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**189TH ANNUAL
 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**
Tuesday, June 11, 2013
6:00 p.m.
Followed by Refreshments

OPERA GOES TO TEMPLE
Wednesday, June 26, 2013
7:00 p.m.
(See page 7 for details.)



CINCINNATI OPERA

**PRE-ORDINATION
 SHABBAT
 SERVICE**
Friday
June 7, 2013 at 6:15 p.m.
 HUC Ordination Service
 Saturday, June 8, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.
NO SHABBAT SERVICE AT ROCKDALE
(See page 2 for details)

ROCK SHABBAT
With Birthday Blessings
Friday
June 14, 2013
6:15 p.m.
Followed by Shabbat Dinner



Follow us on:



**TOT
 SHABBAT**
Friday
June 21, 2013
5:30 p.m.
(See page 7 for details)



FROM THE RABBI'S DESK

~Recognizing the Good~

June brings about for me a bit of a respite, a chance to slow down and reflect upon the year that has passed. While it is true that the Jewish Year spans from *Rosh HaShanah* to *Rosh HaShanah*, in some ways the year "ends" in May with the end of school, Hebrew School and Kehal Kodesh Religious School, as well as *Kulanu* (the combined Reform Jewish High School). With these endings, it is always good to be thankful for the school year that we have lived and for my partners and students in Jewish Education, Life and Community.

You might remember that I began the year on *Rosh HaShanah* with a sermon on the benefits of expressing gratitude, and of cultivating a sense of thanksgiving in our lives. The Hebrew term for this is *hakarat hatov*, literally "recognizing the good." As the Spring unfolded and we learned of each new tragedy, suffering and loss of life, it has become even more important for us to recognize the good around us, to see what blessings do abound.

With the end of the school year, I recognize the many good people with whom I am blessed to work. I am truly grateful to Cindy Peters who has served our congregation as Education Committee Chair for several years. Cindy led the committee through our schools transitions. She has been a champion for Rockdale and for our kids. Cindy has reached out to others and helped to build the committee all while supporting the teachers and the directors. Cindy offered her wisdom and heart and we are very thankful.

I must express my gratitude and the thanks of our congregation to Alexia Kadish, who has served as our Interim Director of Education this semester. Alexia has truly served our sacred community. She has led our school with insight, compassion,



passion for Judaism and a sense of humor. Alexia is always ready with a smile, understanding and good counsel. She has directed our school and our teachers to expect good and to be thankful herself. *Kehal Kodesh*, our Religious School could not have had a better interim director—a person who is invested in our school and our congregation and can also graciously pass on this holy obligation to our new director, soon to be Rabbi Meredith Kahan. I feel extremely blessed to have found a teacher myself in Alexia and to have learned from her. I am more than grateful that Alexia will continue to serve our school by becoming our new Education Committee Chair. I know she will work with Rabbi Kahan and me in creating a school that continues to teach the values and traditions of our people. I know that Alexia will help us to provide an even better experience for our children and their parents.

Finally, it is not difficult to recognize the good in Meredith Kahan. Every two years, I have thanked each rabbinic intern for the work in our

congregation as they are ordained and leave us to begin their careers. I am thankful that as Meredith becomes Rabbi Kahan that she begins her life as a rabbi with us. We are grateful for the two years she has been our intern, giving of Torah in many varieties, to congregants of all ages. We are thankful for the four years (plus) that she has led us in music and spirit. I am happy that Rabbi Kahan will become our rabbi and educator, joyful to continue to learn and pray with her, recognizing the good in our friendship and sacred partnership.

I will be able to say much more about Rabbi Kahan as we recognize the good in our future together with Rabbis Kahan's installation as a rabbi of Rockdale Temple on Friday night, October 18th, 2013. Mark your calendars for a celebration of our community in our 190th year and a Dan Nichols Concert as we continue to recognize the good in our holy congregation.

Rabbi Sigma Faye Coran

Join the smiling faces of

Tot Shabbat

Friday, June 21, 2013

5:30 p.m.



Havdalah Tot Event

Saturday, July 13, 2013

5:30 p.m.

Watch for details in flier

President David Ellenson
& the Board of Governors
cordially invite you to
the ceremonies of the
138th Academic Year

Cincinnati's 130th Ordination

Saturday, June 8, 2013

30 Sivan 5773

9 AM - 12 PM

Plum Street Temple
720 Plum Street, Cincinnati

Rabbi Jonah Pesner

Senior Vice President
Union for Reform Judaism
Ordination Speaker

NO SHABBAT SERVICES AT ROCKDALE

FROM OUR ASSISTANT RABBI /DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

To my Rockdale Temple community:

In just a few short weeks, I will be ordained as a rabbi by Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion. I would love for you to join my family and me for this special occasion. Ordination will be held on June 8, 2013 at Plum Street Temple at 9am – see the special ad in this month's bulletin for information! I look forward to celebrating this moment with you both at the Ordination ceremony and at my Rockdale Temple installation, to be held this coming fall.

Rabbinical Ordination is the culmination of five intense, enriching, and rewarding years at HUC. As members of the Cincinnati Jewish community, you are all aware of the wealth of knowledge and resources available to rabbis-in-training here in our city. I feel fortunate to have been able to study on this historic campus with world-renowned professors. But HUC is not the only institution from which I've acquired my rabbinic training.

In the Talmud we read:

Ben Zoma said: Who is one that is wise? One who learns from every person, as it is said: From all my teachers have I gained understanding (Psalm 119:99). –PirkeAvot 4:1

For the past two years, I have had the privilege of learning from this community. As your rabbinic intern, I have prayed amongst the congregation, engaged in the study of Torah with the Saturday morning minyan, participated

in fascinating adult education programs, attended youth group events locally and regionally, taught and learned alongside our religious school students, designed musical experiences with the Rock Shabbat Band, and discussed hot topics with RUACH, our young professionals group. I have also observed Temple board meetings, learned how a ritual committee impacts the religious life of a congregation, planned events with the Rockdale staff, attended city-wide Educators Council and Teen Professionals Council meetings, and worked one-on-one with Rabbi Coran. In short, Rockdale's rabbinic internship has provided me with the opportunity to truly learn how to be a rabbi. Thank you for being my teachers.

As I look ahead to my official start date of July 1st, I can't help but feel excited for all that lies ahead. As Assistant Rabbi, I will continue to advise our youth group, YGOR, and plan events for RUACH. I will also facilitate Saturday morning *Sichat Torah* and lead several adult education classes. And of course, you'll still find me on the bima, leading music with my ever-present blue guitar. Beginning this summer, I will take on the new role of Educator – a truly awesome responsibility and

exhilarating opportunity.

I am grateful to everyone who has made it possible for me to join the Rockdale Temple team full-time as your Assistant Rabbi and Director of Life Long Learning. Thank you to Margaret Friedman-Vaughan for believing in my promise as an educator, Alexia Kadish for serving as the "bridge"

that made all of this possible, our entire Rockdale staff for supplying me with constant support and patience, the Board of Directors (especially past and current presidents Mark Schaengold and Steve Ackermann) for working tirelessly to create and approve this position, and Rabbi Sissy Coran for being my rabbinic role model, mentor, and advocate. Most of all, I am sincerely thankful for you, the members of this community, who have embraced the idea of keeping this intern around long enough to become your rabbi! I feel so blessed to be a part of this amazing and inspiring community, and I can't wait to begin my rabbinate here in this congregation.

Chazak, chazak, v'nitchazek – may we go together from strength to strength.

B'kavod,



Meredith Kahan
Rabbinic Intern



Funding for our Assistant Rabbi/ Director of Education is made possible by a special grant from the SEED Program. Our thanks to the Jewish Federation of Cincinnati for making this position possible.

ATTENTION ALL NEEDLEPOINTERS!

Rockdale will be creating 5 new Needlepoint Torah Covers to commemorate our 190th Anniversary! If you would like to lend your skills to this fun and creative project please contact

Jane Garfield at 791-6300 or jgarfield@apgof.com.

We will dedicate them in February so we need to get started soon!

FROM OUR BOARD PRESIDENT

I am writing this article the morning after Cincinnati's Flying Pig. My own athletic skills leaving much to be desired, I generally have a real appreciation for individuals who can demonstrate athletic prowess. Marathon racing always eluded my comprehension. I cannot fathom the idea of running 26 miles--honestly, struggling to even understand running five miles. For some reason, this year's results struck me differently. It took some searching to find the order of finish; in fact much of the coverage was not about who won--instead it was about individuals who were essentially competing against their own goals. It was both a massive competition between almost five thousand runners and individual competitions for each of those runners.

And, so is the life of a congregation.

Congregational Meeting

You are likely reading this before the annual Congregational Meeting (Tuesday, June 11th at 6:00 PM) where we will celebrate the vibrant year of activities here at



Rockdale. It is also an opportunity to do some housekeeping.

Kroger Card Renewal

Look elsewhere in this month's *Shofar Sounding* for a reminder about the Kroger Community Rewards program. If you are not currently taking part, please do. If you are taking part, our Kroger friends now require that you update your enrollment each year. If you are not sure whether you are currently enrolled, just look at the bottom of your receipt--if it doesn't say you requested Kroger to donate to Rockdale Temple, then you need to enroll. If you are having trouble navigating the Kroger website, call the Temple Office and we will arrange for a volunteer to help you through the process.

We Need You

Also look elsewhere in this month's *Shofar Sounding* for Uncle Sam pointing at YOU. Serving on a Rockdale Temple committee is a great way to make your individual contribution. We are in particular need of volunteers to serve on the Social Action and Marketing committees. We are always happy for additional members of our other standing committees. Again, call the

Temple Office and we will arrange for a volunteer to contact you.

Rockdale's 190th Anniversary

Last month, I wrote about Jewish Time and briefly mentioned that next year marks the 190th anniversary of K.K. Bene Israel--the Rockdale Temple. I am personally grateful to Jane Garfield and Aaron Herzig who have agreed to jointly lead the effort to celebrate this milestone. Along with Rabbi Coran, they are already talking with the Sisterhood, Brotherhood and our professional staff to create a year-long celebration. Our goal is to have a program of events that we will announce during High Holy Day services in the fall. And, as my mother is already reminding me, the High Holy Days are EARLY this year--Erev Rosh Hashana is Wednesday evening September 4th.

I am not sure the original founding members of Rockdale Temple thought much about 190 years into the future. They were individuals each looking to do their part to create a *Kahal Kodesh*. We thank you for your support and hope you can find a meaningful way to both support our congregational efforts and your own personal spiritual efforts.


Steven Ackermann
Board President



Rockdale Temple Wants You. . .

Contact the Temple Office if you would like to service on one of Rockdale Temple's standing committees. The Finance, Dues, Membership, Investment along with Building and Grounds committees directly support the administration of our congregation. The Ritual, Religious School, Adult Education and Caring committees work with our Clergy supporting the core spiritual missions of Rockdale. Social Action, Environmental and Marketing committee members work on specific projects directly related to Rockdale Temple's involvement in the Cincinnati Jewish community.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Last month I wrote about the need for everyone to return their pledge cards so we could create a budget that was truly reflective of our financial health. This month I want to highlight a couple of changes we are making that will help keep us on budget. Among the items are credit card billings, religious school tuition, on-line registration and processing of thank-you notes.

Credit Card & ACH

Several years ago we created the option of allowing people to charge dues and religious school fees to credit cards. Over the past few years both the usage fees and the number of congregants utilizing the service have grown exponentially causing an imbalance in the system. Two years ago we asked people to voluntarily add 3% on to their bill to cover the cost of the fees; some of you did this and we appreciate your willingness to cover those expenses. The reality is that the premiums you receive for using your credit cards come from the fees Rockdale Temple pays

Rockwern Affordability Initiative

Thanks 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

for the privilege of being able to accept your card payments.

As a result of the system, we find ourselves in a quandary: we can cease to accept credit card payments or we can add a convenience fee to those who choose to use them. The Finance Committee, feeling there were not any good alternatives, chose to add a 3% convenience fee to all credit card transactions beginning July 1, 2013.

There is, however, another vehicle for those who do not wish to pay the convenience fee—the ACH, or automatic checking withdrawal, can be done from either checking or savings accounts on a monthly basis and costs us pennies each month. Once it is set up, there is little accounting needed, and a predetermined amount is automatically withdrawn from your account on the same date each month. While you would not receive credit card points for this type of transaction, there would also not be any charges for this service. If you have been accustomed to paying by credit card but would like to switch to ACH, please let Sean O'Brien know and he can help you do that; all he needs is a cancelled check.

Electronic Forms

Becka Eberhart has been working hard to convert all of our forms to PDFs. All you have to do is open the documents, fill them out and email them back. Becka will print them and place them in either your child's Religious School file or your family's membership file. This will save everyone postage and time! For those who are new members, all of our membership forms will be available on our website in a format that can be filled out and emailed to us. Most of our Religious



School fees are remaining the same for 2013-14; the exception is Rak Noar, our 7th/8th grade Sunday program which will be \$305 for 2013-14. This is not to be confused with the Rak Noar Youth Group—they are funded separately.

Thank You Notes

Finally, an issue that I am really not sure how to address: thank you notes.

It has always been the policy of Rockdale Temple to acknowledge the donor of any gift with a thank-you note by mail, and to notify the person(s) on whose behalf the gift had been made by like manner. However, in the past year, more donations have come in on-line with requests that we notify multiple parties. When we add up the cost of the fees we are charged, the postage for acknowledgements to multiple parties (sometimes 6 or more), and the time involved, we are often left with nothing from an \$18 donation. Please understand that I am a firm believer in the rules of etiquette and one of those parents who never let their children use any gift until the thank-you note had been written—birthday, Bar Mitzvah, graduation—sorry, you can't spend that gift card until the gift has been recognized. But now I find myself wondering if there is another way of thanking our contributors and if an email thank you for an electronic donation is acceptable. What do you think? Please feel free to weigh in with your suggestions.

L'shalom,

Margaret Friedman-Vaughan
Executive Director

WRJ/SISTERHOOD June-July Updates



*Teresa Ames &
Alison Auerbach*

*Sisterhood
Co-Presidents*

Special Thanks

A special thank you to **Lois Spahn** for her diligent collection of all the medicine bottles brought in by congregants. She's an unsung hero of Sisterhood!

Mazal Tov

Congratulations to **Beth Goldstein** on being named Affiliate Development Chair for the Central District of WRJ. Congrats Beth!

Gift Shop Buyer Needed

After many years of dedicated service our gift shop buyer, **Barrie Kraus**, is stepping down. If you know of a Rockdale member who could take on this responsibility please let Alison or Teresa know. They do not have to be a current member of Sisterhood.

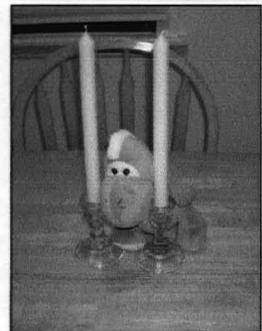
Thank you for a wonderful year!
We have some great things
planned for next year:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Dress for Success
Clothing Drive | Ronald McDonald
Mitzvah |
| Sukkot Event | Holiday Mitzvah |
| Fall Woman's Speaker | Winter Pot Luck |
| Kids Chanukkah Sale | Mah Jongg Marathon |
| Theater Event | Spring Speaker |

SHABBAT WITH SHABBI



*Sammy & Sienna Maltz enjoy
sharing Shabbat with Shabbi.*



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.

Next scheduled meeting:
Tuesday, June 4th, 7:30 p.m.

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

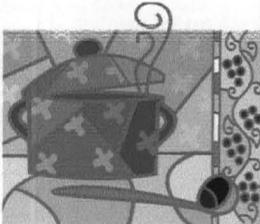
SOUP KITCHEN

July 28th

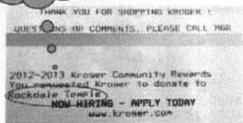
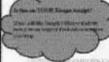
Please volunteer and do not miss a fun Sunday with a nice group of people. Looking forward to working with you.

To volunteer please call:

Dolores Goldfinger
891-0725



Kroger Community Rewards is an easy way to support Rockdale Temple.



The new Kroger program now **requires annual enrollment.**

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!

Barb Schneider & Gary Bryant



For all your photography needs

☑ Weddings

☑ Bar & Bat Mitzvahs

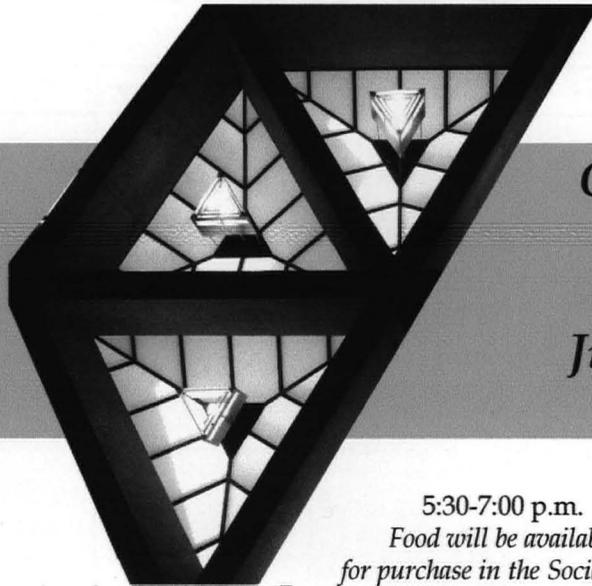
☑ Family & Senior Photos

Call or e-mail for your appointment

513-469-6036

Borg@cinci.rr.com

OPERA RETURNS



Opera Goes to Temple
Wednesday
June 26, 2013
7:00 p.m.

5:30-7:00 p.m.
Food will be available for purchase in the Social Hall
7:00 p.m.

Opera in the Chapel
Featuring:

Mary Elizabeth Southworth (soprano),
Kara Shay Thomson (soprano),
Richard Troxell (tenor),
Claude Cassion (baritone),
Thom Mariner (bass-baritone),
The Fryxell String Players,
The Rockdale Adult Volunteer Choir,
The Rock Shabbat Band,
and Christopher Koon (pianist/organist)
with host Curtis Fuller (News 5 anchor)



Admission:

FREE, though tickets are required.

Limit 2 tickets per household.

Tickets & Information Available
Through the Temple Office
(513) 891-9900

Reserve your tickets today;
seats fill up quickly.

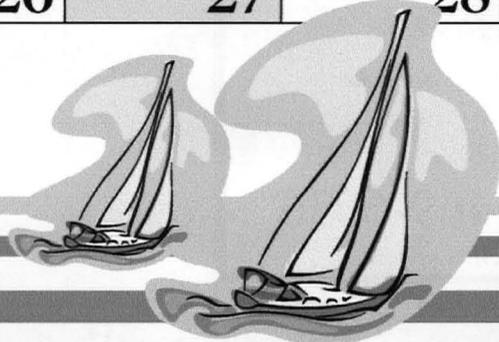
Additional information will be
in Rockmail and online at

www.rockdaletemple.org

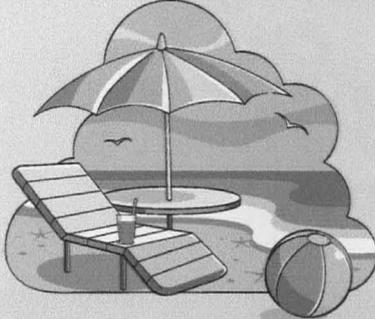
JUNE 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3	4 4:00 p.m. CSA Produce Pick Up 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m. Ritual Committee Meeting	5	6	7 5:45 p.m. Shabbat Nosh 6:15 p.m. PREORDINATION SHABBAT SERVICE	8 9:00 a.m. HUC Ordination Service <i>Plum Street Temple</i> NO SHABBAT SERVICES AT ROCKDALE
9	10	11 6:00 p.m. Annual Congregational Meeting <i>Followed by Refreshments</i>	12	13	14 5:45 p.m. Shabbat Nosh 6:15 p.m. ROCK SHABBAT SERVICE <i>With Birthday Blessings Followed by Shabbat Dinner</i>	15 9:30 a.m. Sichat Torah (Torah Discussion) 10:30 a.m. Service-in-the-Round
16 <i>TISHA B'AV</i>	17	18 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	19	20	21 5:30 p.m. Tot Shabbat Service 5:45 p.m. Shabbat Nosh 6:15 p.m. SHABBAT SERVICE <i>With Anniversary Blessings & Choir Singing</i>	22 9:30 a.m. Sichat Torah (Torah Discussion) 10:30 a.m. Service-in-the-Round
23	24	25	26 5:30 p.m. Food Available 7:00 p.m. Opera Goes to Temple	27	28 5:45 p.m. Shabbat Nosh 6:15 p.m. SHABBAT SERVICE	29 9:30 a.m. Sichat Torah (Torah Discussion) 10:30 a.m. Service-in-the-Round

*Women's Book Club
Will Resume in August*



JULY 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				INDEPENDENCE DAY  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. Shabbat Morning Service
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	5:45 p.m. Shabbat Nosh 6:15 p.m. SHABBAT SERVICE <i>With Birthday Blessings</i>	9:30 a.m. Sichat Torah (Torah Discussion) 10:30 a.m. Service-in-the-Round 5:30 p.m. Havdalah Tot Event <i>Watch for details in flier</i>
14	15	16	17	18	5:45 p.m. Enhanced Shabbat Nosh 6:15 p.m. SHABBAT SERVICE <i>Honoring Long-Standing Members & Anniversary Blessings</i>	9:30 a.m. Sichat Torah (Torah Discussion) 10:30 a.m. Service-in-the-Round
21	22	23	24	25	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
SOUP KITCHEN COOKING						
28	29	30	31			

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

Adults of June

- 6 Mark Moler
..... Edward Rosenthal
- 10 Lynn Zirkes
- 13 Guenter Fleischer
..... Judy Schaengold
- 16 Jean Chinsky
..... Kathe Kellar
..... Melvin Schaengold
..... Marvin Siegel
- 19 Abby Schwartz
- 20 Paul Cohen
..... Phyllis Gold
- 25 Becky Fryxell
- 28 Ada Schwartz
- 30 Frank Bloom
..... Fay May

Children of June

- 1 Max Bankin~4 years old
..... Max Routh~13 years old
- 4 Matias Knudsen~5 years old
- 7 Tanner Csendes~17 years old
- 10 Danielle Peters~16 years old
- 11 Phillip Richman~8 years old
- 15 Rachel Herzig~6 years old
- 16 Joel O'Koon~8 years old
- 18 Ben Seid~12 years old
..... Sivan Yarchi~13 years old
- 22 Sydney Braverman~16 years old
- 27 Jonah Lillenstein~4 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.

Adults of July

- 2 Betty Heldman
..... Neal Jacobs
- 3 Carol Wolf
- 4 Dolores Goldfinger
- 5 Joe Mendelsohn
..... Gary Rabiner
..... Zina Zmood
- 7 Jean Abrahamson
- 8 Gary Greenberg
..... Lisa Schneider
..... Diane Turner
- 13 David Kerman
- 15 Marilyn Hirschhorn
- 16 Barbara Rosenberg
- 18 Scott Lipps
- 19 Ira Abrahamson
..... Larry Faust
..... Mike Heldman
- 21 Gene Peters
..... Jerry Schwartz
..... Gene Wacksman
- 22 Jack Messer
- 23 Wilma Travis
- 25 Jeff Rubenstein
- 28 Howard Revelson
- 29 Helene Cohen
- 30 Roy White

Children of July

- 2 Avi Marcus-Beam~14 years old
- 6 Lilly Rubenstein~10 years old
- 8 Hannah Clark~13 years old
- 10 Isabel Epstein~6 years old
- 13 Ben Kraus~12 years old
- 15 Joei Forrest~10 years old
- 17 Shirah Kraus~17 years old
..... Joshua True~1 year old
- 19 Brie DeFalco~3 years old
..... Ethan Kadish~13 years old
- 22 Eli Bedard~10 years old
- 26 Jack Dunkelman~2 years old
- 28 Jacob Zeidenstein~13 years old
- 31 Tucker Ames~9 years old
..... Griffin Ames~9 years old
..... Quinn Davidson~11 years old



Anniversaries

June Anniversaries

- 4 Gary & Letty Rabiner~64th
- 8 Bernie & Ros Dave~61st
- 15 Richard & Diane Abraham~45th
- 17 Barry & Madeline Berman~51st
..... Maurice & Erva Dick~62nd
..... Russell & Renee Frankel~51st
..... David & Hildegard Kerman~63rd
- 18 Mark & Judy Schaengold~30th
..... Arthur & Susan Stern~59th
- 20 Skip & Sue Richard~59th
- 21 Morton & Barbara Harshman~56th
- 23 Ira & Linda Abrahamson~53rd
..... Emanuel & Ellen Doyne~45th
..... Ed & Andi Herzig~45th
- 24 Melvin & Joan Schaengold~66th
- 25 Michael & Margaret Meyer~52nd
- 26 Phil & Helene Cohen~65th
..... Gerry & Sally Korkin~45th
- 27 Steve & Becky Fryxell~20th

July Anniversaries

- 5 Charles & Rebecca
Barilleaux~15th
- 7 Robert & Loris Ungar~56th
- 10 Steve & Jan Muhlbaum~25th
..... Doug & Linda Sawan~30th
- 13 Jake & Lauren Lillenstein~5th
- 15 Ken & Janet Cohen~40th
- 26 Gene & Beverly Hirschberg~67th
- 30 Scott & Sheryl Mattis~35th

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



MAZAL TOV

Adele & Zvi Zuckerman

On the birth of their twins
Mira Abigail & Shawn Adin
 April 11, 2013



Chip & Terri Harrod

On the birth of their grandson
Robert (Bobby) Alphonse
 April 19, 2013

Son of

Joanna & James Amendola

Congratulations also to
 Great-grandparents
Bernie & Roz Dave

Dani Goldfeder &

Matthew Reiss

On their marriage, April 28, 2013
 Congratulations also to
 Matthew's parents,

Leslie & Bernie Reiss



David & Abby Schwartz

on the birth of their grandson
Bode Milo Bazelon
 May 2, 2013



Cameron Sheldon

Son of

Mark & Sheryl Sheldon

On receiving the
 Aleph Award as a Cub Scout

2013-2014/5774 YGOR Board

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Sydney Braverman

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Membership VP:

Emily Braverman

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Oliver Varland

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Randy & Maurey Green

and their children
Ben, Sarah & Ike



Dani & Matthew Reiss

Enrichment.



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After almost three years we have observed a fifty percent decrease in the amount of gas used. However there has been about a 20% increase in electrical usage to power the geothermal pumps. Overall our bills have been reduced by 15- 20%.

The Greater Cincinnati Energy Alliance is a fantastic resource to help you evaluate your home's energy efficiency. One of the Energy Alliance's qualified home performance contractors can perform a home energy assessment which measures air leakage, utility usage, insulation needs, and your home's heating and cooling mechanical system. The energy assessment helps you evaluate your house for potential savings and make it more environmentally friendly by improving air quality inside the home and in the outside environment.

After the assessment, the qualified home performance

contractor will prepare a report and make recommendations to improve your house. The report will inform you about expected payback on any investment you might make. Typical improvements are sealing air leaks, adding insulation, and upgrading to a high efficiency furnace.

The Energy Alliance offers cash incentives to help offset the price of some improvements, and the organization offers low-interest loans with no fees or penalties through their Greater Cincinnati Home Energy Loan Program (GC-HELP). You can qualify through an online application and be approved within an hour of your application.

For more information please visit the Greater Cincinnati Energy Alliance website at: www.greatercea.org. To learn more about additional incentives available to homeowners who complete energy efficiency improvements to their homes, visit: <http://greatercea.org/energy-efficiency-incentives>

Duke Energy has the Smart Saver Incentive Program which will pay up to a \$200 rebate for the installation of a high efficiency furnace and air conditioner. The details can be found on their website at:

<http://www.duke-energy.com/ohio/savings/smart-saver.asp>

The federal government also allows you to write off 30% your investment in qualified solar energy, solar water heaters, small wind energy, and geothermal heat pumps.

I took advantage of some of the rebates and tax incentives. We continue to save on our energy bills every month. I expect the difference in upgrading to the high efficiency system will pay for itself in just a few more years.

Mike Heldman
Environmental Committee

Additional resources to save money, improve your home and the environment

HIP - Hamilton County's Property Improvement Program

The Hamilton County Home Improvement Program (HIP) loan allows homeowners in Hamilton County communities to borrow money to repair or remodel their homes or rental property at interest rates 3% below the lowest rate a bank would normally offer. There are no income requirements for the HIP loan.

http://www.hamiltoncountyohio.gov/hc/hc_hip.asp

Eco-Link - Energy Conservation for Ohioans

The Energy Conservation for Ohioans (ECO-Link) program is designed to provide reduced rate financing through partnering banks for Ohioans completing weatherization improvements or installing energy efficient products in their homes. ECO-Link provides a 3% interest rate reduction for 5 to 7 years. The maximum loan amount the interest rate reduction can be applied to is \$50,000. Go to ecolink.ohio.gov

Generating Your Own Electricity: Net Metering

Net metering is a billing arrangement where customers who produce their own electricity can receive a credit on their electric utility bills for any extra electricity produced by the customer that flows back onto the electric utility's distribution system. Go to

<http://www.puco.ohio.gov/puco/index.cfm/consumer-information/consumer-topics/generating-your-own-electricity-net-metering/>

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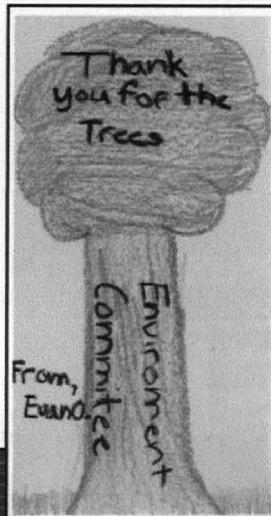
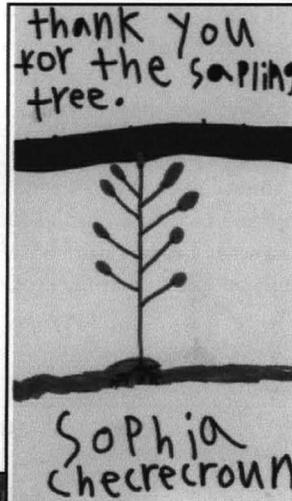
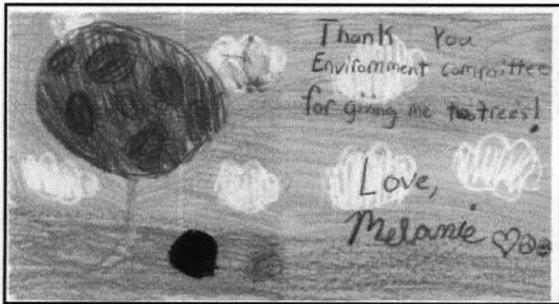
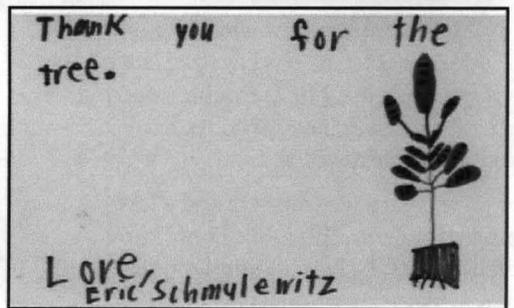
Joanne Gerson
Environmental Committee Chair

ARBOR DAY EVENT

**Sponsored by the Environmental
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The Environmental committee members researched finding suitable trees to give to our Sunday School students on Arbor Day. David Rosenberg separated the bundle of 100 seedlings, potted and cared for each tree. We hope you will send pictures of your new trees as they grow.

Anyone can make a contribution to support the Environmental Committee activities by contributing to the Temple Fund and note Environmental Committee on the memo line.



The 2012-13 Environmental Committee
Joanne Gerson-chair, Teresa Ames, OJ Cohen, Myron Gerson, Dolores Goldfinger, Mike Heldman, Bennett Kottler, Gerry Kraus, Marvin Kraus, Bob Ingberg, David Rosenberg with support from Ed and Anita Marks.
New members are welcome!

LIBRARY UPDATE

~Random Thoughts~

It's pretty cool that the guys who created Superman, Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster, were Jewish and from Cleveland! And Joe Simon and Jack Kirby, creators of Captain America, were also Jewish. Then there are Stan Lee, Will Eisner, even Art Spiegelman.

What is it about the Jews and comic books?

I know my sense of what "God" means to me has changed since I was younger, but I have trouble knowing exactly what I believe. And it's hard to talk to people about it.

I've heard of Amos Oz and a few other Israeli novelists, but I only know their names. I'd like to sample some Israeli literature or poetry---but it would have to be in English!

I know a little Yiddish, from comedy routines and movies mostly. I



like the way it sounds! I'd use some Yiddish---if I didn't worry I was saying it wrong, or saying something too crude or insulting.

I was sitting up in the library where you look over into the Social Hall, and that entire set of shelves was nothing but biographies of important Jews. I knew nearly every name---even though I'm hazy on what most of them did.

My fourth grader came home and told me Harry Houdini was Jewish, and his father was a rabbi. Wow---how did he wind up a magician and escape artist? And was that his real name? I bet not.

I think I'm ready to learn more about the Holocaust. But it's just so huge. Maybe I could connect with it through people's personal stories...

I really like the Jewish-themed picture books and storybooks we collected over the years for our kids when they were little. I think they really helped our kids build a Jewish identity. But now we're reading to our grandchildren, and those books seem a little dated! I'd like to read them some new Jewish storybooks when they visit---without having to search them out at the Public Library.

While I was visiting Israel I tasted great food from so many different cuisines! I'd really like to be able to cook some of those dishes myself.

That Dead Sea Scrolls exhibit went by me too fast. I think there's a lot of Jewish history I just never quite put together, even though I do know about parts of it. The thing is, I know I connect with history best through pictures and maps. Hey, I admit it!

If you've ever had any of these thoughts, it's OK! You should visit the Rockdale Library, upstairs from the Social Hall!

Karen Zanger
Volunteer Librarian

Kahal Kodesh Religious School

~April 28, 2013~



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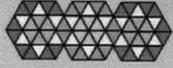
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6:15 p.m. Pre-Ordination
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Saturday, June 8, 2013

9:00 a.m. Ordination Service
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Friday, June 14, 2013

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

With Birthday Blessings
Followed by Shabbat Dinner

Saturday, June 15, 2013

9:30 a.m. Sichat Torah
(Torah Discussion)
10:30 a.m. Service-in-the-Round

Friday, June 21, 2013

5:30 p.m. Tot Shabbat Service
5:45 p.m. Shabbat Nosh
6:15 p.m. SHABBAT SERVICE

*With Anniversary Blessings
& Choir Singing*

Saturday, June 22, 2013

9:30 a.m. Sichat Torah
(Torah Discussion) 
10:30 a.m. Service-in-the-Round

Friday, June 28, 2013

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

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