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TICKETS ON SALE FEB. 1 FOR “THE PEOPLE VS. THE MACCABEES”
Kol HaLev Mock Trials Raise Funds, Fun and our Community Profile

Tickets are now on sale for "The People vs. The Maccabees", to be held Saturday, March 25, 7:30 p.m. in the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law Moot Court Room on the campus of Cleveland State University.

Part theatrical mock trial, part rousing interfaith dialogue, “The People vs. The Maccabees” is the sixth in Kol HaLev's series of innovative, entertaining and educational events that use some of our most challenging ancestral stories as the basis for exploring new perspectives on contemporary issues. With the audience as jury, and a cast of professional all-stars from the legal, religious and academic worlds, the drama is high, the discussion is electric, and the insights are fresh and relevant.

You can purchase tickets online at kolhalev.net/trial, or you can use the mail-in order form in this newsletter. Seats range from $30 - $125; top ticket price includes seats close to the action, and a private catered dessert reception with the cast immediately after the trial. Discounted tickets for students are available (ID required). Continuing Legal Education (CLE) credit is pending for attending attorneys through Cleveland-Marshall College of Law.

Speaking of our cast … With this engaging group, comprised of both newcomers and beloved stalwarts, well-matched with each other and with the challenging topic of the evening, you can be assured of a lively and substantive dialogue: continued on page 7

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Mar. Newsletter Deadline: Wednesday, Feb. 15
THE RECONSTRUCTIONIST MOVEMENT'S STATEMENT ON THE MUSLIM BAN

By the time this issue of the newsletter arrives, it is very likely that new and drastic limitations on refugees entering the United States will have already been put into effect by the incoming administration. While it is inappropriate (and counter to the requirements for non-profit tax status) for an official non-profit organization to take a position for or against specific political candidates or parties, there is no restriction on such an organization taking stances on issues which touch upon its core values. As American Jews who have so benefitted from the freedoms and opportunity of our country, it is difficult to imagine how we could do otherwise but to register our opposition to this shift in policy.

Just this evening, before sitting down to write my column, I learned of a Syrian refugee family, currently in Turkey, who had been approved to come into the U.S. and be resettled in the Cleveland area. Their chances of taking the final step in this redemptive process is completely dependent on the particular day and hour at which the proposed executive order actually gets signed. My hopes and prayers go out that they are able to depart from their refugee camp and arrive here before that government action takes place.

I am proud that the national representatives of the Reconstructionist movement have taken a stand against the new executive order, and have issued a strong public statement, which you can find below and which I hope will also be inspirational to the rest of the Kol HaLev community. May we all be able to find, and serve as, sources of hope and guidance to one another as we negotiate the current and future uncharted territory in our country and our world.

Rabbi Steve

Joint Reconstructionist Movement Statement on Refugee Executive Order

The Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association and the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College/Jewish Reconstructionist Communities are dismayed as President Trump prepares to take action to close the doors to thousands of refugees seeking shelter and relief from the humanitarian crisis in which they find themselves. In one of his first acts since taking office, President Trump plans to reverse the foundational US stance as a haven for those subject to persecution, genocide, displacement and violence. His planned Executive Order will significantly limit how many individuals and families fleeing “terror-prone countries” - people who are most in need of safety and asylum - can find respite. The entire American Jewish community, indeed a majority of the American community, is made up of descendants of refugees and immigrants. Our ancestors came to this country seeking safety, security and a better way of life for their families. Following the biblical exhortation to welcome the stranger, the US welcomed our families to these shores, many met by a statue whose very presence honors that legacy. Right now, the global refugee crisis has reached immense proportions. There are an estimated 65 million displaced people awaiting rescue, mostly in “terror-prone” and Muslim-majority countries. What is not understood is that Muslims make up the overwhelming majority of victims of terrorism. Yet these are the very people we will be turning away. As Jews who remember our ancestors’ experience and who look for inspiration to the Torah’s exhortation to “welcome the stranger,” we cannot be silent while our borders close. The RRA and the RRC/JRC strongly urge President Trump to reconsider his Executive Order and to keep open the doors to those most in need. We also urge members of Congress to continue to fund the refugee resettlement and family reunification programs. We call on our rabbis, leaders and members of our communities to speak out on this issue and contact the White House and their elected representatives in Congress to urge support for refugees without regard to religion.
We send wishes for a refuah shleimah, a complete and speedy healing, to Abe Chasin; Anita Cohn; Ann Epstein; Kirby Date and Richard; Johanna and David Litwin; Leah, Ron and Nathan Gilbert; Selma Gwatkin; Ron Kohn; Bellamy Printz and Celia and John Lewis; Pauline Raymond; David Steinweg and Eda Weiss. We would love to hear from you if you or another Kol HaLev member you know of would like to be included on this list.

Thanks to Molly Berger, the Hesed Monthly Co-ordinator for January. During the month, Kol HaLev members provided meals and rides, attended shiva gatherings, made visits, and sent cards.

The last two months have been an especially challenging time for many members of our community, with both medical challenges and loss of close family members. And as a community, we all share in the loss of long time member, Ruth Ness.

We have been touched and filled with gratitude for the outpouring of support that so many of you have shown in so many ways, including providing meals, attending shiva gatherings, offering rides, making visits and sending cards.

But our ability to support one another would be easier if more of our membership were involved in the work of the Hesed Committee. For example, we are having a very difficult time finding people to take on the role of Monthly Co-ordinator. This position is very critical because it provides a link between members needing support and the community as a whole. Martha and Robin are available to answer questions and/or provide details of what is involved in this role. Please consider signing up this year.

We have never been in the position of not providing support and we hope by increasing the number of people involved with our committee, we never will face that situation.

We want to share a message from Leah Gilbert which exemplifies the impact that our Hesed support has at a time of need.

Dear everyone,
I barely have the words to write to express our deepest gratitude for your help with all of the Shivas for my mother. You know that we couldn't have done it without you!

I love our community and this is one of the best reasons why. When one needs help, people just show up and do what is needed. Who could ask for more?

It's been such a difficult time, as it was so unexpected. Yet, even on such short notice, you all pitched in to make sure everything would work out smoothly and efficiently.

Our deepest thanks go to you all. With much gratitude,
Leah and Ron

If you wish 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.
The Kol HaLev board met January 9 at the home of Deena Epstein and discussed several membership-committee related issues.

Maureen Dinner has agreed to head the membership committee, replacing Joe Vainner who is moving to Michigan for a new job. The board discussed current problems in finding members to host kiddushes. In the past, this had been considered one of the responsibilities of membership, and all members were expected to host a Kiddush. However, because of concerns for members who could not afford to do so or were physically unable manage a Kiddush, the membership committee last year abandoned this *minchag* (custom).

Several suggestions were made for the current membership committee to consider when it discusses the issue of kiddushes at an upcoming meeting: pairing new members with experienced members, pairing those who could afford to purchase Kiddush supplies but were physically unable to do so with those who could not afford to pay but could handle shopping and set-up; separate discussion of Kiddush from the service to reach those who are not service-attendees; scale back Kiddush offerings. Rabbi Steve also noted that the kiddushes are a time when members can meet informally, develop new relationships and build community.

Treasurer David Conn reported that we have received membership commitments (or the equivalent) from 108 of the 140 households on our membership roster. This prompted questions about what our protocols are in determining who is a member and how we communicate what it means to be a member of Kol HaLev. Rabbi Steve indicated several protocols had been developed over the years, and Deena Epstein offered to synthesize them into one document that could be used as the basis for further discussion on the issue.

David was unable to provide the usual detailed financial reports because of the timing of the New Year holiday and the unexpected death of our bookkeeper’s father.

The board also discussed a proposal to form a joint Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association/Jewish Reconstructionist Community/Reconstructionist Rabbinical College commission on Israel. Rabbi Steve said he thought the proposed commission offered a way to talk about issues concerning Israel other than those that dealt with the Palestinian conflict and felt it put the Reconstructionist movement on the cutting edge of dealing with the diversity of thought on Israel issues. In an informal vote, the board gave President Karly Whittaker permission to vote for establishment of the commission during a February JRC Plenum phone call.

The next meeting of the Kol HaLev board will be Monday February 13 at the home of Art Biagianti. All members are welcome to attend.

**KVELL CORNER**

Mazal tov to Kol HaLev members Sue Wolpert and Ray Lesser on the birth of their second grandson to their son Ari, daughter-in-law Reem and grandson Shimron of Beachwood, on January 13.

Mazal tov to Kol HaLev member Happy Wallach on the birth of a new granddaughter, Etta Jan. She was born on January 11 and joins big sister, Bina, and parents Philip Wallach and Vera Krimnus in Washington, D.C.
Members of Kol HaLev will mark the following yahrzeits during the next month:

- Ruth Armin- wife of Mike Armin
- Edith D. Hecht (Esther Dina)- mother of Nancy Hecht
- Shirley Korman- mother of Neil Korman
- Jean Manela (Chava Esther)- mother of Aaron Manela
- Sol Fink- father of Judy Harris
- Sue Smith- mother of Barbara Truitt
- Aaron Josef Zevit (Ahron Yosef)- grandfather of Shawn Zevit
- 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
- Howard Stanley Robbins- father of Beth Robbins
- Helen Yosowitz (Chaya)- mother of Elinor Friedman
- Harry Zamore- father in law of Fran Zamore
- David Jack Herzig- uncle of Barry Epstein
- Freda Shleser Imrey- mother of Peter Imrey
- Eleanor Zamore- mother in law of Fran Zamore
- Margaret Hochman May- mother of Chip May

Kol HaLev members may include the yahrzeit of loved ones in Kol HaLev Happenings by submitting the name of the deceased, the relationship to the member, and the date of death including the yearto kelli@kolhalev.net.

Kol HaLev gratefully acknowledges these contributions:

- Ron Kohn in commemoration of the yahrzeit of his father, Adolph Kohn
- Richard and Donna Weinberger, to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund
- Anita Cohn in memory of Ruth Ness

Make a donation to Kol HaLev in honor of a simcha, in memory of a loved one, in commemoration of a yahrzeit, or just because. You can donate check or online, whichever is more comfortable and convenient for you. Find out how at http://kolhalev.net/giving_opportunities.

Kvell Corner: Share your joy!  
IF YOU’RE KVELLING, WE WANT TO, TOO!  
for milestone birthdays, anniversaries, births b’nai mitzvah, graduations, etc., send news and pictures to newsletter@kolhalev.net
The Cast

- **Prosecuting Attorney:** Steven M. Dettelbach, Partner, BakerHostetler and former U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio
- **Counsel for the Defense:** Lee Fisher, Interim Dean, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, and former Attorney General and Lt. Governor of Ohio
- **Presiding Judge:** The Honorable Dick Ambrose, Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas and Cleveland Browns linebacker 1975-1983
- **Interfaith Panel Moderator:** The Reverend Leah C.K. Lewis, ordained minister, activist, writer, producer, and owner, TheSoulFilledEntrepreneur.com (forthcoming)

The Panelists

- **Sister Lisa Marie Belz,** OSU, Ph.D. Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, Ursuline College
- **Imam Ramez Islambouli,** Professor of Islamic Studies at Case Western Reserve University and Cleveland State University, and President, Uqbah Mosque Foundation of Cleveland
- **Kol HaLev’s very own Rabbi Steve Segar.**

To learn more about our esteemed cast, go to Facebook and "like" and "follow: Kol HaLev’s The People vs. page (https://www.facebook.com/kol.halev.mock.trials) There, in the coming weeks, we’ll be sharing their stories and other juicy food for thought on the charges that will be brought against the Maccabees. (For background on the choice of the Maccabees as defendants, please see "Religious zealots to stand (mock) trial" in the November 2016 issue of Kol HaLev Happenings)

Why a Mock Trial?

When the idea for a mock trial was first brought to the community in 2010, we had four major goals for the project: To introduce the creativity and nuance of Reconstructionist Judaism to a wider local audience; to provide a meaningful vehicle for interfaith dialogue; to raise Rabbi Steve’s professional profile in the wider community; and to provide a new vehicle through which to raise much-needed funds to support the costs of operating Kol HaLev. As we approach our sixth trial, we can be proud of our success in each of these areas:

Greater Cleveland meets Reconstructionism – and Rabbi Steve – “in Court”

From a Reconstructionist point of view, putting our ancient heroes on trial is an apt endeavor. Questioning their actions through the lens of our modern legal, ethical, and social understanding helps us better grapple with what occurred, and more directly gauge their value and relevance for us in modern times. Of what value is the public opinion of our most formative models of leadership without a hard look at their lasting impact on our own behavior? That feels like an important question to ask outside our own walls, and in doing so, we invite dialogue with our broader community while creating the opportunity to share Reconstructionist thought with a new audience.

Frequently, Rabbi Steve is one of our discussion panelists, bringing his wonderful combination of accessibility and nuance to the table with his colleagues from other faiths. It’s always intriguing to listen to the ways our panelists engage with each others’ perspectives; Rabbi Steve makes it plain that his is foundational Reconstructionist, a viewpoint that’s often new to our audience members. True to Reconstructionist form, both the trial portion of the evening and the panel discussion often yield more questions than answers, encouraging the audience to extend their engagement with the challenging topics beyond the courtroom experience, and even to deepen their engagement with question-asking as an worthy endeavor unto itself.

From the first, the value of this format was recognized by audience members from outside of the Kol HaLev community, yielding repeat participation from audiences and sponsors, and even prompting letters of praise to the media. “A hearty ‘yasher koach’ to Kol HaLev ... ‘The People vs. King David’ was riveting, educational and entertaining all at the same time. By featuring outstanding Jewish and non-Jewish speakers, contrasting modern American law with ancient Jewish tradition, creating partnerships between secular and religious institutions, and encouraging audience participation, Kol HaLev has created a model for what engaging Jewish life can be.” (~ Matt Fieldman, in the CJN, Nov. 2011)

Help Get the Word Out!

You can help fill the house and spread the fun: Tell your friends and colleagues about these events! You can also follow our Facebook page, The People vs. at https://www.facebook.com/kol.halev.mock.trials and share our posts with your friends on Facebook.

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After last year’s trial of Moses, Rabbi Steve himself was quite moved: “In a community that inspires me on a regular basis with the level of thoughtfulness, openness and passion that people bring to our programs,” he said, “last night’s event stands at the top of my list, and clearly many of the people who attended felt the same way. I could not have been more proud of what took place … [it] will remain with me as a powerful example of what is possible when people are invited into a serious and creative dialogue with our tradition.”

Fostering Connection Between Religious Faiths

The notion of religion as a tool of, or excuse for, violence comes into sharp relief when reflecting on the story of the Maccabean revolt against Syrian-Greek occupation, and its aftermath. We live in a world in which horrific acts done in the name of God and religion are still tragically common. While our mock trials have always highlighted our shared humanity, it has never been more important to use this forum to foster deeper understanding, connection and common ground between people across religions and beliefs. We have chosen our interfaith panel guests with this opportunity in mind.

Sustaining Kol HaLev’s Financial Life: The Mock Trial as Fundraiser

As a fundraising event, the mock trials have provided new means to help stabilize our community’s finances, for basics like rent on our worship, education and office spaces, and for providing the wide range of creative, meaningful programming that is a hallmark of Kol HaLev and our approach to building community. As you may know, membership dues provides around 60% of the income needed to run Kol Halev; this is very typical of most congregational budgets. Other monies come from tuition, education grants, and fundraising through various means including an annual campaign, Purim mishloach manot exchange, other voluntary contributions throughout the year, and events like the mock trials.

With more than $70,000 raised so far through ticket sales and sponsorships, the mock trials are an important source of additional funding. It’s of particular note that, because this event is open to the community, a sizable portion of the funds raised come from outside of our membership, reducing some of the burden on our members for our financial sustenance. That we meet this goal at the same time as we attract potential members to an innovative, meaningful program is a double bonus.

On that note, a big thank you to this year’s sponsors: The Leon and Gloria Plevin Fund; Cleveland-Marshall College of Law; Reminger Co., LPA; 90.3 WCPN / ideastream® ; The Cleveland Jewish News; and The Laura and Alvin Siegal Lifelong Learning Program at Case Western Reserve University, which is also co-sponsor of the pre-trial adult education program on Hellenization (“To Be Greek, or Not To Be Greek”, March 8, 7pm, Siegal College at Landmark Centre, Beachwood, free to Kol HaLev members) that provides the historical framework for the mock trial’s proceedings. Todah Rabah to each of our sponsors for their generosity, and for modeling this community-building behavior.

A Truly Entertaining Evening!

Set aside the all the educational components, the fundraising potential, and the out-of-the-box thinking – these trials are really fun! Watching live as two renowned attorneys bringing their “A” games to a complex and intriguing case outside their traditional realm is tremendous. And YOU – the audience – get to act as jury, as well as participate in the interfaith dialogue with a panel of notable, outspoken clergy and scholars from different faiths. Given the potential for seriousness, the frequency of laughter might surprise you! So many trial-goers find the experience both intellectually meaty and thoroughly entertaining. Kol HaLev member Kevin Weidenbaum had this to say after last year’s “The People vs. Moses”: “It was the best one yet! I thought that both litigators did an outstanding job, and the panelists brought out excellent insights. It helped that the question is such a pertinent one in our time. Yasheer Koach.”

For a taste of our past five mock trials, you can listen to audio recordings, thanks to our partnership with ideastream®. Access the audio recordings on the Kol HaLev website at http://kolhalev.net/people-vs-mock-trials

Please join us for another unique take on our history, our shared humanity, our flavorful community, our sense of play. Get your tickets today!
Are we still justifying violence in defense of purity of faith? YOU, the jury will decide!

Kol HaLev presents

THE PEOPLE vs. THE MACCABEES

Saturday, March 25, 7:30pm
C|M|Law Moot Courtroom on the Cleveland State University Campus

One of our most challenging ancestral tales comes to life in this provocative courtroom drama and interfaith dialogue – and YOU are key to the excitement! Come for the “fun-raising”, fireworks, and fresh insights on issues still facing our world today.

TICKETS $30 - $125*
on sale @ kolhalev.net/trial

* $125 = best seats + reception with the cast. Student discounts & sponsorships available! CLEs for attorneys pending.

“Kol HaLev’s theatrical mock trials are electric!”

STARRING:

STEVEN M. DETTELBAECH
Partner, BakerHostetler & former U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of OH

LEE FISHER
Interim Dean, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, and former Attorney General and Lt. Governor of Ohio

THE HONORABLE DICK AMBROSE
Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas and Cleveland Browns linebacker 1975-1983

THE REVEREND LEAH C.K. LEWIS
Ordained minister, activist, writer, producer, and owner, TheSoulFilledEntrepreneur.com (forthcoming)

SISTER LISA MARIE BELZ OSU, PhD
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MAIL-IN TICKET ORDER FORM

The People vs. The Maccabees · Saturday, March 25, 2017, 7:30 pm

To pay with Mastercard or Visa, visit www.kolhalev.net/trial (convenience fees apply).

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Kol HaLev does not send unsolicited email or regular mail, nor do we share your information with others. However, we would like to be able to share information about our future programs with you:

Yes, please send me information about Kol HaLev programs: by mail ☐ by email ☐ No mail or email, please ☐

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___ # at $125 each* (premium seating + post-show private dessert reception with the cast)  x $125 = $______
___ # at $  60 each (main floor rear and front balcony seating)  x $  60 = $______
___ # at $  30 each (rear balcony seating, limited availability)  x $  30 = $______
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I would like to make an additional tax-deductible donation to Kol HaLev: = $______

TOTAL ENCLOSED: $______

*Buying more than 10 seats @ $125?
Thank you! If we get your order before press time, we’ll list you as a Patron in the event program and on signage. How do you want to be listed?

++CLE credits (pending approval) for are complimentary with purchase. Check in at CLE table to receive credit.

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To pay by Mastercard or Visa, visit www.kolhalev.net/trial beginning 2/1/17. Online convenience fees apply.

MAIL IN: Complete this form and return with your full payment by check or money order to:
Kol HaLev, Attn: Trial, 2245 Warrensville Center Rd. #215, University Hts, OH 44118

Orders must be received BY MARCH 22, 2017. If the event is sold out prior to receipt of your order, you will be contacted and your money returned. Otherwise, all sales are final; tickets are non-refundable. To pay with Mastercard or Visa, visit www.kolhalev.net/trial. Kol HaLev does not take orders or reservations by phone.

• All tickets will be held at the door. Doors open at 6:45 pm.
• If you provide an email address above, you will receive an email confirmation of your order.
• A portion of your contribution may be tax-deductible; please consult your tax advisor.
• Attorneys requesting CLEs must arrive by 7:00 pm and check in at Continuing Ed table to receive proper forms.

THANK YOU!
“To Be Greek, or Not to Be Greek?”
Ancient Judaism Confronts Hellenism

Wednesday, March 15, 7:00pm
Siegal Lifelong Learning @ Landmark Center
25700 Science Park Drive, Beachwood

Prepare your mind & whet your appetite for the upcoming Kol HaLev mock trial (“The People vs. The Maccabees”) with this engaging evening of adult education, led by Siegal’s own Dr. Brian Amkraut.

Dr. Amkraut will examine the early Hellenistic era in the Land of Israel, with particular attention to the internal conflict generated by the rise of Hellenism within the Jewish community at the time. What specific geopolitical and cultural factors led to the strife and how did various segments of the community respond?

FREE admission for Kol HaLev Members!
(Advance registration recommended)
Non-members: $5

REGISTER at lifelonglearningcleveland.org

Many thanks to The Laura & Alvin Siegal Lifelong Learning Program at Case Western Reserve University for their co-sponsorship of this event, and of the 2017 mock trial.

INTERGENERATIONAL
SHABBATON
APRIL 28-30, 2017
at Punderson State Park
A Whale of a Jewish Tale
Be part of the Mitzvot of Purim.

Each year, Kol HaLev members participate in an exchange of Mishloach Manot (literally “the sending of portions”), a fun way to send sweet greetings to friends while supporting our community.

- Each member/member family will receive one Mishloach Manot bag, along with a card listing all the people who ordered Mishloach Manot for them.
- In each bag: kosher parve hamantashen, baked by the Kol HaLev’s Men’s Group; fruit, sweets and other snacks.
- Mishloach Manot can be picked up at our Purim Celebration on Sat., March 11 at 6:45 p.m., or they can be delivered to your home by Kol HaLev members March 12-13.

Options:

- You can order baskets for individual member families for $3.00 each
- You can send “reciprocal” baskets to everyone who has sent you one for $36.00
- You can order baskets for ALL Kol HaLev member families for $225.00 ($1.69 each)
- You can order Mishloach Manot for friends OUTSIDE Kol HaLev for $8.00 each (no delivery option).
- You may also choose to receive “No Candy” Mishloach Manot or “Virtual Mishloach Manot”
- You can fulfill the mitzvah of Matanot L’evyonim (gifts to the poor) with a tax-free donation to the Rabbi’s Discretionary Fund. Kol HaLev will forward all contributions to one or more of the charitable organizations that provide meals and other services to local individuals and families in need.
- All orders must be received and paid in full by Monday, March 6.
2017 MISHLOACH MANOT ORDER FORM

1. Order and Pay By Mail

Print and complete this 2-page form, then mail it along with a check to:

OR

2. Order by Email and Pay Electronically

Complete this 2-page form, then scan and email it to kelli@kolhalev.net. (Alternately, you can send Kelli an email with the names of your chosen recipients.) Pay online at our safe, secure payment portal, Pay Simple. Deadline: 3/6

1. Go to kolhalev.net/pay_simple.
2. Scroll to Payment Method #3 and click the link “Click Here to go to Kol HaLev Pay Simple Payment site”
3. If you're already registered on the PaySimple site, enter your user ID and password
4. If you are not yet registered, click the “Click Here to Pay Now” link on the left
5. Enter your payment info; select “Purim Mishloach Manot” in the first “I am paying for” selection box

Or, if you do electronic banking, you can pay via your e-banking system (to Kol HaLev, 2245 Warrensville Ctr Rd., Suite 215; University Hts., OH 44118, 216-320-1498). Enter “Mishloach Manot” in the memo field.

Want to pay in multiple installments? You can do so through Pay Simple or through your e-banking system. Questions? Please contact Kelli in the office: kelli@kolhalev.net or 216-320-1498

ALL ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED & PAID IN FULL BY Monday, March 6!

**Ordering Options:**

**Name** (as you'd like it to appear on the card): ____________________________________________________

**Phone:** ____________________________ **Email:** ____________________________

☐ I wish to order _______ bags at $3.00 each $__________________

☐ I wish to reciprocate to all those who have sent to me for $36.00 $ 36.00

TOTAL $___________

OR ☐ I wish to send bags to ALL KOL HALEV households $225.00

☐ I wish to order _______ bags for friends outside Kol Halev at $8.00 each $_______________

(I understand that I must pick up and deliver these myself)

☐ I wish to fulfill the mitzvah of Matanot L’Evyonim with this donation $_______________

GRAND TOTAL (Mishloach Manot, Reciprocals & Matanot L’evyonim) $_______________

**Delivery Options:**

☐ I prefer to get “No Candy Mishloach Manot” ☐ I prefer to get “Virtual Mishloach Manot”

☐ I will pick up my Mishloach Manot at the Purim Celebration on Sat., March 11 OR

☐ I’d like my Mishloach Manot delivered to my home on 3/12 or 3/13

**Payment Options:**

☐ I'm enclosing a check OR ☐ I have paid online at kolhalev.net/pay_simple OR ☐ I paid via electronic banking

Don't forget to select your Mishloach Manot recipients on the reverse of this form!
Please distribute my Mischloach Manot randomly (Do not check any names below)

- Abramson, Barbara
- Abramson, Deborah & Lee, Leo
- Adamson, Anne
- Agopian, Sharon
- Armin, Mike
- Asnien, Phyllis
- Barach, Daniel & Anne
- Barnett, Benjamin & Halle
- Berger, Molly
- Biagianti, Artur & Sue
- Bingman, Dan & Katie
- Binstock, Allen
- Bortz, Carol
- Bortz, David
- Brand, Maxine
- Brenner, Nurete
- Brodsky, Jack & Amy
- Caputo, Michael & Karen
- Chasin, Abraham
- Chefitz, Josh & Katz, Tyler
- Chenn, Fred & Marsha
- Cohn, Anita
- Collin, E. Maxine
- Conn, David & Elizabeth
- Dash, judi
- Davidson, Mark & Adina
- Delcioppo, Nick & Arthur, Kelvin
- Dinner, Maureen
- Dudwick, Nancy
- Nadu, Tamara
- Elgert, Scott & Traci
- Elkins, Louise
- Epstein, Barry & Barbara
- Epstein, Dick & Deena
- Epstein, Michael & Ann
- Fallick, Bruce & Catherine
- Federman, Alan
- Getz, Melanie
- Fish, Juana
- Frazier, Nancy
- Friedman, Flinn
- Friedman-Romell, Frederick & Beth
- German, Rebecca
- Gerominus, Miriam & Kittila, Itsik
- Gershman, Dorinda
- Gilbert, Ron & Leah
- Gippin, Joshua
- Gluecksohl, Nina
- Goldborg, Gil & Marcia
- Goldstein, Joyce
- Goodman, Brenda
- Goodman, Bruce
- Gross, Linda
- Gwatkin, David
- Gwatkin, Ralph & Selma
- Hagerling, Carl & Glazer, Gwen
- Hagedstol, Mike & Else
- Handler, Louis & Julie
- Harris, Elien
- Hecht, Nancy
- Hersch, Chuck & Alman, Shahn
- Herzenstein, Jonathan & Amy
- Ilog, Amy
- Holzman, Robin
- Imroy, Peter
- Jennings, Bruce & Celia
- Jones, Dick & Jayne
- Kamiolkowski, Leah
- Karin, Riegner
- Kay, Rachel
- Kelmman, Anna
- Kisch, Eric & Sue
- Klein, Dan & Rubel, Nancy
- Kohn, Ron
- Kopstein, Ami & Kupersmith, Glenda
- Korman, Neil & Diane
- Kornspan, Alan & Lisa
- Kronman, Joan
- Lesser, Ray & Wolpert, Susan
- Lieberman, Arthur
- Lipson, Alan & Harris, Judy
- Litvina, Marilyn
- Litvin, Richard & Date, Kirby
- Logsdon, Ernie & Arnoff Logsdon, Jane
- Malemud, Franklin & Maggie
- Manela, Aaron & Prentice Manela, Sara
- Maris, Frank & Phyllis
- May, Chip
- Meacham, Mattuck & Elizabeth
- Mendes, Joe & Larsen, Cynthia
- Millar, Ginny & Pam
- Miller, Brian & Jean
- Nadler, Ginny
- Olsen, Eric & Finkel, Jennifer
- Oster, Andy & Novick, Robyn
- Pas, John & Pas-Jensen, Jade
- Pelleg, Mordechai & Sue
- Pelmser, Julio & Aurelia
- Plevin, Gloria
- Plevin, Foust, Mimi
- Pliskin, Rob
- Posner, Elliott & Weiss, Gillian
- Printz, Bellamy
- Radko, Mike & Antenucci, Christina
- Ralilly, Kevin & Cohen, Margaret
- Raymond, Pauline
- Richter, Matthew & Satin, Elina
- Rohbins, Roth
- Roberts, David & Hanit, Lila
- Robertson, Peter & Gorovitz Robertson, Rosonblatt, Charles T. & Gross, Deborah
- Rosenfield, Allan & Sandy
- Rosenstiel, CJ & Jennie
- Scher-Marcus, Bill & Michal
- Schubert, Dave & Martha
- Seger, Stoev & Gotz, Andy
- Seligman, Ben & McKell, Joanne
- Selker, Gregory & Niss
- Shafran, Robert & Knell, Susan
- Sheehy, Chuck & Lax, Marianne
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- Siegel, Renee
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- Sklarin, Chris & Abramson, Alexis
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DO YOU HAVE ENOUGH ROOM TO HOST A SERVICE EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE?

A few times each year, the Ratner School is unavailable and we hold services in a member's home. That way we can offer a nearly uninterrupted calendar of services.

The Religious Practices Committee (RPC) keeps a list of people who may be willing to host (if it's convenient for them). If you've got the space, please consider adding your name to our list of member-hosts. Signing up doesn't obligate you to host. If you would be willing to be asked as need arises, please let RPC chairperson Bruce Fallick know at brucefallick@gmail.com.
GREATER CLEVELAND CONGREGATIONS NEWS

Get Out the Vote
The numbers from the Get Out the Vote campaign were fantastic. 533 canvassers knocked on 14,155 doors and had 5,059 conversations with voters. Volunteers inquired into the voting practices of Cuyahoga County residents in neighborhoods that have been particularly neglected by politicians for too long. 241 voters were registered and 2,145 said they were fully committed to voting. This is in no small part thanks to Kol HaLev members who spent their Saturdays and Sundays in deep conversation with their fellow citizens. Furthermore, much feedback was provided about the Criminal Justice system in Cuyahoga County. 1,708 (68%) of people said they were unsatisfied with the system currently in place and many had stories to share about experiences with police, county prosecutors, courts etc. This information will help GCC to continue in it’s pursuit of fair and equal treatment in Cuyahoga County of all residents.

The GCC Strategy Team responded quickly to the announcement that a $106 million upgrade to the Quicken Loans arena ($217 million over the course of 17 years) will be funded in large part by city and county funds. Members attended the press conference about the deal in order to state that they were “Not All In.” More information can be found here. GCC will continue to act in response to this decision, focusing on why taxpayer money is being utilized for this project and not allocated to more urgent, wide-reaching concerns.

The Gun Violence Team
The Gun Violence team continues exciting conversations with Armatix, a company that has developed new gun technology that promises to increase safety for owners. The team has also created a marketing campaign to confront legislation allowing the college presidents to decide whether or not they will allow guns on their campuses. Partnering with youth organizations, NIFTY in particular, the team will create a survey that will be target college-bound students and their guardians to inquire what role gun safety on campus plays a role in where they decide to pursue their higher degree. The Gun Violence team has it’s sights set on a national unveiling of this survey in the hopes of putting pressure on college administrators to consider the weight of their decisions.

GCC is hard at work, fueled by people like you. There are Core Team meetings every month, Delegate Assemblies, and many other ways in which your time can be put to making Cuyahoga County a safe, just successful place for everyone live. Hope to see you soon!

New Campaign: "Not All In" (follow on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/GreaterClevelandCongregations/)
The “NOT ALL IN” campaign focuses on the on the plans for funding the Quicken Loans Arena renovation.

"We think that as it has been announced, the Q Arena deal continues a familiar pattern: taxpayer-funded development at the expense of our neighborhoods. . . . [W]e also want jobs for our unemployed citizens, help for those suffering from mental illness and addiction, and the physical rebuilding of our neighborhoods. As it was first announced, the total cost for facility renovation, including loan interest and funds for future stadium work, is estimated at $282 million, $160 million of which would come from public sources that could be better spent elsewhere. If there is enough money for arena remodeling there should also be enough money for our communities’ most pressing needs."(http://www.greaterclevelandcongregations.org/NotAllIn)

The campaign has 4 steps, all coming up soon:
1. Feb. 6-13: Call and email your county councilmember expressing your strong opposition to the deal as it has been announced. If you live in the city of Cleveland, contact both your city councilmember and county councilmember. (Click HERE for the flyer on how to find your representative, and a sample script for you to use.)
2. Pack the Feb. 14 Council Meeting where the first reading of the Q deal legislation will take place. Feb 14, 5-7 p.m. The County Building, 2079 East Ninth Street Cleveland, OH 44115.
3. Feb. 25 The "Look and See Downtown Subsidy Tour"
4. March 9, 7 p.m. a major GCC-wide action on the Quicken Loans Arena deal with our elected officials.
Tu B'Shevat Seder & Shabbat Potluck

Friday, February 10, 2017/15 Shevat 5777 6:00 pm at the Ratner School

We will weave our Shabbat experience with the help of the Kol HaLev musicians throughout the Tu B'Shevat Seder.

Be prepared for a fun and festive evening!

Join us for a festive Shabbat evening celebrating the new year of the trees! Please bring a parve or dairy dish to serve 10-12 people and a Tu B'Shevat Treat:

A-H — Dessert or Drink and 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!

Questions? Contact Robyn, robyn@kolhalev.net or 216-320-1498
Zorim (Kindergarten-grade 2) Family Program

Havdalah in Pajamas!

Saturday, February 25 @ 6:30 pm
Hosted by the Malamud Family ~ 33820 Country View Lane, Solon

Join us as we say goodbye to Shabbat with a beautiful Havdalah ceremony!
The evening will be full of music, crafts, dessert and fun!
Come in your pajamas!

Please RSVP to Robyn by 2/20 and let us know how many from your family plan to attend to be sure we have enough supplies

robyn@kolhalev.net or 216-320-1498
### CALENDAR

We strive to make this calendar as accurate as possible, but additions, cancellations and other changes may occur after the newsletter is published. To ensure you have the most up-to-date information, please double-check your plans in the Weekly Update (which arrives in members' email inboxes every Thursday), or visit the calendar on the Kol HaLev website.

To sign up to **host a kiddush**, go to [http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4bada828a1f85-kolhalev5](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4bada828a1f85-kolhalev5)

To sign up to **be a greeter**, go to [http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4bada828a1f85-kolhalev4](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4bada828a1f85-kolhalev4)

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<td><strong>Board Meeting</strong> at the home of Art Biagianti; All members welcome</td>
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<td><strong>GCC &quot;NOT ALL IN&quot; Action</strong> at The County Bldg. See p. 16 for details</td>
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<td><strong>Kabbalat Shabbat and Potluck at Ratner</strong>. Service Leader: Rabbi Steve and member musicians. The potluck contributions should be vegetarian/dairy or pareve and should not contain nuts. Please bring enough for 8-10. 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. Assignments: A-H - Dessert or Drink; I-P - Main Dish; Q-Z - Appetizer or Salad; Kiddush Host: Karly Whitaker in honor of Mira's birthday; Greeter: Karly Whitaker</td>
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<td><strong>Musical Shabbat Service</strong> in the Ratner Chapel. Parsha: <em>Mishpatim</em>; Service Leader: Rabbi Steve; Kiddush Sponsors: Nancy Rubel and Daniel Klein and Celia and Bruc Jennings; Greeter Needed</td>
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