

Kol HaLev Happenings

Newsletter of Cleveland's Reconstructionist Community

May 2010

Shavuot 5770

The holiday of Shavuot is both an early summer harvest festival as well as the annual commemoration of the Jewish people's collective experience of Revelation at the foot of Mt. Sinai that is depicted in the book of Exodus. As if we are in preparation for the revelatory moment the next morning, it is traditional to hold a late night or all night study session on the evening of the holiday (called in Hebrew a *Tikkun Leil Shavuot*).

This year, we will be doing something different for the Shavuot *Tikkun* compared to our practice for the past several years. In place of holding our own evening service and study session, we will be joining a consortium of three other synagogues and two local day schools that have collaborated on this event for a number of years. We will gather together with them on Tuesday evening, May 18, for our observance of this ancient ritual. Because they don't start their evening service until after sunset, there will be an "early" study session beginning around 7:30 p.m., followed by a short evening service to welcome the holiday, which will then lead into the all night study session.

There will be a number of Kol HaLev members represented among the teachers at the *Tikkun*, including Rabbi Jeff, Rabbi Steve, Rabbi Shawn, Simcha Zevit and Lynn Liebling. Please watch the weekly update for final details on the timing of events for the evening and specific titles of the topics that will be addressed.

Our own observance of the holiday will continue on the following morning, May 19, at the Ratner School at 10 a.m. as we hold a celebratory morning service that will also include the traditional recitation of the *Yizkor* prayers in memory of any and all loved ones in our lives whom we have lost. At the conclusion of the morning service around noon, there will be a festive kiddush, complete with many of the dairy foods that are traditional on this holiday.

Bat Mitzvah

Please join us as our daughter
Zoe Herzenstein,
is called to the Torah
as a Bat Mitzvah
on Saturday, June 12 at 4 PM
during a special Kol HaLev
Shabbat afternoon service at
Mustard Seed Market and Café
6025 Kruse Drive
Solon, OH 44139

Zoe and her family invite all
Kol HaLev members to join them for the
service and a Kiddush to follow
RSVP to Amy Herzenstein at
216-991-2499 or

mycre8ivision@mac.com

**Due to logistical considerations,
The last day RSVPs can be accepted is
May 21st**

Jonathan and Amy Herzenstein

From Our President - Allen Binstock

For the past year Kol HaLev has been in the process of changing its governance structure and we are about to take the next major step. I would like to use this message to explain why we are doing this, what our current structure is, as well as how it is going to change. My purpose is to help prepare our members for a change in our by-laws that will be voted on at the annual meeting in June.

The why of what we are doing is very simple. We need to improve our governance structure so that it better serves our members as we continue our growth from a small havurah to a larger and very active congregation. Several years ago we started a strategic planning process to help our members and their elected and appointed leaders decide in what direction we wanted to take our community. In the process we formulated a mission statement and identified our communal values. One of the things we determined was that our committee structure needed improvement because some committees were not functioning well, and there was less than adequate communication between committees. This was causing some real shortcomings in programming for our members.

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Rabbinic Corner — Rabbi Steve Segar

This month we celebrate the second of the three ancient pilgrimage festivals in our calendar. The first of these was our recent observance of Passover, this coming month is Shavuot, and in the fall following the High Holy Days we will celebrate Sukkot. Each festival is tied by the tradition to a facet of the ancient agricultural cycle and to a critical experience in our people's collective religious memory. Passover, of course, commemorates the exodus from Egypt. Shavuot commemorates the experience of collective revelation at the foot of Mt. Sinai that is recorded in the book of Exodus. On the surface the idea of revelation sounds quite solid and unequivocal, but many traditional commentaries explain it as being experienced in very different ways by different individuals. The most cautious commentaries claim that it was only the perception of the divine voice that differed from person to person, while the message remained consistent. The more radical ones assert that even the content that was perceived changed from person to person.

Many contemporary observers have pointed out that as the rate of change in the world continues to increase, there is an understandable, yet dangerous, desire that arises in some people to ground themselves in things that feel absolutely certain to them. They cling to aspects of the world which are not vulnerable to the powerful processes of flux that exist in our time. For many, this yearning for stability is sought in the most traditional religious orientations. According to those who espouse this view, there are some truths that remain immutable under any and all circumstances and these truths are often connected with the core sacred text of the person's religious tradition. While it is certainly the case that there are not a small number of Jews who fall into this category, it is also true that our tradition has resisted fundamentalism to a great degree because of its assumption that there is always more than one way to understand the meaning of language. This assumption is rooted in rabbinic conceptions of a revelation event that contained a multiplicity of understandings and that is commemorated on Shavuot.

Very much in this spirit, the medieval Jewish mystics created the ritual that we now know as the Tikkun Leil Shavuot, or all-night study session, in which the offerings of study are intentionally diverse. I believe this is, at least in part, to underscore the idea of revelation being more fluid than fixed, more varied than uniform.

This year we have the chance to embrace that diversity in a very direct way as we participate in a joint Tikkun with at least five other Jewish institutions in the neighborhood: Congregation Bethaynu, B'nai Jeshurun, Congregation Sha'arey Tikvah, The Agnon School and the Gross-Schechter Day School. I hope that many of us will take advantage of this unique opportunity to learn from a broad array of teachers who will ideally help to connect us with the everflowing fountain of insight and inspiration.

Rabbi Steve

Our Cookbook Needs a Name

A group of Kol HaLev members has been working hard to assemble recipes for our community's first cookbook, but so far they have not been able to find just the right name for the new book.

The committee has decided that a "Name the Kol HaLev Cookbook" contest is the answer. Members are encouraged to submit their creative entries to Deena Epstein at deenaeps@gmail.com no later than May 14.

The prize? A Kol HaLev cookbook, of course!

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 by email (rabbisteve@kolhalev.net) to schedule a meeting time.
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From Our President - Allen Binstock

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Historically the work of the committees and the communication between them and with the Board was assigned to our two vice-presidents. In an effort to improve things, we added a third vice-president. What we found, however, was not that the vice-presidents had shortcomings, but that they were overwhelmed by the tasks assigned to them. No matter how hard they worked, they were each assigned too much territory to cover adequately.

As a result, through the strategic planning process, we decided that each committee should be identified with one of the six basic values we had adopted, and that a leader be assigned to coordinate activities in each of those areas. Last summer these value team leaders (VTLs) began meeting as a group for the purpose of planning and coordinating the programmatic agenda of KHL. This group has continued to meet throughout the year to better define what it will do and how it will do it. Our hope is that this group of leaders will be able to successfully invigorate and coordinate the work and activities of our committees. The VTLs will also assure that the programming we engage in meets the needs of our members in a way that was unmet before.

We will continue to have a Board of Trustees as well as an Executive Committee of the Board. As before, the Board will make all policy decisions and be responsible for the financial security of the community. The Executive Committee will continue its primary assignment of setting the agenda for the Board and handling small action issues that require immediate attention. It will be comprised of the president, first vice-president, secretary, treasurer, rabbi and immediate past president. For the coming fiscal year only, the current administrative VP will continue to be on the Executive Committee.

Aside from the individuals on the Executive Committee, the Board will also be comprised of members-at-large as well as the six VTLs. In effect, we will now have what amounts to six vice-presidents, although they won't be called that. As we begin this new governance structure, there will be major overlap in terms of personnel between the Board and the VTL group. That may change in the future, but for now we think the overlap will help us better define the new structure and make it work. In the last newsletter we published a slate of new Board members and officers to be elected at the June annual meeting, and you may have noticed that some of them were designated as value team leaders.

The changes in the by-laws that you will be asked to vote on in June will reflect these changes in our structure, but will only minimally amend the by-laws. More by-laws changes may be needed later as we refine this new structure.

In summary, we will have a Board with its Executive Committee acting as before to make policy and secure our financial health; and we will have a value team leaders group that will coordinate KHL programming, including the work of our committees. We need this added structure because we are so much bigger a community than we were when the by-laws were drafted, and because we are involved in more activities than ever. Moreover, we are blessed with many talented and tireless members who are willing, as volunteers, to take on the added responsibility of serving as Board members, Executive Committee members and value team leaders. With their commitment and this new structure, I am confident that our members will be better served in the future.

Allen

Save the Date

for the KHL Community Fair and Annual Meeting on Sunday, June 6. See page 6 for more details

Board Report

At the April 12 Board meeting Treasurer Ami Kopstein reported that if everyone pays their current commitments, we may be able to end the fiscal year with a small surplus. Ami also presented a draft budget for next year that shows the need to raise fifty thousand dollars with our various fund raising projects.

Mike Armin presented a request to update the cemetery regulations. Spouses, life partners and children of members will be able to buy plots at the member price. Plots for other members of a family can be purchased at a higher cost. Ten plots are still available from our original allotment of thirty-six plots. Mike will contact Hillcrest Cemetery to discuss the terms for buying more plots.

Kol HaLev will participate in a community Shavuot observance to be held at B'nai Jeshurun. Kol HaLev members will teach five of the study sessions to be held overnight.

Rabbi Steve has been in contact with Ratner School to discuss inviting Ratner families to a Shabbat service. It is hoped that this can occur next fall.

Proposed changes to Kol HaLev by-laws were presented by Sue Pelleg and approved by the Board. These changes were designed to further the transition envisioned by our strategic plan. There are five small changes involved:

1. Introduce the term "value team leader"
2. Make value team leaders members of the Board of Trustees
3. Clarify that the rabbi and past president are on the Executive Committee (Their inclusion was omitted in the last by-laws revision.)
4. The Executive Committee will no longer appoint committee chairs, nor will it have oversight of committee operations.
5. Specify that the number of at-large board members (members without portfolios) will not exceed ten, but no minimum number is required.

These changes will be presented to the full KHL community for vote at the annual meeting on June 6.

The Kol HaLev election slate was presented for modification. It was felt that since we now will have value team leaders, we do not need to have three vice-presidents. This year we will have two vice-presidents: a first vice-president as required by our by-laws, and Alan Weinstein who will finish out the second year of his elected term as vice-president, but will not be replaced next year. Sue Kisch will be on the slate only as a value team leader since a program vice-president is not needed in our new governance model. These changes were also approved by the Board to be presented to the full KHL community for vote at the annual meeting.

The next Board meeting will be held May 10, 7:30 p.m., at the home of Lynn and David Liebling

Sue Pelleg (substituting for Judy Harris)

Chesed

A speedy and complete healing to Mimi Feil who recently underwent hip replacement surgery.

Condolences to Rachel Kay and her children, Sarah and Jojo Moritz, on the death of Rachel's father, William Kutunow

A speedy and complete healing from her appendectomy to Jane Arnoff Logsdon

Come to the Annual Meeting and Enjoy Our First Community Fair

The June 6 annual meeting for Kol HaLev will be combined with our first Community Fair, designed to inform members about the opportunities to participate in the life and activities of Kol HaLev.

As usual, members are invited to arrive at our Ratner home early, starting at 9:30 a.m., to enjoy coffee and bagels and socialize with KHL friends. The annual meeting, to be held in the Chapel, will begin at 10 a.m. and last no more than one hour.

Then, after a bit of entertainment led by the musical collaboration of our very own Rabbi Steve and Rabbi Shawn, members are invited to the Social Hall where there will be tables dedicated to each of our six value areas. Representatives from the committees comprising each value area will be there to talk about various opportunities to participate and to answer your questions. You will be able to learn how you can contribute as both a volunteer and participant within Kol HaLev over this coming year, starting, of course, with planning for our High Holy Days services and programs.

The Community Fair will also offer members an opportunity to be part of a new KHL video production. We will be taping members' answers (30 seconds max) to two questions: What does being a Reconstructionist Jew mean to you? And what do you love about being a member of Kol HaLev? The video will be edited, compiled and then posted on our website, You Tube, Facebook and other social media websites to help create a cyber-buzz about Kol HaLev.

And finally, what's a fair without some fun? We'll have more musical entertainment from Rabbi Steve and Rabbi Shawn, some door prizes, plus beverages and snacks.

Childcare will be available.

Contributions

- Barry and Barbara Epstein in honor of Jeff and Deb Schein's new granddaughter, and in memory of Aurelia Pelsmajer's brother, Jesus Rodriguez, and Margaret Cohen's brother, Carl Cohen
- Ester Leutenberg in memory of Tamar Brodsky
- Julio and Aurelia Pelsmajer in thanks to Rabbi Steve for the beautiful service he did for Aurelia's brother, Jesus Seferino Rodriguez
- Sandy and Allan Rosenfield in memory of Aurelia Pelsmajer's brother Jesus Rodriguez
- Nancy Rubel in appreciation for the support of Rabbi Steve and Simcha Zevit in creating a ritual for my 50th birthday
- Greg and Lois Selker in thanks to the KHL community for assistance with Lois' injury, and in honor of Barbara and Barry Epstein
- Mario and Roberta Tonti in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Diana Tonti
- Sura Villa in memory of Aurelia Pelsmajer's brother Jesus Rodriguez

Kol HaLev thanks the following members for their contributions to the Securing Our Sacred Space Campaign:

Fran Zamore

Happy Wallach

Hagiga Happenings

There is so much happening this time of year, it is hard to know if we are coming or going. As we wrap up the current school year, we are also starting to plan for next fall.

We have several celebrations planned to conclude Sacred Cycles, the theme for Hagiga year 5770. On May 1 during the morning service, we will honor our graduating seniors (Senior *Siyyum*) and express our appreciation for our *madrichim*, volunteer educators/guides. On Sunday, May 16, the culmination of our year of learning will include a special gift as a commemoration of this cycle of our lives. This final Hagiga session will be led by Jewish educator and Creative Memories consultant, Deborah Fish Gordesky.

Planning for next year, 5771, has already begun. A theme committee has been hard at work and has decided that in honor of Kol HaLev's Chai (18th) year the theme will be "Choose Life." As you may know, every letter in Hebrew has a numeric equivalent. Chai, which means life, equates to 18. As we celebrate this congregational milestone, we will examine what choosing life, as we are told to do in the Torah, really means through our Reconstructionist lens.

The biennial Shabbaton will also take place during 5771, and planning has begun to organize this wonderful event. If you are interested in working on the Shabbaton, your talents are needed. Please contact Barb Truitt (barb.truitt@gmail.com) to get more information.

As we look at next year and beyond, the Long Range Education Committee, led by Kirby Date and the Jewish Education Center of Cleveland, continues to move forward, carrying out the mission of planning education at Kol HaLev for the next five years. Information has been collected via committee work, surveys, focus groups and interviews. All this information will be analyzed and shared at the June Board meeting. We look forward to building a better tomorrow as we go on to our next cycle.

Robyn

Include Your Loved Ones in the Cookbook Dedication

Bubbe's mandelbrot. Mother's brisket. Grandma's gefilte fish. The recipes, each of them laden with the warm memories of loved ones no longer with us and of family celebrations past, will be part of Kol HaLev's soon-to-be-published cookbook.

The cookbook, which will be divided into sections by Jewish holidays along with one very large section for recipes from our Kol HaLev potlucks, is a tribute to the role food plays in creating our Jewish memories and Jewish identities.

The cookbook committee would like to dedicate the book to our loved ones, of blessed memory, who so lovingly cared for us and cooked for us. They would be proud that we are carrying on their traditions. Members can enter the name of their loved ones on the cookbook's dedication page with a \$36 contribution for each name. Even if you haven't submitted a recipe, you can submit a name for the dedication page. Checks, along with the clearly printed name of the loved one, should be sent to the office by June 1 and marked COOKBOOK DEDICATION.

Join Us for "Elders Shabbat" on May 15

Help us celebrate a *shehecheyanu* moment – the first Elders Shabbat at Kol HaLev. This Shabbat service culminates "A Journey of Conscious Eldering," in which about twenty Kol HaLev members have been studying, reflecting, and sharing their experiences of the eldering stage of life. Our Torah service will include *Torat Ha-Zekeinim* (Torah of the Elders) – reflections from our participants on insights gained through the time we have shared together. We hope to see you there!

Chug HaSefer – Book Discussion Circle

The book group will meet on Thursday evening, May 27, at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Judy Vida and Peter Gray. Rabbi Steve will lead a discussion on *The View From the Center of the Universe: Discovering Our Extraordinary Place in the Cosmos* by Joel Primack and Nancy Abrams. The authors examine the past, present and future of our understanding of the universe in order to show that “we are indeed central to the universe and what this might mean for our culture and our personal lives.”

Optional reading for the discussion: "Sacred Evolution," an article by Rabbi Arthur Green in the March/April 2010 issue of *Tikkun* magazine. This article addresses the theme of the Primack/Abrams book but from the opposite direction, with a religious perspective reaching towards science.

The book for the June 24 meeting will be *The World to Come* by Dara Horn.

For more information, contact Peter Gray at p.gray1@sbcglobal.net or 440-646-1390

All Kol HaLev members are welcome to attend.

Kol HaLev Kvells

Mazel tov to Ami Kopstein and Glenda Kupersmith on the birth of their grandson in Washington, D.C.

What Does Participatory Mean at Kol HaLev?

We say that KHL is an egalitarian, spiritual, and *participatory* community. The Membership Committee is sponsoring a meeting open to all members to share their ideas and brainstorm new ways to fulfill our mission of being participatory by reaching out and involving our membership on as many levels as possible.

The meeting will be May 26 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at the home of Linda Gross, 3252 Richmond Road, Beachwood. Barry Stern will facilitate the meeting. Please come and bring your thoughts and ideas so that we can translate them into action.

RSVP to Maureendinner@gmail.com

**SLATE OF OFFICERS
BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2010-2011
REVISED APRIL 2010**

New Officers

- President – Greg Selker (1st term)
- First Vice President – Barb Truitt (1st term), Value Team Leader: Spiritual
- Secretary – Molly Berger

Board and Value Team Leaders

- Sue Kisch – Value Team Leader: Learning Teams
- Greg Millas – (2nd term on Board), Value Team Leader: Informed and Involved
- Barry Epstein – Value Team Leader: Democratic and Fiscally Responsible
- Leah Kamionkowski – Value Team Leader: Participation and Volunteerism
- Board Member – Linda Gross (1st term)
- Board Member - Elise Collins (1st term)

Continuing Board Members

- Administrative Vice-President – Alan Weinstein (2nd year of 2nd term), Value Team Leader: Welcoming and Caring
- Treasurer – Ami Kopstein (2nd year of 1st term)
- Board Member at Large – Robin Shell (2nd year of 1st term)
- Board Member at Large – Leah Gilbert (2nd year of 2nd term)

Submitted by Nominating Committee: Sue Pelleg, Chairperson, Deena Epstein, Andy Getz, Glenda Kupersmith, Greg Millas, Barb Truitt

**ABSENTEE BALLOT FOR OFFICERS AND
BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2010-2011**

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Board and Values Team Leaders

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____ Board Member – Linda Gross (1st term)

____ Board Member – Elise Collin (1st term)

By-Law Changes

____ For changes to Kol HaLev by-laws as stated in attachment

____ Against changes to Kol HaLev by-laws as stated in attachment

Please return the above sheet only if you are not attending the Annual Meeting on June 6 at Ratner School. **Only ballots received by June 1 will be counted in the election.**

Member Name: (please print) _____

Signed _____ Date _____

Write-In Candidates for Board _____

KOL HALEV BY-LAWS SECTIONS TO BE REVISED AT ANNUAL MEETING JUNE 6, 2010

ORIGINAL SECTION OF BY-LAWS

Section 4. BOARD OF TRUSTEES

4.1 Composition. *There shall be a Board of Trustees of the Havurah (Board) that shall consist of the officers as specified in Section 5; at least five but no more than ten At-Large Trustees, the number to have been determined by the members at a previous meeting of the Membership; and the immediate past president should that person be eligible and willing to serve. Each Trustee must be a Member in good standing of the Havurah. In addition, the Founding Rabbi of the Havurah shall be an ex officio member of the Board of Trustees. Further, the Principal Rabbi, if any, or, if there be no rabbi so designated by the Havurah, then each Rabbi devoting more than one-half of his or her professional time to the Havurah pursuant to a contract approved by the Board of Trustees and being so authorized in such contract, shall also serve as an ex officio member of the Board of Trustees.*

Section 6. COMMITTEES

6.1 Executive Committee. *The Executive Committee, which shall consist of the President, the Vice Presidents, Secretary, and Treasurer, serves as a facilitative body to appoint committee Chairs, strengthen the operation of committees, develop the agenda for Board meetings and follow up on Board decisions. The Executive Committee acts on behalf of the Board between Board meetings, however all actions taken by the Executive Committee shall be reported at the next meeting of the Board and all its decisions shall be subject to the approval of the Board.*

AMENDED SECTION OF BY LAWS

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Lag B'Omer



Intergenerational Celebration

Celebrate the 33rd day of the Omer with friends, fun, fire and frenzy!
Bring your favorite instrument and we will provide the smores!
The evening will begin with Havdalah.

Saturday, May 1, 2010/17 Iyar 5770
7:30 pm at the Solomon's
(7416 Warwick Lane, Chesterland)

Bring your favorite seating.
A-L bring desserts and M-Z bring drinks.

Contact Robyn with any questions
robyn@kolhalev.net or 216-320-1498.



Kol HaLev HAGIGA CLOSING PROGRAM

Led by
special guest
Deborah Fish
Gordesky of
Creative
Memories

Sunday, May 16, 2010/3 Sivan 5770
10:30 am to 12:00 noon
at the Ratner School
***Please note there is no Hagiga on 5/15**

Please RSVP to Robyn by 5/7.



All participants will receive a
gift and we need to be
sure we have enough!

Robyn@kolhaleve.net or 216-320-1498

As this cycle comes to an end, families
will come together to celebrate the
culmination of this cycle.



With great pleasure, we celebrate the
accomplishments of our graduating
high school seniors and
madrachim at our



תודה

Senior Siyyum &
Madrachim Appreciation Service
Saturday, May 1, 2010/17 Iyar 5770
Parshat Emor

Yahrzeits

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

Members of Kol HaLev will mark the following yahrzeits during May:

Charlotte Davidoff Dangler – mother of Roberta Tonti

Earl Dresden – cousin of Phyllis Maris

Ida G. Dudwick – mother of Nancy Dudwick

Ada A. Gwatkin – mother of Ralph Gwatkin

Sylvia Hack – mother of Maureen Hack

Leon Sidney Imrey – father of Peter Imrey

Sylvia Oken – sister of Selma Gwatkin

Betty Resnick – grandmother of Linda Gross

Jean Roth – sister of Muriel Chasin

MAY 2010 KOL HALEV CALENDAR

- Saturday 1 10:15 a.m. - **Shabbat Service** preceded by Torah discussion at 9:30 a.m. at Ratner Chapel; *Emor*; Service leader: Rabbi Steve; Torah discussion leader: Rabbi Steve; Madrichim Appreciation Day; Kiddush co-hosted by Gil and Marcia Goldberg and by Molly Berger
- Saturday 1 10:15 a.m. - **Hagiga**
10:15 a.m. - **Senior Siyum**: Come celebrate our graduating seniors as they move into the next chapter of their lives. Ceremony will take place during the Shabbat morning service.
10:15 a.m. - **Madrichim Appreciation**: Celebrate our madrichim, volunteer guides for Hagiga, Kol HaLev's educational program and honor them for all they give to Kol HaLev and our children.
10:45 a.m. - **Tot-Parent Shabbat Program** for families with children in preschool and under, in Room 113. The program is about a half an hour, led by Rachel Williams. Babysitting is available before and after Tot Shabbat, also in Room 113
- Saturday 1 7:30 p.m. - **Lag B'Omer Intergenerational Celebration** - Celebrate Lag B'Omer with Kol HaLev at the Solomon's home (7416 Warwick Lane, Chesterland) with a bonfire, treats, music and community. (See flyer on page 12)
- Friday May 7 6:30 p.m. - **TGIS Potluck**; For info contact Renee Siegel, renee-siegel@sbcglobal.net or Judy Vida judyvida@sbcglobal.net, 440-646-1390
- Saturday 8 10:00 a.m. - **Shabbat Kehillah/Community Shabbat** at Ratner School; *Behar-Behukotai*;
10:00-11:00 - range of **intergenerational chugim** or workshops
 Simcha Zevit - workshop on rituals; Teens will lead intergenerational game with Apples to Apples; Ralph Gwatkin will lead Torah study exploring Zechariah and Malachi
11:00-12:00 – **Shabbat Morning Service** led by Rabbi Steve and KHL members of many ages
- Potluck lunch after the service will be co-hosted by Nancy Dudwick in commemoration of her mother's yahrzeit and by Rabbi Steve and Andy Getz;
The dishes should be vegetarian/dairy or parve and SHOULD NOT CONTAIN NUTS. Please bring enough for 8-10 people: A-H: desert/drinks, I-P: main dish, Q-Z: appetizer or salad
***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.

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MAY 2010 KOL HALEV CALENDAR

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- Monday 10 7:30 p.m. – **Board Meeting** at the home of Lynn and David Liebling; 32582 Springside Lane, Solon, 440.248.7266; All Kol HaLev members are welcome
- Friday 14 Deadline to submit name for **KHL Cookbook**
- Saturday 15 10:00 a.m. - **Elders Shabbat Service** preceded by Torah discussion at 9:30 a.m. at Ratner Chapel; *B'midbar*; Service leaders: Simcha Zevit and the participants in the Conscious Eldering program; Torah discussion leader: Anna Kelman; Kiddush co-hosted by Greg and Lois Selker and by Ron Kohn
- Sunday 16 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon - **Hagiga Closing Program** at Ratner School; RSVP robyn@kolhalev.net or 216-320-1498
- Tuesday 18 **Erev Shavuot Tikkun**; We will be joining a consortium of synagogues and day schools that will meet at Congregation B'nai Jeshurun
7:30 p.m. – early study session followed by evening service and all night study session
- Wednesday 19 10:00 a.m. - **Shavuot Service/Yizkor Service** at Ratner Chapel; Service leader: Rabbi Steve; Kiddush co-hosted by Barb Truitt and by Roberta and Mario Tonti
- Saturday 22 10:00 a.m. - **Experiential Shabbat Service** at Ratner Chapel; *Naso*; Service leader: Rabbi Steve; Kiddush co-hosted by Ralph and Selma Gwatkin in honor of Ralph and Sam's birthdays and by Sue and Mordy Pelleg
- Monday 24 8:00 a.m. – **Schmooze With the Rabbi** at the Stone Oven on Chagrin Boulevard
- Wednesday 26 7:30 p.m. - **Mindful Jewish Practice** at the home of Molly Berger, 19744 Chagrin Blvd., Shaker Heights, 216-752-5434
- Wednesday 26 7:00-9:00 p.m. – **Membership Committee Meeting** at the home of Linda Gross, 3252 Richmond Road, Beachwood. Barry Stern will facilitate the meeting. Please come and bring your thoughts and ideas so that we can translate them into action. RSVP to Maureendinner@gmail.com
- Thursday 27 7:30 p.m. - **Book Group** at the home of Judy Vida and Peter Gray; 5246 Dogwood Trail, Lyndhurst; 440-646-1390 or p.gray1@sbcglobal.net
- Friday 28 8:00 p.m. - **Kabbalat Shabbat Service** in Ratner Chapel; Service leader: Rabbi Steve
- Saturday 29 10:00 a.m. - **Shabbat Kehillah in the Park** in the Cleveland Metroparks at the River Grove II Shelter (Oak Leaf), located off Chagrin River Road in North Chagrin Reservation, south of Chardon Road/Route 6 in Willoughby Hills; Service leader: Rabbi Steve; Potluck hosted by Robin Shell.
The dishes should be vegetarian/dairy or parve and SHOULD NOT CONTAIN NUTS. Please bring enough for 8-10 people: A-H: main dish, I-P: salads/side dishes, Q-Z: dessert or drink
***In keeping with our goal becoming a more sustainable community, we encourage members to bring their own reusable plates, cups, utensils and napkins to our potluck.

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