HOW CHALLAH, WINE & GOOD COMPANY NOURISH OUR COMMUNITY

by RABBI STEVE SEGAR

The Hebrew month of Adar, when the scroll of Esther commands us to share food and treats with one another, is a good time to talk about Kol HaLev’s Shabbat kiddush.

One of the ways that Kol HaLev differs from other synagogues is our dedication to the concept of participatory membership which goes beyond making a financial contribution to our institution. We couldn't keep going without our member's generous financial support, of course; but we also place high value on hands-on involvement in the running of our community. We believe that participation from everyone who chooses to join Kol HaLev builds connection and gives members a sense of ownership of our collective enterprise.

At its most fundamental level, participatory membership

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bership is about the willingness to spend time with one another: to meet, learn about who we are and what inspires us, and then build relationships based on the connections and commonalities we discover. Strengthening our relationships with one another in turn strengthens the community as a whole, a process that happens naturally whenever we hang out together.

Given the importance of spending time together, the Kol HaLev community decided early in its formation that hosting kiddush once a year would be the minimal form of participation asked of every Kol HaLev member (or member family). While kiddush — the blessings over wine and challah, along with an (optional) small meal — traditionally concludes a Shabbat or holiday service experience, it isn't necessary to come to services in order to attend a kiddush. We view kiddush as a valuable activity in its own right, so you've invited, and even encouraged, to come to kiddush even if you don't get to services.

I hope this gives you a sense of the significance kiddush has had, and will continue to have, in our deliberations around how best to achieve the aspiration of direct involvement in maintaining and strengthening our community.

#EATTOGETHER

Have you seen the online short video #EatTogether? The 2 1/2 minute video, which tells the story of an impromptu dinner party of strangers, demonstrates how a gathering like kiddush can create and sustain communities. Watch it online at https://youtu.be/vDuA9OPyp6I.

KIDDUSH TALES

by LILA HANFT

Does Kol HaLev have more than its fair share of introverts? It's possible — a lot of the kiddush stories I gathered for this story came from people who otherwise think of themselves as reluctant socializers who, nonetheless, have come to love Kol HaLev's Shabbat kiddush.

When Itsik Kittila and Miram Geronimus visited Kol HaLev for the first time, they planned to slip out after services. "In other shuls I've been to, it's always been easy to leave without speaking to anyone," Miriam says. "But once we entered the cafeteria, there was no easy exit. Several people came up to us to say hi and get to know us. We both felt so incredibly welcomed by this amazing warm community and it was those conversations, more than anything else that day, that made us want to come back to Kol HaLev."

Deena Epstein, who thinks that she and her husband Dick have hosted over 20 kiddushim (Hebrew plural of kiddush) over the year. "While I am not a regular on Shabbat mornings, hosting a kiddish once or twice a year helps keeps me connected to the community. Kiddush is a wonderful opportunity to catch up with old friends and get to know newer Kol HaLev members.

When she's not hosting a kiddush and has the time, Happy Wallach confides that she "loves slipping into the kitchen toward the end of kiddush and helping with the cleanup. This relaxed time of working together with a friend is a wonderful opportunity for catching up." In addition, it provides an important moment of connection, Happy says.
We send wishes for a refuah shleimah, a complete and speedy healing, to Abe Chasin; Anita Cohn; Ann Epstein; Josh Gippen; Jayne Jones; Ron Kohn; Marilyn Litvene; Pauline Raymond; 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 Martha Schubert, the Hesed Monthly Co-ordinator for February. During the month, Kol HaLev members provided meals and rides, made visits, and sent cards.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN INFORMATIONAL MEETING

We will be gathering on Sunday, March 5 from 9:30-11:00 a.m. at the Juma Coffee House, 20100 Chagrin Blvd., Shaker for an informational meeting focusing on the Shiva support that we offer for our community. This is a great opportunity for people who would like to give us feedback on previous situations, to brainstorm on ways we can improve our efforts and for a chance to find out ways members can participate in this important work. Please let us know if you are interested in attending or getting involved by being in touch with the Shiva Coordinator, Jane Arnoff Logsdon at janealogsdon@gmail.com.

If you wish to participate in the work of the Hesed Committee, or if you know of anyone who may need the support of our committee, please contact Rabbi Steve or Robin Holzman (robinholzman@gmail.com) and Martha Schubert (marthaschubert@mac.com), Hesed Co-chairs.

“To Be Greek, or Not to Be Greek?”
Ancient Judaism Confronts Hellenism

Wednesday, March 15, 7:00pm
Siegal Lifelong Learning @ Landmark Center
25700 Science Park Drive, Beachwood

Prepare your mind & whet your appetite for the upcoming Kol HaLev mock trial (“The People vs. The Maccabees”) with this engaging evening of adult education, led by Siegal’s own Dr. Brian Amkraut.

Dr. Amkraut will examine the early Hellenistic era in the Land of Israel, with particular attention to the internal conflict generated by the rise of Hellenism within the Jewish community at the time. What specific geopolitical and cultural factors led to the strife and how did various segments of the community respond?

FREE admission for Kol HaLev Members!
(Advance registration recommended)
Non-members: $5

REGISTER at lifelonglearningcleveland.org

Many thanks to The Laura & Alvin Siegal Lifelong Learning Program at Case Western Reserve University for their co-sponsorship of this event, and of the 2017 mock trial.
Two years ago, a congregation-wide task force was formed to study the challenges and opportunities of leadership and participation within our volunteer-led congregation. The task force was charged with making recommendations that would help us to continue to grow, individually and collectively, as community members, participants, and leaders. Task force members were chosen to represent as diverse a member group as possible, including new and long-time members, parents and non-parents, singles and families, older and younger members, and so on.

The process has taken two years because the task force took their charge very seriously, recognizing the central role that participation and leadership play in our identity and function as a community. They devised a deliberate process that would hear the whole membership, and reflect community members’ greatest aspirations for the community we could become. Task force members saw their work as facilitating, rather than directing, the process, in order to truly reflect members’ contributions to the conversation.

Our community’s vision for participation and leadership, gathered in the listening process, as well as the task force’s process to date, will be presented at the workshop.

You may remember an extensive listening period that happened last winter, when two community meetings were held in the Appreciative Inquiry tradition to give members an opportunity to share their positive experiences concerning being and working with leaders. The meetings, attended by more than 50 community members, were supplemented by a handful of one-on-one interviews with others identified by the task force to ensure the widest contribution to the ideas generated. During this listening phase, task force members endeavored to hear the voices of all members about their experiences with leadership from their points of view as leaders or as active participants. We captured our collective stories, about when leadership works well, and about when we felt excited about participating as leaders, or about working with leaders, to accomplish goals.

Appreciative Inquiry is founded on the principle that collective envisioning of a positive future, in specific detail continued on page 6

Kol HaLev Leadership and Participation Task Force invites ALL KOL HALEV MEMBERS to join us as we take the next step in our Appreciative Inquiry process:

Translate our community’s ideas about participation & leadership into ACTION!

EVERY ONE OF US will make a difference!

Please RSVP to 216-320-1498 or kelli@kolhalev.net

Questions? Contact Celia Jennings: celiakjennings@gmail.com

Designing our Future
A COMMUNITY-WIDE ACTION STEP WORKSHOP
Sunday, April 2
1:30 - 4:30 pm
Shaker Heights Main Library
16500 Van Aken Blvd

Babysitting & youth activities will be provided.
The 2017 book discussion year begins on Thursday, March 23, at the home of Leah Kamionkowski. We will discuss *The Bridal Chair: A Novel* by Gloria Goldreich. (496 pages, Kindle and paperback versions exist). This is a long book, so get an early start on it.

A preview from Amazon: Beautiful Ida Chagall, the only daughter of Marc Chagall, is blossoming in the Paris art world beyond her father's controlling gaze. But her newfound independence is short-lived. In Nazi-occupied Paris, Chagall's status as a Jewish artist has made them all targets, yet his devotion to his art blinds him to their danger. When Ida falls in love, and Chagall angrily paints an empty wedding chair (*The Bridal Chair*) in response, she faces an impossible choice: Does she fight to forge her own path outside her father's shadow or abandon her ambitions to save Chagall from his enemies and himself?

Brimming with historic personalities from Europe, America, and Israel, *The Bridal Chair* is a stunning portrait of love, fortitude, and the sharp divide between art and real life. "Only Gloria Goldreich could write a novel so grounded in historical truths yet so exuberantly imaginative. The Bridal Chair is Goldreich at her best, with a mesmerizing plot, elegant images, and a remarkable heroine who...will remain with you long after the last page."—Francine Klagsbrun, Jewish Week columnist and author of *Voices of Wisdom*

The book for April is *The Angel: The Egyptian Spy Who Saved Israel* by Uri Bar-Joseph.

All Kol HaLev members are welcome to attend the book group. For more information about the group look at our web page ([kolhalev.net/book_group](http://kolhalev.net/book_group)) and contact Kevin ([KJW@oberlin.net](mailto:KJW@oberlin.net)) to be added to the group’s e-mail list.

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and in an open and inclusive process, will enable the best possibility for that future. To that end, the task force has taken extensive time to process stories of successful leadership that came out of the listening process. The result is a set of themes and a vision that we now must translate into action steps that will move us forward, as a congregation and as individuals. We base these actions upon the strengths of our experiences in which leadership actually worked well, when we felt good about the process and achieved our goals.

To take this next step, we – the larger Kol HaLev community – must all work together, in a single workshop that will be held on April 2, 1:30-4:30 pm, at the Shaker Heights Main Library. For more detail, please see the invitation for April 2nd’s community meeting on page 5 of this newsletter. We promise a fun and engaging afternoon! Babysitting and youth activities will be provided. We hope as many members as possible will join us, as we move into the final stage of defining our vision, and preparing to take action!

Please RSVP to the Kol HaLev office at 216-320-1498 or [Kelli@kolhalev.net](mailto:Kelli@kolhalev.net).

Our community’s vision for participation and leadership, gathered in the listening process, as well as the task force’s process to date, will be presented at the workshop. A detailed summary is also available. Questions? Please contact Celia Jennings ([celiakjennings@gmail.com](mailto:celiakjennings@gmail.com)) or Rabbi Steve ([RabbiSteve@kolhalev.net](mailto:RabbiSteve@kolhalev.net)).
CONTRIBUTIONS

Kol HaLev gratefully acknowledges these contributions:

• **Anna Kelman** in commemoration of the yahrzeit of her father in law, Julius Kelman
• **Lila Hanft** in commemoration of the yahrzeits of Lila's mother, Beryl Hanft, and Lila's paternal grandmother, Gussie Hanft
• **Dick and Deena Epstein** in memory of Kirby Date's brother, Matthew MacLaren Date
• **Dick and Deena Epstein** in memory of Ruth Ness
• **Abe Chasin** in commemoration of the yahrzeit of his aunt, Gussie Friedman
• **Pearl Hachen** in memory of Ruth Ness
• **Elinor Friedman** in commemoration of the yahrzeit of her mother, Helen Yosowitz
• **Laura and Stan Zoller** in memory of Ruth Ness

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](http://kolhalev.net/giving_opportunities).

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.

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

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

• Lisa Goldstein- mother of Anita Cohn
• George Smith- father of Barb Truitt
• Esther Scher- grandmother of Michal Scher-Marcus
• Grace Arthur- paternal grandmother of Nick Delciappo
• Lee Brooker- friend of Ernie Logsdon and Jane Arnoff-Logsdon
• Della London Gorovitz- paternal grandmother of Heidi Gorovitz Robertson
• Harold Edward May- father of Chip May
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• Marvin Abrams- father of Sue Pelleg
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• Deborah Susan Raddock- mother of Mike Raddock
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Kveller Corner: Share your joy!

If you're kvelling, we want to, too!

For milestone birthdays, anniversaries, births, b’ni mitzvah, graduations, etc., send news and pictures to newsletter@kolhalev.net.
"It's such an easy way to contribute, but it allows me to feel that this is indeed MY congregation, and that I really do belong here," she explains.

For a lot of members, co-hosting, whether with friends or members they don't know, is a great experience.

For two years in a row, says Celia Jennings, "my Kiddish partner has been Nancy Rubel. We don't know each other well, but we have an amazingly similar attitude about how to work together to sponsor the Kiddish. With just 4 emails, we determined who would bring what and what time we would arrive to set up."

Co-hosting with someone you don't know might seem daunting at first, but if you think about it, it's a great way to get to know someone: working together on a single time-limited project. Celia and Nancy "had fun chatting as we set up everything. We enjoyed everyone's comments about how much they enjoyed what we brought. Clean up was fast and easy. The instructions -- which explain where everything is stored in the Kol Halev cabinet and when to do what task -- made us confident that we got it right.."

Quite a few Kol HaLev members have found their co-hosts willing to step and save the day during a crisis. One year, when my mother passed away suddenly, I found myself miles from home before I remembered that I was supposed to co-host Kiddush that weekend. When I called my co-hosts from the road, they offered to do all the work -- shopping, set up and clean up -- and I was able to pay the full cost of the food and wine in return.

"I enjoy doing kiddush with a partner," says Sue Pelleg. "I don't mind doing the shopping for food if my partner does most of the setting up. I don't even mind paying for the kiddush food if younger or older people who cannot afford the cost of kiddush want to set up and be there as hosts."

In fact, there has been increased attention to pairing up co-hosts with limitations which complement one another. An older member might be happy to pay the cost of food in exchange for reduced physical labor; a young family on a tight budget might be relieved to do more of the hands-on work in exchange for reduced costs.

Some beautiful friendships have grown out of the symbiotic work of co-hosting. Maxine Brand has been a member of Kol HaLev for 18 months and has already hosted kiddush twice.

"The first time I wanted to show my commitment to the congregation while going through orientation," Maxime recalls. "I was lucky enough to share this experience with a couple and with another single woman. We worked together quite well and a great friendship resulted from our collaboration. It was heartwarming to stand together and share the beauty of Shabbat with my new fellow "Kol Halelites" and to confirm my love of tradition with my new family."

Maxine's second kiddush hosting experience was for a service in a member's home, rather than at The Ratner School. "It was a different experience being in someone's home, but equally fulfilling," says Maxine. "The cooperation between me and the family hosting the service was perfect, and the warmth of being in their home permeated the entire experience."

Sometimes a chance pairing with members you don't know can be serendipitous. I hadn't met Sandy and Allan Rosenfield when we co-hosted a kiddush, so I didn't know they had a son on the autism spectrum, just as I do. Their son is much older than mine, and as I talked with Sandy in the kitchen I discovered that she was among a group of parents who pioneered the implementation of services for students on the autism spectrum in the Shaker Heights School district; my son was, in fact, the beneficiary of her hard work!. And although I don't see Sandy and Allen often, when I do, and she asks how my son is doing, I know I'm talking to a parent who knows what it's like.

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Intergenerational friendships is one of the best results of co-hosting kiddushim, and it’s part of what makes Kol HaLev feel like a family. If you come to kiddush often enough, you’ll notice that some people have specialties they become known for. There’s something special about making your special dish to share with the whole community -- favorite dishes strongly associated with particular members include creamed herring, homemade flan, lemon bars, a huge platter of lox, hummus made with a secret spice; they’re clearly labors of love, a way to give back when you feel you’ve gotten so much from being a Kol HaLev member. Or as Maxime Brand put it, Hosting kiddush is a gift that I was grateful to be able to give. And the result was a ten-fold return."

My favorite moment of hosting kiddush might be standing in the cafeteria with a tray of little cups filled with wine or juice, greeting the members as they make their way into the cafeteria. It's great to watch the faces as people come in -- some are contemplative, perhaps still thinking about the service; some coming in making a joke; madrichim (teachers in our Hagiga program) come in after spending two hours working with our children during services -- perhaps they're smiling or perhaps they're looking forward to adult conversation; kids pour in, usually running; their parents, standing on tiptoe to make sure their children are in sight. Some people get caught up in conversations so deep, they don't trickle in until Rabbi Steve is leading the blessings, hastily grabbing whatever drink is still available.

Newcomers to kiddush are often taken with our "challah web," in which Rabbi Steve or the kiddush hosts hold the challah in the center the room as we all link touch -- a hand on a shoulder or another hand -- so that we're all, symbolically, touching the challah as we say the prayer: Hamotzi lechem min haaretz./We give thanks to God for bread./Our voices rise in song together as our joyful prayer is said, /"Baruch atah adonai, eloheinu melech haolam, hamotzi lechem min haaretz b'tayyavon.

Some of the best -- best in the sense of most spirited and tastiest -- kiddushim are the ones which families host in honor of a simcha (joyful event).

"Itsik and I hosted kiddush the day before we were married," recalls Miriam. "We provided quiche and cake, and we asked our Kol HaLev family to fill in other items and/or to help with set up and clean up."

"We received such an outpouring of help that the Kiddush became a full lunch and we didn't have to do any cleaning. We felt so loved and appreciated by our community and it was such a beautiful way to celebrate our marriage."

Kol HaLev board president Karly Whita-ker says that she didn't grow up in a home where the family gathered around the dinner table every night. "My dad worked traditional 9-5 hours while my mom worked 3rd shift, so there wasn't a lot of overlap--us kids pretty much fended for ourselves when it came to dinner. To this day, no doubt at least in part because of that, I am a fairly horrible cook and inexperienced party hostess."

Karly's husband, the late Steven Kanner (z"l) was, on the other hand, "the balabusta (Yiddish: an excellent homemaker) in the family, the one who liked to go 'all out' when we sponsored a kiddush at Kol HaLev by baking quiches in homemade pie crusts."

"We usually signed up for the date closest to [their daughter] Mira's birthday in February" and Karly has continued that tradition, "knowing more than ever before the true value of a simcha shared with friends."

"During this most recent Kabbalat Shabbat potluck, Mira and her friends didn't spend much time eating after she blew out the birthday candles--they were too busy playing together, which was wonderful," says Karly. "And, as always seems to happen, many people pitched in afterwards to make the clean up easy."

"I look forward to sponsoring Kiddush because it feels like being part of a big extended family that eats dinner together every night," she adds. "And I know that that doesn't happen without everyone taking their turn and pitching in."
Are we still justifying violence in defense of purity of faith? 
YOU, the jury will decide!

Kol HaLev presents

THE PEOPLE vs. THE MACCABEES

Saturday, March 25, 7:30pm
C|M|Law Moot Courtroom on the Cleveland State University Campus

One of our most challenging ancestral tales comes to life in this provocative courtroom drama and interfaith dialogue – and YOU are key to the excitement! Come for the “fun-raising”, fireworks, and fresh insights on issues still facing our world today.

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THANK YOU!
Be part of the Mitzvot of Purim.

Each year, Kol HaLev members participate in an exchange of Mishloach Manot (literally “the sending of portions”), a fun way to send sweet greetings to friends while supporting our community.

- Each member/member family will receive one Mishloach Manot bag, along with a card listing all the people who ordered Mishloach Manot for them.
- In each bag: kosher parve hamantashen, *baked by the Kol HaLev’s Men’s Group*; fruit, sweets and other snacks.
- Mishloach Manot can be picked up at our Purim Celebration on Sat., March 11 at 6:45 p.m., or they can be delivered to your home by Kol HaLev members March 12-13.

Options:
- You can order baskets for individual member families for $3.00 each
- You can send “reciprocal” baskets to everyone who has sent you one for $36.00
- You can order baskets for ALL Kol HaLev member families for $225.00 ($1.69 each)
- You can order Mishloach Manot for friends OUTSIDE Kol HaLev for $8.00 each (no delivery option).
- You may also choose to receive “No Candy” Mishloach Manot or “Virtual Mishloach Manot”
- You can fulfill the mitzvah of Matanot L’evyonim (gifts to the poor) with a tax-free donation to the Rabbi’s Discretionary Fund. Kol HaLev will forward all contributions to one or more of the charitable organizations that provide meals and other services to local individuals and families in need.
- All orders must be received and paid in full by Monday, March 6.
2017 MISHLOACH MANOT ORDER FORM

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Print and complete this 2-page form, then mail it along with a check to:

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2. Order by Email and Pay Electronically

Complete this 2-page form, then scan and email it to kelli@kolhalev.net. (Alternately, you can send Kelli an email with the names of your chosen recipients.) Pay online at our safe, secure payment portal, Pay Simple. Deadline: 3/6

1. Go to kolhalev.net/pay_simple.
2. Scroll to Payment Method #3 and click the link "Click Here to go to Kol HaLev Pay Simple Payment site"
3. If you’re already registered on the PaySimple site, enter your user ID and password
4. If you are not yet registered, click the “Click Here to Pay Now” link on the left
5. Enter your payment info; select “Purim Mishloach Manot” in the first “I am paying for” selection box

Or, if you do electronic banking, you can pay via your e-banking system (to Kol HaLev, 2245 Warrensville Ctr Rd., Suite 215; University Hts., OH 44118, 216-320-1498). Enter “Mishloach Manot” in the memo field.

Want to pay in multiple installments? You can do so through Pay Simple or through your e-banking system. Questions? Please contact Kelli in the office: kelli@kolhalev.net or 216-320-1498

ALL ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED & PAID IN FULL BY Monday, March 6!

Ordering Options:

Name (as you’d like it to appear on the card): ________________________________________________________________

Phone: ___________________________ Email: ___________________________

☐ I wish to order _______ bags at $3.00 each $______________

☐ I wish to reciprocate to all those who have sent to me for $36.00 $ 36.00

TOTAL $______________

OR  ☐ I wish to send bags to ALL KOL HALEV households $225.00

☐ I wish to order _______ bags for friends outside Kol Halev at $8.00 each $______________

(I understand that I must pick up and deliver these myself)

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

GRAND TOTAL (Mishloach Manot, Reciprocals & Matanot L’evyonim) $______________

Delivery Options:

☐ I prefer to get “No Candy Mishloach Manot”  ☐ I prefer to get “Virtual Mishloach Manot”

☐ I will pick up my Mishloach Manot at the Purim Celebration on Sat., March 11  OR

☐ I’d like my Mishloach Manot delivered to my home on 3/12 or 3/13

Payment Options:

☐ I’m enclosing a check OR ☐ I have paid online at kolhalev.net/pay_simple OR ☐ I paid via electronic banking

Don’t forget to select your Mishloach Manot recipients on the reverse of this form!
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#NOTALLIN

There is power in being persistent and present.

Throughout the month of February, GCC has making itself heard at County Council meetings as they challenge the proposed Quicken Loans Arena upgrade. #NOTALLIN has been gaining attention across the county and continues to garner support. GCC wants to ensure that Cuyahoga county will actually benefit from an upgrade that will cost an estimated $282 million, $160 million supplied by public sources. Leaders are asking hard questions about why this particular project is the focus for funding, taking precedence over other proposed projects that would address our communities’ most pressing needs.

Current focus is on slowing this legislation down so that it is not allowed to pass before it has been closely examined and vetted. GCC has proposed a Community Equity Fund that will match the city and county’s investment in this project and will be funded through a direct stake in the Q deal. This fund will ensure that one of our region’s strongest economic engines - downtown Cleveland - will help fuel the improvement of all the neighborhoods and communities in Cuyahoga county. Partnering with organizations in Milwaukee, Baltimore and DC, GCC continues to strategize about how best to work with Dan Gilbert, the Cavaliers and Quicken Loans. There are many opportunities to get involved!

**March 9 6:30 p.m. - GCC Q Arena Action**, Elizabeth Baptist Church, 6114 Francis Avenue, to continue applying pressure for slowing down, increasing transparency, and establishing a community equity fund as part of the Q deal.

**March 2 1:00-2:30 p.m. - GCC Emergency Delegate planning meeting** at Elizabeth Baptist Church, 6114 Francis Avenue. Let us know if you can come at info@greaterclevelandcongregations.org. Turning out large numbers to these meetings ensures that our voices are heard. There has been significant media attention of GCC opposition to this deal and we will continue to keep working to sustain our momentum. Please contact Elisa Waugh, ewaugh@wesleyan.edu, if you would like to know more.

DO NOT STAND IDLY BY:

Our own Donna Weinberger, sitting on the Gun Violence Reduction Team, has been integral to the launch of this campaign to target legislation that allows college students to possess guns on campus. As prospective students and their families consider the myriad of factors that go into making a decision about what college a student will attend, the Gun Violence Reduction Team wants to ensure that families are well-informed about the school’s safety policies.

The Do Not Stand Idly By campaign (donotstandidlyby.org) has partnered with NFTY, North American Federation of Temple Youth, to create a petition to help students and their families make informed decisions about the next stage of their lives. The petition asks college administrators, the US Secretary of Education, and college ratings publications and agencies to provide clear and accurate information about campus gun safety policies. It is designed for high schoolers (as well as parents, family members, and college students).

The purpose of this petition is to make the free market economy work for the consumer, in this case our college students. Markets work when there is full information, and fail when there isn't. In the nationwide market for higher education, families can only make the right decisions if they have clear information regarding guns on campus. As growing numbers of state legislators vote for campus carry measures, the most important "votes" will be cast by students and families as they decide where to attend college and where to spend their tuition dollars.

**PLEASE TAKE ONE MINUTE AND SIGN THIS PETITION AND SHARE IT WIDELY**

to help our college students and their families make informed decisions

[https://goo.gl/forms/bMnUHiKgmm7TiY4x](https://goo.gl/forms/bMnUHiKgmm7TiY4x)
THANKS FOR MAKING THE FALL FUNDRAISER A SUCCESS

Todah Rabah (thanks very much)! Our annual Fall Fundraising campaign wrapped up at the end of January. Anonymous member families offered to match all pledges and completed donations dollar for dollar up to a total of $16,000; thus every dollar donated resulted in two dollars for Kol HaLev.

We're thrilled to report that thanks to members' generous contributions, we did meet the full matching grant and together raised almost $33,000 for our community. Todah rabah to everyone who made a pledge or a paid contribution to the campaign.

L'shalom,
Karly and Mattuck

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR KOL HALEV’S BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Do you have skills, passion, and time to share to help guide Kol HaLev and help our community thrive? Kol HaLev's Nominating Committee is beginning its consideration of candidates for board service for terms beginning June 2017, and invites nominations from the membership. We are looking for action-oriented people with a service mindset. Several positions will be available, some requiring certain skills; mentoring is available. To place yourself (or another member who may be well-suited and interested) in consideration, (or if you would like to learn more about other non-board leadership opportunities) please contact Catherine Fallick (catherinefallick@gmail.com) or Halle Barnett (acornbaum@aol.com).

MALTZ MUSEUM CIVIL RIGHTS PHOTO CONTEST

Inspired by the powerful work of the nine activist photographers featured in This Light of Ours: Activist Photographers of the Civil Rights Movement, the Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage invites the community to share original photos that touch on a social topics important to them.

Whether you’re concerned about online hate speech, challenges to voter rights or racial inequality, we want to see an issue related to freedom, equality or civil rights through your eyes. Contest is for 3rd grade – adult. For more information please see http://www.maltzmuseum.org/photo-contest/.

CALLING TEEN PINBALL WIZARDS!

No’ar Hadash, Kol HaLev’s Teen Youth Group, will spend an evening at Superelectric Pinball Parlor on Saturday, March 18 from 6:30 to 8:30. Join us for an evening of pinball and vintage video games (we will supply the tokens) and food catered by Primoz Pizza! Superelectric is located at 6500 Detroit Ave, Cleveland, OH 44102. Please let Robyn (robyn@kolhalev.net) know if you will be attending so we purchase enough food. Also, please let Robyn know if you are interested in carpooling.
A Whale of Jewish Tale: Finding the Story in Ourselves

WHEN:  
Friday, April 28 - Sunday, April 30

WHERE:  
PUNDERSON State Park Manor House

DEADLINE:  
Registration & Payment due by MARCH 26

Questions? Contact Robyn Novick at Robyn@kolhalev.net
Kol HaLev Intergenerational Shabbaton  
**Friday - Sunday, April 28-30, 2017/2-4 Iyar 5777**

Family Name ________________________________________________________________________  
Names of family members attending ____________________________________________________________________________________________  
Mobile Phone___________________________ Email_______________________________________  
Emergency Contact (not attending)____________________________ Phone______________________  
If you are coming alone, do you wish to have a roommate? __________________________________  
If you have arrangements to share a room, please provide name______________________________  
Meals will be dairy/vegetarian. Please list any special dietary needs___________________________  
Please note we will do our best to make accommodations, but cannot guarantee that every need will be met.  
The cost covers 2 nights of lodging, all meals and programming. If all rooms are being used in the Manor House, cabins will be used.  
Cost: $170 per adult in double occupancy room ($340 per couple)  
$260 per adult in single occupancy room/single parent  
$65 per teen (13 - 18 years old)  
$30 per child (4 - 12 years old)  
Free for children 3 and under  
$375 cap per family  
Please contact Robyn for day rate or single night stay.  
REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT MUST BE MADE BY **MARCH 26, 2017**  
☐ Tax deductible donation to defray the cost of others is included.  
☐ I am in need of financial assistance. Please have Rabbi Steve confidentially contact me.  
☐ I am paying by check, which is included.  
☐ I am paying by credit card on the KHL website (www.kolhalev.net)  
  Click on the “Support KHL” → “Make a Payment” → “Paysimple site”  
  Be sure to note that payment is for “Shabbaton” on the “I am paying for” menu  
  Cost   ___________  
  Donation  ___________  
  Total   ___________  
☐ I wish to perform at the Saturday night talent show! My act is:  

Questions? Please contact Karly, karlywhitaker@yahoo.com  
Please send completed form to:  
Kol HaLev ★ 2245 Warrensville Center Road ★ Suite 215 ★ University Heights, OH 44118
**CALENDAR**

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<td>Hesed Committee Shiva Meeting at Juma Coffee House, 20100 Chagrin Blvd., Shaker Heights. Informational meeting, everyone is welcome.</td>
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<td>Board Meeting at the home of Celia Jennings; All members welcome</td>
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<td>&quot;To Be Greek, or Not to Be Greek?&quot; Ancient Judaism Confronts Hellenism - Adult Ed Session; Siegal Lifelong Learning @ Landmark Center 25700 Science Park Drive, Beachwood; FREE admission for Kol HaLev and Siegal members. Advance registration recommended. REGISTER at lifelonglearningcleveland.org. More info on page 4.</td>
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<td>Kabbalat Shabbat and Potluck at Ratner. Service Leader: Rabbi Steve and member musicians. 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 reusable plates, cups, utensils and napkins to our potluck. Assignments: A-H - Dessert or Drink; I-P - Main Dish; Q-Z - Appetizer or Salad; Kiddush Host: Robin Holzman; Greeter Needed</td>
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| Sat., Apr. 1 | 9:15-10:15 a.m. | Philosophical Inquiry (5th - 7th graders) |
| Sat., Apr. 1 | 9:30-10:30 a.m. | Torah Discussion in Barten Library led by Adina Davidson |
| Sat., Apr. 1 | 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon | New Member Shabbat Service in the Barten Chapel. Parasha: Vayikra; Service Leader: Rabbi Steve; Kiddush Sponsors: Last Year’s New Members; Greeters Needed |

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