

Kol HaLev Happenings

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Hanukkah Photo Gallery, pages 4 & 5

WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS AT THE JAN. 20 NEW MEMBERS SHABBAT

We encourage all members to attend our annual New Member Shabbat on January 20, where we'll welcome all member families who have joined Kol HaLev in the past year with an aliyah and special Kiddush sponsored by last year's new members.

In anticipation of the New Member Shabbat, the Membership committee (chaired by Maureen Dinner) is reviving the tradition of publishing brief [continued on page 7](#)

SAVE THE DATE -- FEB. 3-4: THE SCHEIN INTERGENERATIONAL EDUCATIONAL WEEKEND

Mark your calendars for early February, when Kol HaLev's founding family, Rabbi Jeff and Dr. Deb Schein, return to Cleveland for a weekend of intergenerational learning. Rabbi Jeff, a professor of Jewish education, began what would become Kol HaLev with his wife, Deb, an expert on spirituality in children, in 1993.

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Hagiga volunteers at the Food Bank

"D'VAR TIKKUN": A NEW MONTHLY ADDITION TO SHABBAT SERVICES

The Kol HaLev Greater Cleveland Congregations (GCC) Core team in coordination with the Religious Practices Committee is excited to be moving forward with a new initiative in which members of the Kol HaLev community are invited and encouraged to share a short reflection on a personal experience that focused in some way on the process of "Tikkun Olam," repairing

the world. This is one of the core values of our community and we are interested in raising its profile within our most regularly occurring activities. We recognize that many of our members are involved in this kind of work in both volunteer and professional contexts and we think it will be enriching and inspiring for our community as a whole for us to hear from as many of us as feel

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moved to share their experience.

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FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: MONDAY, JANUARY. 15

OPEN CONVERSATIONS: SHARING PERSPECTIVES ON ISRAEL

This past Rosh Hashanah, I spoke about the importance, as I saw it, of the organized Jewish community pushing its comfort zone around acknowledging more complexity and ambiguity vis-a-vis perspectives on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict that exist both within the American Jewish public at large as well among the those who serve the Jewish community in a professional capacity. I argued that the attempt to resist this reality would, in the end, lead, ironically, to an undermining of the cultivation of support for and engagement with Israel; the very objective that the Jewish community is endeavoring to achieve. So far this year, we at Kol HaLev have taken some baby steps in this direction by initiating a monthly post-kiddush lunch and learn at which a range of members share reflections on their relationship to Israel over the course of their lives. (By the way, I'm still looking for a few people to fill slots between now and next summer, so please be in touch if you're interested in presenting).

In addition to this modest move in our own context, it's been gratifying to see that there have been developments within the wider local Jewish community over the past couple of months that are similarly oriented towards addressing this dynamic. Firstly, there have been several local screenings of the new film (based on the play) *Wrestling Jerusalem* in which actor and playwright Aaron Davidman compellingly presents perspectives on the conflict from 17 different points of view, across a range of Israeli, Palestinian and American Jewish personalities. Many members of the Jewish community have come out to see at least one of these screenings, especially the one that took place just a few weeks ago at the Mandel JCC.

In addition to this, there has been a new program, sponsored by Park Synagogue, but open to the Jewish community at large, whose purpose is to support community members with varying perspectives on this issue grow in their capacity to hear one another's voice without automatically dismissing points of view that differ from one's own. I am grateful to Ilana and Chuck Ratner for spearheading this initiative, and I feel that if it is successful in this initial, experimental stage, it has the potential to energize and inspire a more expanded effort in this arena more broadly within the local community. I attended the first session of this gathering and found it very meaningful, and I'm looking forward to participating in sessions two and three over the next couple of months. I will also plan on sharing with the Kol HaLev membership any plans to expand this project and recruit new participants. With prayers for the success of this effort and an increase more generally in our capacity to speak with one another across differences of perspective and experience.

D'VAR TIKKUN, [*continued from page 1*](#)

We are calling this sharing a "d'var Tikkun/ healing word," as play on the phrase, "d'var Torah" which is a presentation that focuses on drawing out a relevant teaching from a sacred text. We envision it taking place about once per month, towards the end of the service, as introduction to the Aleynu prayer, which contains one of the oldest references to the concept of Tikkun Olam in our tradition. We are asking people to frame their presentation to focus more on the personal meaning and/or inspiration that was derived from the experience, rather than on the larger political point of view that it may have represented. We are specifically requesting that anyone agreeing to present refrain from making specific remarks about particular political parties and/or politicians either from a positive or negative angle, and we are aiming, in the spirit of Shabbat being a foretaste of a redeemed world, for an emphasis on a transformative or hope-inspiring interaction rather than on a critique of the dynamics that are perceived to have generated the motivation for the interaction in the first place. Our goal is for these reflections to be both shared and received in the spirit of mutual respect, and to avoid any sense of "proselytizing" in the course of the presentations.

We hope that, over time, we will have the opportunity to hear from many of you about this arena of your lives. If you would like to add your name to our list of future d'var Tikkun presenters, or if you have questions about this initiative, please feel free to be in touch with any of the following members of our GCC Core Team: Allen Binstock, Kirby Date, Mimi Plevin-Foust, Donna Weinberger or Rabbi Steve.

INTERGENERATIONAL HANUKKAH PARTY PHOTO GALLERY, page 1



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INTERGENERATIONAL HANUKKAH PARTY PHOTO GALLERY, page 2



We send wishes for a *refuah shleimah*, a complete and speedy healing, to **Anita Cohn; Judi Dash; Ralph Gwatin; Lou Handler; Amy, Eric and Jay Hogg; Jayne Jones; Ron Kohn; Marilyn Litvene; Chip May; Pam Millas; Bellamy Prinz and Celia and John Lewis; Pauline Raymond; David Shutkin, Connie Friedman and their sons, Noah and Tal; Margy Weinberg; 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**, who was the December Monthly Coordinator. During the month, members provided meals and rides, sent cards and attended Shiva gatherings.

Showing Up

Unfortunately, there have been a lot of challenges to members of the Kol HaLev community in the last couple months. Four people experienced the death of a parent, a couple people were hospitalized and requested rides and meals and visits to support them and ease their way as they healed. We have a small pool of people who have volunteered to be notified when support is requested. We have an even smaller pool of people who say yes when the requests go out through the Lotsa Helping Hand website, which is our primary means of communicating. There have been times this month when no one came forward and it fell on the various Hesed co-ordinators to make sure all requests were filled.

As one of the Co-Chairs of the Hesed Committee, this is very troubling to me. My first thoughts go to ways we are failing to communicate with the community and spread the mission of our Hesed work. This year, having been, for the first time, on the receiving end of Hesed support, I have felt the incredible strength and support a loving community can offer at the most challenging of times. Receiving this support has deepened my own understanding of the equation between giving and receiving. One does not exist without the other. Any one of us may find ourselves needing to trust in the wide net that exists. That net sustains us only when we say yes. Mine is just one of the stories that speak to the many ways people received support this year, stories of how in a very real, powerful and specific way, what it means to be part of a community that is there at times of great need, stories that need to be shared. Our work has touched lives and brought love and light and comfort at a time when people are most vulnerable. I don't think we have done the best job of sharing those stories and the impact Hesed support has had in physical, spiritual and emotional healing, and I am committed to doing more of this in the months to come.

This fall, we opted not to have an annual sign up for the work of the committee, partly because we felt that the response over the last few years was not what we had hoped it would be, and we thought separating our out reach from the busyness of the High Holy Days made sense. Now, I think it may have been a lost opportunity to encourage participation in our work.

I am also wondering if using an external website to communicate with our members is limited and contributing to the problem. We have so many members who have said they want to be involved and then never complete the registration which will allow them to receive messages when support is needed. One alternative would be to send a group email, but we would be giving up the ability to track announcements and emails sent over the years by our Monthly Coordinators. We would love to hear from members of Kol HaLev if they have ideas on other ways that may be more efficacious, or if this form of communication has been an obstacle to their participation.

I have been thinking a lot about the simple idea of just showing up when called upon. We understand this in the obligation of having a minyan, a group of at least 10 people, who are required for certain essential prayers to be recited, such as the Barachu or Kaddish. It is built in to our communal life that there is a minimum requirement to be called to communal prayer, to be a community. Sometimes, when deciding whether or not to attend services or a shiva minyan, I remind myself that I may be the 10th person, that

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introductions to with and pictures of new members in the newsletter. Here are newest members; come meet and welcome them at kiddush (with or without attending services beforehand) on January 20.

Dan, Katie, Rachel & Emma Bingman

Why they decided to join Kol HaLev:

We moved from Toledo to Mentor in 2007. By the time our first daughter was pre-school aged we began looking for temple to join so that she could be involved with other Jewish kids. There is a small temple in Mentor but there were no other kids involved. It's hard enough for them being the only Jewish kids in their school, so we sought out a congregation that had a thriving children's program. We belonged to a reform temple in Toledo but I was interested in the Reconstructionist movement because of its openness and room for interpretation.



A little background:

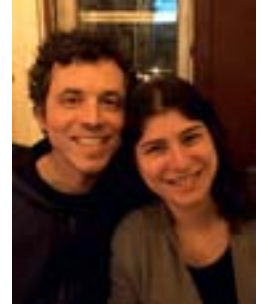
Dan is an IT professional, currently trying to work his way up in the field. Previously he was a music teacher for 12 years but has made a career change and so far is enjoying it. Katie is an academic advisor at CWRU and has worked in higher education for the last 15 years. When they have time together they enjoy watching Netflix series. As a family we love games and especially reading together at night.

Emma (5) is in Kindergarten and loves it. She loves her friends, coloring, and her sister. She adores cats and wants to be a veterinarian if her dream of becoming a pop star doesn't work out.

Rachel (8) is in 3rd grade and has a vivid imagination. She wants to be a cartoonist when she grows up and practices drawing and writing all the time. She loves Harry Potter and graphic novels.

Talia Master and Glen Taksler

Why they decided to join Kol HaLev: We were drawn to Kol Halev by the spiritual services and focus on social justice.



A little background:

Talia is a clinical psychologist and has a private practice in Beachwood, where she works with teenagers and adults. She previously worked in school based mental health in the Bronx and also facilitates bully prevention and bias prevention programs. She enjoys photography, reading, traveling, and spending time with family and friends.

Glen is a researcher at Cleveland Clinic focusing on disease prevention and an assistant professor of medicine. He enjoys cooking, hiking, traveling, and biking.

Toby Trevis



Why she decided to join Kol HaLev:

I joined Kol Halev, because I wanted to become more connected to a Jewish community. I am interested in learning more about Jewish history, prayers, current issues regarding Israel, and meeting other people who have similar interests and/or different interests in belonging to Kol Halev.

A little background:

Toby is a retired social worker and a part-time nanny and is currently in the process of starting a new business.. Her two adult children and two grandchildren who also live in Cleveland. Her hobbies are biking, golf, and any outdoor activities, In the sinter she enjoys reading and knitting.

The Kol HaLev board discussed a proposal to establish an operating cash reserves (aka rainy day) fund at its December 11 board meeting at the home of Deena Epstein.

The fund, which would be created to mark Kol HaLev's 25th anniversary, will help ensure future financial sustainability and stability for the community and better enable us to deal with situations such as a sudden increase in expenses, one-time unbudgeted expenses, unanticipated loss in funding or unexpected opportunities.

Funds would be placed in conservative investments such as money markets and certificates of deposit. The board discussed the possibility of setting a goal of six months of our annual operating expenses (considered best practice in the non-profit world), but beginning the fund with an amount equal to three or four months of operating expenses. Some of the funds would come from cash currently in our account, and members will have the opportunity to contribute to the fund as part of the 18/25 celebration. The policy also would include rules for accounting, managing and requesting use of funds in the account. It will be presented for a vote at the January meeting.

The board also agreed to establish an ad hoc exploratory space committee to research alternative spaces for future consideration for Kol HaLev activities. President Karly Whitaker noted that this would provide us with contingency information if for some reason Ratner were no longer available to us and/or to use as leverage in any future lease negotiations. Kol HaLev recently completed negotiations for a new three- year lease with the Ratner School, leases office space in University Heights and rents space from Congregation Beth El for our Nesiya Hebrew program.

The next board meeting is January 8 at the home of Bill Scher-Marcus.

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:

- Jerome Pincus—father in law of Joyce Goldstein
- Charles R. Friedman—father of Joyce Wolpert
- Alfred Rosenberg—father of Sue Biagianti
- Julius Kelman—father in law of Anna Kelman
- Eli Samplin Marks—father of Phyllis Maris
- Dorothy Davis (Bender)—maternal grandmother of Nick Delciappo
- Mollie Flax May—paternal grandmother of Chip May
- Aida Bound—grandmother of Miriam Geronimus
- Herman Gordon (Haim Ben)—father of Margy Weinberg
- Jacob Hochman—maternal grandfather of Chip May
- Karen Clark—grandmother of Miriam Geronimus
- Arthur Friedman—father of Connie Friedman
- Sophie Weidenbaum—mother of Kevin Weidenbaum
- Ruth Armin—wife of Mike Armin
- Edith D. Hecht (Esther Dina)—mother of Nancy Hecht
- Shirley Korman—mother of Neil Korman
- Joseph Armin—father of Mike Armin
- Sol Fink—father of Judy Harris
- Sue Smith—mother of Barb Truitt
- Sylvia Herzig—aunt of Barry Epstein

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 kelli@kolhalev.net.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Kol HaLev gratefully acknowledges these contributions:

- **Stuart Kleiner** in honor of Molly Chenchinsky's centennial birthday
- **Anne Adamson** to the general fund
- **Ron & Leah Gilbert** in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Leah's mother, Ruth Ness
- **Arthur & Sue Biagianti** in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Sue's father, Alfred Rosenberg
- **Anita Cohn** in memory of Amy Hogg's mother
- **Anita Cohn** in memory of David Shutkin's father
- **Alan Lipson & Judith Harris** in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Judy's father Sol Fink

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.

SCHEIN LEARNING WEEKEND, [continued from page 1](#)

On Saturday, Feb. 3, Rabbi Jeff will lead Torah Study at 9:30, before Shabbat Services. During Hagiga, Rabbi Jeff and Deb will work with our students until it's time for Hagiga Limmud, the ceremony Rabbi Jeff created for welcoming our youngest Hagiga students into Jewish learning and Torah study.

After kiddush on February 3, Jeff and Deb will lead an intergenerational Lunch and Learn session on "The Giving Tree Meets Honi,"



On Sunday, Feb. 4, from 2-4 p.m., Rabbi Jeff will present "Conversation in the Digital Age: Perspectives from Jewish Tradition," an adult education program. Program description: Communication is like an accordion. Sometimes we compress our ideas and language to get to the heart of things. Sometimes we expand our descriptions to account for richness and complexity. In 2018, Twitter, Facebook, and social media platforms add huge doses of steroids to this natural compression-expansion continuum. Jewish tradition addresses how we might reclaim conversation.

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without my showing up, a minyan may not happen.

For those of us who may not feel as connected to the ritual life of our community, I think there are other ways to understand the power of showing up. In the recent Virginia election, the vote in one race was so close, that one voter staying home had the impact of changing the results of one seat and the leadership control of the state congress. A powerful reminder of the importance of showing up.

So, we are asking everyone to think about your part in creating community, to consider that you may be the person who makes the difference in whether or not we have a minyan for a shiva gathering, whether or not a meal will be provided or someone will get a ride to a doctor's appointment, and most importantly, the impact being supported by the net of Hesed may have on a person's experience of the challenge her or she is navigating. We acknowledge with gratitude our many Hesed supporters and the ways in which each and every one of us is essential, at some point, in making community.

~Robin Holzman



Tu B'Shevat Seder

**Tuesday, Jan. 30, 2018/15 Shevat 5778
6 - 8 pm at The Ratner School**

**Celebrate the New Year of the Trees with music,
hands-on activities, and a Kabbalist seder!
All done in a festive, fun and delicious manner!**

**Please bring a parve or dairy dish to serve 10-12
& a Tu B'Shevat treat to share:**

- A-H Main Dish & a fruit that has an inedible shell
(pomegranates, coconuts, etc.)**
- I-P Appetizer or Salad & a fruit that is completely
edible (grapes, figs, apples, lemons etc.)**
- Q-Z Dessert or Drink & a fruit that has pits
(olives, dates, cherries, peaches, etc.)**

NO NUTS PLEASE!

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



CALENDAR

Sat., Jan. 6	9:15-10:30 a.m.	Philosophical Inquiry (5th - 7th graders)
	9:30-10:30 a.m.	Torah Discussion in Ratner Library led by Rabbi Steve
	10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Shabbat Service at Ratner. <i>Shemot</i> ; Service Leader: Rabbi Steve; Kiddush Sponsors: Deena and Dick Epstein; greeters needed
	10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Hagiga
	10:45-11:15 a.m.	Tot-Parent Shabbat Program
Sun., Jan. 7	10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon	Women's Brunch at the home of Leah Kamionkowski. All women welcome
	10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Nesiya at Beth El the Heights Synagogue
Mon., Jan. 8	7:30-9:00 p.m.	Board Meeting at the home of Bill Marcus. All members are welcome
Wed., Jan. 10	7:00-8:30 p.m.	GCC Gun Violence Team Mtg. at Anshe Chesed Fairmount Temple, 23737 Fairmount Blvd.
Sat., Jan. 13	10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Member Led Shabbat Service at Ratner; Vaera ; Torah discussion will take place within service; kiddush sponsors needed
Sun., Jan. 14	10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon	Nesiya-Mitzvah Day at Beth El the Heights Synagogue
Mon., Jan. 15	Final Day for Fall Fundraiser donations	
	Deadline for the February Kol HaLev Happenings Newsletter	
Tues., Jan. 16	7:00-8:30 p.m.	GCC Criminal Justice Team Meeting at Olivet Institutional Baptist Church, 8712 Quincy Ave.
Wed., Jan. 17	7:30-9:30 p.m.	Youth and Family Education Committee Meeting ; location TBD
Sat., Jan. 20	9:15-10:30 a.m.	Philosophical Inquiry (5th - 7th graders)
	9:30-10:30 a.m.	Torah Discussion in Ratner Library led by Audrey Warner
	10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	New Member Shabbat Service at Ratner, <i>Bo</i> ; Service Leaders: Arthur Lieberman and Rabbi Steve; Kiddush: Membership committee & last year's new members; greeters needed
	10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Hagiga
	10:45-11:15 a.m.	Tot-Parent Shabbat Program
	1:15-2:15 p.m.	Mindful Jewish Practice in the Ratner Library
Sun., Jan. 21	10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon	Nesiya at Beth El the Heights Synagogue
	1:00-5:00 p.m.	Chalutzim (high school) trip to Rock and Roll Hall of Fame
Thurs., Jan. 25	7:00-8:30 p.m.	GCC Delegate Assembly at Olivet Institutional Baptist Church (address above)
Fri., Jan. 26	6:00-9:00 p.m.	Kabbalat Shabbat and Potluck at Ratner. Service Leader: Rabbi Steve and member musicians. Bring a vegetarian/dairy or pareve nut-free dish to serve 10-12. In keeping with our goal of becoming a more sustainable community, we encourage members to bring their own reuseable plates, cups, utensils and napkins. Kiddush Hosts: Mattuck and Elizabeth Meacham; Assignments: A-H - Main Dish; I-P -Appetizer or Salad; Q-Z - Dessert or Drink; greeters needed
Sat., Jan.27	9:30-10:30 a.m.	Mindful Jewish Practice in the Ratner Library.
	10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Musical Shabbat at Ratner. <i>Beshalah</i> . Rabbi Steve will lead a Torah discussion within the service. Kiddush Sponsors: David Shutkin and Connie Friedman; greeter needed
	7:00-9:00 p.m.	Youth Group Event ; location TBD
Sun., Jan. 28	10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon	Nesiya at Beth El the Heights Synagogue
Tues., Jan. 30	6:00-8:00 p.m.	Tu B'Shevat Seder at Ratner. Celebrate the New Year of the Trees with music, hands-on activities and a Kabbalist seder. Bring a parve or vegetarian/dairy nut-free dish to serve 10-12 AND a Tu B'Shevat treat to share: Assignments: A-H - Main Dish & fruit with an inedible shell (pomegranate coconut, etc.); I-P -Appetizer or Salad & fruit that's completely edible (grapes, figs, apples, etc.); Q-Z - Dessert or Drink & fruit that has pits (olives, dates, cherries, etc.) More information on page 10.
	7:00-8:30 p.m.	GCC Education Team Meeting at Fairhill Partners Building, 12200 Fairhill Rd, Cleveland
Feb. 3-4	Schein Intergenerational Learning Weekend	

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