DEEPEN CONNECTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY AT THE SHABBATON

by Laurel Simkoff, Shabbaton Co-Chair

When my husband, Aaron, and I joined Kol Halev as High Holy Days members in 2016, we felt immediately welcomed into a community of like-minded, interesting folks, so we decided to join as annual members. We’d only attended a handful of services when we decided -- overcoming our trepidation at committing to three days of communion with 60+ people we hardly knew -- to attend the Shabbaton.

An occasionally impulsive risk-taker, I not only registered us for the Shabbaton but jumped right onto the Shabbaton planning committee. While working on the committee, I got to know a few more members, but it was the Shabbaton experience itself that sealed the deal for the Simkoff family.

We discovered over the course of that weekend that these were “our people.” We made so many new friends, as our daughter Charlie (then not quite one at) bonded with so many amazing people who genuinely cared for her. We felt supported, welcomed, and accepted by everyone attending. continued on page 8

Please join us as our son

ADEN GABRIEL EPSTEIN

is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah Saturday, March 16 at 10:00 a.m.

Celebratory Luncheon to follow

Michael and Ann Epstein
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• Hesed – Robin Holzman & Martha Schubert
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• Youth & Family Education – Bill Marcus, interim
• Adult Education – Alan Federman
• Young Families/Tot Shabbat – Ben Seligman and Andy Oster
• Child Care Coordinator – Traci Elgart

BOOK GROUP
• Book Group – Kevin Weidenbaum
• Shabbat Schmooze – Alan Federman

INVOLVED VALUES TEAM
• GCC – Allen Binstock & Donna Weinberger

DEMOCRATIC & FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE
• Fundraising – open
• Cemetery – Mike Armin

PARTICIPATORY VALUES TEAM
• Membership – Maureen Dinner
• Greeters – Deb Senor (Office Manager)
• Kiddush – Deb Senor (Office Manager)
• High Holy Days – Marcia Goldberg
• Women’s Group – Happy Wallach

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• Finance Committee – open
• Ratner Liaison – Sara Prentice Manela
• Rabbi Liaison – open
• Strategic Planning Committee – Greg Selker
• Nominating Committee – Catherine Fallick
• Security Corps – Bill Scher-Marcus
• Commitment Support Volunteer – Maxine Collin

APRIL NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: FRIDAY, MAR. 15
So goes the language of Jewish tradition as the month in which we celebrate Purim comes upon us. Another famous phrase associated with this time of year, usually applied specifically to the holiday of Purim itself, is “nahafochu” or turn everything on its head!” This idea is very much in consonance with what is found in many cultures around the world when early spring holidays are celebrated, such as Carnival or Mardi Gras.

The Purim Governance Model

In that spirit of shaking things up a little, we have decided to make some changes in this month of craziness to the way we usually do things around Kol HaLev. Not only will this fulfill one of the core teachings of the tradition, but it turns out to be a wise move from an organizational behavior perspective as well, since it expands the range of members who have experience with any given function of our community.

Therefore, for the duration of the month of Adar, the following activities will be impacted: Instead of having Torah study led by adult members of the community, we will have our youngest members selecting their favorite storybooks presenting them to those in attendance. Anything by Dr. Seuss is highly encouraged, and the only rule is that the stories should in some way be connected with the weekly Torah portion. Please use the website, seusstorah.com for suggestions as to which of his books work best with the laws of Leviticus.

We will also be asking our Mindful Jewish Meditation group to take responsibility for running the monthly board meeting, which will of course be free of any documents or discussion. We simply want to give a heads up that anyone planning to attend should be prepared to experience a guided imagery journey through the founding year of Kol HaLev, which will be based on the board minutes from those gatherings.

Similarly, we have asked the Book Group to handle all of our office administration, and have been delighted by their decision to order and discuss a primer on non-profit management in order to prepare for what will certainly be a powerful learning experience in this new role. And, happily, the membership committee has agreed to handle the process of setting up a new version of our website.

While I’m sure that each of these initiatives will have a lasting positive impact on our community, the one that I’m most excited about is our decision to experiment with Shabbat and treat it, instead of a day of rest, as a day of really intense labor. But do not worry! We will not labor alone. Rather, we’ll be drawing upon the spirit of Shabbat and doing this together as a community. Think of Shabbat for the next month as something like, “bring your buddy to work” day. If everything goes as planned, we’ll all be able to set up work stations all around the first floor of the Ratner School, including the cafeteria, the chapel and the auditorium. There will be plenty of desks and chairs and laptops to go around and we’ll all be able to enjoy one another’s company as we engage in our respective professional endeavors.

I truly look forward to exploring the topsy-turvy world of Purim and the month of Adar with all of you and I’m certain we as individuals and as a community will all be the better for it!

Happy Purim to one and all,

Rabbi Steve
BE HAPPY, IT’S ADAR! CALLING ALL THESPPIANS! PURIM IS COMING!

The Kol HaLev community Megillah presentation will take place on Wednesday evening, March 20, where we will celebrate Purim, as well as the vernal equinox, the beginning of spring! That’s right – SPRING INTO PURIM! In Kol HaLev tradition, each chapter will be staged by different members. The members decide how they wish to exhibit their chapter – song, play, story, interpretive dance…all are wonderful and welcome! We are looking for families, groups, or groups of families to present each chapter. Hurry! Chapters are given on first come basis! Please let me know if you are interested.

I have engaged in several activities in preparation for Purim including participating in a webinar sponsored by Keshet called, “The Deal with the Spiel: Creating LGBTQ Inclusive Purim Programming.” Keshet is a national organization that works for full LGBTQ (Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender and Questioning) equality and inclusion in Jewish life. While I feel that Kol HaLev works to create an inclusive community on many levels, I realize that some of our past practices were not completely inclusive. Among the many things that I learned, intention is a key ingredient for creating a safe space, especially in costume choices and themes. On a positive note, having the opportunity to dress in a gender non-conforming way may be liberating for those who are questioning or curious. On the other hand, for those who are questioning their own identity, it can be quite harmful to see others dress up as a caricature, a humorous version of the other gender, or in ways that can be interpreted as making fun. I must admit that I am guilty of having made some dubious costume choices in my past.

Shortly after the webinar, I was listening to a program on Blackface in America on WCPN. This program was in response to the evidence of several public figures engaging in this practice. The panel shared the harmful history of this practice, as well as the impact that this malicious practice has had on the community. I learned that blackface is a form of theatrical make-up used by non-black performers to represent a caricature of a black person. The practice gained popularity during the 19th century and contributed to the spread of racial stereotypes and justification of racist practices. There was a rather large schism between the professionals presenting and the callers who felt that blackface was just a theatrical prop. What became abundantly clear is that there was difficulty having conversations about race and racism. One of the panelist, Dr. Adrianne Crawford Fletcher, Assistant Dean of Diversity and Inclusion and Assistant Professor at Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences, Case Western Reserve University, shared that she felt that our inability to discuss race is symptomatic of our present society and has led to social alexithymia, which is the explicit rejection of the authenticity of the feelings of others who object to either their behaviors or comments. Some examples she gave are religious or racial slurs, gaffes, or epithets. It is this lack of social empathy which can lead us to engage in cultural appropriation. In this arena too, I have made some poor costume choices.

As you know, I enjoy an opportunity to learn something new. In all my years of Jewish education, I have never been so aware of the power that costume may have. I hope that everyone experiments and is creative in their costume choices, yet is cognizant of the intent and the impact that their costume may have. I am proud to be a member of a community that is dedicated to creating a safe and inclusive community for all of its members. I am so excited to celebrate and have a joyous holiday with you!

Kol tuv, All my best,
Robyn
We send wishes for a refuah shleimah, a complete and speedy healing, to Anita Cohn; Lila Hanft; Ron Kohn; Frank Maris; Pam Millas; 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 Robin Shell, who was the February Monthly Coordinator. During the month, members provided meals and rides.

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.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A HESED/SHIVA INFORMATION GATHERING
SUNDAY, MARCH 31

If you have been curious about what the Hesed and Shiva Teams do, how they work, how you might get involved or if you have ideas on how we can improve the ways we bring support to our community, increase community engagement and nurture new leadership, we invite you to join us for a light brunch and conversation on Sunday, March 31 at the home of Martha Schubert, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. There will be a structured conversation from 11:30-12:30 when we will discuss the roles that the Hesed and Shiva team have in supporting Kol HaLev members and we hope that you will come and share your ideas with us.

We hope to answer any questions you have, explain the logistics of how we operate and listen to your ideas about the future of the Hesed/Shiva Team within the Kol HaLev community.

We welcome any questions or comments as we plan for this gathering. Please RSVP to Martha (marthaschubert@mac.com) by March 28 so that we can have enough food and seating.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Kol HaLev gratefully acknowledges these contributions:

- **Jean and Lou Bloomfield** in honor of Dick Epstein’s birthday
- **Kevin & Sue Weidenbaum** to the Rabbi’s Discretionary Fund for Shabbaton Scholarships

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 by check or online, whichever is more comfortable and convenient for you. Find out how at http://kolhalev.net/giving_opportunities.
The March meeting is Thursday, March 28, at the home of Leah Kamionkowski. We will discuss *Call It Sleep: A Novel* by Henry Roth. (480 pages, a Kindle version is available).

An introduction: Henry Roth’s 1934 novel *Call It Sleep* is based loosely on the author’s own experience growing up as a Jewish American in New York City during the early 1900s. In the novel, David Schearl is a young boy who must come to terms with conflicting forces in an effort to forge his own identity. The conflicting forces include intense love for and dependence on his mother Genya coupled with fear and hatred for his unstable father Albert. David must also reconcile his Jewish heritage with both his mainstream American tendencies and his curiosity about other cultures and religions.

The novel is notable for its use of Yiddish both directly and indirectly through character dialogue. Most of the dialogue spoken in the Schearl household is in Yiddish, but it is transcribed for the reader in deliberately formal and elegant phrasing. By contrast, the language David and his friends use in the streets is rough, profane, and so heavily seasoned with dialect that it can be difficult to understand. For example, “W’od id ‘ey do t’yuh in de polliss station?” is what one character asks after David returns from a brief episode at the local police station. This turns the table on the reader, clearly illustrating the struggles immigrants face when trying to communicate in a language that is not natively their own. The author does this by transforming Yiddish into easily understood English, and transforming English into a daunting collection of strange sounds.

*Call It Sleep* was first published in the middle of the Great Depression, and it was consequently overlooked by many mainstream readers at the time. Although Roth still wrote occasional short stories after the novel’s poor performance, he relied on alternate careers to support himself for the next thirty years. It was only in the 1960s, when the novel was rediscovered by critics and readers alike, that Roth was finally able to once again return to writing as more than just a hobby.

The book for April is *Traveling Heavy: A Memoir in between Journeys* by Ruth Behar.

All Kol HaLev members are welcome to attend the book group. For more information about the group, including a calendar of the book selections for this year, look at our web page (kolhalev.net/book_group) and contact Kevin (KJW@oberlin.net) to be added to the group’s e-mail list.

### 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:

- Israel Chasin – Father of Abe Chasin
- Margaret Hochman May – Mother of Chip May
- Esther Scher– Grandmother of Michal Scher-Marcus
- Lee Brooker – Former Kol HaLev member and friend of Ernie & Jane Arnoff Logsdon
- Della London Gorovitz – Grandmother of Heidi Gorovitz Robertson
- Harold Edward May – Father of Chip May
- Kenneth Harris – Son of Ellen Harris
- Marvin Abrams – Father of Sue Pelleg
- Aaron Kopstein – Father-in-law of Glenda Kupersmith
- Herman Weinberger – Father of Irwin Weinberger
- Carl Cohen – Brother of Margaret Cohen

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 deb@kolhalev.net.
A GREAT OPPORTUNITY

One advantage of membership in Kol HaLev is the opportunity to lead or co-lead services. Co-leading a service with Rabbi Steve is a great way to familiarize yourself with the Shabbat morning service and how to lead it, with the help of a handout -- the service leader’s guide -- and the support of an expert guide and hand-holder. If you would like to co-lead a service with Rabbi Steve, contact David Conn at david@estophile.com.

On the second Shabbat of each month, our Shabbat morning services are led by Kol HaLev community members. If you would like to lead part or all of a lay-led service, contact Arthur Lieberman at lieberman117@gmail.com or 440-781-3319. The service leader’s guide (a handout) and the support of friendly Kol HaLev lay service leaders are available to help you design and practice the service.

JEWS AND SOCIAL JUSTICE SERIES BEGINS MARCH 3

The next adult education series, which will focusing on Judaism and Social Justice, will begin on Sunday, March 3 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Maureen Dinner, with a discussion of the texts and values that undergird our tradition’s commitment to social justice.

The following sessions will each focus on Jewish participation in major movements for social justice in 20th century America, including the Labor movement, the Civil Rights movement and the Feminist movement; they are scheduled for March 17, 24, and 31, with a possible final session on April 28.

To attend, please RSVP to Alan Federman (even if you already did so prior to the rescheduling) at alanf7010@gmail.com.

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NEWS AND PHOTOS

GCC GATHERING

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MUSEUM TRIP

The members’ adult ed trip to the Georgia O’Keefe exhibit at Cleveland Museum of Art.

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The educational programs were enlightening, and the weekend was full of fun, community-building activities.

Having spoken with several members that attended the last Shabbatons and those in the past, I know that many other members love the Shabbaton experience and remember them as opportunities to deepen their understanding of Reconstructionism, their appreciation for our unique community and their connections with other community members.

Kol HaLev member Miriam Geronimus says that, “The best part of Shabbaton is getting to spend a whole Shabbes in community, deepening old relationships and forming new ones. It’s nice to have such a large cross-section of the community in such a beautiful and relaxed space.”

Kol HaLev board co-president Lila Hanft had only been a member a couple months when she went to her first Shabbaton in 2011. “I hardly knew anyone, so I stuck to the sidelines during the fast-paced small group discussions. A member I didn’t know (who turned out to be the vivacious Aurelia Pelsmajer) asked my name. And then she yelled, ‘Everyone! This is Lila. She’s new. Let’s let her talk.’” Once she got over her mortification, Lila says, she was grateful. “In the end I met and had discussions with dozens of new people, which I wouldn’t have done otherwise.”

I loved the Shabbaton experience so much that when approached about co-chairing this year’s Shabbaton committee with Jean Miller, I didn’t hesitate.

The 2019/5779 Shabbaton at the Lodge at Geneva on the Lake April 5-7 is sure to be an excellent time, and we’d love to have as many members join us as is possible!

We have tons of great programming planned for our Shabbaton including conversations with guest Rabbi Maurice Harris, services with Rabbi Steve, intergenerational programming, children’s programming, games, free-time activities like hiking and singing, and lots of yummy food.

Be sure not to miss the popular Saturday night Talent show! (Let us know if you’re interested in performing!)

Our theme this year is “Kesherim: Connections,” and that’s just what we plan to do -- connect as Reconstructionist Jews, as a spiritual community and as friends.

Registration form on page 10 and online at kolhalev.net/shabbaton. Deadline: March 4
Kol Yoshvei Tevel
*All those who dwell on earth*
The whole of humanity

Kol HaLev
Reconstructionist community

B'nai Yisrael
*Children of Israel*
Our family ancestors
Biblical ancestors

Kehilat Yisrael
*Community of Israel*
Kol HaLev
Reconstructionist community

Klal Yisrael
*All of Israel*
Our greater pluralistic, Jewish community

**FRIDAY-SUNDAY, APRIL 5-7, 2019**
The Lodge at Geneva on the Lake
Register and Pay by FEBRUARY 21, 2019

Questions? Contact Laurel (laurel.simkoff@gmail.com) or Jean (jean@waldorfinspiredlearning.com)
Kol HaLev Intergenerational Shabbaton  
Friday-Sunday, April 5-7, 2019/5779

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 made arrangements to share a room, please provide name: ______________

Meals will be dairy/vegetarian. Do you have special dietary needs? ________________

Please note that we will do our best to make dietary accommodations, but cannot guarantee that every need will be met.

The cost covers 2 nights of lodging, all meals and programming.

Cost: $180 per adult in a double occupancy room ($360 a couple)

$270 per adult in a single occupancy room/single parent

$50 per child

Free for children 3 and under

$410 cap per family

Please contact Jean for day rate or single night stay.

REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT MUST BE MADE BY FEBRUARY 21, 2019

☐ Tax-deductible donation to defray the cost of others included.

☐ I am in need of financial assistance. Please have Rabbi Steve contact me confidentially.

☐ I am paying by check, which is included.

☐ I am paying by credit card or electronic check on the website (www.kolahalev.net).

Instructions for online payment: On the website navigation bar, go to “Support Kol HaLev.” Choose “Make payment.” Follow the link and instructions for using PaySimple, our secure payment portal. During checkout, be sure to select “Shabbaton” on the “I am paying for” dropdown menu.

$________ Price

$________ Donation

$________ Total

☐ I wish to perform at the Saturday night talent show! My act is: __________________

Questions? Contact Laurel (laurel.simkoff@gmail.com) or Jean (jean@waldorfinspiredlearning.com)

Please send complete form and payment to:  
Kol HaLev | 2245 Warrensville Center Rd. | Suite 215 | University Heights, OH 44118
**Why we donate to Kol HaLev**

*Kol HaLev is our community, and when you’re part of a community, if at all possible, you need to help support it. We’ve formed deep and lasting friendships and grown as people, and we are happy to continue helping to make that possible for others as well.*

~ Dan and Anne Barach

Somebody asked me recently if I felt “obligated” to make a contribution to Kol Halev’s fund raising campaign. I listened and smiled. Obligated? No, on the contrary, quite glad to do it.

Kol Halev has given me a spiritual home, an understanding of what our tradition means (I am not, and have never been, a deeply religious person), a community that feeds my soul, that supports me in times of distress, and friends that I treasure very much.

Knowing that I can volunteer my time and resources makes me feel that I am really a part of this community. I only regret that I cannot do more. Nothing will ever be too much, nothing will ever be enough. I want to see this community thrive, I want to see this community having the resources needed to give other members what it has given me, and to be able to create, in our children, lasting bonds to Judaism and its values. I want to feel that the community will live forever. I will give as much as I can for as long as I can.

I am grateful to have the opportunity to give, and, with the rest of our members, assure the continuity of Kol Halev. To that effect, I have included Kol Halev in my will as well.

~Member who wished to be anonymous

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**Good news!**

Thanks to members’ prompt responses to the 2019 fundraising campaign, we’ve raised more than $13,000!

Only $7,000 more and we’ll meet the generous pledge of an additional $20,000 in matching funds.

**Our goal is to raise $60,000 by March 31.**

Like everything we do at Kol HaLev, we can do this – together.

**Please make your gift today.**

Donations of any size are most welcome.

*Your gift will support Kol HaLev’s Caring, Creative Community • Inspiring Spiritual Leadership • Joyful Celebrations of Tradition • Abundant Opportunities to Explore & Grow*

**More info at kolhalev.net/give**
Mishloach Manot exchange

JOIN IN THIS JOYOUS PURIM MITZVAH!

Mishloach Manot are the gifts of delicious treats, sweets and hamentashen (triangle-shaped filled cookies) which Jews traditionally exchange at Purim.

Each year, the Kol HaLev Men's Group organizes an exchange of Mishloach Manot, which simplifies this delightful tradition of sending sweet greetings to our Kol HaLev friends. Here are the ground rules:

- **EVERY KOL HALEV HOUSEHOLD RECEIVES ONE MISHLOACH MANOT BAG** (whether you participate in the exchange or not).
- Each Mishloach Manot bag comes with a card listing the members who contributed to the recipient's Mishloach Manot. (Wondering how to make sure you’ve given to everyone who has given to you? Choose the cost-saving reciprocity option, which does just that).
- In each bag: Kosher, parve hamantashen, baked by the Kol HaLev's Men's Group, plus dried fruit, sweets and other snacks.
- PICKUP: Come pick up your Mishloach Manot at our Purim Party on Wed., March 20 at 6:45 p.m., (or they can be delivered to your home by Kol HaLev members in the days following the party).

The order form has two pages. On the first page:

- You can order baskets for individual members for $3.00 each
- You can send "reciprocal" baskets to people who send **you** one for $36.00
- You can order baskets for **ALL Kol HaLev members** for $225.00 (only $1.69 each)
- You can order Mishloach Manot for friends OUTSIDE Kol HaLev for $8.00 each (no delivery option).
- You may opt to make your own Mishloach Manot bag “Candy-free” or “Virtual” (if you don’t the temptation of sweets or live out of town).
- 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.

On the second page, you select the names of the members to whom you’d like to send Mishloach Manot, so don’t forget to submit that page with your order form!

All orders must be received and paid in full by **Wednesday, March 13**!
2019 MISHLOACH MANOT ORDER FORM

1. Order and Pay By Mail
   Print and complete this 2-page form, then mail it along with a check to:
   OR

2. Order by Email and Pay Electronically
   Complete this 2-page form, then scan and email it to deb@kolhalev.net. (Alternately, you can send Deb an email
   with the names of your chosen recipients.) Pay online at our safe, secure payment portal, Pay Simple. Deadline: 3/13

   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.,

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

ALL ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED & PAID IN FULL BY Wednesday, March 13!

Ordering Options:
Name (as you'd like it to appear to recipients): _______________________________________________
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
   OR TOTAL $________________
☐ I wish to send bags to ALL KOL HALEV households (includes reciprocity) $225.00
☐ I wish to order ________ bags for friends outside Kol Halev at $8.00 each $________________
   (I understand that I must pick up at the 3/20 Purim celebration and deliver myself)
☐ I wish to fulfill the mitzvah of Matanot L’Evyonim with this donation $________________
   GRAND TOTAL (Mishloach Manot, Reciprocals & Matanot L’evyonim) $________________

Delivery & Contents 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 Party on Wed., March 20 OR
☐ I’d like my Mishloach Manot delivered to my home in the days following the Purim party

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 next page!
Select your Mishloach Manot recipients and include this page with your order!

- Anne Adamson
- Mike Armin
- Daniel & Anne Barach
- Benjamin & Halle Barnett
- Molly Berger
- Arthur & Sue Biagianti
- Dan & Katie Bingman
- Allen Binstock
- Carol Bortz
- David Bortz
- Maxine Brand
- Nurett Brenner
- Jack & Amy Brodsky
- Abraham Chasim
- Fred & Marsha Chenin
- Anita Cohn
- E. Maxine Collin
- David & Elizabeth Conn
- Judi Dash**
- Mark & Adina Davidson
- Maurean Dinner
- Tamara Duval
- Scott & Traci Elgart
- Louise Elkind
- Barry & Barbara Epstein **
- Dick & Deena Epstein
- Michael & Ann Epstein
- Bruce & Catherine Fallick
- Alan Federman
- Juanita Fish
- Nancy Frazier
- Frederick & Beth Friedman-Romell
- Miriam Geronimus & Itsik Kittila**
- Dorinda Gershman
- Ron & Leah Gilbert
- Joshua Gippin
- Nina Glueckselig
- Gil & Marcia Goldberg
- Joyce Goldstein
- Linda Gross
- Ralph & Selma Gwatkin
- Carl Hagerling & Gwen Glazer
- Mike & Elise Hagesfeld
- Louis & Julie Handler
- Ellen Harris
- Nancy Hecht
- Jonathan & Amy Herzenstein
- Amy Hogg
- Robin Holzman
- Les & Elana Hunter
- Peter Imrey
- Bruce & Celia Jennings
- Dick Jones
- M. Jacob Kabb
- Leah Kamionkowski
- Jane Kaufman
- Rachel Kay
- Anna Kelman**
- Eric & Sue Kisch
- Dan Klein & Nancy Rubel
- Ron Kohn
- Neil & Diane Korman
- Joan Kronman
- Glenda Kupersmith
- Ray Lesser & Susan Wolpert
- Alan Lipson & Judy Harris
- Marilyn Litvene
- Richard Litwin & Kirby Date
- Emie Logsdon & Jane Arnoff Logsdon
- Franklin & Maggie Malemud
- Aaron Manela & Sara Prentice Manela
- Frank & Phyllis Maris
- Chip May
- Mattuck & Elizabeth Meacham
- Joseph Michaels
- Pam Millas
- Brian & Jean Miller
- Eric Olsen & Jennifer Finkel
- Andy Oster & Robyn Novick
- John Pas & Jade Pas-Jensen
- Mordechai & Sue Pelleg
- Julio & Aurelia Pelsmajer
- Deborah Picker
- Gloria Plevin
- Mimi Plevin-Foust
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- Kevin Rahilly & Margaret Cohen
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- Charles T. Rosenblatt & Deborah Gross
- Allan & Sandy Rosenfeld
- Cj & Jennie Rosenstiel
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- Dave & Martha Schubert
- Rabbi Steve Segar & Andy Getz
- Sam Selekmann
- Ben Seligman & Joanne McKeil
- Gregory & Lois Selker
- Deb Senor (our office manager)
- Chuck Sheehan & Marianne Lax
- Robin Shell
- David Shutkin & Connie Friedman
- Renee Siegel
- Aaron & Laurel Simkoff
- Howard Sobel & Joanne Federman
- Sarah Sobel
- Larry Solomon**
- Jodi Solomon
- David & Erica Steinweg
- Karal Stern
- Paula Stone
- Jeffrey Sunshine & Helen Salz
- Linda Sylte
- Mario & Roberta Tonti
- Toby Trevis
- Barbara Truitt**
- Joseph Vainner & Adina Schoem**
- Happy Wallach
- Audrey Warner
- Elisa Waugh
- Kevin & Sue Weidenbaum
- Margy Weinberg
- Irwin Weinberger & Meg Manny
- Richard & Donna Weinberger
- Alan Weinstein & Elda Pincus
- Brent & Kate Weinstock
- Eda Weiss
- Jeffrey & Claudia Weissman
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Monday, April 15, 2019
6:30PM - Play, 7:30PM - Q&A, 8:00PM - Reception
Cleveland Heights High School
Dina Rees Evans Auditorium
13263 Cedar Road, Cleveland Heights
Free and open to the community.
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<td>Adult Education series: Judaism and Social Justice. This first session will be a discussion of the texts and values that undergird our tradition’s commitment to social justice. The following sessions, which will each focus on Jewish participation in major movements for social justice in 20th century America, including the Labor Movement, the Civil Rights Movement and the Feminist Movement, will take place on March 17, March 24 and March 31, with a possible final session on April 28. Please RSVP to Alan Federman (even if you already did so prior to the rescheduling) at <a href="mailto:alanf7010@gmail.com">alanf7010@gmail.com</a></td>
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<td>Deadline for Shabbaton Registration. See pages 9-10</td>
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<td>Member-led Shabbat Service at Ratner Chapel. Pekudei; the Torah discussion will take place within the service. Service leader: Bill Scher-Marcus. Kiddush sponsor: Molly Berger</td>
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<td>Board Meeting Location: TBD. Check the Weekly Update for more details. All members invited</td>
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<td>Deadline to sign up for Mishloach Manot. See page 12</td>
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<td>Shabbat Service and Bar Mitzvah of Aden Epstein. Vayikra; Service leaders: Rabbi Steve and Aden Epstein. Celebratory kiddush luncheon sponsored by Michael &amp; Ann Epstein.</td>
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<td>Wed., Mar. 20</td>
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<td>Intergenerational Purim Party and Megillah Reading. Come as your favorite Purim character or in a costume inspired by the theme “Spring into Purim.” Boo Haman, get silly and pick up your Mishloach Manot! If you’d like to perform in the Purim play, contact <a href="mailto:Robyn@kolhalev.net">Robyn@kolhalev.net</a></td>
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<td><strong>Kabbalat Shabbat and Potluck</strong> at the Ratner School. Service Leader: Rabbi Steve. Kiddush sponsor: Art Lieberman. Potluck dishes should be vegetarian/dairy or pareve and SHOULD NOT CONTAIN NUTS. Please bring enough for 8-10. In keeping with our goal of becoming a more sustainable community, we encourage members to bring their own reusuable plates, cups, utensils and napkins to our potluck. A-H - Appetizer or Salad, I-P - Dessert or Drink, Q-Z – A Main Dish.</td>
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<td><strong>Women’s Potluck Brunch</strong> at the home of Maureen D. Our social brunches provide wonderful opportunities to share time together in a relaxed environment. Food contributions for the Brunch can be parve or dairy and “allergy aware” (no tree nuts or peanuts). We hope you can join us! Please RSVP to Happy Wallach at <a href="mailto:happyhkw@aol.com">happyhkw@aol.com</a></td>
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<td><strong>Book Group at the home of Leah K. See p. 6 for more information</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Experiential Shabbat Service. Shemini.</strong> Leader: Rabbi Steve. Kiddush co-sponsors: Linda Gross and Renee Siegel</td>
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<td>11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.</td>
<td><strong>Community-wide Open House for Hesed/Shiva</strong> at the home of Martha S. See page 5.</td>
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<td><strong>Kol HaLev’s Biennial Shabbaton. Register by March 4. Form on page 10 and online at kolahalev.net/shabbaton</strong></td>
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