NEW GOVERNANCE MODEL ONE STEP AWAY FROM TRIAL RUN THIS SUMMER
by the Halle, Lila and the Kol HaLev Board of Trustees

Thanks to your enthusiasm and feedback, the Governance Working Group has a revised governance model proposal we hope to implement at the next annual meeting in June.

There’s one final step: An upcoming community vote on a bylaws amendment which defines and authorizes a “trial run” as a means to make changes to our governance model.

Bylaws again? Yes; here’s why: If you look at our current bylaws, you’ll see that the structure of the Values Team model of governance was written right into the bylaws. Since the proposed new governance model eliminates Values Teams and Values Team Leaders, once we began our trial run, we would no longer be operating the way the bylaws say we should. continued on page 9

NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR INTERFAITH TIKKUN OLAM AS GCC RISES AGAIN
by Allen Binstock, GCC Core Team Member

Kol HaLev was a founding member of Greater Cleveland Congregations (GCC) in 2011 and we have been part of the great energy that has propelled GCC to its many social action achievements since that time. Kol HaLev members were directly involved in GCC campaigns that led to Medicaid Expansion in Ohio, the passage of two Cleveland Schools levies, and criminal justice reform measures taken in Cuyahoga County. Per capita, we have been one of the most active congregations in GCC and we are proud that one of our members, Donna Weinberger, sits on the GCC Strategy Team.

Now it’s time for GCC to recharge its batteries and strategize for its next campaigns. For the past year, GCC has been seeking to expand its base and better train its members before taking on any new initiatives. New congregations and community groups have joined as members of GCC. GCC has conducted community organizing training sessions for congregants and has started a listening campaign to learn about the social justice concerns of its constituents so that new county wide initiatives can be developed.

As part of this listening campaign, the Kol HaLev GCC Core Team is sponsoring a coffee and bagels conversation on Sunday, February 3, 2019 at 10:15 a.m. at the home of Mimi Plevin-Foust. The purpose of this get-together is to talk about where our members think GCC should be heading in terms of new initiatives. It is also an opportunity for Kol continued on page 9
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STAYING CONNECTED TO THE INNOVATIVE SPIRIT OF RECONSTRUCTING JUDAISM THROUGH “LEARNING NETWORKS” & “EVOLVE” CONVERSATIONS

There are a number of cities across the country that have multiple Reconstructionist congregations, but we here in greater Cleveland are, regrettably, not among them. As the sole local Reconstructionist community, it can be easy to forget that we are part of a larger, exciting and dynamic Jewish collective.

That is one reason that I was very grateful to have been able to attend, a couple of months ago, with no fewer than ten members of our Kol HaLev community, the first convention of Reconstructionist Jews in eight years. The chance to connect with other Reconstructionist-oriented people from many parts of North America and even a few from Europe and Israel, is an opportunity and an experience that cannot be adequately conveyed through words alone. The richness of the prayer, the learning, and simply the informal conversations, can be a powerful way to deepen one’s awareness of and appreciation for the creativity, diversity and commitment that characterize the movement to which we all belong. I am very excited that many of us will get to have a small taste of our movement’s national leadership when Rabbi Maurice Harris joins us as a scholar-in-residence at this year’s Shabbaton the first weekend in April.

In addition to that, I wanted to highlight a few resources that the national office in Philadelphia has created and made available online that I suspect many of us may be unaware of, but which are well worth checking out. Here are a couple of examples:

- The national website, ReconstructingJudaism.org, is a treasure trove of information, especially related to deepening one’s understanding of basic Reconstructionist philosophy.

- At a more specific level, there is a section on the website that can connect you with something called, learning networks, which are groups made up of members and staff of Reconstructionist congregations from all over north America and beyond. Some of these groups are focused on the processes of developing congregations, but others are more oriented to spiritual, political and philosophical questions such as personal prayer composition, creating rituals to support healing from trauma or issues of racial justice within the Jewish community.

- Equally engaging is a new initiative entitled, Evolve, which, in the words of the website, “seeks to promote the ongoing evolution of the Jewish community by launching collective, communal conversations about the urgent issues of our day.” There you can find a range of perspectives across an assortment of topics, from technology to the challenges of living in community to various ways of thinking about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

While visiting ReconstructingJudaism.org will probably not provide the same level of satisfaction and enjoyment as attending a movement convention, it is nonetheless a pretty good tool for getting a feel for the conversations that are happening in the larger Reconstructionist community, and for joining in with those conversations if you so choose.

Rabbi Steve
We send wishes for a refuah shleimah, a complete and speedy healing, to Molly Berger; Anita Cohn; Lila Hanft; Ron Kohn; Frank Maris; Pam Millas; Pauline Raymond; Martha, Dave, Max and Alice Schubert, 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 Michal Scher-Marcus, the January Monthly Coordinator. During the month, members sent cards.

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.

SAVE THE DATE: HESED/SHIVA TEAM OPEN HOUSE SUNDAY, MARCH 31

If you have been curious about what the Hesed and Shiva Teams do, how they work, how you might get involved or if you have ideas on how we can improve the ways we bring support to our community, increase community engagement and nurture new leadership, we invite you to join us for a light brunch and conversation on Sunday, March 31. More details to follow in the coming weeks.

We hope to answer any questions you have, explain the logistics of how we operate and listen to your ideas about the future of the Hesed/Shiva Team within the Kol HaLev community.

We welcome any questions or comments as we plan for this gathering.

Martha Schubert, Robin Holzman and David Shutkin

YAHRZEITS

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

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

• Jean Manela – Mother of Aaron Manela
• Lisa Goldstein – Mother of Anita Cohn
• George Smith– Father of Barbara Truitt
• Fred Bass – Brother of Toby Trevis

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 year to deb@kolhalev.net.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Kol HaLev gratefully acknowledges these contributions:

• Margy Weinberg in commemoration of the yahrzeit of her father, Herman D. Gordon
• Linda Sylte to the Hesed Fund
• Josh Butler to the Rabbi’s Discretionary Fund
• Mario & Roberta Tonti in celebration of their daughter Jenni’s marriage to Andy Marsh
• Toby Trevis in honor of the birth of Maxine Brand’s grandson Avi

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 by check or online, whichever is more comfortable and convenient for you. Find out how at http://kolhalev.net/giving_opportunities.
COMMUNITY-WIDE SHABBAT DINNERS PLANNED FOR MARCH 1

The membership committee has planned another evening of community-wide Shabbat dinners in members’ homes on Friday, March 1. If you are interested in participating either as a guest or host, please contact Meg Manny at megmanny99@gmail.com. On your return email please include the following information: If you can host, indicate the number of guests you would like and the number of and type of pets in your home. If you’d like to be a guest at a member’s Shabbat dinner, please include the number of people you’re RSVPing for, whether you need a ride to the hosts’ home, whether you have food preferences or allergies, and whether pets are a problem for you.

We will need your response by February 15. Sometime after the deadline, the hosting family will contact their guests with specific information regarding time, place and food contribution.

WARM FEELINGS ABOUT THE CREATIVE TIKKUN OLAM BRUNCH
by Happy Wallach

Members of Kol Halev’s women group thoroughly enjoyed participating in a “Creative Tikkun Olam Brunch,” courtesy of Maxine Brand, who provided our supplies. We transformed adorable and oh-so-soft fabric into 10 blankets to donate to the NICU Unit of Rainbow Babies and Children’s Hospital. Each departing NICU family receives a volunteer-made blanket to remind them of positive times during their hospital stay.

For us, part of the fun of this particular project was that multiple people worked together on a single blanket until it was completed. This gave us lots of time for visiting with each other even while our hands were busy. In fact, we were astounded to realize that the 10 blankets had been completed in just a little over an hour! In addition, lots of us also made notes about exchanged info which we wouldn’t have known, had we not gotten together. We send our good wishes to all the families who will receive the blankets!

SAVE THE DATE: JEWS AND SOCIAL JUSTICE SERIES BEGINS MARCH 3

The next adult education series, which will focusing on Judaism and Social Justice, will begin on Sunday, March 3 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Maureen Dinner, with a discussion of the texts and values that undergird our tradition’s commitment to social justice.

The following sessions will each focus on Jewish participation in major movements for social justice in 20th century America, including the Labor movement, the Civil Rights movement and the Feminist movement; they are scheduled for March 17, 24, and 31, with a possible final session on April 28.

To attend, please RSVP to Alan Federman (even if you already did so prior to the rescheduling) at alanf7010@gmail.com.
Kol Yoshvei Tevel
*All those who dwell on earth*
The whole of humanity

Klal Yisrael
*All of Israel*
Our greater pluralistic, Jewish community

B’nai Yisrael
*Children of Israel*
Our family ancestors
Biblical ancestors

Kehilat Yisrael
*Community of Israel*
Kol HaLev
Reconstructionist community

**FRIDAY-SUNDAY, APRIL 5-7, 2019**
The Lodge at Geneva on the Lake
Register and Pay by **FEBRUARY 21, 2019**

Questions? Contact Laurel (laurel.simkoff@gmail.com) or Jean (jean@waldorfinspiredlearning.com)
**Kol HaLev Intergenerational Shabbaton**  
**Friday-Sunday, April 5-7, 2019/5779**

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If you are coming alone, do you wish to have a roommate?  
If you have made arrangements to share a room, please provide name:  
Meals will be dairy/vegetarian. Do you have special dietary needs?  
Please note that we will do our best to make dietary accommodations, but cannot guarantee that every need will be met.  
The cost covers 2 nights of lodging, all meals and programming.  
Cost: $180 per adult in a double occupancy room ($360 a couple)  
$270 per adult in a single occupancy room/single parent  
$50 per child  
Free for children 3 and under  
$410 cap per family  

Please contact Jean for day rate or single night stay.  
**REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT MUST BE MADE BY** **FEBRUARY 21, 2019**  

- Tax-deductible donation to defray the cost of others included.  
- I am in need of financial assistance. Please have Rabbi Steve contact me confidentially.  
- I am paying by check, which is included.  
- I am paying by credit card or electronic check on the website (www.kolhalev.net). Instructions for online payment: On the website navigation bar, go to “Support Kol HaLev.” Choose “Make payment.” Follow the link and instructions for using PaySimple, our secure payment portal. During checkout, be sure to select “Shabbaton” on the “I am paying for” dropdown menu.  
- I wish to perform at the Saturday night talent show! My act is: ____________________________

$_______ Price  
$_______ Donation  
$_______ Total

Questions? Contact Laurel (laurel.simkoff@gmail.com) or Jean (jean@waldorfpspiredlearning.com)  
Please send complete form and payment to:  
Kol HaLev | 2245 Warreensville Center Rd. | Suite 215 | University Heights, OH 44118
Mishloach Manot are the gifts of delicious treats, sweets and hamantaschen (triangle-shaped filled cookies) which Jews traditionally exchange at Purim.

Each year, the Kol HaLev Men’s Group organizes an exchange of Mishloach Manot, which simplifies this delightful tradition of sending sweet greetings to our Kol HaLev friends. Here are the ground rules:

- **EVERY KOL HALEV HOUSEHOLD RECEIVES ONE MISHLOACH MANOT BAG** (whether you participate in the exchange or not).
- Each Mishloach Manot bag comes with a card listing the members who contributed to the recipient’s Mishloach Manot. (Wondering how to make sure you’ve given to everyone who has given to you? Choose the cost-saving reciprocity option, which does just that).
- In each bag: Kosher, parve hamantaschen, baked by the Kol HaLev’s Men’s Group, plus dried fruit, sweets and other snacks.
- **PICKUP:** Come pick up your Mishloach Manot at our Purim Party on Wed., March 20 at 6:45 p.m., (or they can be delivered to your home by Kol HaLev members in the days following the party).

The order form has two pages. On the first page:

- You can order baskets for individual members for $3.00 each
- You can send “reciprocal” baskets to people who send **you** one for $36.00
- You can order baskets for **ALL Kol HaLev members** for $225.00 (only $1.69 each)
- You can order Mishloach Manot for friends OUTSIDE Kol HaLev for $8.00 each (no delivery option).
- You may opt to make your own Mishloach Manot bag “Candy-free” or “Virtual” (if you don’t the temptation of sweets or live out of town).
- 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.

On the second page, you select the names of the members to whom you’d like to send Mishloach Manot, so don’t forget to submit that page with your order form!

**All orders must be received and paid in full by Wednesday, March 13!**
2019 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 deb@kolhalev.net. (Alternately, you can send Deb an email with the names of your chosen recipients.) Pay online at our safe, secure payment portal, Pay Simple. Deadline: 3/13

   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 Deb in the office: deb@kolhalev.net or 216-320-1498

ALL ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED & PAID IN FULL BY Wednesday, March 13!

Ordering Options:

Name (as you’d like it to appear to recipients): _______________________________________________

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

OR TOTAL $___________

☐ I wish to send bags to ALL KOL HALEV households (includes reciprocity) $225.00

☐ I wish to order _________ bags for friends outside Kol Halev at $8.00 each $__________________
   (I understand that I must pick up at the 3/20 Purim celebration and deliver myself)

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

GRAND TOTAL (Mishloach Manot, Reciprocals & Matanot L’Evyonim) $__________________

Delivery & Contents 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 Party on Wed., March 20 OR

☐ I’d like my Mishloach Manot delivered to my home in the days following the Purim party

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 next page!
Select your Mishloach Manot recipients and include this page with your order!

[Select names]

** Indicates members who will receive virtual Mishloach Manot because they live out of town or will be out of town during Purim

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Does it really matter if we’re out of compliance with our bylaws? Not in a legal sense, because the state of Ohio, unlike many states, has few requirements for nonprofit organizations like Kol HaLev (i.e. those which are not also charitable organizations). The Ohio Revised Code doesn’t require nonprofit corporations like us to have bylaws, nor does it have anything to say about what our bylaws should contain or what happens if we don’t follow them.

But bylaws do have organizational significance; they are a record of communally agreed-upon practices designed to protect the community and enable it to continue its specific work. Our bylaws, among other things, outline procedures and assign responsibilities that make sure Kol HaLev remains true to its values and mission, and is protected against legal and financial risk.

Because there are still good operational reasons to avoid being out of compliance with our bylaws, we asked the affiliate support staff at Reconstructing Judaism to help us develop a solution that would allow us to evolve as a community while respecting the protective intent of the bylaws. They helped us come up with the following: An amendment which would establish the procedure for changing the organization’s governance structure. With input from Rabbis Maurice Harris and David Teutsch, as well as several Kol HaLev members, the board is drafting a new amendment to the bylaws which we will need to bring to a community vote.

The text of the proposed amendment, along with voting instructions, will be sent to all members in a few short weeks: Please be on the lookout for this document in your email and regular mail in mid-February.

What specifically will the new amendment do? In brief, the amendment sets conditions for a trial run of a new governance model (including the development of a detailed proposal and opportunity for community feedback), ensures that formal evaluation of the new model takes place during the trial run, and sets a limit on how long the trial may run.

Your vote FOR the amendment will allow us to proceed with a trial run of the new governance model now, and, going forward, will provide a bylaws-compliant blueprint for future organizational change.

Before you say, “Oy, I just voted on a bylaws thing!”, let us assure you that is entirely different from the recent vote on changes to the bylaws which were designed to better facilitate community-wide voting.

YOUR VOTE MATTERS. Proposed changes to our bylaws still require the approval of a MAJORITY (51%) of members to pass. As soon as you receive your ballot (approximately mid-February), please vote immediately, either online or by mail.

GREATER CLEVELAND CONGREGATIONS, continued from page 1

Greater Cleveland Congregations -- Rabbi Steve, Mimi Plevin-Foust, Allen Binstock and Karly Whitaker-- to meet and greet those of our members who would like to learn more about GCC and/or become more involved. We will also have an opportunity to discuss GCC’s ongoing campaigns.

Even though GCC is currently in the process of strengthening its base and taking time to listen to its members, it is also engaged in some ongoing long-term campaigns. GCC has teams that are involved in Education reform and Criminal Justice reform. These teams are open to participation by congregants who belong to any of the constituent congregations. The Education Team meets regularly with CMSD School Superintendent Eric Gordon about issues facing the Cleveland Public Schools. Some GCC Congregations have adopted specific schools in the CMSD and worked closely with parents, teachers, and administrators to bring real improvements to them. Members of the GCC Criminal Justice Team meet regularly with the Cuyahoga County Chief Prosecutor and Chief Common Pleas Judge to discuss how the system can better administer justice in the City and County. Our efforts have already brought about significant improvements in the criminal justice system such as assuring more equal access to juvenile diversion programs. Finally, GCC is also active in the Do Not Stand Idly By (DNSIB) nation-wide campaign that seeks to address the scourge of gun violence in our society.

If you have been wanting to get more involved in social action aimed at improving our community, this is your opportunity to speak up and act. We need your ideas and input. We also need your energy. Come to the GCC conversation at Mimi’s house on the 3rd and start making a difference.
Good news! Thanks to members’ prompt responses to our 2019 fundraising campaign, we’ve already raised nearly $12,000 toward meeting the $20,000 match! That means that only $8,000 more in members’ pledges or contributions will get us to $40,000, with the generous matching funds.

If you haven’t yet pledged or contributed, please take a moment right now to do so. You can use the form on page 13 or this newsletter, or contribute online. We have a collective responsibility to provide for the means to sustain our amazing community – each of us according to our ability. Donations of any size are most welcome.

The goal of raising a sustaining $60,000 this year is a big one; like everything we do at Kol HaLev, we can do this – together. Let’s meet that match – and beyond!

This is OUR Kol HaLev.

The chapel was full and overflowing into the hall on “Solidarity Shabbat”, as Kol HaLev members and friends came together to find comfort and strength in our community. When we need a reminder of the joy of belonging and the power of human connection, when we need to process our experiences as Jews with like-minded people, we come to Kol HaLev.

We belong to Kol HaLev for so many reasons – our exceptional Rabbi and staff, the beauty of our sacred space, and perhaps most of all, the meaningful relationships we have formed with each other.

Why do we fundraise? To ensure we can continue to build our open, engaging, caring community together.

Did you know that membership dues cover only 60% of Kol HaLev’s total operating expenses? Each year, your generous donations are what bridge the gap.

Our goal: To raise $60,000 • Our deadline: March 30, 2019

This campaign will be our only major fundraising event this fiscal year. We ask that you give even if you have never given before. Donations of any size are most welcome.

Matching Funds!

Generous member families have offered to match others’ contributions up to a total of $20,000! Give whatever is within your means – your gift will be doubled.

Please help sustain our community, now and for the future.
Yes, I'll give to Kol HaLev's 2018-19 annual campaign!

Name ____________________________________________________________
Address ____________________________________________________________
City, State, Zip _______________________________________________________
Phone __________________________  Email__________________________________

Amount of Pledge:  
_____ $36     _____ $180     _____ $720     _____ $1800     Other: $_______

Portion of pledge enclosed today: $ ________  
_____ I wish my donation to remain anonymous  (Note: Amounts are always confidential.)

Please make your pledge by March 30, 2019,  
and complete your payment(s) toward the pledge by June 30, 2019

___ Check enclosed. 
   Please mail this completed form to: 
   Kol HaLev, 2245 Warrensville Ctr Rd #215, University Hts, OH 44118.

___ I will pay online with a credit card. 
   Please visit the website kolhalev.net/pay_simple and follow the easy 
   instructions for using our secure payment site.

___ I will pay with my bank’s online bill payer. 
   Please make checks to Kol HaLev using the address: 
   Kol HaLev, 2245 Warrensville Ctr Rd #215, University Hts, OH 44118 
   and the phone number: 216-320-1498. 
   On memo line, note “Fund 18-19”, the amount of total pledge if 
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<td>Teen Tikkun Olam and Movie Night at the home of Robyn N.</td>
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<td>Shabbat Practices Study Group at the home of Maxine B.</td>
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<td>Kabbalat Shabbat and Potluck at the Ratner School. Service Leader: Rabbi Steve. Description: The dishes 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. A-H - Dessert or Drink, I-P - Main Dish, Q-Z – Appetizer or Salad</td>
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<td>Rapping With the Rabbi at the Nervous Dog Coffee Bar. School-age children are invited to share a hot chocolate and shoot the breeze with Rabbi Steve.</td>
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Join in this joyous Purim mitzvah!

“Days of feasts and gladness and sending portions of food to one another.”

~Esther 9:22

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