which has been buttered, lined with waxed paper , and re-buttered over the paper. Place in center of pre-heated oven (350 degrees). Bake 20 minutes. Take out of oven and cover with damp tea towel. Chill.

When you wish to add cream, take cake out of refrigerator, peel off waxed paper and cut off crisp ends.

Whip cream to which rum and 2 Tbsp. sugar have been added. Spread whipped cream evenly over cake. Roll like a jelly roll. Wrap firmly in waxed paper and re-chill. Can be put into freezer and served later. SERVES 10.



# YGOR NEWS ~NFTY-OV Regionals in April~

Shalom! For those of you who do not know me, my name is Adrianna Schneider, the President of YGOR, the Youth Group of Rockdale Temple, for the 2012-2013 school year. Before I get into the details regarding what YGOR does, what we are preparing for and how we function, I'd like to tell you a little bit about myself. I am currently a senior at William Mason High School, heavily involved within the Jewish community, and I enjoy spending my free time by playing flute and spending time with friends

For those who aren't quite sure what YGOR is and how we function, I'm going to be certain to inform you. YGOR, as mentioned early stands for the Youth Group of Rockdale Temple and is a student-run, student-led organization. YGOR, as being studentled, functions based on a board of eight individuals, all who meet and work regularly with one another to gain and practice leadership, programming, planning, team work and organization skills. Serving on YGOR board is not a simple or easy task, but with the dedication, love and passion for Judaism and the enjoyment each board member and youth grouper has, the success of

YGOR is always guaranteed. Although YGOR typically only plans local events for those who belong to Rockdale, this year is different.

YGOR is still part of NFTY, the National Federation of Temple Youth, which is a branch of the URJ that promotes the idea of Jewish learning through teen leadership. These past few months have been extremely exciting, enduring, challenging and difficult for YGOR as we've been planning and preparing for NFTY-OV Regionals April 4th-7th. Regionals is one of few events that NFTY-OV puts on for the Ohio Valley Region and this year YGOR, along with the Rockdale Community, has the wonderful opportunity to host and plan this event. The task is enduring but will be worth the outcome in the end, and I, as well as the rest of YGOR, cannot wait to see what the final product will be. If you are interested in assisting with the planning process, or simply just attending the fun filled weekend, (8th - 12th graders) please be sure to contact Adrianna Schneider at Adrianna.schneider1@gmail.com for more information. If your family is interested in hosting Regionals participents during the weekend of

April 4th-7<sup>th</sup> please be certain to contact Meredith Kahan, YGOR's advisor at Meredith.Kahan@rockdaletemple.org.

Although these past few months have been filled with excitement over Regionals, YGOR has been certain to plan and still function on the local level. With exciting events at the Web, a local laser tag and go-carting interactive arcade, volunteering at a local food shelter, as well as planning, leading setting up and running the Purim Carnival, these are only a few of the fun and exciting things YGOR has experienced this year. With the school year quickly coming to an end please be certain to visit YGOR's blog at http:// ygorisclassy.blogspot.com/ and keep an eye out for mail regarding information about elections and the rest of events YGOR has planned as we finish off the 2012-2013 school year. As always, with any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact Adrianna Schneider at adrianna.schneider1@gmail.com or Meredith Kahan at Meredith.kahan@ rockdaletemple.org.

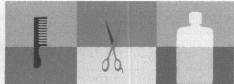
> Adrianna Schneider YGOR President

## SUPPORT NFTY PROGRAM ~YWCA Battered Women's Shelter~

## My dear fellow congregants,

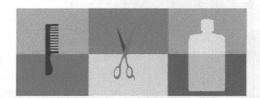
FTY-OV Regionals—an annual Ohio Valley Regional event for Reform Jewish teens—is approaching and we are collecting much-needed supplies for the YWCA Battered Women's Shelter of Hamilton county. Please bring in children's toys and clothing, women's clothing, household items, cleaning supplies, personal hygiene products, and toiletries/beauty products by April 1. In particular, household supplies, new clothing, bedding, and diapers are always in short supply. Because of the bedbug problem in Cincinnati the shelter does not accept any used items. Any donation is greatly appreciated. The women at shelter often leave their unhealthy situations with just their children and the clothes on their back. A collection box will be placed in the Rockdale entryway for your convenience. Please consider participating in our social action project.

Thank you!



Sincerely,

Shirah Kraus YGOR Social Action Vice President Co-Chair, Social Action Committee for Regionals



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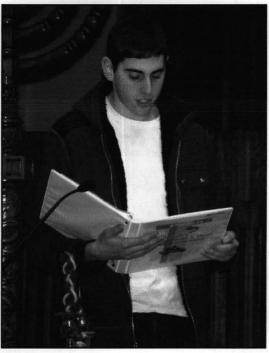
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## LIBRARY UPDATE

his month's library update can't report new books we've added, because it's been a month devoted to changing our digital cataloging software over to a whole new program. We've been out of business, computer-wise! I can happily report, however, that the picky, technical process seems to have been a success, and we are poised to begin adding books to our collection again soon. Our learning curve is steep...

Our only volunteer who is a professionally trained librarian, Roger Abrams, has been recuperating from very painful foot surgery for several weeks now. We hope he can make a "refu'ah sh'lemah" and be back on his feet again soon!

Also, our heartfelt thoughts go out to another volunteer, Chris Malhotra, who recently lost her brother quite suddenly.

At times like these, I reflect on how central every single one of our volunteers is to keeping our Rockdale Library open, vibrant, and helpful. That includes Judy Heldman (and of course, Phoebe the Tiny Poodle), Frank Abate (Lord of the Card Catalog), and Sunday School librarian Jodi Csendes. Thanks to each and every one of you! We work most Thursday afternoons from 1 til about 3:30, if you ever want to pitch in. We train!

Karen Zanger Volunteer librarian

## MITZVAH OPPORTUNITIES

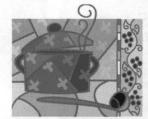
## Soup Kitchen

### July 28th

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## The Jewish Hospital

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# ROCKWERN AFFORDABILITY INITIATIVE

hanks to the Jewish Foundation of Cincinnati, Jewish day school education is now accessible to any family who wants one. The groundbreaking Rockwern Affordability Initiative has been launched for the 2013/2014 school year. Although its tuition grants are primarily geared toward families with children entering Kindergarten through third grade, scholarships are available for all grades, beginning in preschool. The application form is a simple one page form, is not needs based, and does not require the disclosure of any financial information. For more information or to set up an appointment or tour, please call 513-984-3770

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PASSOVER YIZKOR SERVICE

Followed by Passover Luncheon TEMPLE OFFICE CLOSED

Friday, April 5, 2013

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

10:30 a.m.

Shabbat Nosh

Rock Shabbat Service Welcoming NFTY-OV

Participation

& Birthday Blessings Followed by Shabbat Dinner

Saturday, April 6, 2013

9:30 a.m. Sichat Torah

(Torah Discussion)

Service-in-the-Round

Friday, April 12, 2013

5:30 p.m. Tot Shabbat Service

Followed by Tot Shabbat Dinner

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

Saturday, April 13, 2013 9:30 a.m.

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

Sichat Torah (Torah Discussion)

Shabbat Nosh SHABBAT SERVICE

With Anniversary Blessings & Choir Singing

Saturday, April 20, 2013

Friday, April 19, 2013

5:45 p.m.

6:15 p.m.

Sichat Torah 9:30 a.m.

(Torah Discussion) 10:30 a.m. Bar Mitzvah of

Matthew Wagner

Shabbat Nosh

SHABBAT SERVICE

Son of Stacy & Steven Wagner

Friday, April 26, 2013

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

Saturday, April 27, 2013

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