

Kol HaLev Happenings

Newsletter of Cleveland's Reconstructionist Community

February 2010

Women's Retreat 2010: An Invitation to ALL Kol HaLev Women

Taking time for healing thinking is not a luxury, yet many of us include it in our schedule far too infrequently. At our KHL Women's Retreat there will be time to relax, schmooze, possibly enjoy the beauty of the nearby metropark, and make new discoveries about each other's lives. Laughter, stories, and insights allow us to become true resources for one another.

Themes for our past two retreats were "Tying or Untying Knots that Connect," and "Living in the Spaces." The theme for this year's retreat will be "Dancing in the Shadows: The Light in the Darkness, and the Darkness in the Light." Shadows and light both reveal and conceal simultaneously. How? How much? Is there a way to embrace the contradiction? In the midst of a Cleveland February, how can we further benefit from Judaic approaches to the topics of darkness and light?

This year our retreat will take place on Sunday, February 21, from 9:45 a.m. - 3:45 p.m. at the home of Donna and Dick Weinberger, 32090 Woodsdale Lane, in Solon. Although it lasts only a few hours, the retreat still creates one of the most special memories of the year. There will be morning study and sharing, a potluck lunch, and afternoon sessions led by Nancy Rubel and KHL Rabbinic Intern Simcha Zevit. Thanks to the graciousness of Donna Weinberger in opening her home to us, we can offer the retreat without an extra fee.

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Bar Mitzvah

Please join us
as our son

Benjamin Shafran

is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah
Saturday, February 6, at 9:30 a.m.
The Ratner School

Celebrate with our family at a festive
Kiddush and luncheon following the service

Susan Knell and Robert Shafran
RSVP by February 1, 2010 for the luncheon:
rshafran@roadrunner.com

New Members

b'ruchim haba'im

Please welcome new members

Juanita Fish

Rita Politzer

David Conn's wife, Elizabeth and their children,
Christopher, 15, Cameron, 10, and
Nathalie, 9

We look forward to seeing you at future
Kol HaLev events

From Our President - Allen Binstock

I want to thank all Kol HaLev members who responded so generously to our end-of-year challenge grant fundraiser. I also want to explain a recent change regarding the Kol HaLev dues statement as it relates to our overall financial picture.

Late in 2009 an anonymous member offered \$5,000 in matching funds, and by December 31, 2009, the end of the challenge period, members had paid and/or pledged \$7,500, bringing the total raised to \$12,500. Once again, the members of Kol HaLev showed how much they care for this community and want it to succeed. As President of the Board, I want to express my deep gratitude to all our members who donated to this campaign. In particular, I want to thank the anonymous donor who got the ball rolling and provided such generous support.

When we add the funds raised by the challenge grant to the \$6,500 raised through the silent auction, and then include some \$3,000 we just received in RITA tax refunds (thanks to services donated by Alan Lipson's firm), we had a very good fourth quarter in 2009, substantially reducing our projected deficit for the year. You may be asking: Why we are still projecting a deficit in the \$10,000 to \$20,000 range? Let me explain.

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Rabbinic Corner — Rabbi Steve Segar

It has been a few months since I last used this column to share some of the perspectives I have been learning about in the organizational development program at Case Western. The past two semesters have been very focused on the application of complexity theory to the processes of organizational change. While I am still very much a neophyte at this, I believe I have enough of a handle on it to say that complexity theory is a more recent name for what used to be called chaos theory. Among other things, the theory involves the exploration of the ways in which systems can experience dramatic and seemingly disproportionate shifts in dynamics as a result of relatively small interventions. One professor took this perspective to its most extreme when he argued that planning itself has a much more limited level of effectiveness than many of us are taught to assume. This is due to the inherent complexity of any organization, which leaves us very little control over how a given plan or mission is going to be acted out.

This professor and others on the faculty at the Ashridge Business School in England (where we recently had a residency) took a very provocative and critical stance towards one of the key tools of contemporary organizational change, the strategic plan. For this group of theorists and practitioners, the problem with a strategic plan is that it is so heavily future-oriented, whereas they are of the firm belief that change can only take place in the present. Because their approach to change is so present-oriented, they make frequent use of activities that are taken from the world of improvisational theater.

These professors critique the way patterns of communication become entrenched within organizations. They argue that the best way to get a change process rolling is to interrupt established communication patterns and allow for something new to emerge. I think it is interesting to contemplate these ideas as we approach the holiday of Purim. What description could we come up with for Purim that would be better than “a day for disrupting normal communication and behavior patterns”?

I suppose that if we took this complexity theory seriously, we might consider really shaking things up a bit. Maybe we are really missing the boat by seeing Purim as a once a year experience. Imagine what it would be like if we held our annual meeting on Purim? I have no doubt that novelty would emerge. While I could not buy into everything I was being exposed to, I nonetheless found this perspective thought-provoking and worthy of further investigation.

May we all during this month of Adar become more aware of the patterns of thought and speech that typically structure our interactions, and may we muster the courage and the playfulness to see what life is like beyond those borders.

Rabbi Steve

Women's Retreat 2010: An Invitation to ALL Kol HaLev Women

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Our retreat is a time to nurture ourselves and each other. If you can't come for the entire day, come for part of it. Any participation that you can manage will be a true gift to yourself as well as to others.

Please mark Sunday, February 21, on your calendar for our retreat. **It is important that you RSVP if you are considering coming.** You may have already received an official e-mail invitation. If not, please e-mail Happy Wallach at HappyHKW@aol.com. Questions? Give Happy a call at 216-283-4058.

From Our President - Allen Binstock

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Our expenses for the 2009-2010 fiscal year are approximately \$240,000. The Rabbi's payment package, rent for the office and Ratner, and salaries for our education director and office administrator add up to 90% of that budget. The remaining 10% involves various expenses that arise during the year. The Board has closely examined these to make all possible cuts. If we divide that \$240,000 expense by our 130 member families, it would mean that each family would have to contribute about \$1,900 if we were to pay our bills just using dues. However, not every family can afford \$1,900, and it is unrealistic to think we can meet our expenses through dues alone.

Our current budget anticipates that we will receive about \$141,500 this year through dues payments, an amount that is slightly down from last year because of the expected effect on our members of the downturn in the U.S. economy. That averages to about \$1,100 received per member-household, and means that we have to raise an additional \$100,000 to balance the budget. Some of that money will come from second-year Sacred Space campaign commitments; some from Hagiga tuition and grants. Additional funds will come from gifts that members and friends make for special occasions. We try to bring in the remainder through fundraising. However, in spite of our recent successes, those efforts have not been sufficient to avoid a projected deficit.

Given our financial situation, it is very important that members re-evaluate how much they are paying in dues in comparison to what it costs to provide the services that the congregation provides.

There are no plans to increase dues at this time. However, the Board has approved a change in the language concerning dues categories to reflect more accurately the cost of running the congregation.

The current dues structure was adopted by the membership in June 2007. Dues were set at \$1,200 per family, \$900 per single parent family and \$800 for a single adult. An additional \$700 was added to each figure and designated as "dues plus." In addition, members were given the option of self-adjusting dues based on 2% of their adjusted gross income. Prior to this structure, "dues plus" had been a voluntary category used to reflect what members should pay to meet their fair share. However, beginning in 2007, the "dues plus" amount was billed to members to let them know that this amount was part of their annual responsibility.

The term "dues plus," may imply to some members that this category is still a voluntary donation. That is not the case. The dues plus amount must be included in calculating a member's dues responsibility in order to reflect the actual cost of operating our community. **To avoid confusion about this in the future, the Board has decided to remove the term "dues plus" from the dues structure.** You will no longer have to do the math yourself by adding the dues plus into your dues category. From now on, the former "dues plus" amount will be added directly into each member's annual responsibility. Thus, the family rate will be \$1,900, the single parent rate will be \$1,600, and the single adult rate will be \$1,500. Members will still have the option of using the self-adjusted rate of 2% of AGI. As in the past, members without the wherewithal to meet either of these rates can confidentially discuss adjustments with the President or the Treasurer.

We do not want dues to be a barrier to membership in our community. But at the same time, each member must understand what their fair share is to operate the community.

I hope I have clarified why we need to engage in extensive fundraising, and why all member-households need to understand their financial responsibilities toward the community and make every effort to meet those responsibilities as best they can. With more families meeting their fair share of dues responsibilities, we can lessen the amount of annual fundraising that is necessary and meet our goal of being a fiscally responsible community.

Allen

Board Report

At the January 11 Board meeting treasurer Ami Kopstein reported that, thanks to the success of the matching fund campaign at the end of 2009 and the silent auction in November, the congregation's financial position has improved, significantly reducing the size of the anticipated deficit. It is hoped that other fundraising activities such as a Purim Mishloach Manot project and the Capitol One Kol HaLev affinity credit card, along with continued dues and tuition payments, will help improve the bottom line.

Kol HaLev camperships will be modified to stay in line with those of JECC. Thus campers attending the first or second year of a Jewish cultural camp, such as Camp Wise, will be eligible for camperships. If, after awarding camperships to those eligible for JECC funds, there is still money budgeted by KHL for camperships, the funds will be used to assist Kol HaLev campers applying for their third year and beyond at Camp JRF.

Nancy Hecht, co-chair of the High Holy Day committee, submitted a report that she and co-chair Claudia Weissman prepared on planning activities for the 2009 holidays. They identified a number of areas such as coordination with Ratner and recruitment of volunteers in which planning ran more smoothly. They also identified areas for improvement. One important factor in a smoothly running High Holy Day season is early planning. Last year planning began in March and it is anticipated that the same will happen this year. The Board thanked Nancy for the hard work and excellent job she and Claudia did in running the largest and most complicated of Kol HaLev's activities.

The next board meeting will be held Monday, February 8, 7:30 p.m., at the home of Leah and Ron Gilbert.

Judy Harris

Camp Scholarships for High School Students

The Jewish Education Center of Cleveland has applications available for The Frances and Sanford M. Tolchinsky Camp Scholarship for Leadership Training. This scholarship is for high school students (preferably incoming 9th and 10th graders) who attend a Jewish camp offering leadership training. Financial need is only one factor in the consideration; others include demonstrated leadership potential and an expressed desire to give back to the Jewish community as a result of this leadership experience.

At least two grants are given annually, in an amount not to exceed \$500 per grant.

To request an application contact Helen Wolf at the Jewish Education Center of Cleveland: (216) 371-0449 or hwolf@jecc.org

All completed applications must be submitted by April 1, 2010.

Contributions

Kol HaLev gratefully acknowledges the following contributions:

Beth and Frederick Friedman-Romell in honor of the bar mitzvah of Steven Friedman-Romell to Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Shawn and Simcha Zevit in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Shawn's grandfather, Aaron Zevit

Kol HaLev thanks the following members for additional end-of-year donations that were matched by a generous anonymous donor: (*Previous donors to the matching fund were listed in the January newsletter.*)

Sharon Agopian	Ron Kohn
Mike Armin	Glenda Kupersmith and Ami Kopstein
Halle and Benjamin Barnett	Lynn and David Liebling
Molly Berger	Michal and Bill Marcus
Allen Binstock	Ginny Nadler
Janice Carrick	Mordy and Sue Pelleg
Margaret Cohen and Kevin Rahilly	Allan and Sandy Rosenfield
Anita Cohn	Jeffrey and Debby Schein
Beth and Frederick Friedman-Romell	Stuart and Sharon Schultz
Paul Gellman	Steve Segar and Andy Getz
Susan Golden	Renee Siegel
Deborah Gross and Charles Rosenblatt	Howard Sobel and Joanne Federman
Charles Hersch and Shahin Afnan	Mario and Roberta Tonti
Robin Holzman	Happy Wallach
Peter Imrey	Alan Weinstein
Leah Kamionkowski	Eda Weiss
Steven Kanner and Karly Whitaker	

Marcia and Gil Goldberg in gratitude to Rabbi Steve for helping with the bris of Samuel Scott Vaena

Judy Harris and Alan Lipson in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Judy's father Sol Fink

Phyllis and Frank Maris in commemoration of the yahrzeits of Marguerite Dresden and Eli Samplin Marks

Barbara Truitt in honor of the b'nai mitzvah of Ravi Lesser and Steven Friedman-Romell

Double Mitzvah Opportunity

In one easy step you can support Kol HaLev and fulfill the Purim mitzvot. See pages 9-12 for information about our first annual Purim fundraiser.

Hagiga Happenings

It is hard to believe that this past month was my second anniversary with Kol HaLev. It seems like just yesterday that I was introduced to this wonderful community. On the other hand, so much has changed during this time that it is also hard to believe that it has been *only* two years.

Recently, a new committee was formed that I have the pleasure to serve on: the Long Range Educational Committee, chaired by Kirby Date. In partnership with Marlyn Jaffe of the Jewish Education Center of Cleveland, Kirby is leading us through a process of looking at what we have done over the past two years and where we would like to go. Many thanks to Kirby and the members of the committee for their diligent work.

Another exciting event this past month, which highlighted the changes of the past two years, was the attendance of a Kol HaLev cohort at the annual meeting of the Jewish Education Center of Cleveland. While some Kol HaLev members attend this prestigious event through their role in other organizations, as a new member to the Kol HaLev community two years ago, I sat alone. This year, our contingent included members of the Youth and Family Education committee, madrichim, and our president, Allen Binstock. It was such a pleasure to honor our educators surrounded by our Kol HaLev and Cleveland communities.

As the holiday of Tu B'Shevat has just passed, the metaphor of the tree seems particularly apt. In Jewish education, we continually plant seeds to nourish and guide our children, yet we never know when these seeds of our rich tradition will bloom, or even, if they ever will. I am honored to be a part of a community willing to take the time to evaluate the progress of our growth. I look forward to sharing the products of our labor as they blossom.

Robyn Novick

Upcoming Bonim Events

February 7, Sunday 3-6pm **Afternoon of quiz games**

At the home of Steve Segar and Andy Getz

Families optional at this event

March 14, Sunday, Spend the day at **Kalahari indoor water park!**

Optional stay-over possible Saturday night March 13 or Sunday March 14

Cost to be negotiated based on number of families coming

Families welcome. Some adults needed for proper supervision.

RSVP:

pam@millasdesigns.com 216-382-5029 or

andygetz@bepure.com 216-658-9996

Camp JRF Camperships: Increased Grants Available

Kol HaLev and the Jewish Education Center of Cleveland (JECC) will again provide grants to help families defray the cost for children attending Camp JRF for their **first or second** time. JECC has also announced that it will be increasing the maximum grant this year to \$1,000. If you are interested in applying for one of these camperships, please contact Alan Weinstein (216-687-3758 or alan.weinstein@law.csuohio.edu). Please note that first priority will be given to children enrolled in the Kol HaLev education program.

In addition to, and separate from the above grant program, Kol HaLev will attempt to provide financial assistance for families who want to send a child to Camp JRF for year three or beyond. If your family intends to request such assistance, please contact Alan Weinstein as soon as possible.

Started in 2002, Camp JRF has grown from 39 campers from 12 JRF communities in Summer 2002 to 340 campers from almost 50 communities in Summer 2009. This growth in enrollment has also included a broadening of ages. Camp JRF now has programs for youngsters between 8 and 17 years of age. Energetic and creative staff members come from the United States, Canada, and Israel, and Camp JRF senior staff includes students from the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College.

In 2006 Camp JRF moved to its new permanent facility located on 130 acres of beautifully wooded land in the Pocono Mountains. Cabins for campers are equipped with toilets and showers and each cabin has a porch. Campers take their meals in a newly renovated dining hall (capacity of 400 people) with a fully equipped kosher kitchen. In the event that a camper requires medical assistance, there is a 24-hour health clinic within 5 minutes of the camp and the Scranton Community Medical Center is within 20 minutes of the camp.

Features and amenities of the camp site include:

- a heated six-lane pool with attached changing area and hot tub
- a private four-acre lake with sandy beach, water trampoline, and small boats
- an Arts Center with individual rooms for pottery, crafts, cooking, cloth screening, industrial arts, and more
- an indoor/outdoor theater with seating for 360, dual-level stage, and adjoining classrooms
- large outdoor pavilions for gymnastics, dance, sports, and education
- sports fields for baseball, soccer, lacrosse, and group games
- basketball courts, sand volleyball courts, tennis courts, and roller hockey rink
- an indoor facility with theater, gymnastics, and skating equipment
- high and low ropes course elements
- multiple streams and hiking trails
- fully equipped health center

For more information about Camp JRF visit their web site at <http://www.campjrf.org/>

Kol Halev's First Annual Purim Fundraiser

Order Shalach Manot for your KHL friends & family!

Fulfill the Mitzvah!

During Purim it is customary to bring a basket of sweets (Shalach Manot) to friends, family & neighbors. The sweets contribute to the joy and festiveness of the holiday.



Order Your Shalach Manot Now!

Each festive and frosted bag is filled with:

4 hamantaschen (parve) eye mask 4" Israeli style grogger
Israeli chocolate bar (dairy) Grape Juice (OU) Israeli halva snack (parve)
2 chocolate covered hazelnut wafers (parve)!

AND MORE!

- Orders will be accepted until Sunday, February 12, 2010
 - Baskets will be delivered during the week of February 21-26.
- You will receive 1 basket, regardless of how many are ordered for you, plus a card listing all of the people who ordered a basket for you!
- Household units comprising of more than 4 will receive extra goodies.

How to order:

You can order everything online through our secure website at www.kolhalev.net

OR

use Paysimple – and then send an email to mama@thefunkymama.com indicating what you are paying for!

OR

Complete the reverse side of this flyer & return it with a check by mail to:

Jessie Vigorito, 6701 Solon Blvd., Solon OH 44139.

Orders cannot be processed until payment is received. Checks made payable to Kol HaLev. Please contact **Jessie Vigorito** with any questions at mama@thefunkymama.com or 440.218.4816.

ALL ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY KOL HALEV BY February 12, 2010 (to guarantee on-time delivery). To perform the mitzvah of *mishloach manot*, please select those that apply. *Free delivery!*

Name: _____ Address: _____
City: _____ Zip _____ Phone _____
Email Address _____

****Please check off the names on the following pages that you would like to send Shalach Manot baskets to.**

- I wish to order ___ baskets @ \$5.00/each. TOTAL: \$ _____
- I wish to reciprocate (\$3.50 per basket) to all those who have sent me a basket. I understand that KHL will bill me for this.
- I am ordering 15+ baskets for \$50.00
- I am ordering 50+ baskets and ALL reciprocals for \$100.00
- I wish to send a basket to **EVERY Kol HaLev MEMBER** on the list for \$200.
- YES!! I would love to help deliver baskets (you get a great rush from it – it's like delivering flowers. YOU make people SMILE☺)
- I will pick up my personal basket at Ratner School on Sunday, February 28 at 10 am before the Megillah reading.
- I prefer to have my personal basket delivered sometime during the week of February 21-26, 2010.

To perform the Purim mitzvah of **Matanot la'evyonim (Gifts to the Poor)**, please consider making a tax-free donation to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund. We will then forward all such contributions to one or more of the charitable organizations that provide meals and other financial services to local individuals and families in need.

- YES!! I am fulfilling the mitzvah of Matanot la'evyonim. Here is my donation of \$ _____



Thank you and have a joyous and sweet Purim!

Kol HaLev's Membership List

Children are listed in parentheses

Anne Adamson
Sharon Agopian
Mike Armin
Benjamin & Halle Barnett (Max & Julian)
Molly Berger
Jordan and Amy Berns (Jackson, Eliza, Zoe)
Arthur & Sue Biagianti
Allen Binstock
Carol & David Bortz (Danny, Aaron)
Amy & Jack Brodsky (Evan, Kyle, Tyler)
Lee Brooker
Kareen & Michael Caputo (Kevin, Julian, Roman)
Janet Carrick
Abraham & Muriel Chasin
Fred & Marsha Chenin
Anita Cohn
Maxine Collin
David & Elizabeth Conn (Christopher, Cameron & Nathalie)
Adina & Mark Davidson (Rachel, Joshua)
Maureen Dinner
Nancy Dudwick
Traci & Scott Elgart (Ryan, Taylor)
Barbara & Barry Epstein
Dick & Deena Epstein
Ed & Mimi Feil
Juanita Fish
Beth & Frederick Friedman-Romell (Steven, Harlan)

Mimi Plevin-Foust & Bill Foust (Katy)
Leah & Ron Gilbert (Nathan)
Nina Glueckselig (Max & Gabriel)
Gil & Marcia Goldberg
Susan L. Golden
Joyce Goldstein (Kayla & Gabriel)
Bruce & Brenda Goodman (Naomi, Kayla)
Jonathan Gordon & Paula Klausner (Ben & Gabe)
Peter Gray & Judy Vida
Linda Gross
David Gwatkin (Samuel & Katherine)
Ralph & Selma Gwatkin
Maureen Hack
Carl Hagerling & Gwen Glazer (Clara, Heather, Isaac)
Mike Hagesfeld & Elise Collin (Dana)
Louis & Julie Handler
Nancy Hecht
Judy Herdering
Charles Hersch & Shahin Afnan (Gabriel & Max)
Amy & Jonathan Herzenstein (Zoe & Noah)
Robin Holzman
Michael & Irene Immerman
Peter Imrey
Celia and Bruce Jennings
Dick & Jayne Jones
Leah Kamionkowski
Steven Kanner & Karly Whitaker (Mira)

Carol Karabin
Rachel Kay (Sarah & Joseph)
Sam & Anna Kelman
Sue & Eric Kisch
Dan Klein & Nancy Rubel (Sarah)
Ron Kohn
Ami Kopstein & Glenda Kupersmith
Neil and Diane Korman
Alan & Lisa Kornspan (Spencer, Zachary, Justin)
Ray Lesser & Sue Wolpert (Ari, Renae, Ravi)
Ben Lewis & Bellamy Printz (Celia & John)
Arthur Lieberman & Karal Stern (Rebecca, Rachel & Moriah)
David & Lynn Liebling
Alan Lipson & Judy Harris
Marilyn Litvene
Richard Litwin and Kirby Date (Johannah & David)
Ernie Logsdon & Jane Logsdon (Aaron & Aviv)
Franklin & Maggie Malemud
Bill & Michal Marcus (Ma'ayan, Nadav & Hadas)
Frank & Phyllis Maris
Chip May and Harold May
Joe Mendes & Cynthia Larsen (Mariah & Abraham)
Ken & Barbara Messinger-Rapport (Jacob & Nathan)
Greg & Pam Millas (Elaine & Esther)

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Children are listed in parentheses

Brian & Jean Miller (Isaac, Ben & Lila)
Mark Munetz & Lois Freedman (Katie & Jonathan)
Ginny Nadler
Ruth Ness
Robyn Novak & Andy Oster (Eilan)
Eric Olsen & Jennifer Finkel (Sophie)
Mordechai & Sue Pelleg
Julio & Aurelia Pelsmajer
Emory Petrack & Sammy Greenspan (Josh & Rachel)
David Pincus (Gabriel and Kayla)
Gloria Plevin
Rita Politzer
Mike Raddock & Chris Antenucci (Will, Rachel & Lilah)
Kevin Rahilly & Margaret Cohen (Louis & Isaac)
Pauline Raymond
Pete & Heidi Robertson (Isabel & Benjamin)
Charles Rosenblatt & Deborah Gross (Emily)
Allan & Sandy Rosenfield
Jeffrey & Debby Schein
Dave & Martha Schubert (Maxwell & Alice)
Stuart & Sharon Schultz
Steve Segar & Andy Getz (Gabe, Caleb & Zachary)
Greg and Lois Selker (Maxwell, Allen, Samuel)

Susan Knell & Bob Shafran (Benjamin & Rachel)
Chuck Sheehe & Marianne Lax (Emma & Ian)
Robin Shell (Gabriel & Lucas)
Renee Siegel
Howard Sobel & Joanne Federman (Hannah, Sarah)
Larry & Jodi Solomon (Ziv & Ilana)
David & Erica Steinweg (Sophie)
Barry Stern & Peggy Mendes-Stern (Jake, Sophie, Max)
Gabrielle Sticklely (Sage & Willie)
David & Peggy Sugerman (Simon, Eli & Gabriel)
Jeffrey Sunshine & Helen Salz (Kerrin & Ari)
Vicki Sussman (Carlee & Kai)
Steve Tater and Terre Maher (Hannah & Lucy)
Aaron Tetelman & Jessie Vigorito (Gabe, Azriel & Seraph)
Mario & Roberta Tonti
Barbara Truitt
Pnina Unger (Helen)
Sura Villa and Gina Villa (Molly)
Happy Wallach
Audrey Warner (Ilana)
Kevin & Sue Weidenbaum
Richard & Donna Weinberger (Cara)
Irwin Weinberger, Meg Manny
Alan Weinstein

Brent & Kate Weinstock (Harry, Gilda & Morgan)
Eda Weiss
Claudia and Jeff Weissman (Annalena)
Jonathan Wilhelm
David & Rachel Williams (Gwen & Clay)
Shawn & Simcha Zevit
Helen Zipper

Chug HaSefer — Book Discussion Circle

The book group will meet on Thursday evening, February 25, at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Ruth Ness (**Note change of location for this month's meeting**) to discuss *Old Men at Midnight* by Chaim Potok. The three novellas in this book are “linked by a single character whose life experiences carry us from the Holocaust to the Kremlin's doctor's plot to the quieter terrors of old age.” (from a *Library Journal* review)

The book for the March 25 meeting will be *Apples from the Desert* by Savyon Liebrecht.

For more information about the February meeting contact Ruth Ness at 216-932-5579 or AJNCleve@aol.com

All KHL members are welcome to attend.

Chesed

- A speedy recovery to Fred Chenin from knee replacement surgery
- A speedy recovery to Harold May from femur surgery
- A speedy recovery to Lee Brooker who had partial hip replacement surgery after falling on the ice.



MUSIC COMMITTEE FORMING

A group of members met recently to discuss the formation of a music committee. We have lots of musical talent in the congregation and want to enhance our services and programs with even more music.

If you are interested in joining the music committee, please let Barb Truitt know (barb.truitt@gmail.com).

Every month can be
Hodesh Limud (a learning month) on
The New Kol HaLev Website
Look for the link (under Resources) to The Jewish Virtual Library,
a source for facts about Jewish history and current affairs.
www.kolhalev.net



Join us in

Shushanalulu

For a Luau Purim Celebration



Sunday, February 28, 2010

10:00 am - 12:30 pm

at the Ratner School

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| 10—11 | Intergenerational
Purim Activities |
| 11—12 | Megillah Reading |
| 12—12:30 | Seudah/Nosh |

Assignments:

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| A-F | Drinks |
| G-L | Hamentashin/Desserts |
| M-R | Cheese & Crackers |
| S-Z | Fruits or Veggies |



Pick up your
Mishloach Manot
with a side of
laughter, leis,
and limbo!

Questions? Contact Robyn at robyn@kolhalev.net or 216-320-1498

Please join us in welcoming our young learners
to the Kol HaLev community at

Hagigat Limud

Celebration of Learning



Saturday, February 20, 2010
6 Adar 5770
During the Torah Service

Show your green spirit
and get a Kol HaLev cup
and bag of your own!

Cup \$6, Bag \$12, or
Cup & Bag combo \$15.

Contact Judy the office,
judy@kolhalev.net or
216-320-1498.



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Yahrzeits

They are now a part of us as we remember them.

Members of Kol HaLev will mark the following yahrzeits during February:

Abe Ritz (Avrum) – father of Muriel Chasin

Harry Goldstein – father of Anita Cohn

Freda Shleser Imrey – mother of Peter Imrey

Lisa Goldstein – mother of Anita Cohn

George Smith – father of Barbara Truitt

Donald J. Goodman – father of Bruce Goodman

Kol HaLev members may include the yahrzeit of family members in KHL Happenings by submitting the name of the deceased, the relationship to the member and the date of death, including the year, in either the secular or Jewish calendar to JudyHerdering@kolhalev.net.

FEBRUARY 2010 KOL HALEV CALENDAR

- Tuesday 2 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – **A Journey of Conscious Eldering** – first of seven sessions to be held at the home of Leah Kamionkowski, 9 Chelsea Court, Beachwood; 216-464-2940
- Saturday 6 9:30 a.m. **Shabbat Morning Service and Bar Mitzvah of Benjamin Shafran** at Ratner; *Yitro*; Service leaders: Rabbi Steve and Ben; festive Kiddush and luncheon following the service hosted by Susan Knell and Robert Shafran in honor of their son Benjamin's bar mitzvah; RSVP by February 1, 2010 for the luncheon: rshafran@roadrunner.com
- Saturday 6 10:15 a.m. – **Hagiga**
10:45 – Tot-Parent Shabbat Program for families with children in preschool and under in the Room 113 – Room 114. The program is about a half an hour, led by Rachel Williams. Babysitting is available before and after Tot Shabbat, also in Room 113 – Room 114.
- Sunday 7 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. – **Bonim Event – Afternoon of Quiz Games** at the home of Steve Segar and Andy Getz, 2231 Wrenford Road, University Heights
RSVP to pam@millasdesigns.com, 216-382-5029 or andygetz@bepure.com, 216-658-9996
- Monday 8 7:30 p.m. – **Board Meeting** at the home of Leah and Ron Gilbert, 3264 Belvoir Boulevard, Beachwood, 216-752-0752; all Kol HaLev members are welcome
- Sunday 12 **Deadline to place orders for shalach manot** (see pages 9-12 in this newsletter)
- Saturday 13 10:00 a.m. **Mishpatim, Explore the parasha and the Shabbat morning service** at the home of Greg and Lois Selker, 3275 Belvoir Boulevard, Beachwood.
- Sunday 14 2:00 p.m. – **Hadran – Hodesh Limud Conclusion** at Seigel College
- Tuesday 16 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – **A Journey of Conscious Eldering** – second of seven sessions; location TBA

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- Saturday 20 10:15 a.m. **Shabbat Service** preceded by Torah discussion at 9:30 a.m. at Ratner Chapel; *Terumah*; service leader, Kirby Date; Torah discussion leader: TBA; Kiddush co-hosted by Jack and Amy Brodsky and by Alan and Lisa Kornspan
- Saturday 20 10:15 a.m. – **Hagiga**
10:45 – Tot-Parent Shabbat Program for families with children in preschool and under in the Room 113 – Room 114. The program is about a half an hour, led by Rachel Williams. Babysitting is available before and after Tot Shabbat, also in Room 113 – Room 114.
- Saturday 20 11:30 a.m. – **Hagigat Limud**
- Saturday 20 3:30 p.m. – **Torah Study** at the home of Leah Kamionkowski; 9 Chelsea Court, Beachwood; 216-464-2940
- Sunday 21 9:45 a.m. - 3:45 p.m. – **Women’s Retreat 2010** at the home of Donna and Dick Weinberger, 32090 Woodsdale Lane, Solon; Questions or RSVP to Happy Wallach, HappyHKW@aol.com or 216-283-4058
- Wednesday 24 7:30 p.m.-**Mindful Jewish Practice** at the home of Molly Berger, 19744 Chagrin Boulevard; Shaker Heights, 216-752-5434
- Thursday 25 7:30 p.m. - **Book Group** at the home of Ruth Ness; 2328 Miramar, University Heights, 216-932-5579 (**Note change of location for this month’s meeting**)
- Friday 26 8 p.m. **Kabbalat Shabbat Service** in Ratner Chapel; Service leader: Rabbi Steve; oneq co-hosted by Fred and Marsha Chenin in honor of their 45th wedding anniversary and by Franklin and Maggie Malemud
- Saturday 27 10:00 a.m. **Shabbat Kehillah/Community Shabbat** at Ratner School; *Tetzaveh*;
10:00-11:00 - range of intergenerational *Chugim* or workshops
11:00-12:00 – Shabbat Morning Service led by Rabbi Steve and KHL members of many Ages
Potluck co-hosted by David and Peggy Sugerman and by Renee Siegel
- Please join us Saturday, January 30 for a potluck lunch following Shabbat Services. The dishes should be vegetarian/dairy or pareve and SHOULD NOT CONTAIN NUTS. Please bring enough for 8-10.
A-H - Dessert or Drink
I-P - Main Dish
Q-Z – Appetizer Salad
In keeping with our goal of becoming a more sustainable community, we encourage members to bring their own reuseable plates, cups, utensils and napkins to our potluck.
- Sunday 28 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – **Luuu Purim Celebration** with Megillah reading at the Ratner School; pick up your Mishloach Manot baskets at 10 am before the Megillah reading.

See our website calendar and weekly email for additions and changes.

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