EVOLUTION SHABBAT SERVICE ON FEBRUARY 21

By Barb Truitt

Evolution Shabbat is an annual Shabbat service focused on two complementary views of the world—scientific and spiritual. This year, Evolution Shabbat at Kol HaLev will explore the connections among science, Sh’mita (remission or release) and Mahatma Gandhi.

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**March Newsletter Deadline: Monday, Feb. 15**
RELATIONAL JUDAISM IN PRACTICE: STARTING A "MENTOR POOL"

One of the new buzz words within the Jewish community over the past year has been the “relational approach” to Jewish life. This idea, that fostering relationships should be the prime directive of every Jewish institution (we often refer to it as building community), is one that we in the Reconstructionist movement have expressly embraced for a long time. However, the fact that it has recently gained some new traction within the Jewish world at large has given us an opportunity to take a step back and reflect on where we can further strengthen this element in our own context.

In this spirit, I am excited to share a proposal for an initiative, that I first learned about a number of years ago from a member of our community who had read about it in one of the national Jewish journals. The proposal involves the creation of a mentor pool within Kol HaLev that would make it possible for members who want to learn about a particular skill or learn about a particular topic to connect with other members who are willing to teach them.

These areas of interest could be specifically Jewish in nature, such as how to kasher a kitchen, how to make challah or how to put on tefillin (traditional leather boxes that are worn on the arm and forehead during morning prayer). They could also be more general, such as improving competency with technology, or learning to play a musical instrument. The exact logistics of how this mentor pool will be rolled out and utilized are in the process of being clarified by myself and the Membership Committee, but I am hopeful that it will be up and running before the summer. I am confident that its launch will add an important dimension to the process of fostering relationships, of building community, that has always played such a central role at Kol HaLev.

VOLUNTEERS FOR THE LIVE-STREAMING CREW SOUGHT

I imagine that many of you are aware that within the past couple of years, we have initiated the practice of live streaming many of our Shabbat and holiday services on our website so that those who are interested in attending, but who for one reason or another cannot do so, can still have the experience of being present in some sense. (If you’re not familiar with our live-streaming service, we have several recent services archived on our website at [http://kolhalev.net/live-stream](http://kolhalev.net/live-stream).)

Up to now, we have been able to live-stream our services thanks to the very generous efforts of just a few of our members, Brian Miller, Greg Selker and more recently Bill Marcus. But in order to be able to sustain our commitment to offering this important service, we are need of finding and training at least 5 more members who would be willing, on occasion, to put in some extra time before and after a bar or bat mitzvah ceremony or one of the High Holy Day services to set up and then break down the audio and visual components of our live-stream system.

If you are interested in exploring the possibility of being one of those people, please send an email to our office manager, Kelli Birch at kelli@kolhalev.net.

Thanks very much,
Rabbi Steve

Rabbi Steve is available to meet with Kol HaLev members on a range of issues by appointment on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings. Contact him at 216-320-1498 or at rabbisteve@kolhalev.net.
WELCOMING NEW LEARNERS IN A HAGIGAT LIMUD CEREMONY

Recently I was speaking with a parent of a first grader about our upcoming Hagigat Limud ceremony and she asked me, “Is that like Consecration?” Her question inspired me to do a little research. What is Consecration? Where did it come from (certainly not the Jewish tradition, with that name)? How did we get to Hagigat Limud at Kol HaLev?

There is a long standing tradition in Judaism to welcome new learners. Around the twelfth century a custom developed in Germany of bringing a child to school for the first time on Shavout. Sefer Harokeah (parag. 296) written by R. Eleazar of Worms (1160-1230), describes children (boys) being brought to a place of learning and given a slate with a letter written in honey which they would lick, beginning their journey of learning that should always sweet.

In modern times children in supplemental schools have had a Consecration ceremony. In the late nineteenth century, Rabbi David Einhorn of the Reform Movement proposed a new ceremony which was better aligned with modern values, sanctifying the beginning of a child’s education rather than the traditional sanctification through circumcision. While Reform families chose to continue to have a brit milah (circumcision ceremony), they also liked the idea of a Consecration ceremony, marking the beginning of the educational journey.

Some communities chose to hold their Consecration ceremony on Simchat Torah (connecting to joy of Torah), others chose Chanukah (as it is seen as a statement of dedication), while others chose Shavuot (the traditional time of beginning learning). There is also some variance as to the ages of the children who participate in the ceremony from kindergarten through third grade.

How did Kol HaLev arrive at Hagigat Limud? Lucky for us, there is a chapter on the topic in Growing Together: Resources, Program, and Experiences for Jewish Family Education, edited by Rabbi Jeffrey Schein and Judith Schiller. In the chapter “From Consecration to Hagigat Limud,” Rabbi Jeff explains that when it was time to develop a ceremony, he had reservations about the traditional Consecration (its name, while it literally means "the act of making something sacred," has its origins in Christianity, particularly Catholicism, where it refers to the act of giving the sacramental character to the Eucharistic elements of bread and wine). Instead, Schein says, a creative alternative was developed:

Called “Hagigat Limud” (celebration of Jewish learning), our ceremony took place on Tu B’Shevat. We began the planning process too late to do the ceremony on either Simchat Torah or Chanukah. But, as a group, we became attached to Tu B’Shevat and its tree imagery as the spiritual locus for honoring our children’s learning. Children as trees, capable of growth on their own with the proper nurturing soil, pleased the John Dewey in me. And our theme for the Friday service became the lovely line from the Kabbalat Shabbat Psalm 92, “Tzadik k’tamar yifrach” (the righteous will grow like a palm).

Surrounded by learning and an intergenerational embrace, Hagigat Limud was born and continues to evolve. Come see the latest incarnation during the Torah service on Saturday, February 7, as our community welcomes our newest group of learners. May they go from strength to strength!

Kol tuv,
Robyn
MAKING ROOM

On Sunday, January 25, the Kol HaLev board held a retreat to connect on important topics for the community’s wellbeing. As with many past retreats, participants also included committee chairs and others engaged in various facets of Kol HaLev leadership.

Rather than get nitty gritty on strategic and tactical stuff that governs operations and programming, we put our to-do lists on the proverbial shelf, and took a fresh look at a couple of basic truisms that underlie the work we do.

On the one hand, we have the notion of “Hinei ma tov u’ma na’im shevet kulanu yachad:” Here’s what’s really great: That we’re here together. And we acknowledge that how we are here together, and for each other, makes a big impact on wanting to be together some more!

On the other hand, we have the sense of obligation to provide for the means that enable that togetherness. We are an ambitious community; we do a lot, we expect a lot, and in order to maintain what we have set in motion, we need people to do, space to do it, and dollars to pay for it.

Of course, the notions of how we behave together and how we make sure we take care of the stuff that needs to get done are not mutually exclusive. But sometimes, there is tension between them.

As I shared in my November column, at board meetings we’ve been discussing the concept of “relational Judaism,” what it means, in practice, to be more “relational” in our organizational behavior. At Kol HaLev we are pretty intentional about meeting Judaism, and other people, “where they are.” That sense of feeling known – not just welcomed – is one of the things that drew me to Kol HaLev, and a lot of us have that experience in common.

Looking at that sensibility from a leadership perspective, how do we live that value in the tactical ways we work together to create Kol HaLev? How do we behave together, keeping both ideals within a health range of expression?

We made a safe space at the retreat for simply holding both ideas, for hearing others thoughts about them, and for opening ourselves up to look at our personal assumptions about them, with the goal of “meeting each other and the community where we are.” No assignation of weight to priorities, no critique of the way we do things, nor of how others do things.

Rabbi Steve led us in two blessings: the first, the same bracha with which we begin our board meetings to frame our intentions and ask for guidance “la-asok b’tzorchei tzibur” – to provide for the needs of the community; the second, much like he often expands the Shabbat morning blessings to include communal offerings, for the way we want to be in relationship with each other.

Our vice president, Karly Whitaker, then introduced us to a special format for one-on-one conversation that she and other Kol HaLev members have learned through participation in the Greater Cleveland Congregations social action initiatives. Designed to amplify our listening and receptivity (as well as, practically speaking, to discern areas of passion and leadership potential in our conversation partners), the one-on-ones helped us quickly learn our partners’ “spiritual” roots –

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We send wishes for a refuah shleyma, a complete and speedy healing, to Abe Chasin, Fred Chenin, Dorinda Gershman, Judy Harris, Bruce Jennings, Sam Kelman, Ron Kohn, Frank Maris, Jean Miller, Pauline Raymond and Roberta Tonti.

Thanks to Andy Getz, who was the Monthly Coordinator in January. This month, members provided meals and rides, and we thank all who extended themselves to support members with special needs.

We would like to periodically share reflection by members who have been impacted by our Hesed work, both as recipients and as supporters. This month, we share the thoughts of an anonymous member:

Recently, I have responded to several requests from the Hesed committee. The people I assisted have thanked me, but I felt that instead I should be thanking them for the opportunity to serve, to enhance my own spiritual being. The importance of Hesed cannot be overstated, as shown in the words of the prophets.

He has told you, O man, what is good,
And what the Lord requires of you:
Only to do justice
And to love hesed
And to walk humbly with your God.
\textit{Micah 6.8}

For I desire hesed, not sacrifice;
Obedience to God, rather than burnt offerings.
\textit{Hosea 6.6}

If you are able to participate in the work of the Hesed Committee, or if you know of anyone who may need the support of our committee, please contact Rabbi Steve or Robin Holzman (robinholzman@gmail.com) and Martha Schubert (marthaschubert@mac.com), Hesed Co-chairs.

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perspectives as sources of inspiration and enrichment that can help us gain greater clarity on how we can best respond to our ethical challenges.

Kol HaLev's adult education committee has scheduled a series of classes in the coming months that addresses a range of ethical issues using both a Jewish lens as well as one grounded in the social sciences and western philosophical tradition.

The first session of this series will take place on Sunday evening February 22 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Glenda Kupersmith and Ami Kopstein in Cleveland Heights. We will examine the particular issue of human sexuality, examining the range of ethical considerations related to sexual activity within the traditions of Judaic and Western thought, as well as how each of these systems has evolved regarding the boundaries they establish as representing acceptable sexual behavior.
NEWSP & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LEND A HAND: VOLUNTEER FOR THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE (OR OTHER LEADERSHIP POSITIONS)

Are you looking for a volunteer task that is important yet finite in scope, a short-term commitment which doesn't involve food preparation, fund-raising or monthly meetings? The nominating committee may be just what you're looking for.

Sue Pelleg (suelisw@aol.com) or Barb Truitt (barb.truitt@gmail.com), co-chair the nominating committee, which meets in the spring to find candidates for Kol HaLev's board of directors. Kol HaLev's nominating committee is comprised of at least five members, three of whom are current board members and two (or more) are general members in good standing.

This year, the nominating committee's work is light: it needs to find candidates for only three open board positions: Welcoming Values Team Leader and two Members-at-Large (all are two-year terms). If you're interested in serving on the board, or want to know more about the open board positions, get in touch with Sue (suelisw@aol.com) or Barb (barb.truitt@gmail.com).

And if you're interested in becoming more involved in community leadership -- and we hope you will be -- we encourage you to join a committee which interests you (a list of our current committees can be found on page 2 of this newsletter). Talk to other members about the committees they serve on or consult membership committee chair Itsik Kitilla (itsik.kitilla@gmail.com) to find the right committee for your interests and abilities.

WOMEN'S SHABBAT DINNER, SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 13

All Kol HaLev women are cordially invited to our Kabbalat Shabbat Potluck Dinner on Friday, February 13, at 6:45 p.m. at the home of Gloria Plevin in Shaker Heights.

Happy Wallach (appyhkw@aol.com or 216-283-4058) will coordinate RSVPs and food contributions for the evening. Potluck dishes should be parve or dairy and "allergy aware" (no tree nuts or peanuts). We would appreciate one or more volunteers to bring drinks, wine and two challot.

We hope that you can join this delightful opportunity to get to know other women in the Kol Halev community better! (P.S. Please bring indoor slippers or shoes. Thank you!)
Mazal tov to Kol HaLev members Anne and Dan Barach on the birth of their first child, Isaac Arthur Barach. He arrived on January 20, 2015 weighing 7 lbs. 6 oz.

Mazal tov to Kol HaLev members Sue Wolpert and Ray Lesser on the birth of their first grandchild, Samson, to their son Ari and his wife, Miriam.

Mazal tov to Mo Weinstock, son of Kate and Brent Weinstock, winner of a Celebration of the Life and Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Poetry Award. Mo recited his award-winning poem, "We Live the Dream," at Cleveland Heights's Martin Luther King Day observance on January 14.


Mazal tov to Aviv Logsdon, son of Jane and Ernie Logsdon, who was named a MAC (Minority Achievement Committee) Scholar. Jane is also kvelling about her brother, Dr. Stephen Hazan Arnoff, who has been named CEO of the national JCC organization.

Finally, mazal tov to Kol HaLev member and family physician, Dick Weinberger, who was voted "Best Doctor in Cleveland" in a recent poll by WTAM radio.

Share your joy! If you’re kvelling, we want to, too! Milestones, birthdays, anniversaries, births, b’nai mitzvah, graduations, weddings. Send news, hot tips, announcements or pictures to newsletter@kolhalev.net
what’s driving each other at our cores. An energizing exercise!

With that energy in play, we dove into a group discussion, which I facilitated, about the concept of belonging. Among my questions to the group:

- What word or short phrase expresses what belonging to Kol HaLev means to you? How do you know when you belong THAT you belong???
- What, as a person who belongs, do you expect of the organization? Of others who belong? Are there common expectations that apply to everyone who belongs?
- Are there different expectations of different people at different times? How does the notion of belonging affect how you think about engaging? Is there a difference between engaging and contributing?

Through the responses, we observed, without judgment or leap to application, a diverse set of experiences among us, one we could easily extrapolate to reflect the entire membership, as well as to others who may be seeking a spiritual community.

While we let these ideas float gently in the air around us, Rabbi Steve helped us look through a couple of textual lenses to inform our inquiry. In smaller group study, “Rav” Buber and Rav Maimonides added new vocabulary and questions to our cache. Among them:

- What is the “living effective center” that connects us? What are the qualities of that connective center? Does the notion of being connected come with expectations? Are those expectations about our individual abilities or intentions, or our relationship to the whole? Does belonging require commitment? How might our perspectives evolve as we evolve in our relationships and our work together? How do we hold a space for different perspectives?

After a hearty lunch, we looked at a very different kind of text about belonging.

Some congregations actually have a formal statement, or covenant of membership, an agreement by all who choose to belong, that lays out very specifically what members can expect of each other, and of the whole, and what the whole can expect of the members. Using the Philosophical Inquiry model with which he guides discussions on the parsha with Kol HaLev’s 5th - 7th graders, Benjamin Barnett took us on a quest into another (anonymous) Reconstructionist community’s covenant of membership. Not as a suggestion or prescription, but as a text, in the same way we’d inquired into and gently held ideas all day.

Socratic at heart, the Philosophical Inquiry method is a great tool for encouraging people to delay the rush to answers and just ask questions, while holding themselves and others accountable for assertions. While we observed that the congregation whose covenant we studied was very different from Kol HaLev in many ways, as expected, the exploration also birthed many new fruitful questions! Among them:

- What does the word “expectation” mean? Can you claim you’re accepting when you also prescribe how others must behave? Can you dictate feelings? “What does “generous” mean, and who decides? If part of a self-described “spiritual community,” must members be spiritual, and must they attend services, or may they participate in other ways? How can a community promise to provide “spiritual movement” for its members? What were the writers trying to accomplish? Were they successful? How has this document impacted the community? How important are obligations to a community? What happens when set expectations aren’t met?
Kol HaLev’s Annual Purim Fundraiser
ORDER MISHLOACH MANOT(260,330),(896,356)
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Fulfill the Mitzvah!

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

Each festive bag contains Hamantashen (parve & 0% trans fat), candy, juice AND MORE!

The exchange of Mishloach Manot has become a vital component of Kol HaLev’s Purim celebration and annual fundraising efforts and we are striving for 100% participation.

• Orders will be accepted until Wednesday, February 25, 2015.
• Baskets will be delivered between March 3-12 OR can be picked at Kol HaLev’s Annual Megillah Reading on March 4.

How Mishloach Manot works:
• You will receive 1 basket regardless of how many are ordered for you,
• You will receive a card listing all of the people who ordered a basket for you!
• If you would prefer candy-free or virtual basket, please indicate that on your order form.

How to Order—Choose one:
1. By Mail: Print and complete this 2-page form & mail it with a check to: Kol HaLev, 2245 Warrensville Center Rd., Suite 215; University Hts., OH 44118
   OR
   a. Go to http://www.kolHaLev.net/pay_simple
   b. Click on "Click Here to go to Kol HaLev Pay Simple Payment site"
   c. If you’re already registered on the PaySimple site, enter your user ID and password.
   d. If you are not yet registered, click the “Click Here to Pay Now” link on the left.
   e. Type “MISHLOACH MANOT” in the Payment Description box.
   f. Send your form (or just your name and your list of recipients) to the office via email (kelli@kolhalev.net) or fax (216-464-4489)

Please contact Kelli in the office with any questions: kelli@kolhalev.net or 216-320-1498

NOTE: Orders cannot be processed until payment is received.

ALL ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED & PAID IN FULL BY FEBRUARY 25!
MISHLOACH MANOT ORDER SHEET, PAGE 1

Name: ________________________________________________________________

Phone number: __________________________________________________________

☐ I wish to order ____ baskets @ $3.00 each $_____

☐ I also wish to reciprocate to those who have sent me a basket for $36.00 total. $36.00

TOTAL $_____

OR

☐ I wish to send a basket to EVERY KOL HALEV MEMBER (133 Households) $225.00

☐ I would like to order ____ baskets for people outside of the Kol HaLev community. $_____

(There are a very limited number of these available at a cost of $8.00 per basket on a first-come, first-serve basis. Those ordering are responsible for delivery).

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’s my donation of $_____

GRAND TOTAL (Purim baskets, reciprocals and Matanot La’Evyonim) $_____

METHOD OF PAYMENT:

☐ check (payable to “Kol HaLev”) OR ☐ Pay Simple (http://www.kolHaLev.net/pay_simple)

☐ YES!! I would love to help deliver baskets (you get a great rush from it – it’s like delivering flowers. YOU make people SMILE!) The city I’d like to deliver to is ________________________

☐ I will pick up my personal basket at Kol HaLev on Wednesday, March 4 at the Megillah reading or on Shabbat, March 7.

☐ I prefer to have my personal basket delivered sometime between March 3 and March 13.

Thank you and have a joyous and sweet Purim!

(DON’T FORGET TO INCLUDE THE SECOND PAGE OF THIS FORM!)
**Please check off the names of the families to whom you would like to send Mishloach Manot baskets. If you prefer, we can send them by random selection.**

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- Agopian, Sharon
- Armin, Mike
- Barach, Daniel and Anne
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- Biagianti, Arthur and Sue
- Binstock, Allen
- Bortz, David
- Brodsky, Jack and Amy
- Caputo, Michael and Karen
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- Chefitz, Josh and Tyler Katz
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- Siegel, Renee
- Sklarin, Chris and Alexis Abramson
- Sobel, Howard and Joanne Federman
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- Stern, Karal
- Sugarman, David and Peggy
- Sunshine, Jeffrey and Helen Salz
- Tonti, Mario and Roberta
- Truitt, Barb
- Vainer, Joseph & Adina Schoem
- Wallach, Happy
- Warner, Audrey
- Weidenbaum, Kevin and Sue
- Weinberg, Margy
- Weinberger, Irwin and Meg Mann
- Weinberger, Richard and Donna
- Weinstein, Alan
- Winstock, Brent and Kate
- Weiss, Eda
- Weissman, Jeffrey and Claudia
- Wilhelm, Jonathan
- Williams, David and Rachel
- Wolpert, Joyce
Next, we divined a few categories into which these questions seemed to fall, most notably centered around how a community might make, expect, enforce, measure and flex such a document, and the tension between welcoming diversity and holding belief/behavior expectations.

With all these new ways of looking, we now have a new set of weights to lift, but they feel refreshingly light, if critically important.

To further lighten our loads, at the end of our retreat, our treasurer, Bruce Fallick, expertly and patiently instructed the group in basic budgeting vocabulary, so we can come to our future board discussions about community finances with more clarity. I was interested to observe that after a day of meeting each other and the community “where we are,” discussion on a topic that tends to overwhelm was met with such ease, and questions of nuance were addressed without us feeling driven to automatically apply the answers to our tactical issues.

So, wow. What did we achieve together? We honored and cemented our commitments to each other in new ways. We put some language to our values that makes our engagement with each other and our engagement in our practical work more intentional. We created a touchstone, based on honesty inquiry, against which decisions and opportunities can be evaluated, and relationships strengthened. We experienced new and interesting ways to think about what others may be experiencing in Kol HaLev that impacts our relationships with each other, our relationships to the group, our relationships to the formal organization.

We hope to provide more opportunities for the whole membership to experience this kind of inquiry. In the meantime, I invite you to consider what you, personally, and we, collectively, can do to simply recognize and hold these dual sensibilities and the questions that the duality raises. That there is tension between them is an opportunity for us to look at our personal commitments to the community, to each other, and to ourselves, in the context of the whole, without judgment or call to action.

Belonging means many things to many people. We can make room.
Evolution Shabbat was first observed in 2006 by Congregation Shir Hadash which joined 466 Christian congregations in exploring the relationship between science and religion. At that service, I focused on evolution and creation. Other years have focused on our relationship with nature.

Evolution Weekend is an outgrowth of the Clergy Letter Project, started by Michael Zimmerman, an evolutionary biologist who was then Dean of the College of Letters and Science at University of Wisconsin in Oshkosh in response to the action by the 2004 Grantsburg Wisconsin school board’s that banned the teaching of evolution in the public schools. Clergy of many denominations and faiths, along with scientists, sent letters to the Grantsburg school board protesting their decision which was reversed. The conflict is between those who want to ban the teaching of evolution or those want Creationism to be taught along with evolution and those who believe that evolution is a foundational theory of biology and that Creationism should be taught in social studies, if at all, continues. The textbooks which include evolution in them are often challenged by school board members who are opposed to its teaching. Evolution Weekend allows us to explore the relationship between science and religion in new ways each year.

This year, Evolution Shabbat at Kol HaLev will explore the connections between science, Sh’mita which is remission or release, and Gandhi.

A Google search of the word "Shemitah" finds many references to an end of days predicted by Messianic “rabbi” Jonathan Cahn. Many, as in pages and pages of, references, leading to primarily Christian sites with names like raptureready, charismamag, and prophecynews. The overlap of the Sh’mitah year with the four blood moons, lunar eclipses, has also been used to foretell the downfall of the US. The fact that Jewish holy days coincide with the lunar eclipses highlights the fact that the Jewish holy days are based on a lunar calendar and most occur on a full moon. Much ado is also being made of this with some predicting the fall of Israel, the crash of the stock markets, the decline of the U.S., and the rapture.
The Kol Halev board met January 12 at the home of Leah Kamionkowski. Rabbi Steve led the board in a Bracha. and some text study focused on the interpersonal challenges of communicating when there is a difference of opinion and the need to welcome new ideas and new people into our community.

Treasurer’s Report:
Bruce provided an overview of the budget and some concerns that have emerged as we move into the second half of this fiscal year. Year-to-year comparisons remained difficult since some items involving income and expenses were recorded differently in past years. Our bookkeeper has been working to clarify and improve our practices so more consistent comparisons can be made in the future.

However, under reasonable approximations, finishing the year with the projected income of $279,000 could be a challenge. Bruce estimated that an additional $40,000 in excess of current commitments and pledges would need to be raised by the end of June. Board members discussed possible ways to make up this projected shortfall. There was collective agreement that this was an issue warranting further discussion by board members and committees.

The board voted to authorize the Treasurer to establish brokerage and merchant services accounts with PNC.

Value Team Leader Reports:
Halle expressed appreciation for the collective efforts of many individuals and committees in coordinating the High Holy Day activities, including the Torah Siyyum. An evaluation meeting for all individuals and committees involved with coordinating activities for the High Holy Days will occur at the end of the month. Lila volunteered to develop a timeline and written guide of all the tasks to expedite planning in the future. Value Team Leaders will also begin planning activities for the dedication of the second Torah scroll.

Value Team Leaders provided brief updates of committee activities and overall concerns during this current year.

Schein celebration update:
A number of members are involved in planning the celebration. Approaches to fundraising are still being decided. Rabbi Jeffrey requested that one portion of the collections be designated for a new organization, The Kaplan Center for the Study of Peoplehood, and another portion for scholarships to Camp JRF.

Shabbaton volunteers needed:
The Shabbaton, scheduled for April 24-26, is in need of volunteers to help with coordination and various jobs. Rabbi Steve emphasized that the retreat is always a wonderful opportunity for learning, celebration, and building community.

Upcoming community meeting March 8:
In her From Our President column in the last newsletter, Halle explained that the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College (RRC) has requested our feedback on a proposal to reverse an RRC policy that does not allow admission or ordination of people with non-Jewish partners. Kol HaLev will hold community meeting on March 8 at Heights Library on Lee Rd., where we'll hear from RRC faculty member Dr. Tamar Kamionkowski. Please plan to attend.

The next board meeting is Monday, February 9 at Margaret Cohen's house; all members are welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted,
Karal Stern
Secretary
CONTRIBUTIONS

Kol HaLev gratefully acknowledges contributions from:

- **Dick and Deena Epstein** in honor of Sophie Olsen's bat mitzvah and Harlan Friedman-Romell's bar mitzvah
- **Dick and Donna Weinberger**, toward Kol HaLev's annual Greater Cleveland Congregations dues
- **David and Peggy Sugerman**
- **Mario and Roberta Tonti**, with gratitude for prayer, with gratitude to the Hesed Committee, in celebrating Mario's 70th birthday
- **Peter Gray and Judy Vida**, in memory of Judy's daughter, Jo Hana Goldberg and in honor of Rabbi Steve and all our friends at Kol HaLev
- **Alan Lipson and Judy Harris**, in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Judy's father, Sol Fink
- **Happy Wallach**, for the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Make a donation to Kol HaLev in honor of a simcha, in memory of a loved, or for any reason you'd like by check or online -- whichever is more comfortable and convenient for you! You can also pay for dues, Hagiga tuition, Mishloach Manot and many other things online as well as by check.

♦ **Pay by check.** Just drop a check in the mail to: Kol HaLev | 2245 Warrensville Center Road, Suite 215 | University Heights, OH 44118 You'll receive a confirmation that your payment was received.

OR

♦ **Make an online donation.** You can pay safely and securely by credit card or electronic check at Kol HaLev's PaySimple page at [http://kolhalev.net/pay_simple](http://kolhalev.net/pay_simple) (Note: Kol HaLev pays a small fee for transactions processed through PaySimple).

Members of Kol HaLev will mark the following yahrzeits during the next month:

- Sue Smith- mother of Barb Truitt
- Jean Manela (Chava Esther)- mother of Aaron Manela
- Sylvia Herzig- aunt of Barry Epstein
- Gussie Friedman- aunt of Abraham Chasin
- Israel Herman Gorovitz- paternal grandfather of Heidi Gorovitz Robertson
- Harry Goldstein- father of Anita Cohn
- Helen Yosowitz (Chaya)- mother of Elinor Friedman
- Sarah Altenberg Festinger- mother of Anna Kelman
- David Jack Herzig- uncle of Barry Epstein
- Freda Shleser Imrey- mother of Peter Imrey
- Margaret Hochman May- mother of Chip May
- Lisa Goldstein- mother of Anita Cohn
- George Smith- father of Barbara Truitt
- Esther Scher- grandmother of Michal Scher-Marcus

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 kelli@kolhalev.net. (Please specify whether you're observing the secular or the Hebrew yahrzeit date. You can find a calendar converter at [http://www.hebcal.com/converter](http://www.hebcal.com/converter)).

They are now a part of us, as we remember them.
The February book group meeting will be Thursday, February 26, at the home of Deena and Dick Epstein. We will discuss *Jewcentricity: Why the Jews Are Praised, Blamed, and Used to Explain Just About Everything* by Adam Garfinkle (320 pages, a Kindle version exists).

A brief book description from the inside flap: If it's about Jews, it's news. From celebrities' conspiracy theories to American presidential candidates railing against anti-Semitism to the occasional news factoid that some person of interest has just discovered heretofore unknown Jewish relatives, nearly everyone wants to talk about it.

Why is a tiny group of people who, for nearly two millennia, had no land to call their own the object of so much outsized and fanciful belief, both negative and positive? In *Jewcentricity*, Adam Garfinkle takes readers on a wry and learned tour of the world's obsessions with Jews. Hamas blames the financial crisis on Jews. Iranian television claims that the Harry Potter books and movies are a Ziono-Hollywood conspiracy. Mel Gibson blamed all the wars in history on the Jews. Jews win a disproportionate number of Nobel prizes, and arguments over the sources of supposed superior Jewish intelligence go on without end. Dishy actress Scarlett Johansson is Jewish, Madonna is into what some have told her is Jewish mysticism, and some claim that Abe Lincoln was Jewish.

Who cares? Way too many people, it seems. Drawing on insights from history, philosophy, religion, and social science, Adam Garfinkle explains how the strategies that kept Diaspora Jewry going for millennia have led many non-Jews to accuse Jews of chauvinism, secrecy, trickery, and conspiratorial lever-pulling, and to envy them for many of the same and other supposed talents.

Garfinkle divides the sources of grandiose claims about the Jews into four groups: anti-Semites, philo-Semites, Jewish chauvinists, and so-called self-hating Jews. He traces the origins and history of the most common myths about Jews and reveals how these impossible exaggerations, both positive and negative, feed off of and perpetuate each other.

The book for March is *Disobedience: A Novel* by Naomi Alderman.

All KHL members are welcome to attend these meetings. For more information about the group including a calendar of the book selections for this year, look at our web page ([kolhalev.net/book_group](http://kolhalev.net/book_group)) and contact Kevin Weidenbaum ([KJW@oberlin.net](mailto:KJW@oberlin.net)) to be added to the group’s e-mail list.

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Luckily, a search using the spelling "Sh’mita" brings up the Jewish references.

While Evolution Shabbat is in February, I will focus on the Torah portion of Behar, specifically Leviticus 25: The reaction of an agricultural community to being told to allow the fields to lie fallow every seven years is predictable and is recorded in the Torah: Leviticus 25:19, “What will we eat in the seventh year – behold! We will not sow and we will not gather our crops!” How would this be possible? Through faith and by planning ahead and by accepting what is available, it is possible to live and thrive. A Sabbatical from working the fields in an agricultural society would allow the people to focus on other things. It would force them to live simply.

This connects to Evolution Shabbat which focuses on the two complimentary views of the world – the spiritual and the scientific. Tzvi Freeman on Chabad.org says, “Evolution and Genesis both agree that human intelligence began as a hunk of mud. Evolution says that if you leave enough mud alone for long enough, it will eventually—through chance events and natural selection—become a human being who will build computers and spaceships. Genesis says that..."
January has been another busy and exciting month for GCC.

GCC representatives from the Strategy Team and all three Action Teams met with County Executive Armond Budish to begin a public relationship around our campaigns. We have asked for regular quarterly meetings with him and his staff to pursue asks around the local and national ‘Do Not Stand Idly By’ campaign and support for Criminal Justice diversion programs. We also have begun conversations around jobs promotion.

GCC’S Criminal Justice Team sponsored a Teach-In at Antioch Baptist Church to discuss the Department of Justice’s investigative report about the Cleveland Police Department’s excessive use of force.

After that, an Open Delegate Assembly was held at West Shore UU Church in Rocky River at which recommendations from GCC research teams were presented and approved as GCC’s platform on this important issue.

These two events will culminate in a GCC General Assembly on February 3 at Olivet Institutional Baptist Church, 8712 Quincy Avenue at 7 p.m. At this public event, GCC will announce our recommendations to U.S. Attorney Steve Dettelbach for what needs to be in the Consent Decree between the DOJ and the city of Cleveland to improve the process of policing in our city.

This event is an unprecedented opportunity for Greater Cleveland Congregations to have an influence on the direction of the criminal justice system in Cleveland for years to come. GCC would like to produce the largest turnout possible—at least 1,000 people or more.

If you care about law enforcement accountability and criminal justice in Greater Cleveland, please plan to attend on February 3 and bring your family and friends.

RSVP to Itsik Kittila at itsik.kittila@gmail.com to confirm; please include the number of people who will be in your group.

To learn more, read this summary of the DOJ’s findings:

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intelligence arises from a greater intelligence.”

Science can help us plan ahead by giving us the physical tools needed, while religion gives us the spiritual and emotional tools to survive as a community. So where does Gandhi fit in? Gandhi chose a simple lifestyle to make a political point, but it was more than that. The simplicity of accepting and treating each individual as a person was at the core of his beliefs. And he showed that he fully understood science for he taught that anger is like electricity. It can strike, like lightning, and split a living tree in two. Or it can be channeled, transformed . . . Then anger can illuminate. It can turn the darkness into light.

Join me in exploring these connections further on Evolution Shabbat, February 21.
Tu B’Shevat Intergenerational Seder & Potluck

Celebrate the New Year of the Trees with the Kol HaLev community & the Magshimim Poetry Slam

Tuesday, February 3, 2015/15 Shevat 5775
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm at The Ratner School

Join us for a festive evening celebrating the new year of the trees through poetry & song!

Please bring a parve (not milk or meat) or dairy dish to serve 10-12 people and a Tu B’Shevat treat.
A-H ~ Dessert or Drink and a fruit that has pits (olives, dates, cherries, peaches, etc.)
I-P ~ Main Dish and a fruit that has an inedible shell (pomegranates, coconuts, etc.)
Q-Z ~ Appetizer or Salad and a fruit that is completely edible (grapes, figs, apples, lemons, etc.)
NO NUTS PLEASE!

In keeping with our goal of becoming a more sustainable community, we encourage members to bring their own reusable plates, cups, utensils and napkins to our potluck.

Questions? Contact Robyn, robyn@kolhalev.net or 216-320-1498
In our year of Mordechai Kaplan and the 4 Bs of Reconstructionism, we are excited for this opportunity to experience “Belonging” by celebrating Shabbat as a community.

Bonim (Grades 3-5) Shabbat Friday, February 27, 2015

6:00 pm Service (modified) & 6:45 pm Kiddush & dinner

Thanks to a generous grant from the Jewish Education Center of Cleveland main course will be provided. Families are asked to bring:

A-L Salad or Side Dish & M-Z Dessert or Drink

Please let Robyn know how many from your family will be attending by 2/23 so that we can prepare accordingly.

Direct questions & RSVP to Robyn robyn@kolhalev.net or 216-320-1498
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<td><strong>Hagigat Limud Prep Session</strong>, at the home of the Steinweg family. If you have any questions, concerns or wish to give input, please contact Robyn at <a href="mailto:robyn@kolhalev.net">robyn@kolhalev.net</a>.</td>
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<td><strong>Tu B'Shevat Intergenerational Seder and Potluck</strong> at Ratner. Celebrate the New Year of the Trees with the Kol HaLev community and the Magshimim Poetry Slam. Details on page 19. Kiddush host and greeter needed.</td>
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<td><strong>Criminal Justice Action Assembly with GCC</strong> at Olivet Institutional Baptist, 8712 Quincy Avenue, Cleveland. This is an all-call GCC action; full description on page 17. RSVP or send questions to Itsik Kittila at <a href="mailto:itsik.kittila@gmail.com">itsik.kittila@gmail.com</a></td>
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<td><strong>Shabbat Service</strong>, in the Ratner Chapel. Parsha: <em>Yitro</em>; Service leader: Rabbi Steve; Musical Co-leaders: Josh Chefitz; Kiddush Sponsor: Bellamy Printz and Ben Lewis in honor of John and Celia's 13th birthday, and Dan Klein and Nancy Rubel.</td>
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<td><strong>Hagiga- Hagigat Limmud</strong> at the Ratner School. The Hagigat Limmud ceremony will take place during the Torah service.</td>
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<td><strong>Lunch 'n' Learn</strong> in the Ratner Library. Facilitated by Bill Scher-Marcus.</td>
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<td><strong>Nesiya</strong> at the Ratner School. Please note: the Chaverim b'Telephone Kick Off Meeting for Nesiya families will take place from <strong>10:15-11:00 a.m.</strong></td>
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<td>6:00-9:00 p.m.</td>
<td><strong>No'ar Chadash Israeli Cooking Workshop</strong> at the Segar's house. RSVP by Wednesday, Feb. 4 to Emily Gross-Rosenblatt at <a href="mailto:emily.gross.rosenblatt@gmail.com">emily.gross.rosenblatt@gmail.com</a></td>
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<td><strong>Board Meeting</strong> at the home of Margaret Cohen. All members are welcome to attend. See weekly update for agenda.</td>
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<td><strong>Bridges Over Troubled Waters: How to Discuss Controversial Subjects to Reach Understanding</strong> at Tifereth Israel, 26000 Shaker Blvd., Beachwood.. Topic: Democratic/Republican politics; Guests: Sunny Simon, Cuyahoga County Council member, and Jason Wuliger, vice-chair, Lake County Republican party. Third in a four-part series. Attendance of prior sessions not required.</td>
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<td><strong>Women's Shabbat Dinner</strong> at the home of Gloria Plevin. For more information, see page 7. RSVP to Happy at <a href="mailto:happyhkw@aol.com">happyhkw@aol.com</a>.</td>
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<td>Sat., Feb. 14</td>
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<td><strong>Member-Led Shabbat Service</strong> in Ratner Chapel. Parsha: <em>Mishpatim</em>; Leader: Larry Solomon; Musical Co-Leader: Sue Pelleg; Kiddush Sponsor: Brenda and Bruce Goodman in honor of Kayla’s 14th birthday</td>
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<td>3:30-5:00 p.m.</td>
<td><strong>Torah Study</strong> at the home of Ralph and Selma Gwatkin. Ralph will lead a discussion of life in Babylon as described in the book of Ezra, including the introduction of new ideas and customs into what is now known as Rabbinic Judaism.</td>
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<td><strong>GCC University: 3 Day IAF Training</strong> at Trinity Cathedral, 2230 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44115. This is the start of a 3 day training on key concepts and critical components essential to GCC's mission-building power for social justice in greater Cleveland. <strong>RSVPs required.</strong> Contact Itsik Kittila at <a href="mailto:itsik.kittila@gmail.com">itsik.kittila@gmail.com</a></td>
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<td><strong>Bridges Over Troubled Waters: How to Discuss Controversial Subjects to Reach Understanding</strong> at B’nai Jeshurun, 27501 Fairmount Blvd. in Pepper Pike. Topic: Inter-denominational differences; Guests: Rabbis from our various denominations. Fourth in a four-part series. Attendance at prior sessions not required.</td>
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<td>Fri., Feb. 20</td>
<td>7:30-8:30 a.m.</td>
<td><strong>Rosh Chodesh: Rhythm of the Months: Walking Meditation</strong> at Horseshoe Lake, Shaker Hts. (meet on the bridge at the lake outlet – west end of the lake). The first morning of every Hebrew month, we spend time outdoors to reflect on the cycles of nature, the rhythms of the Jewish calendar. For information contact Kirby Date.</td>
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<td><strong>Evolution Shabbat Service</strong>, in the Ratner Chapel. Parsha: <em>Terumah</em>; Service Leaders: Barbara Truitt and Rabbi Steve; Kiddush Sponsor: Sue and Art Biagianti and Barb Truitt. See article on page 1 for a full description.</td>
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  Using mindfulness, Mussar text and meditation based practice, we will recognize the things that hold us back from seeing all the choices we have and the limitations on our freedom. In the morning will focus on the intellectual and textual understanding of the theme. In the afternoon, we will use our creative energies to make a “staff of freedom” out of wood to reflect what we have learned and thought about during the day. This staff can be used as a support and reminder for our preparations and for a meaningful Pesach experience. Materials provided. |
| Wed., Mar. 4 | 6:45-8:45 p.m. | Erev Purim- Intergenerational Celebration at the Ratner School.         |
| Fri., Feb. 27 | 6:00-8:00 p.m. | Bonim Shabbat at Ratner. See flyer on page 20 for a full description.   |
| Sat., Feb. 28 | 10:30-12:30 p.m. | Musical Shabbat Service, in the Ratner Chapel. Parsha: Tetzaveh; Service Leader: Rabbi Steve; Kiddush Sponsors: Fred and Marsha Chenin in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary |

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