

# Kol HaLev Happenings

The Newsletter of Cleveland's Reconstructionist Jewish Community

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## A BRIEF JULY NEWSLETTER NOW, A PRINT NEWSLETTER LATER

In a couple weeks, the United States Postal Service will deliver a special summer edition of the Kol HaLev newsletter to your mailbox. It will be printed (not printable, but already printed!) and will contain, in addition to normal newsletter features like the Rabbi's Column, several important pieces of information.

The first is your High Holy Days information packet. Rosh Hashanah is exactly one week after Labor Day and Elul study sessions take place in August. While you await the packet, think about how you can pitch in with the High Holy Days preparations -- this year in particular

we find ourselves short of hands and need people to fill many roles. Particulars will follow, but you should know, as you think about what you might be able to do, that the High Holy Days are a really rewarding time to volunteer -- there's a lot of good will and fellow feeling as you work with other members on something the entire community sees and appreciates.

Also in the summer newsletter: A thorough explanation of a change we must make to our bylaws. The board has discovered -- and, after review, the folks at RRC, including David Teutsch, agree-- that a section of our by-

laws was written in such a way as to make changing the bylaws virtually impossible. A full explanation of the issue and an opportunity to vote on a proposed change will appear in the summer newsletter.

This year is turning out to be especially bountiful for adult education opportunities. The summer newsletter will include more information on the upcoming national Reconstructing Judaism Convention in November (hint: Rabbi Steve hopes many of us will attend) and about our own Scholar-in-Residence weekend with Rabbi Amy Eiberg, August 30-September 2. This weekend is made possible through the generous support of the Dr. Maureen Hack Memorial Fund which was set up by Maureen's nieces and nephews to honor her devotion to life-long learning.

This brief newsletter contains a calendar of events that's as detailed as I can make it. If there's information missing that you wish you had, get a hold of the event's organizers and tell them to put all the information in an email to [calendar@kolhalev.net](mailto:calendar@kolhalev.net) -- that's all it takes to get it on the official calendar. Thanks.

~Lila Hanft, Co-President  
Newsletter Editor



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# CALENDAR

Sat., July 7	9:30-10:30 a.m.	<b>Torah Study.</b> Leader: Rabbi Steve
	10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	<b>Shabbat Service at Ratner.</b> <i>Pinhas.</i> Service leader: Rabbi Steve; Kiddush sponsor: Jane and Ernie Logsdon
	1:15-2:25 p.m.	<b>Israel Lunch and Learn</b> with Rob Pliskin presenting. Rob spent 1984-85 in Israel at Kibbutz Ein Shemer in the Shomron northeast of Hadera and near Pardes Hanna-Karkur. He returned in 1988 to spend summer in the Arava at Kibbutz Yahel, a Reform kibbutz near Eilat. Since 2013 Rob has visited Israel four times, staying from two weeks to two months. He has a keen interest in Israel and its people that has brought him into contemporary programs with organizations involved in building shared society and peace with Palestinians. His experiences have led Rob to open a file with the Jewish Agency to make Aliyah as early as the Fall of this year, so he can continue this work and its fulfilling experiences.
	8:00---10:00 p.m.	<b>Adult Ed Outing to <i>On the Grill</i>,</b> named best Israeli play of 2015, at Dobama Theater. If you'd like to attend this play as part of a Kol HaLev group and then grab a bite to eat and discuss it afterwards at the Anatolia Café, please send an RSVP to Deena Epstein at <a href="mailto:deenaeps@gmail.com">deenaeps@gmail.com</a> . Please note that you must purchase your own ticket to the play directly from Dobama.
Sun. July 8	10:00-12:00	<b>Women's Brunch</b> at the Sherri Park Apartments Party Room, 2201 Acacia Park Drive, Lyndhurst. If you are able to stay after the brunch, we invite you to share a craft or game that you have enjoyed. Knitting, crocheting, needlework, doodling, favorite card games (Quiddler, Scrabble, Scattergories, Apples to Apples, Quickwits, Sequence). There will always be someone who has not yet encountered your game or craft, and who would be glad to learn about it! Please RSVP to Happy Wallach at <a href="mailto:happyhkw@aol.com">happyhkw@aol.com</a>
	5:00-7:00	<b>Community Meeting Picnic on Youth and Family Education</b> at the home of Laurel and Aaron Simkoff. Come eat, play and share your thoughts on our youth and family education programs at this family friendly event. RSVP to Bill at <a href="mailto:scher.marcus@gmail.com">scher.marcus@gmail.com</a>
	7:00-9:00 p.m.	<b>Kol HaLev Drop-In Singing Group</b> at the home of Kirby Date and Richard Litwin. Anyone is welcome to join us. For more information, contact Kirby Date at <a href="mailto:kdate@sbcglobal.net">kdate@sbcglobal.net</a> .
Mon., July 9	7:30-9:00 p.m.	<b>Board Meeting</b> at the home of Bill Scher Marcus. All members welcome
Wed. July 11	7:30-9:00 p.m.	<b>Meeting of the new Constructive Conflict Group</b> at Cleveland Heights Main Library. We will be holding the first in a series of practice sessions on engaging in constructive conflict continuing the learning from our recently concluded class. We will be reviewing the basic principles at the start of the session, so all are welcome, not just those who took the six week class. Join us in learning skills that can be used to resolve personal conflicts as well helping relate to others across the political divide. RSVP to Alan Federman at <a href="mailto:alanf7010@gmail.com">alanf7010@gmail.com</a>
Fri. July 13	7:30-8:30 a.m.	<b>Rosh Chodesh Walking Meditation.</b> Join a small group of Kol HaLev and community members who meet monthly, rain or snow or shine, to honor the cycles and seasons of the Jewish year. We intend to meet at the dam at Horseshoe Lake, but construction is beginning on work to repair the dam and we may not be able to access it. If the dam path is blocked, look for us at the boardwalk in the marsh at the far east end of the lake. There is a path leading there from South Park Drive, and also from the picnic area off Park Drive. For more information on past and upcoming walks, and a monthly meditation, see our blog at <a href="https://roshchodeshcleveland.wordpress.com/">https://roshchodeshcleveland.wordpress.com/</a> .

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Sat., July 14	10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	<b>Member-led Shabbat Service at Ratner.</b> <i>Mattot-Massei</i> . Service leaders: David Conn and Arthur Lieberman: <a href="#">Kiddush sponsor needed</a>
Sun., July 15	7:00-8:00	<b>Community Meeting on Youth and Family Education;</b> Location TBD.
Sat., July 21	9:30-10:30 a.m.	<b>Torah Discussion</b> in Ratner Library; led by Leah Kamionkowski
	10:30 a.m.-12:30	<b>Shabbat Service</b> in Ratner Chapel; <i>Devarim</i> ; Service leaders: Fred Chenin and Rabbi Steve; <a href="#">Kiddush sponsors needed</a>
	8:00-10:00 p.m.	<b>Tisha B'Av Service</b> at Ratner School; Service leader: Rabbi Steve
Sun. July 22	3:00-5:00 p.m.	<b>Tisha B'Av Service and Study Session;</b> Location TBD.
Wed. July 25	7:30-9:00 p.m.	<b>Shabbat Practices Study Group</b> at the home of Anna Kelman
Thu., July 26	8:30- 9:00 p.m.	<b>Book Club</b> at the home of Selma and Ralph Gwatkin. The book is <i>Putting God Second: How to Save Religion from Itself</i> by Rabbi Donniel Hartman.
Fri, July 27	6:00-9:00 p.m.	<b>Shabbat in the Garden</b> at the home of Julio and Aurelia Pelsmajer. Service Leader: Rabbi Steve. The potluck contributions should be vegetarian/dairy or pareve and should not contain nuts. Please bring enough for 8-10. In keeping with our goal of becoming a more sustainable community, we encourage members to bring their own reuseable plates, cups, utensils and napkins to our potluck. Assignments: A-H - Appetizer or Salad; I-P - Dessert or Drink; Q-Z - Main Dish.
Sat., Jul. 28	9:30-10:30 a.m.	<b>Mindful Jewish Practice</b> in the Ratner Library.
Sat., Jul. 28	10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	<b>Musical Shabbat Service</b> at Ratner Chapel; <i>Va-ethanan</i> ; Service Leader: Rabbi Steve. <a href="#">Kiddush sponsor needed</a>
Sun., Jul. 29	7:30-9:00 p.m.	<b>Visiting Scholar Dr Stephen Hazzan Arnoff</b> at the Arnoff-Logsdon home. Dr. Arnoff, who happens to be related to our very own Arnoff-Logsdon clan, will be in town and will be offering one of his highly regarded sessions on the intersection between Jewish and American culture (so Reconstuctionist!) Here are the specifics: <i>Bob Dylan: Between Home and Exile:</i> Bob Dylan affirmed the search for spiritual meaning that defined rock and roll with one question: "How does it feel to be on your own no direction home like a rolling stone?" His journey between home and exile is universal, but it is also deeply Jewish. Explore Dylan's pathways connecting biography, scripture, legend, blues, and geography with Dr. Stephen Arnoff, Executive Director of the Fuchsberg Jerusalem Center, who teaches about Bob Dylan all over the world. RSVP to Alan Federman at <a href="mailto:alanf7010@gmail.com">alanf7010@gmail.com</a>
Sat., Aug. 4	10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	<b>Member Led Shabbat Service in the Ratner Chapel;</b> <i>Ekev</i> ; Service Leader: TBD; Kiddush Sponsors: Kevin and Sue Weidenbaum.

Type in or click on this shortened link to sign up for a kiddush in July: <https://goo.gl/uTp6RJ>

## ABOUT THE NEWSLETTER CALENDAR

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