

Kol HaLev Happenings

Newsletter of Cleveland's Reconstructionist Community

January 2011

Adult B'nai Mitzvah Program Ready to Begin

The 2011-12 Adult B'nai Mitzvah program is ready to begin, and you are invited to participate in this step of your spiritual journey with Kol HaLev.

The program will run for approximately 16 months, meeting for 90 minutes twice monthly, and culminate in a B'nai Mitzvah service co-led by the participants and Rabbi Steve. The curriculum will cover foundational categories of Jewish understanding, such as the structure of the Jewish worship service and the process of Torah study. All of the participants will be asked to increase their Hebrew language skills based on a personal assessment with Rabbi Steve. A number of options will be identified to assist in achieving this proficiency. Trope (cantillation) instruction will also be required. Both the Hebrew and trope instruction will be done outside of the bimonthly meetings. Rabbi Steve and participants will discuss this aspect early in the program.

In addition to these areas of study, the program will also include the process of writing a spiritual autobiography as well as a several-session focus on one other major area of Jewish thought or practice that will be decided on by the participants. This could include such topics as the cycle of the Jewish holidays, applying Jewish law to contemporary issues, or traditional and contemporary Jewish theology.

Please note that this course is not offered frequently. The last time an adult b'nai mitzvah program took place was over five years ago, and

it will probably be at least another two or three years before it is offered again.

To sign up for the program, please contact Judy Herdering at the Kol Halev office either by email (judy@kolhalev.net) or by phone (216-320-1498). For additional information, contact Rabbi Steve at the same phone number or at rabbisteve@kolhalev.net.

New Members

b'ruchim haba'im

Please welcome new member

Joyce Wolpert

We look forward to seeing you at future
Kol HaLev events

Bat Mitzvah

Please join us as our daughter
Elaine Ruth Millas
is called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah
Saturday, January 8, 2011 at 9:45 a.m.

The whole Kol HaLev community
is invited to join us
for a festive Kiddush following the service.
The theme is responsibility
to the eldest among us.

Greg and Pam Millas

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Capital One Generates Kol HaLev Capital

Twelve of Kol HaLev's members have provided \$1,000 for Kol HaLev in the past six months at no cost to themselves simply by opening and using a Kol HaLev Capital One affinity card.

Kol HaLev receives \$50 the first time a newly approved card is used, and a percentage of everything charged after that is then donated back to Kol HaLev. This provides an easy way for members to help us meet the community's financial needs. If just 12 members generated \$1,000 in six months, imagine how much Kol HaLev would receive if all 132 members used the card for their purchases!

To open an account go to the Kol HaLev website (www.kolhalev.net) and click on the "Supporting Kol HaLev" tab on the far right. Then scroll down to "Support KHL - Affinity Credit Card" and click for more information. Note that an application for this card must be done by computer, not by telephone.

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Rabbinic Corner – Rabbi Steve Segar

Although there are clearly significant differences between our Western culture’s observance of the new calendar year and that of our Jewish heritage, this moment in the Gregorian calendar still feels like a good time to take a step back and reflect on where we have been and where we are headed. One of my favorite ways to engage in that process is to find a book that lays out a model for developing an attribute I aspire to or suggests a path to reach a new level of understanding. Then I reflect on how my own life in the present maps onto that model.

I think that this process can also be valuable on the organizational level, and so I would like to share over the course of the next several columns some perspectives from *Sacred Strategies*, a very recently published book dealing with synagogue transformation. Put together by four authors, each of whom has written books on this topic within the past decade, this book takes a close look at a group of highly successful synagogue communities. The first part of the book lays out the characteristics of these robust and dynamic congregations, and the second part goes on to recommend a process for emulating the success that they have chronicled.

Over the next several months I will share with the Kol HaLev community some of the core ideas that appear in this volume as grist for our ongoing reflection and inspiration. We can feel good that we are at least aware of, if not actually implementing, some of the approaches and perspectives that are presented in this study. However, I think we can learn how to move forward more effectively in some of our already established areas. Additionally, the examples of these synagogues can point us in directions that we haven’t yet considered.

The subtitle of the book is “Transforming Synagogues from Functional to Visionary,” and the authors stay true to that theme from start to finish. The first distinction the book makes between functional and visionary congregations has to do with the way in which members of the congregation think about the meaning of their membership. In functional congregations, the tendency is to apply a more “consumerist” model of membership. People in these congregations lean towards seeing their membership as something they purchase with money in exchange for specified services they receive, e.g., bar/bat mitzvah celebrations, High Holy Day services, pastoral attention as needed, etc. In contrast, in visionary congregations, membership is understood as a commitment to a sacred mission or purpose that members have agreed to uphold, certainly with financial resources, but also through investing their own time, energy and passion. In the language of the authors, “where the functional congregation delivers specified services to consumer-clients, the visionary congregation produces sacred experiences [in collaboration with] the members of its holy community.”

As I think about where Kol HaLev fits on this spectrum, it seems to me that we have been very clear in our aspiration to follow the more visionary model of what it means to belong to a religious community. There are some areas of our community life where we regularly experience a sense of ourselves as a holy community and other areas where this feeling has been less prominent. I think we have a solid foundation to build upon, and I look forward to sharing in future columns some of the specific recommendations from the second part of the book.

With wishes for a celebratory and reflective Gregorian new year,
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. Please contact him by phone at the office (216-320-1498) or by email (rabbisteve@kolhalev.net) to schedule a meeting time.

Adult Education – A Review and Preview

Adult Education got off to an excellent start in October with a three-session review of Reconstructionist Judaism for all members of our congregation, but especially geared to new and prospective members.

At our November meeting, Ralph Gwatkin presented the ideas contained in Shlomo Sand's *The Invention of the Jewish People*. In this highly controversial interpretation of history, Sand seeks to demonstrate that, since Judaism had already spread throughout the Roman Empire, there was no significant exile following the destruction of the Second Temple by the Romans. He also claims that if Ashkenazi Jews are descendants of conversions in the 10th and 12th centuries CE, they may not have a direct link to Israel.

Sand's reading of history casts doubt on the Zionist idea of a secular Jewish ethnicity, modeled on the 19th-century idea of the German Volk, with its racial assumptions. He argues that to fully assimilate its Arab citizens, Israel should adopt the Western liberal idea of a country for all of its citizens before there is significant unrest among its Arab minority.

These ideas provided for a very lively discussion and debate. Thanks to Ralph for all his efforts and to Mike Armin for hosting.

Continuing with the issues surrounding the origins of the Jewish people, in December Leah Kamionkowski hosted and conducted a fascinating review of the process that led to our ancestors' becoming a people: the early migrations into Canaan, the amalgamation of tribes and clans, and the intermingling with the local population, both through peaceful infiltration and military confrontation. Were the three patriarchs from separate clans and not from one family?

We also saw that Israel cannot be viewed in isolation, so we looked at its neighbors, their culture and religious practices, and their influence on the Biblical text. We saw that syncretism took place, both within Israel and with its neighbors. And finally, we looked at Yahweh, originally the storm god of the desert, and one of many gods worshipped in Israel in its earlier periods. Leah explained how Yahweh slowly evolved into the conception of one universal God during the exile in Babylonia.

Much of the information presented was new for a number of those present, and many asked for Leah's written presentation and her bibliography. Again, we say thanks to Leah for all her efforts. What a marvelous group of presenters we have at Kol HaLev.

We will be taking a pause in January before we look at more recent material. In February we plan to examine Zionism and Zionist thinkers. Then in March we start on current issues in modern Israel, such as religion, economics and minorities (Jewish and non-Jewish). Watch for specific dates in the monthly and weekly updates.

Thanks to all who have joined us in learning and a hearty welcome to all those who would like to join us in the coming months. If you have any ideas for other topics for discussion, please let me know.

Sue Kisch

Hagiga Happenings

Recently at Hagiga we have embarked on an incredible journey. All the children have begun a values-based decision-making process on how we observe Shabbat in Hagiga. This journey was inspired by the madrichim, who asked to look at the principles guiding our education program. It is thanks to their curiosity, as well as their dedication to create the very best program that Hagiga can be, that we began this investigation.

The guiding principles (http://kolhalev.net/learning_principles_governing_educ_programming) were developed to ensure that Shabbat is honored as a holy day and distinguished from other days. However, in an effort to create the most effective educational process possible, they are also careful not to limit specific modalities of education. The intention is that there should be both mindful exploration and evaluation.

The madrichim have studied these Shabbat principles with Rabbi Steve and have studied values-based decision making as a Reconstructionist process with Rabbi Shawn Zevit. The more we learn, the more we realize that there is much more to learn. Our goal is to guide our youth through a values-based decision-making process so that they can experience this aspect of Reconstructionism and define their own Shabbat principles.

As the members of Hagiga work toward this goal, they will be engaging with many different elements. In addition to KHL's Shabbat principles, they will be studying traditional texts on the observance of Shabbat from both Biblical and rabbinic sources, modern scholarship on the evolution of Shabbat practice, and Reconstructionist theory.

This will be a long journey, but it is exciting that we have taken our first steps! We will keep you informed at each phase of the course as we progress toward our goal.

Robyn

A Shabbat of Welcoming: New Member Shabbat and Hagigat Limud

As a community, we will welcome our newest Kol HaLev members at the Shabbat service on Saturday, January 15. We hope everyone will be present to meet and greet our new members, and that these members will attend to be welcomed and honored with a group aliyah (going up to the Torah for a blessing) during the Torah service.

We will also welcome our first graders into a new level of learning within our community. Our own unique *Hagigat Limud* ritual will take place during the Torah service when we honor these children and their families and offer them blessings as they enter a new stage of Jewish life together.

Our tradition is that the membership committee and last year's new members sponsor an extended kiddush to give us all time to get acquainted. Kol HaLev has a well-deserved reputation as a warm and welcoming community. We encourage everyone to be a "greeter." Please make a point of talking with people whom you don't know at the kiddush as well as at future services and other events. Our kindness and inclusiveness enrich us individually and as a community.

The Torah through Women's Eyes

All Kol HaLev women are invited to a brunch on Sunday, January 16, from 10 a.m. to noon at the home of Maureen Hack, 17 Dorsett Court, Beachwood. Leah Kamionkowski will give a talk titled, "Looking at the Torah through Women's Eyes." RSVP to Maureen at mxh7@case.edu or 216-831-0997.

SAVE THE DATE: Kol HaLev Women's Retreat

What do we identify as courageous in our society or societies? Is this what courage really is? What enables someone to act in a courageous manner? How does this fit in with Judaism? What woman is a role model of everyday courage for you? How are courage and empowerment connected? When is courage linked to compassion? Is it possible to acknowledge in the moment that you yourself are acting courageously, or only after the fact?

Using this year's theme, "Everyday Courage," as a focus for discussion and meditation, we will have the opportunity to share laughter, insights and stories, while making new discoveries about each other and our lives.

All Kol HaLev women are invited.

When: Sunday, March 6, 9:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Where: The home of Donna and Dick Weinberger, 32090 Woodsdale Lane, Solon

Questions: Contact Happy Wallach at HappyHKW@aol.com or 216-283-4058

Hesed

Condolences to Morissa Freiberg on the loss of her grandmother, Mary Krumlauf, who died at the age of 100.

Condolences to Maxine Collin and Elise, Mike and Dana Hagesfeld on the loss of Maxine's mother, Elise's grandmother and Dana's great-grandmother, Shirley Brick.

Honorable Menschen

Todah rabah, many thanks to Greg and Lois Selker for donating a kiddush cup for the Kol HaLev kiddushim.

Todah rabah, many thanks to Susan Golden for donating serving trays and tablecloths for the Kol HaLev kiddushim.

Finance Committee News

A meeting of the reconstituted Finance Committee was held on November 9. Attendees were Alan Lipson, Leah Kamionkowski, Greg Selker, Ami Kopstein and Dick Epstein. The committee examined procedures that can help control expenses. Two new policies were instituted to deal with unbudgeted expenses and printing expenses.

Regarding unbudgeted expenses, any expense that is not a budgeted line item must be expressly pre-approved by the treasurer.

In order to control printing expenses and achieve a greener footprint, all Kol HaLev written materials will be distributed as follows:

- All notices, correspondence, etc. are to be transmitted electronically unless a very good reason exists to print the items.
- If it is not possible to transmit documents electronically, then printing must be done on the printers and copiers in the Kol HaLev office.
- Permission to print any materials outside the Kol HaLev office must be obtained from the treasurer.

Contributions

Kol HaLev gratefully acknowledges the following contributions from:

- Abe and Muriel Chasin in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Muriel's mother, Sadie Ritz
- Dick and Deena Epstein in honor of the b'nai mitzvah of Ben Robertson and Elaine Millas, in honor of David Conn's and Juanita Fish's conversions and in honor of Simcha Zevit's ordination
- Judy Vida and Peter Gray in memory of Judy's daughter, Jo Hana Goldberg; in honor of David Conn's and Juanita Fish's conversions, and in honor of the b'nai mitzvah of Ben Robertson and Harry Weinstock
- Ruth Ness in honor of Ben Robertson's bar mitzvah
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- Ronald Kohn in commemoration of the yahrzeit of his father, Adolph Kohn
- David Conn in honor of Juanita Fish's conversion to Judaism
- Julio and Aurelia Pelsmajer in honor of the conversion of Juanita Fish and in appreciation of Mike Armin

Kol HaLev thanks the following members for their contributions to the High Holy Days Appeal:

Mike Armin
Glenn and Jill Bieler
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Michael and Kareen Caputo
Paul Gellman
Bruce and Brenda Goodman

Marilyn Litvene
Bill and Michal Marcus
Ruth Ness
Emory Petrack and Sammy Greenspan
Jeffrey and Debby Schein
Stuart and Sharon Schultz

Interfaith Hospitality Network

The Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) is a group of over 35 churches and synagogues in the Cleveland area that take turns housing homeless families for a week at a time. Kol HaLev partners in this endeavor with Heights Christian Church in Shaker Heights. The church provides sleeping quarters and breakfast and dinner for the families whom IHN treats as guests. Kol HaLev members assist by socializing with the families, playing with the children, and helping as needed with the dinner.

The families vary in size, and the children range in age from infancy to teens. IHN offers not only food and shelter, but also transportation so school-age children can attend the schools they had been attending before their families became homeless. For the adults, transportation is provided to a center where they can receive job counseling and assistance in finding affordable housing. There is also daycare at the center for preschool children.

Last year the IHN served 52 families, but with the current economic situation, the numbers will probably increase. Consequently, more volunteers are urgently needed. During 2011 Kol HaLev and Heights Christian Church are scheduled to host homeless families January 9-15, March 20-26 and December 4-10. Kol HaLev volunteers help on two or three nights of each week, from 5:30 until 9:00 p.m.

Kol HaLev member Nancy Dudwick, who has been a regular and committed volunteer for nearly eight years, says that she has found this to be a worthwhile and enjoyable experience. Any interested volunteers can contact her for further details at 216-382-6180, cell: 216-712-2939, or by email: NancyDudwick@SBCglobal.net.

Hug HaSefer – Book Discussion Circle

The next book group meeting will be Thursday, January 27, at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Deena and Dick Epstein. The group will discuss *One God Clapping: The Spiritual Path of a Zen Rabbi* by Alan Lew. The book is a compelling spiritual autobiography that traces a circle from Lew's Jewish boyhood in Brooklyn through a long, intuitive quest that brought him to Berkeley, California, where he practiced Zen Buddhism. After 10 years of Zen meditation, Lew realized that his is an undeniably Jewish soul.

The book for February is Grace Paley's *The Little Disturbances of Man*.

All KHL members are welcome to attend. For more information about the group or to be added to the group's email list, contact Kevin Weidenbaum (KJW@oberlin.net).

What Is “MostJewish”??

What's more Jewish—summer camp or Chinese food? “MostJewish,” a new online game from the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, poses questions like that to invite Jews (and everyone) to rethink Jewish identity at <http://www.mostjewish.com>. With a single click you can vote for one of four “contestants” and help generate the Top 10 list. Then sound off about why you made your pick and play again. In doing so, you'll enter a fun yet meaningful dialogue about Judaism in the 21st century. MostJewish.com also offers blog posts and will feature videos, photos and terms submitted by people like you and your fellow congregants. It works well on your smartphone and is a great group activity—on the ticket line at the movies or in the waiting room at the orthodontist. Ultimately, MostJewish will offer tools to help you continue exploring your Jewish connection on deeper levels, both online and off-line. So log on and let the world know what *you* think is MostJewish.

REMINDER: Camp Scholarships available for 2011

Kol HaLev and the JECC will again provide grants of up to \$1,000 to help families defray the cost for children currently in grade 3 or above attending qualifying Jewish summer camps for a minimum of 19 days. Please note that first priority will be given to children enrolled in the Kol HaLev education program who plan to attend Camp JRF. Camperships are available to enrolled children in their **first or second** year at Camp JRF and children in their **first year only** at a non-denominational camp.

If you are interested in applying for one of these camperships, you first need to enroll your child in Camp JRF or another qualifying camp (see list below). Then go to the One Happy Camper website (www.onehappycamper.org) and register your child for the campership incentive. If your child is in a Jewish day school, you will be instructed to click on the link to the JECC's website (www.jecc.org/youthopportunities/CampFunding1.htm) to enter your data.

When you have completed the above registration process, please be sure to contact Alan Weinstein (216-687-3758 or alan.weinstein@law.csuohio.edu) to confirm that you have registered your child. This is an important step that will allow Kol HaLev to track our financial obligation of \$250 for each registered camper.

In addition to Camp JRF, the following non-denominational camps qualify for camperships: B'nai B'rith Beber Camp, B'nai B'rith Perlman Camp, Camp Wise, Emma Kaufmann Camp, Habonim Dror Camps and Young Judea Camps.

Camp JRF: Quick Facts

Started in 2002, Camp JRF has grown from 39 campers from 12 JRF communities in summer 2002 to an expected 400 campers from almost 50 communities in summer 2011. This growth in enrollment has also included a broadening of ages: Camp JRF now has programs for youngsters between 8 and 17 years of age. Energetic and creative staff members come from the United States, Canada and Israel; and Camp JRF senior staff includes students from the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College.

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

The campsite's features and amenities include:

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

For more information about Camp JRF, visit its website at www.campjrf.org.

Tu B'Shevat Intergenerational Program & Potluck

Wednesday, January 19, 2011/15 Shevat 5771
6:00 - 7:30 pm at the Ratner School



Join us for a festive evening celebrating the new year of the trees! Please bring a parve or dairy dish to serve 8-10 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!

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



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



Kalahari Indoor Water Park!

Winter Weather got you down? Let America's LARGEST Indoor Water Park give you a boost!

Open to all Kol HaLev Teens

9th - 12th grade

Sunday January 30, 2011



Deadline to register is January 24, 2011.
Contact Robyn, robyn@kolhalev.net or
216-320-1498 for more information.

ONLY \$5!

Includes transportation,
admission to the park, 1 slice
of pizza and 1 20oz beverage.

*This program is being subsidized by a
grant from the Jewish Education Center of
Cleveland/Jewish Community Federation.

*Registration necessary. Restrictions apply.



Family Havdalah

Sunday, January 23, 2011/18 Shevat 5771

1 - 3 pm at the Ratner School
for 3rd -12th grade and their families

Come to a Havdalah exploration led by Rabbi Yossi of
the Living Legacy and Rabbi Steve. Learn from both
traditional and Reconstructionist perspectives, as well as
create your own beautiful havdalah candle by dipping
wicks in hot bees wax and weaving them together.

Please RSVP to Robyn by January 16th,
robyn@kolhalev.net or 216-320-1498.

Yahrzeits

They are now a part of us as we remember them

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

Jacob Festinger – father of Anna Kelman
Sol Fink – father of Judy Harris
Israel Herman Gorovitz – paternal grandfather of Heidi Robertson
Harry Goldstein – father of Anita Cohn
Freda Shleser Imrey – mother of Peter Imrey
Shirley Korman – mother of Neil Korman
Abe Ritz (Avrum) – father of Muriel Chasin
Sue Smith – mother of Barbara Truitt
Sophie Weidenbaum – mother of Kevin Weidenbaum
Eleanor Zamore – mother-in-law of Fran Zamore
Harry Zamore – father-in-law of Fran Zamore
Aaron Josef Zevit (Ahron Yosef) – grandfather of Shawn Zevit

JANUARY 2011 KOL HALEV CALENDAR

- Saturday 1 **No Shabbat Morning Service and No Hagiga**
- Saturday 8 3:30 p.m. – **Torah Study** at the home of Leah Kamionkowski, 9 Chelsea Court, Beachwood, 216.464.2940; we will be studying the Book of Proverbs
- Saturday 8 9:45 a.m. - **Shabbat Service and Bat Mitzvah of Elaine Millas** at Ratner Chapel; *Bo*; Service leaders: Rabbi Steve and Elaine. Kiddush hosted by Greg and Pam Millas in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Elaine
- Saturday 8 10:15 a.m. – **Hagiga**
10:45 –Tot-Parent Shabbat Program for families with children in preschool and under in Rooms 113 & 114. The program is about a half an hour, led by Rachel Williams. Babysitting is available before and after Tot Shabbat, also in Rooms 113 & 114.
- Monday 10 7:30 p.m. – **Board Meeting**
- Saturday 15 10:15 a.m. – **Shabbat Service** preceded by Torah Discussion at 9:30 a.m. at Ratner Chapel; *Beshalach*; Service leader: Rabbi Steve
Hagigat Limud
New Member Shabbat
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- Sunday 16 10 a.m. – noon - **Women’s Group Brunch** at the home of Maureen Hack, 17 Dorsett Court, Beachwood, 216-831-0997. Leah Kamionkowski will give a talk titled, “Looking at the Torah through Women’s Eyes.” RSVP to Maureen Hack: mxh7@case.edu or 216-831-0997. All Kol HaLev women are invited.

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- Wednesday 19 – 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. – **Tu B'Shevat Intergenerational Program and Community Potluck** at The Ratner School; Questions - Contact Robyn, robyn@kolhalev.net or 216-320-1498
Potluck assignments:
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.)
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 reuseable plates, cups, utensils and napkins to our potluck.
- Friday 21 6:30 p.m. – **Magshimim Shabbat Dinner** at the home of Pam and Greg Millas
- Saturday 22 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. – **Musical Service led by Rabbi Steve and Potluck** at Ratner School; *Yitro*; kiddush will be co-hosted by Bruce and Brenda Goodman in honor of their daughter Naomi's 14th birthday, by Stuart and Sharon Schultz in honor of their newest grandchild, Shoshana and by Elizabeth and David Conn in honor of their son Cameron's 12th birthday
Potluck assignments:
A-H - Main Dish
I-P - Appetizer Salad
Q-Z – Dessert or Drink
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- Sunday 23 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. – **Havdalah Workshop** at Ratner School for 3rd – 12th grade and their families; **RSVP to Robyn by January 16** – robyn@kolhalev.net or 216-320-1498
- Wednesday 26 7:30 p.m. – **Mindful Jewish Practice** at the home of Molly Berger, 19744 Chagrin Boulevard, Shaker Heights, 216-752-5434; Both novice and experienced meditators are welcome to attend
- Thursday 27 7:30 p.m. – **Book Group Meeting** at the home of Deena and Dick Epstein, 20949 Colby Road, Shaker Heights, 216-321-9218; All KHL members are welcome to attend. For more information about the group or to be added to the group's e-mail list contact Kevin Weidenbaum (KJW@oberlin.net).
- Friday 28 6:30 p.m. – **Kabbalat Shabbat Musical Collaboration with Bethaynu** at Ratner School
7:45 p.m. – kiddush co-sponsored by Glenda Kupersmith and Ami Kopstein and by Chuck Sheeche and Marianne Lax
- Saturday 29 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – **Experiential Shabbat** at Ratner School; *Mishpatim*; kiddush co-hosted by Mimi Plevin-Foust and Bill Foust and by Steven Kanner and Karly Whitaker
- Sunday 30 **Kalahari Indoor Water Park** – open to all Kol HaLev teens, 9th-12th grade; contact Robyn - robyn@kolhalev.net or 216-320-1498 for more information

See our website calendar and weekly email for additions and changes

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