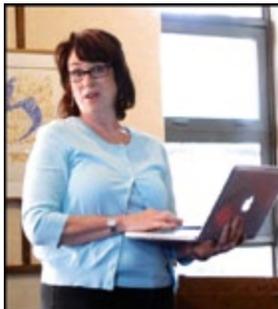


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AT THE ANNUAL MEETING, NEWS OF AN INNOVATIVE YEAR, MANY GAINS AND A SMALL BUDGET SURPLUS



Board secretary Molly Berger read, and the assembly approved, the minutes from last year's meeting.



2012-2013 board members, from left: Rabbi Steve, Halle Barnett, Margaret Cohen, Alan Weinstein, Leah Kamionkowski, Sue Kisch, Pete Robertson, Lynn Liebling, David Conn, Barb Truitt, Greg Selker, Molly Berger. Not pictured: Bruce Goodman, Karly Whitaker, Bill Scher-Marcus, Elise Hagesfeld.



Incoming president Barb Truitt and outgoing president Greg Selker read from the statement of commitment and blessing which is traditionally read aloud by the new board each year.



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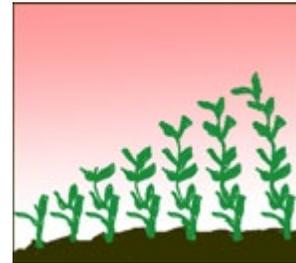
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CONGREGATIONAL GROWTH

In my column last month, I wrote about a very interesting book by Episcopal priest Loren Mead called *More than Numbers*, in which he lays out a number of growth vectors for religious communities that go beyond the typical focus on the size of membership. My intention is to use this month's column as well as two others between now and the end of the Gregorian calendar year to explore these other categories of growth within Kol HaLev over the past several years.



This month, I'd like to look at what Mead terms "maturational growth," by which he means the extent to which individual members of a religious community are deepening their relationship to their own religious tradition. When I think about this category of growth, it strikes me that this is exactly what Reconstructionist Judaism and our community of Kol HaLev are focused on doing. I say this because we put such a strong emphasis on participation and on lay-rabbinic collaboration, so that we're constantly on the lookout for ways and places that members can plug in and get involved and actually function as peer-leaders within the community.

I often use the analogy that there is nothing as instructive for learning how to get somewhere like driving the car as opposed to riding as a passenger. When Kol HaLev members take on the responsibility of leading a service or leading a Torah discussion, it is generally a powerful learning experience in terms of their understanding of traditional Jewish liturgy and/or traditional Jewish text analysis.

I feel the need to be explicit that deepening one's relationship to tradition does not necessarily imply an embrace of everything one encounters. Rather, I think the intent is to encourage a stance of empowerment towards the tradition, so that one can both pursue the ideas and practices that one finds meaningful and also feel comfortable critiquing or ignoring those aspects that are less compelling or problematic.

I would also argue that this entire process is enriched immeasurably when it takes place within a communal conversation in addition to within the confines of a single individual's thoughts. Besides this general stance towards spiritual empowerment, I think that many of our learning offerings tend toward experiences that have the potential to increase engagement with Jewish tradition. All of our Torah study opportunities display this orientation, as does Hug HaSefer, the monthly book group, the Wrestling With Prayer study group and Mindful Jewish Practice, the monthly meditation group.

One approach to this kind of growth that we have yet to fully explore and benefit from is the cultivation of member-to-member mentoring relationships. We have discussed the possibility for some time of creating a clearinghouse of offers from members to mentor other members in specific areas of Jewish practice. I am hopeful that this might be the year when such a clearinghouse gets off the ground. Wishing everyone a fun and replenishing beginning to the summer season.

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 at rabbisteve@kolhalev.net to schedule a meeting time.

TIKKUN OLAM PROJECTS FOR EVERY AGE

I am frequently moved by the children at Kol HaLev. Their thoughtfulness can be heard in their incredible insight and seen in their countless acts of giving. It has been an honor and a privilege to watch our youth grow and develop, especially in the area of *menschlichkeit* (humanity, humane behavior). The theme of our last Hagiga unit this year was *tikkun olam* (repairing the world), and our children's natural, innate expression of *tikkun olam* flowed so smoothly and sweetly that it was amazing to see.

At every age, each group learned about *tikkun olam* and did *tikkun olam* projects. Our youngest group, the Zorim (Kindergarten – grade 2), grappled with the Kabbalistic origins of *tikkun olam*, as well as some mitzvot that are connected with *tikkun olam*. One Zorim student shared with me that she had learned that there is light in the universe which is good and is sent to all different places. It is our job to get it to the places it belongs. The Zorim made “busy bags” containing games and activities for children undergoing treatment at Rainbow Babies and Children’s Hospital. They also made dog biscuits and blankets that were donated to the South Euclid Humane Society and “birthday party bags” that we donated to the Hebrew Shelter Home.



The Bonim (grades 3-5) talked a great deal about their personal responsibility to do *tikkun olam*. They discussed the question, “Why Me?” that is, why is it their particular task to help others? Then students wrote an instruction manual detailing what they were supposed to do to fulfill their obligation to do *tikkun olam*. This is a very thoughtful group! The group translated their words into action by decorating bags beautifully and turning them into “breakfast bags” for families at the Ronald McDonald House. They made so many bags they filled an entire shopping cart! The families at RMH were very appreciative and sent a lovely note.



The Magshimim (grades 6-8) combined their *tikkun olam* efforts with *hiddur mitzvah* (beautifying and personalizing the mitzvah). They worked very hard to create lovely *tzedakah* boxes that are truly works of art through the studio of Gary Rosenthal, a metal works Judaica artist. The original idea was that participants would create one *tzedakah* box for themselves and one to donate to a worthy organization/institution in the community. Upon completing the *tzedakah* boxes, everyone researched different organizations/institutions in the community that help those in need. After some discussion, the group shared that they felt that giving the *tzedakah* box would not be useful to the organizations/institutions. They decided that they would take home their *tzedakah* boxes over the summer, fill them and then donate the filled *tzedakah* box in the fall. We are looking forward to hearing all about their donation stories!



This year highlighted, yet again, how special the children of Kol HaLev are. As they continue to share of themselves, I will gladly share with you. May everyone have a generous and rewarding summer.

Kol Tuv,
Robyn



At our June meeting, the members of the board of trustees were asked to think back to the time when we first joined Kol HaLev and then to talk about our reasons for joining and whether our needs were met. Member after member, we talked about our spiritual needs and journeys and described Kol HaLev as a place where we could learn and grow. We talked about the warm feeling of community. We talked about how family members who are not Jewish feel comfortable at Kol HaLev. And we all agreed that Kol HaLev not only met our expectations, but exceeded them. We recognized that we had gained so much by being involved and that we'd found it surprisingly easy to become part of Kol HaLev.

As you go about your summer activities, think about the people you meet, your friends, and your neighbors. Consider talking with them about Kol HaLev and inviting them to visit us this summer. Our membership committee members are willing to talk to people, so if you would rather have someone else make a phone call, let [Maureen Dinner](#) or [Leah Kamionkowski](#) from the Membership Committee know who might be a good fit for our congregation.

Education Director [Robyn Novick](#) and the Youth and Family Education committee (chaired by [Lynn Leibling](#)) will be working this summer to prepare for a new Hebrew language program. There will also be community discussion regarding an additional day of Hagiga for non-day school students that would provide the foundations of Jewish education. These are both parts of the long-range goals of the YFE committee and Kol HaLev as a whole.

There are many different ways to become more involved in our community: The Membership committee is one way, and the Hesed committee is another. The job of Monthly Hesed Coordinator rotates among a number of volunteers; other Hesed volunteers put themselves on the lists of those willing to give rides, to make meals for those who need short-term assistance, or to visit with someone who has just had an operation and would like visitors. Let [Jane Arnoff-Logsdon](#) know if you are willing to be help out or are in need of assistance.

[Robin Shell](#) is our Kiddush coordinator, so if you haven't signed up to sponsor a Kiddush in the next year, contact her to find out which dates are still available (more information on page 12).

This spring, graduating high school senior Rachel Lieberman chose to shadow Rabbi Steve as her senior project, motivated by her interest in and curiosity about the profession of rabbi. Our community was the beneficiary when she also chose to lead a service that was beautifully done. We wish her well as she continues her studies this fall at The Ohio State University.

I am so very glad to be a member of Kol HaLev. As I go to events elsewhere, I keep running into members and am always glad to see them. When I moved to Cleveland from Milwaukee, I feared that it would take a long time to meet people and to become involved. Not at all true, thanks to Kol HaLev. As member David Conn has said, Kol HaLev is "the little community that could." And I would add, the community that does.

-- [Barb Truitt](#)

KOL HALEV KVELLS

Mazal tov to **Steven Kanner**, who recently completed his undergraduate thesis, earning his bachelor's degrees from Miami University.

Congratulations as well to **Bruce Jennings**, who recently earned his Bachelor of Science in Communications from The University of Phoenix.

Mazal tov to **Muriel Chasin**, who was honored as Volunteer of the Year by the Cleveland Orchestra.



Celia and Bruce Jennings

PHOTO GALLERY

SHABBAT IN THE PARK



CEDAR POINT

Off to the races! Thirteen teens in grades 8-12 headed to Cedar Point on Sunday, June 10, for the kick-off of our new youth program. Great time was had by all! (Photo of teens in front of carousel at entrance of park.)

PARTICIPATION: THE SUM OF US

One of the most beautiful aspects of Kol Halev is the fact that we all participate in making this a very special community. The sum of us all produces a wonderful whole. Our congregation is what we have created working together.

Participation and volunteerism are one of our most cherished values. It makes each and every one of us feel that it is “our” community, that its successes are “our” successes, and that its warm and welcoming aspects reflect “our” own. Kol Halev would not be what it is without our efforts and dedication.

Leah Kamionkowski is the leader of the Participation and Volunteerism Team. She invites you to call (216-464-2940) or email her (leah@bepure.com) and share with her how you would like to participate. Your presence and your involvement enrich us all.

BOARD REPORT

MOLLY BERGER

The June Board meeting took place on June 13 at the home of Allen Binstock. In accordance with Kol HaLev custom, the June meeting was attended by both incoming and outgoing board members.

Barb Truitt, KHL’s new president, performed introductions, which were followed by the treasurer’s report. For the third year, the congregation will end its fiscal year with a surplus over expenses. This is due to members’ attention to dues, their generosity in responding to fundraising appeals, and the board’s economy. Ami Kopstein, outgoing treasurer, and Peter Robertson, incoming treasurer, are working on the transition. The book sale that was held after the annual meeting netted \$191.

Lynn Liebling, Youth and Family Education chair, reported that the JECC has offered KHL a grant of \$12,000 to support the personnel costs involved in the creation of new educational programming. A committee convened by Lynn has selected two initiatives from KHL’s long-term plan. The first initiative is to hire a Hebrew language coordinator and Hebrew tutors. The second initiative is to add an additional day each month to the Hagiga program because our program currently provides fewer contact hours than the average. The Board authorized the YFE committee to develop a proposal. The JECC’s grant is renewable and would permit us to sustain these initiatives with an influx of new funding each year.

KHL will enroll in Keshet Online, an LGBT organization that is compiling a directory of services and organizations that are welcoming to the LGBT community.

Finally, the Board approved a new Weekly Update policy that gives guidance on what can be included in the Weekly Update. The executive committee will determine who will make decisions when complicated questions arise.

Greg Selker ended the meeting by acknowledging Allen Binstock’s contributions to the Board over the past eight years, as this was Allen’s last Board meeting. The next board meeting will be July 9 at the home of Halle Barnett, 23903 Edgemoor Drive, Beachwood.

GREATER CLEVELAND CONGREGATIONS

GCC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Health Care: Dick and Donna Weinberger recently hosted a successful house meeting focused on mental health at which the following issues and concerns emerged:

- 1). Limitations on psychiatric visits by insurance despite the parity law
- 2). Lack of psychiatrists for referrals, especially child psychiatrists
- 3). Wish for more services for chronic patients (wraparound services)
- 4). Extreme disparities in funding for urban areas vs. rural

After compiling concerns from the various congregations, the larger GCC Health Care team will be meeting with Bill Denihan, head of the The Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board of Cuyahoga County, in late July. Please contact Donna Weinberger at drw508@gmail.com with specific questions or concerns you would like to be raised with Mr. Denihan OR if you are interested in working on this issues



Jobs: There is a new ongoing GCC-sponsored network for those seeking employment: **GCC Job Hunters** Tuesdays at 7 p.m. and Thursdays at 8 a.m. at Trinity Cathedral. Information on this initiative is available at [here](#).

Criminal Justice: GCC supported the recent collateral sanctions bill which passed in the General Assembly and will be signed into law. For more information, please see the [GCC letter in support of Collateral Sanctions legislation](#)

Education: GCC is currently focused on organizing and supporting parents working with the School & Parent Organizations of seven Cleveland Municipal School District schools. A team is researching options for a campaign related to early childhood education.

Members of the KHL GCC core team will be attending a Delegate Assembly July 10 at Antioch Baptist Church. The purpose of the assembly is to launch a nonpartisan voter registration campaign and other organizational initiatives.

For more information, please contact KHL GCC core team members: GCC Chair Allen Binstock, Rabbi Steve, Rabbi Shawn, Lynn Liebling and Karly Whitaker (Education); Dick and Donna Weinberger (Health Care) and Greg Millas (Jobs).

HESED

We send *refuah shleimah* to **Nancy Hecht, Sam Kelman** and **Anne Adamson**.
We also send *refuah shleimah* to Molly Berger's brother, **Gerry Winger**.

We send condolences to Kol HaLev members **Aaron Tetelman, Jessie Vigorito** and their children on the recent loss of Aaron's uncle, Mitchell Tetelman, may his memory be for a blessing. May Aaron and his entire family be comforted along with all those who mourn among the Jewish people and the world as a whole.

We also send condolences to Kol HaLev members **Beth and Frederick Friedman-Romell** and their sons, **Steven and Harlan**, and to their cousins, **Sharon and Stuart Schultz**, on the loss of Beth's father, Seymour Friedman, may his memory be for a blessing. May Beth and her entire family be comforted at this difficult time along with all others who are in mourning among the Jewish people and the world as a whole.

We send condolences, too, to Kol HaLev members **Judy Harris and Alan Lipson** on the loss of Judy's mother, Ruth Fink, may her memory be for a blessing. May Judy and Alan and their entire family be comforted at this difficult time along with all those who are in mourning among the Jewish people and the world as a whole.

Finally, we send condolences to Kol HaLev members **Vicki Sussman and Carlee and Kai Grace** on the loss of Vicki's aunt, Susan Kay Baird Gordon, may her memory be for a blessing. May Vicki and her entire family be comforted along with all those who are mourning among the Jewish people and the world as a whole.

Yahrzeits

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

Members of Kol HaLev will mark the following yahrzeits during July

Martin Siegel – husband of Renee Siegel
Julius Hirsh Smilg (Yehudah) – father of Maureen Dinner
Herbert Rubel – father of Nancy Rubel
Minnette Kohn – mother of Ron Kohn
Anne Chabot – mother of Audrey Warner
Dood Labovitz (David) -- grandfather of Lila Hanft

Kol HaLev members may include the yahrzeit of family in KHL Happenings by submitting the name of the deceased, the relationship to the member and the date of death, including the year, in either the secular or Jewish calendar to Judy@kolhalev.net.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Kol HaLev gratefully acknowledges contributions from:

- **Sandy & Allen Rosenfield** in memory of Charles Adamson, husband of Anne Adamson
- **Meg Manny & Irwin Weinberger** in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Meg's father, James D. Manny
- **Fran Zamore** to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund in memory of Fran's husband, Joe Zamore
- **Marianne Lax** to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund in memory of Marianne's father, Martin Lax
- **Ronna & Joel Fox** in honor of Happy Wallach from Barbara, Dianne, Liz, Rebecca, Ronna and Wendy
- **Muriel & Abe Chasin** in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Abraham's mother, Lena Chasin
- **Joan Miller, Larry Miller, & family** in honor of Lila Miller's bat mitzvah
- **Joyce & Barry Hoffer** to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund in honor of Nadav Marcus's graduation from Shaker Heights High School
- **Aurelia & Julio Pelsmajer** in memory of Seymour Friedman, father of Beth Friedman-Romell
- **Karal Stern & Arthur Lieberman** to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund in thanks to Rabbi Steve for his support of Rachel's senior project

Save the dates!

The People vs. Eve: A Trial

Saturday, November 17, 2012, 7:30 p.m.

Was it only an apple? Or was it a crime? The audience-as-jury will decide!

Tickets on sale in early September • Sponsorship opportunities available

and

a special adult education session with Dr. Tamar Kamionkowski

"Eve's Story: An Unauthorized Biography"

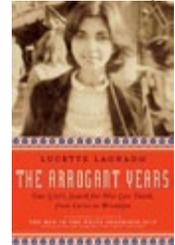
Sunday, October 28th, 7:30 pm

Dr. Kamionkowski is V.P. for Academic Affairs and Academic Dean at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College and a prodigious author on biblical literature, feminist readings of biblical texts, and the intersection between scholarship and social justice.

HUG HASEFER: BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

The July book group meeting will be Thursday, July 26, at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Selma and Ralph Gwatin. We will be discussing *The Arrogant Years: One Girl's Search for Her Lost Youth, from Cairo to Brooklyn* by Lucette Lagnado (416 pages, a Kindle edition is available).

From Amazon's Customer Reviews: Lagnado's *The Man in the White Sharkskin Suit* [which the book group read a year ago] was her first memoir and focused on her father and her family's exile from Egypt, where she was born. This new book is about her mother, a brilliant, gentle soul whose love of French literature and civilization could not withstand life in 1970s New York City. As in her first book, Lagnado's shimmering prose magically brings the past alive, but her mother's story is even more heartbreaking than her father's, especially in the last years when her fading mother falls into the clutches of uncaring doctors and nursing homes. Lagnado's heroic efforts to preserve her mom's dignity and personal freedom is compelling



The book for August is *Cain* by Jose Saramago.

All KHL members are welcome to attend. For more information about the group look at our web page www.kolhalev.net/book_group and contact Kevin Weidenbaum (KJW@oberlin.net) to be added to the group's e-mail list.

TISH'A B'AV SERVICE

On Sunday morning, July 29, at 10 a.m., Bill Scher-Marcus will lead a Tish'a B'Av service. The brief, hour-long service will explore loss from a Reconstructionist perspective.

Tish'a B'Av -- the fast of the 9th of Av -- marks the culmination of three weeks of semi-mourning which begins on the 17th of Tammuz and which commemorates the period of time between the breaching of the walls of Jerusalem during the Babylonian siege of Jerusalem in 586 BCE and the burning and destruction of the Temple three weeks later on the 9th of Av.

In Jewish tradition, many other calamities are associated with the 9th of Av, including the destruction of the Second Temple in the year 70 CE, and the expulsion from Spain in 1492. (Note: Tish'a B'av is deferred this year so that it will not fall on Shabbat. The same was true of the 17th of Tammuz, which was also deferred from Shabbat),



HAVE YOU SIGNED UP TO HOST A KIDDUSH NEXT YEAR?

Some members have yet to sign up to be a Kiddush Sponsor for the coming year; our expanded programming means that we will need every member family to host at least one kiddush. Below are the dates that are available. These are on a first-come, first-served basis so please let me know your top three choices. The dates are subject to change due to ceremonies or special events not known at this time. Please note that if you are unable to fulfill your Kiddush Sponsorship, it is your responsibility to find a substitute.

Please email Robin Shell at rshell@bernsockner.com or call 216-482-6100 to schedule your Kiddush Sponsorship. You will be emailed guidelines when your date is confirmed. Thank you.

2012	2013
Aug.24 - Friday Night POTLUCK Overall HHD Kiddush Coordinator Sept. 16 – (Sunday) Erev Rosh Hashana Sept. 18 - (Tuesday) 2nd Day Rosh Hashana Sept. 28 - Friday Night Oneg Sept. 22 - Regular Kiddush Sept. 26 - (Wednesday) Yom Kippur Neila (PM) Oct. 1 - Monday Sukkot (AM) Oct. 7 - (Sunday) Simchat Torah (PM) Oct. 5 - Sukkot Party helper (PM) Oct. 26 Friday Night POTLUCK Nov. 10 - 2nd Shabbat Dec. 8 - 2nd Shabbat Dec. 15 - Saturday Kiddush Dec. 15 - Chanukah Program (PM) Dec. 28 - Friday Night POTLUCK Dec. 29 - Saturday Kiddush	Jan. 12 - 2nd Saturday Jan. 19 - Saturday Kiddush Jan. 26 - Saturday Kiddush Feb. 9 - 2nd Shabbat Feb. 16 - Saturday Kiddush Feb. 22 - Friday Night Oneg Feb. 23 – Saturday PM Purim Party March 2 - Saturday Kiddush March 9 - 2nd Shabbat March 22 - Friday Night POTLUCK March 23 - Saturday Kiddush March 26 - (Monday) Passover Service (AM) March 30 - Shabbat Kiddush (5th Shabbat; during Passover) April 1 - (Monday) Passover Service (AM) April 6 - Saturday Kiddush April 13 - 2nd Shabbat April 20 - Saturday Kiddush May 4 - Saturday Kiddush May 11 - 2nd Shabbat May 15 - Wednesday Shavuot Service (Dairy please; AM) May 18 - Saturday Kiddush May 24 - Friday Night POTLUCK May 25 - Saturday Potluck – Shabbat in the Park June 15 - Saturday Kiddush June 28 - Friday Night POTLUCK June 29 - Small Saturday Kiddush (5th Shabbat)

Kiddush sponsorship is an obligation of each member, as voted on by the Board. This is fulfilled on a fiscal year basis (July 1 – June 30). If you do not voluntarily sign up by that date, a date may be assigned to you.

MESSIAH SIGHTED IN WHITE SUV

It was late Friday night, June 18, 2010. The passengers of Continental Airlines Flight 3124 from Chicago to Cleveland already had been delayed by weather for seven hours when their plane returned to the gate. The flight was canceled. Open seats were not to be had until Sunday evening. Rather than wait, six passengers—three men and three women...strangers—in the wee hours Saturday morning put aside their frustrations and fears to share a rented white SUV for the long journey home to their loved ones.

Quickly the ice broke. Professional introductions gave way to personal stories. Common acquaintances were discovered. Some slept, some chatted, some did both. They talked about careers, families, growing up and raising kids. Food was purchased and shared, toll money volunteered. One picked up the cost of the rental, another the gasoline. “What will you do when you get home?” was a common question. There were ball games, services and sleep planned. More discussion and more laughter ensued. “Wow, this is really working out well!” they exclaimed. The proceedings took on the flavor of a college reunion. At 7:40 am, the “Punjabis” (as they came to call themselves) rolled into the Cleveland Hopkins rental car return facility. Business cards were exchanged and they talked about getting together again to “relive old times!” They boarded the rental car shuttle and began to reclaim their individual lives after their travel “debacle” in Chicago...but not before posing for a group photo. They had long since become friends, you see.

The traditional Jewish vision of *Moshiach* is the arrival of a personal “in the flesh” Messiah to usher in the ultimate redemption of humankind. A more modern and liberal take on this is what we call “Messianic times,” a state in which all the people of the world gather together in peace and with a unity of purpose: without hatred, without wars, without bloodshed . . . and with food, shelter, clothing and freedom for all. Every day would be a Sabbath.

Before you dismiss this idea as hopelessly idealistic, please consider life as a series of individual, familial, community, national and global choices. True, we often make poor use of our power to choose, but every one of us has the ability to use it wisely. If two people can act consistently with great concern for one another, why not seven? Why not seventy? Why not a community, a nation, a world of seven billion souls? While it may be exceedingly difficult to achieve, all the conditions for *Moshiach* are ultimately within our grasp. Sometimes it feels so close you can taste it.

When six strangers piled into the white SUV early that Saturday morning, *Moshiach* was in the air. It was palpable. Each of them could feel it. As they closed the door and drove off, cultivating relationships, trust and caring, *Moshiach* was taking root. As they wondered at the beauty of the sunrise, talked lovingly about their families and laughed uproariously about life, *Moshiach* was among them.

Maybe—just maybe—our ultimate redemption truly is in our hands. Perhaps with the right set of choices, we will realize our ultimate potential as individuals and as a species. The story of the six strangers reminds us of what is possible. And today, while we wait, hope and work for *Moshiach*, the acts of strangers can connect us powerfully to the Divine.

PHOTO GALLERY:

JUNE KHL WOMEN'S SHABBAT DINNER



SAVE THE DATE

OCTOBER 27, 2012
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AT 10 A.M. FOR THE

ADULT B'NAI MITZVAH CEREMONY

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CALENDAR

Sat. July 7	10:30 a.m.	Member-Led Shabbat Service and Torah Discussion at Ratner Chapel; <i>Balak</i> ; Service leaders: Bill Scher-Marcus and Jane Arnoff Logsdon; kiddush hosted by Neil and Diane Korman in honor of this beautiful spring/summer we are experiencing
Mon. July 9	7:30 p.m.	Board Meeting at the home of Halle Barnett, 23903 Edgell Drive, Beachwood, 216-291-4313; all Kol HaLev members are welcome.
Fri. July 20	6:00 p.m.	Kabbalat Shabbat and Potluck at Ratner Chapel; kiddush co-hosted by Hanna and Daniel Baxter and by Peter Imrey. Please note: This month our Kabbalat Shabbat and Potluck will be held on the third Shabbat of the month rather than the fourth.
Sat. July 21	10:30 a.m.	Shabbat Service preceded by Torah Discussion at 9:45 a.m. at Ratner Chapel; <i>Matot-Masei</i> ; Service leader: Rabbi Steve; Discussion leader: Rabbi Steve; kiddush co-hosted by Kevin and Sue Weidenbaum and by Frederick and Beth Friedman-Romell; cake provided by Kol HaLev in honor of Rabbi Shawn Zevit's and Halle Barnett's leadership in the Reconstructionist movement.
Wed. July 25	7:00-8:30 p.m.	Mindful Jewish Practice at Nancy Rubel's office, 24755 Chagrin Boulevard, #305. As always, we welcome everyone who is interested, whether or not you have any meditation experience.
Thu. July 26	7:30 p.m.	Book Group at the home of Selma and Ralph Gwatkin. 25460 Bryden Road, Beachwood, 216-765-8109. We will be discussing <i>The Dream: A Memoir</i> by Harry Bernstein (see more on page 11)
Sat. July 28	10:30 a.m.	Member-Led Shabbat Service and Torah Discussion at Ratner Chapel; <i>Devarim</i> ; Service leaders: Leah Kamionkowski and Rabbi Simcha; kiddush hosted by Barry and Barbara Epstein
Sat. July 28		Fast of Tish'a B'Av begins at sunset
Sun. July 29	10:00 a.m.	Tish'a B'Av Morning Service at Ratner Chapel; Bill Scher-Marcus will lead a brief, hour-long service that will explore loss from a Reconstructionist perspective. (see more on page 11)

The newsletter calendar is accurate at the time of publication. Event details listed here can be confirmed on Kol HaLev's [website calendar](#). In addition, any changes are published in the Weekly Update which is emailed to members on Thursdays

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