

Kol HaLev Happenings

Newsletter of Cleveland's Reconstructionist Community

May 2011

B'rachot and Tzedakah: **The Freedom to Choose to be Committed**

It has been my privilege these last six months to think out loud with the community about the relationship between the things in our lives we consider blessings and our commitment to *tzedakah* and *tikkun olam*. Last month it felt like a no-brainer to me, relating the blessing of "making firm our footsteps" to the Japanese earthquake.

This month making the connection seemed obvious again. While it is easy to become drunk with the wine of the blessing from *Birchot HaShachar*, "*sh'asani ben horin*," that God has made us free, we should not forget our ultimate commitment to the blessing, "*sh'asani b'tzalmo*," that each individual is made in God's image. This is particularly important in light of the heated passions surrounding the situation in the Middle East. We comment all the time at Kol HaLev that the road from Egypt to Sinai, from freedom to responsibility is a difficult journey. In my judgment, the organization Rabbis for Human Rights keeps the tension between these blessings alive like few other organizations. You might contribute to them at www.rhr-na.org

Rabbi Jeff

Editor's Note: Rabbi Jeff welcomes suggestions from KHL members with more ideas connecting prayer and *tzedakah*. See page 2.

Bat Mitzvah

Please join us as our daughter

Annalena Weissman

is called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah
Saturday, May 21, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.
at Ratner

The whole Kol HaLev community
is invited to join us
for a kiddush following the service.

Claudia and Jeffrey Weissman

Lunch and Learn

The final Lunch and Learn of the year will be on Saturday, May 7, at 12:45 p.m. Judy Vida will lead a conversation about the contemplative aspects of Shabbat. We will meet in the basement of Ratner. People having trouble with stairs can use the elevator.

We will try a potluck model, so if you plan to come and your last name begins with A-C please bring drinks, D-Q please bring a main course or salad, and R-Z please bring a dessert.

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Connecting Liturgy and *Tzedakah*: More Perspectives Needed

The process of arriving at *tzedakah* decisions by reflecting on blessings in *Birchot HaShachar* has been very rewarding. In fact, it has had the pragmatic benefit of giving me a head start on my monthly *tzedakah* check writing since I know where my first check will be sent. That psychological head start overcomes the human inertia caused by having too many choices.

However, this is the last month I am sharing my *tzedakah* suggestions because I want to encourage other KHL members to share their perspectives. This is not something you need to do alone. It would be my pleasure and privilege to study with and guide anyone who is willing to take on this challenge of making monthly recommendations from Sukkot through Shavuot.

Please be in touch with me (jschein@siegalcollege.edu; 216-464-4050, ext 123) if you'd be willing to take on the challenge. I look forward to hearing from you.

Rabbi Jeff

Rabbinic Corner — Rabbi Steve Segar

The seven week path that connects the two spring pilgrimage festivals of Passover and Shavuot is commonly understood to signify the spiritual truth that the liberation attained at Passover can only reach its full fruition once we use our freedom to commit ourselves to a life of moral accountability as represented by the giving of Torah at Mt. Sinai. Without negating this interpretation, I would like to suggest that a parallel way of understanding the movement between these two spiritual focal points involves the process of moving from a situation in which much of the responsibility to act is done on our behalf (Passover) into a new situation where we take on a much larger share of the responsibility to achieve a moral vision (Shavuot).

Over the past ten months, a group of us from Kol HaLev have had the rare opportunity to take part in the creation of a new interfaith organization whose central purpose is to empower the various religious groups across Greater Cleveland and help us to achieve a new level of influence over the political and economic decisions that have a direct impact on our quality of life and on the fabric of our community.

This process has, in its own way, been an exercise in establishing a new sense of freedom and possibility, followed by movement towards a new moral vision for our region. Each time we have gathered in this multi-faith and multi-ethnic context to discuss and plan with one another, the energy and level of engagement on the part of all participants has been palpable.

This new organization, which has recently taken on the name Greater Cleveland Congregations (GCC), will officially announce its existence to the rest of the local community on Monday evening, June 6, at a venue yet to be determined. Over fifty congregations from a wide spectrum of synagogues, churches and mosques participated in the process of creating the GCC, and they are now poised to support its official launch. We are hoping that there will be at least 2,000 people from these congregations who will show up for this momentous event.

It seems almost *bashert* that the date for founding of the GCC is the night before we in the Jewish community will commemorate our people's experience of moral and spiritual revelation, symbolized by the story of standing at Mt. Sinai. May our eyes be open to the potential reciprocity between these two events, and may those of us who choose to show up at one or both of them be blessed with the opportunity to connect with a sense of the sacred becoming more powerfully manifest within the world.

Rabbi Steve

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.

From Our President — Greg Selker

I am thrilled to announce that Robyn Novick, our Director of Youth and Family Education, has signed a new four-year contract with Kol HaLev.

This long-term contract between Kol HaLev and Robyn confirms and celebrates the extraordinary fit our congregation has found in Robyn, who brings to her work not only expertise in Jewish education and pedagogy, but also an understanding of the transformational potential of Reconstructionist Judaism. Robyn works well within Kol HaLev's collaborative process, and she understands the importance we place on respecting the unique phases of each individual's Jewish journey.

This contract is a milestone for Kol HaLev, representing our community's long-term commitment to family education and to infusing all our activities with opportunities for learning.

I'm particularly pleased that Robyn and Rabbi Steve will continue to work together to provide educational and spiritual leadership for the entire congregation.

Please join me in extending a *yasher koach* to Robyn on the signing of this milestone contract and on the high caliber and lasting value of her contributions to Kol HaLev.

Greg

Contributions

Kol HaLev gratefully acknowledges contributions:

- to the Education Fund from Ken and Barbara Messinger-Rapport
- in honor of the birth of her grandson, Andrew Graham Becker, from Susan Golden
- in honor of Gabriel Segar's bar mitzvah from Molly Berger, Fred and Marsha Chenin, Maureen Dinner, Connie Friedman and David Shutkin, Glenda Kupersmith and Ami Kopstein, Sandy and Allan Rosenfield, Sharon and Stuart Schultz, Renee Siegel, Judy Vida, and Happy Wallach
- in memory of Lee Brooker from Molly Berger, Anita Cohn, Maureen Dinner, Deena and Dick Epstein, Ron Kohn, Meg Manny and Irwin Weinberger, Allan and Sandy Rosenfield, Sharon and Stuart Schultz, Renee Siegel, Judy Vida, and Happy Wallach
- in memory of Louis Elgart from Anita Cohn and Judy Vida
- in memory of Dorothy Epstein from Ron Kohn, Arthur Lieberman, Judith Malemud, Allan and Sandy Rosenfield, and Sharon and Stuart Schultz
- in memory of Dorothy Frank from Audrey Frank
- in memory of Lorene Kanner from Dick and Deena Epstein, Ruth Ness, and Judy Vida
- in memory of John Rapport from Anita Cohn, Dick and Deena Epstein, and Judy Vida
- in memory of Margery Immerman from Anita Cohn, Maureen Dinner, Dick and Deena Epstein, Renee Siegel, and Judy Vida
- in commemoration of Arthur J. Ness's 5th yartzheit, a Tikkun book for reading the Torah from Leah and Ron Gilbert

Board Report

At the April 11 Board meeting, treasurer Ami Kopstein reported that Shalach Manot fundraising now appears to have cleared about \$2500. He will be sending out requests for next year's dues commitment very soon, but also noted that there are still outstanding pledges for the current year, amounting to about \$43,000.

Ami will work with members of the Finance Committee to prepare next year's budget. Value Team Leaders need to submit proposed expenditures for the coming year, keeping in mind whether expenditures are consistent with our values, mission, and vision, and considering cash flow and income. The Board will most likely require an additional meeting to discuss the budget before the June annual meeting.

Leah Kamionkowski reported back from the JRF Plenum in Philadelphia, where members voted overwhelmingly to approve the merger between JRF and RRC. JRF was dissolved and the new organization is called the Jewish Reconstructionist Movement (JRM). The JRF staff will continue to work for another 5-6 months until there is an actual merger of activities. Greg Selker will be part of the Movement Advisory Commission.

Greg thanked Leah for representing us at the Plenum and for her years of service on the JRF Board. The KHL Board then voted unanimously to submit Leah's name as the individual we wish to honor at this year's Regional Celebration at the Ravinia Festival in Chicago on June 23. This event has the two-fold purpose of honoring individuals and raising money to contribute to the launch of the JRM. In support of these goals, the Board voted to purchase a \$1000 ad honoring Leah in the tribute journal for this year's event. Members who might wish to make additional contributions can do so directly to the JRM to increase the total amount raised.

A policy was approved to clarify the allocation of contributions that KHL receives for services rendered by Rabbi Steve for hesed and/or life cycle events. Whether or not the donor designated them for the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund, they will, in fact, be allocated to the RDF. The Rabbi's Discretionary Fund is most often used for *tzedakah*, particularly to keep private the identity of those in need.

Kol HaLev will co-sponsor the Torah Yoga workshops being held by HaMakom the weekend of April 29-May 1. In lieu of holding our own experiential service at Ratner that weekend, we will participate in the Shabbat morning service being held at Tifereth-Israel.

The next Board meeting will be held May 9 at the home of Greg and Pam Millas, 23208 East Baintree Road, Beachwood, 216-382-5029. All members are welcome to attend.

Molly Berger

<p style="text-align: center;">SAVE THE DATE: KHL's Annual Meeting Sunday, June 5 10:00 a.m. – Location to Be Announced</p>

In Memoriam

Kol HaLev member Lee Brooker passed away on March 16 (11 Adar II). Lee was a KHL member for 9 years, having also been a founding member of the Etz Chayyim Renewal Havurah, as well as a member of Temple Ner Tamid. Lee's Judaism was a very important part of her life. She especially loved the expressive and open feel of Renewal and Reconstructionist Judaism. Many of you may remember looking over and seeing her in one of the front rows at services, tapping her feet or clapping to music.

Lee also took great pride in her career as a social worker. She went back to school to get her degree as an adult, following her calling to serve others. She worked for the last 13 years as a family service worker at Head Start.

Lee made many special friendships both in and out of the KHL community. She always felt grateful for all of the help and support she received from members, especially in the last years when she was hospitalized several times and began to have more difficulty managing on her own.

Ernie and I bought the house next door to her in 2001 and developed a relationship with her that was much more than neighborly. She was "Aunt Lee" to our boys. We spent most of the Jewish and secular holidays together. She not only leaned on us, but also supported us, never forgetting the boys' birthdays or having them over to play with her beloved kitty, Sugarfoot. (Sugar passed on shortly before Lee did, most likely knowing that it was time to let go.) Our table now has a small but gaping hole where Lee used to sit, watching our boys play and smiling with a deep sense of contentment.

Lee will be remembered for both her gentle spirit and her strong sense of determination and independence. She is survived by her cousin in Chicago and many friends, or as she called them "my people."

Jane Arnoff Logsdon

Hesed

Condolences to Barbara and Barry Epstein on the loss of Barry's mother, Dorothy Epstein Arnold
Refuah shleyimah to Jane Arnoff Logsdon and Jean Miller.

Kol HaLev Kvells

Mazel tov to Molly Berger on the publication of her book, *Hotel Dreams: Luxury, Technology, and Urban Ambition in America, 1829—1929*. It is described on Amazon as "a deeply researched and entertaining account of the history of the American hotel and how it captured the public's imagination as it came to represent the complex -- and often contentious -- relationship among luxury, economic development, and the ideals of a democratic society."

Mazel tov to Sue Wolpert on receiving a Master's Degree in Positive Organizational Development from Case Western Reserve University.

Kol HaLev's Top 18

In the spirit of our Chai year, Shabbaton participants were invited to respond to 18 questions about Kol HaLev. Robyn Novick compiled the results below, with "a" being the most common response. But since we missed a lot of you at the Shabbaton, we encourage all members to add their views. Send a short paragraph to the newsletter editor (sueemail@oberlin.net) describing what makes KHL special for you, or share a memorable, funny, or poignant KHL experience.

1. What is the top reason you love Kol HaLev?
 - a. The people
 - b. Sense of community
 - c. Singing
2. What is your favorite song we sing at KHL?
 - a. El Adon
 - b. Oseh Shalom
 - c. Od Yavo Shalom
3. What is your favorite food served at oneg?
 - a. Anything chocolate
 - b. Homemade challah
 - c. Herring
4. What do you think is the most memorable event at Kol HaLev?
 - a. Birth of Esther Millas
 - b. Shabbaton
 - c. Kol Nidrei speakers
5. What is your favorite instrument that is played during services?
 - a. Guitar
 - b. Drums
 - c. Ukulele
6. Who is the person at KHL second most likely to break into song? (Rabbi Steve doesn't count here - he's the most likely).
 - a. Sue Pelleg
 - b. Rabbi Shawn
 - c. Beth Friedman-Romell
7. What is your favorite service at Kol HaLev?
 - a. Shabbat morning
 - b. Kabbalat Shabbat
 - c. Simchat Torah
8. What is your favorite holiday celebration at Kol HaLev?
 - a. Purim
 - b. Lag B'Omer
 - c. Rosh HaShana
9. What is your favorite Yiddish phrase used at Kol HaLev?
 - a. Schlep!
 - b. Nu?
 - c. Abi gezunt
10. What place are you most likely to run into other KHL members?
 - a. Heinen's – Cedar and Green
 - b. Whole Foods
 - c. Concerts
11. What is your favorite Shabbat activity at KHL?
 - a. Talking with friends at oneg
 - b. Singing
 - c. Torah Study
12. KHL needs more _____
 - a. Money
 - b. Days in the month
 - c. More rabbis as congregants
13. What is your favorite Purim costume at KHL?
 - a. Everyone in drag
 - b. Black and white swans
 - c. Queen Esther
14. What is the most important thing that you learned from a member at Kol HaLev?
 - a. Everybody counts
 - b. Compassion
 - c. Resilience in the face of life's challenges
15. What is most likely to be the topic of conversation during an oneg?
 - a. How much we love Kol HaLev
 - b. World events
 - c. New recipes
16. What was the best book you read on recommendation from a Kol HaLev member?
 - a. *Naomi's Song* by Judy Vida's mother
 - b. *Radical Judaism*
 - c. *Children of God*
17. What time are you most likely to arrive for a 10:15 service?
 - a. 10:30
 - b. Before the oneg
 - c. 9:45 for Torah Study
18. What is the favorite thing you studied at KHL?
 - a. Torah Study
 - b. Our cookbook
 - c. Literature in book group

H or H.....What's the Difference?

Why are some words in the newsletter now being written with an underscored H? Since not every letter of the Hebrew alphabet has an equivalent letter in the Roman alphabet, transliterating from Hebrew to English can create confusion. The underscored H is our attempt to address a small part of this problem.

There are several options to indicate that a Hebrew word has a guttural sound: Some people write "Chanukah" and others prefer "Hanukkah." Sometimes "KH" is used to indicate the guttural H sound. The Reconstructionist Press uses an H with a dot under it when the Hebrew word is spelled with a chet/khet/het or chaf/khaf/haf.

Unfortunately, we do not have a word processing option with the dotted H that would enable us to be consistent with transliteration in our siddur. So in order to avoid the possibility that an initial CH might be pronounced using its sound in "chair," the newsletter will now use an underscored H when the guttural sound is at the beginning of a word. For the guttural sound in the middle or at the end of a word, CH will be continue to be used, partly for a very Jewish reason: "tradition!" Most of us are quite used to seeing "baruch" and "simcha."

But also in keeping with tradition, there will be at least one exception: Chai.

Hebrew is a language with a fascinating structure of roots that reveal the meaning in words we may not have encountered before. For example, the underscored H now allows us to see more clearly that the name for our children's education program, Hagiga, carries the idea of celebration, having the same root as the word for holiday, hag.

We hope that this small change will bring our readers, even those who are not literate in Hebrew, an appreciation for the language and how we are using it at Kol HaLev.

Hug HaSefer — Book Discussion Circle

The next book group meeting will be Thursday, May 26, 7:30 p.m. at the home of Selma and Ralph Gwatkin. We will discuss *Friendly Fire: A Duet* by A. B. Yehoshua, "which explores the power of grief and bitterness in a blunt drama studded with political, historical, and religious significance...Yehoshua's descriptions of life in Israel are full and revelatory, and his despairing view of entrenched resentments becomes a stirring plea for empathy and rationality" (description from Publisher's Weekly).

The book for June is I. B. Singer's *The Family Moskat: A Novel*.

All KHL members are welcome to attend. For more information about the group and being added to the group's e-mail list, contact Kevin Weidenbaum (KJW@oberlin.net).

Torah Study

Torah study will take place at the home of Selma and Ralph Gwatkin on May 14 at 3:30 p.m. Ralph Gwatkin will be lead a discussion on *Shir HaShirim*, Song of Songs. Please call the Gwatkins to let them know you will be attending.

The Torah study group meets regularly on the second Shabbat of the month. All Kol HaLev members are welcome to attend.

Share Shabbat at a TGIS Dinner

Divide the work. Multiply the joy!

There will be two opportunities to enjoy a TGIS (Thank Goodness It's Shabbat) potluck dinner this spring: May 13 and May 20. TGIS dinners are a great way to get further acquainted with other KHL members and to celebrate Shabbat in various members' homes. We usually have groups for families with children, for adults only, and mixed.

You can choose to be either a guest or a host, but please let us know soon so we can start planning. Hosts decide how many guests they would like, and then we match guests and hosts. Hosts may also invite KHL guests of their own choice. Everyone brings something for the meal; it's easy and enjoyable. All KHL members and their families are invited to join in.

For more information and to RSVP, contact Leah Kamionkowski: leah@bepure.com, 216-464-2940.

Women's Shabbat Dinner

All Kol HaLev women are invited to a potluck Shabbat dinner on Friday, May 6, at 6:45 p.m. at the home of Molly Berger. Come and welcome a warm and wonderful Shabbat with old and new friends. RSVP to Nan Arian at arian2@roadrunner.com or at 216-856-0605, and let her know what dish you would like to bring. Directions will follow in the Weekly Update.

Israel Study Group

The Israel study group will have its third meeting of the year on May 22, 7:30 p.m., at the home of Maureen Hack to continue discussing Daniel Gordis' book, *Saving Israel: how the Jewish people can win a war that may never end*. Please call Maureen if you are planning to attend.

For this session the focus will be on Chapter 8 (More Than Just a Hebrew-Speaking America) and Chapter 12 (The Jewish State and the State of the Jews). The discussion will be led by Mike Armin and Ami Kopstein. Gordis' book is available at local public libraries and on Amazon, at a variety of prices, for anyone interested in buying a copy.

Attendance at earlier sessions is not necessary since each session is a stand-alone module. Anyone interested in learning more about the issues facing Israel and our support of Israel is invited to attend.

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



תודה רבה
Thank you

*Senior Siyyum &
Madrachim Appreciation Service
Saturday, May 7, 2011/
3 Iyar 5771
Parshat Emor*

MONEY FOR ISRAEL TRIPS!

Kol HaLev is now participating in **A Gift of Israel**, the student Israel incentive savings program offered through the Jewish Education Center of Cleveland. The Jewish Community Federation matches \$100 a year for a maximum of 7 years provided that there is an annual deposit. The year of Bar/Bat Mitzvah, the child receives an additional \$300 from the Federation. **THAT IS \$1000 TOWARDS AN ISRAEL TRIP FOR YOUR CHILD.**



Students must be enrolled in one of the affiliated educational programs (Hagiga is affiliated) during the seven years of savings. Funds are available for approved peer Israel educational programs (JRF Israel trip is included) after a three year minimum enrollment and completion of 9th grade. Day school students may use their funds for the day school Israel experience. There are several family trips that qualify for use of the funds also. There is also an accelerated plan to make up for missing years. Kol HaLev will give \$10 for every year of participation. To receive an application contact Robyn, robyn@kolhalev.net or 216-320-1498. If you have questions about the program, please contact Helen Wolf at the Jewish Education Center of Cleveland, hwolf@jecc.org or 216-371-0446.

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 21, 2011/17 Iyar 5771
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.



Yahrzeits

They are now a part of us as we remember them

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

Lena (Lee) Warsh Baum – maternal grandmother of Heidi Gorovitz Robertson

Dudley Stuart Dinner (David) – husband of Maureen Dinner

Earl Dresden – cousin of Phyllis Maris

Ida G. Dudwick – mother of Nancy Dudwick

Ada A. Gwatkin – mother of Ralph Gwatkin

Joseph Korman – father of Neil Korman

Evelyn Litwin – mother of Richard Litwin

Sylvia Oken – sister of Selma Gwatkin

Jean Roth (Sprinza Laya) – sister of Muriel Chasin

Diana Tonti – mother of Mario Tonti

Joseph D. Zamore – husband of Fran Zamore

Herman Zelikow – father of Fran Zamore

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

MAY 2011 KOL HALEV CALENDAR

- Sunday 1 2:00 p.m. - Community-wide commemoration of **Yom HaShoah or Holocaust Memorial Day** at B'nai Jeshurun – Kol HaLev is a co-sponsor
- Tuesday 3 8:00 a.m. – **Schmooze With the Rabbi** at the Stone Oven on Chagrin Boulevard
- Tuesday 3 6:30 p.m. – **Membership Meeting** at the home of Maureen Dinner, 249 Blossom Lane, Orange, 440-914-0404
- Friday 6 6:45 p.m. - **Kol HaLev Women's Shabbat Dinner** at the home of Molly Berger, 19744 Chagrin Boulevard, Shaker Hts.; RSVP to Nan Arian arian2@roadrunner.com or 216-856-0605
- Saturday 7 10:30 a.m. – **Shabbat Service** preceded by Torah Discussion at 9:45 a.m. at Ratner Chapel; *Emor*; Service leader: TBA; Discussion leader: Anna Kelman; Kiddush co-hosted by Lynn and David Liebling in honor of the birthday of their grandson, Jonah and by Amy Hogg
- Saturday 7 10:30 a.m. – **Senior Siyum and Madrichim Appreciation Service**
- Saturday 7 10:30 a.m. – **Hagiga**
10:45 –Tot-Parent Shabbat Program for families with children in preschool and under in Rooms 113 & 114. The program is about a half an hour, led by Rachel Williams. Babysitting is available before and after Tot Shabbat, also in Rooms 113 & 114
- Saturday 7 12:45 p.m. – **Lunch and Learn** – A Contemplative Approach to Shabbat – in the basement of Ratner. People having trouble with stairs can use the elevator. teacher, Judy Vida. Potluck: A-C please bring drinks, D-Q a main course or salad, and R-Z a dessert.

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MAY 2011 KOL HALEV CALENDAR

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- Monday 9 7:30 p.m. – **Board Meeting** at the home of Greg and Pam Millas, 23208 East Baintree Road, Beachwood, 216-382-5029. All members are welcome to attend
- Friday 13 **TGIS Home Potluck Dinner** - For more information and to RSVP, contact Leah Kamionkowski: leah@bepure.com, 216-464-2940
- Saturday 14 3:30 p.m. – **Torah Study** - at the home of Selma and Ralph Gwatkin, 25460 Bryden Road, Beachwood, 216-765-8109. The book being studied is Shir HaShirim, Song of Songs, and Ralph Gwatkin will be leading the discussion/study. Please call the Gwatkins to let them know you will be attending. The Torah study is a regular 2nd Shabbat of the month program and part of the Adult Education programming; all Kol HaLev members are invited to attend
- Friday 20 **TGIS Home Potluck Dinner** - For more information and to RSVP, contact Leah Kamionkowski: leah@bepure.com, 216-464-2940
- Saturday 21 10:00 a.m. – **Shabbat Service and Bat Mitzvah of Annalena Weissman** at Ratner; *Bechukotai*; Service leaders: Rabbi Steve and Annalena; Kiddush hosted by Claudia and Jeffrey Weissman in honor of their daughter Annalena's Bat Mitzvah
- Saturday 21 7:30 p.m. – **Lag B'Omer** – at the home of Jodi and Larry Solomon, 7416 Warwick Lane, Chesterland; bring your favorite seating; A-L bring deserts and M-Z bring drinks
- Sunday 22 7:30 p.m. – **Israel Study Group** at the home of Maureen Hack, 17 Dorset Court, Beachwood, 216-831-0997; see page 9 for more information
- Wednesday 25 7:30 p.m. – **Mindful Jewish Practice** at the home of Molly Berger, 19744 Chagrin Boulevard, Shaker Heights, 216-752-5434
- Thursday 26 7:30 p.m. – **Book Discussion Circle** at the home of Selma and Ralph Gwatkin, 25460 Bryden Road, Beachwood, 216-765-8109
- Friday 27 6:00 p.m. – **Kabbalat Shabbat** at Ratner Chapel; oneg co-hosted by Jonathan and Amy Herzenstein and by Carl Hagerling and Gwen Glazer
- Saturday 28 10:00 a.m. - **Shabbat in the Park and Pot Luck** at the North Chagrin Reservation – River Grove Buckeye Recreation Area - located off Chagrin River Road in North Chagrin Reservation, south of Chardon Road/Route 6 in Willoughby Hill; *Bamidbar*; Service leader: Rabbi Steve
Potluck co-hosted by Mike Raddock and Christina Antenucci and by Aaron Tetelman and Jessie Vigorito in honor of fulfilling the first commandment to “go forth and multiply”

The dishes should be vegetarian/dairy or parve and SHOULD NOT CONTAIN NUTS. Please bring enough for 8-10 people: A-H: dessert or drink, I-P: main dish, Q-Z: salads/side dishes

***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.

See our website calendar and weekly email for additions and changes.

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