

# Kol HaLev Happenings

The Newsletter of Cleveland's Reconstructionist Jewish Community

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## REFLECTIONS ON THE PEOPLE VS. THE MACCABEES

by Pete Robertson

Kol HaLev held its annual mock trial of a pivotal biblical figure last night. We tried Mattathias, father of Judah Maccabee, for the murder of two people he killed (1 Maccabees 2:24-25) in sparking the revolt for religious freedom that we celebrate with Hanukkah today. These trials (previously we've tried King David, Eve, Abraham, Joseph's Brothers, and Moses) perfectly encapsulate the culture of our congregation and its Reconstructionist affiliation: Inquisitive, argumentative, iconoclastic, inspiring.



**Bailiff Alan Weinstein hands the verdict to Judge Dick Ambrose. More photos on pages 6-8.**

As in past years, the trial was followed by an inter-faith panel debating the issues raised from a social, moral, and ethical perspective and drawing connections and lessons for our world today. Our panelists -- Imam Ramez Islambouli, a Muslim; The Reverend Leah C. K. Lewis, an African American Baptist

minister; Sister Lisa Marie Belz, a German -American Catholic Sister, and Rabbi Steve -- reflected on the story and trial and their lessons, and it was a great privilege to hear them.

Belz, noting that she was the only panelist for whom 1 Maccabees is a holy text, defended Mattathias' revolt as the first one for religious freedom known to recorded history, and shared the irony that the oldest copy of this text about a fight against assimilation (of Judaism

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*Ed. note: Pete posted these thoughts on Facebook and gave me permission to edit and reproduce them here.*

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

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

Babysitting & youth activities will be provided.

**Sunday, April 2**  
**1:30 - 4:30 pm**  
Shaker Heights Main Library  
16500 Van Aken Blvd

**EVERY ONE OF US will make a difference!**

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**MAY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: SUN., APRIL 16**

This year, for the second time in a row, we held a model seder in conjunction with Pastor Richard Gibson and his congregation, Elizabeth Baptist Church. In addition to the wonderful opportunity simply to deepen the connection between our two communities, the seder reminded me once again how much the themes of the Passover holiday are equally powerful for us as Jews and for many beyond the Jewish community. In that spirit, I am pleased to share a teaching from my colleague, Rabbi Brian Field, in which he explores this insight in greater depth.

Wishing all of us a sweet and inspirational Passover!  
Rabbi Steve

## PASSOVER'S SURPRISING TEACHINGS ABOUT JEWISH IDENTITY

By Rabbi Brian Field

The moon is waxing. When it becomes full this Monday night, it will be time for Jews and our loved ones to gather for Passover and tell the story of the Exodus, of how the Jewish people came to be.

In fact, it was a mixture of Jewish and other influences that made this most Jewish of stories possible. And it was a mixture of Jews and others who actually took part in the Exodus itself. I'll expand on that idea later on....

For now, I'd like to point out something unique about the Passover celebration: many of the Passover symbols represent a thing and its opposite at the same time. Some examples: Matzah is both the bread of affliction and the symbol of redemption (the afikoman that is hidden, found and shared at the end of the meal). Charoset, the fruit-nut mixture is both deliciously sweet and the symbol of slavery. The green vegetable – the symbol of spring – is dipped into saltwater which is both the evocation of the tears of suffering and the sea that is our pathway to freedom. The egg is a symbol of the cycle of life, evoking both the mourners' first meal as well as the hope of new beginnings. There is one passage in the Haggadah (the book we use to help us tell the story of the Exodus) that reads: "Now we are slaves, next year may we be free." There is another passage that reads: "We used to be slaves, now we are free."

Passover is a story of many layers where participants are encouraged to see ourselves in a "both-and" way: both slave and free, suffering and celebrating, mournful and hopeful, dissatisfied and grateful.

This complexity can also be seen in how Passover engages Jewish identity. Take the example of Moses, the hero of the story. As an infant, he is adopted by an Egyptian princess and given an Egyptian name – Moses (compare with the names of Pharaohs such as Ramses or Tut-moses). Moses is raised in privilege and power in Pharaoh's palace as an Egyptian prince and it is not clear that he has any idea of his Israelite identity.

When Moses flees to the wilderness, he lives with a Midianite family, headed by a Midianite priest, and marries one of his daughters, Tzipporah. My own sense is that it is from his father-in-law that Moses learns about a God of freedom.

So the central character of the foundational Jewish story is born to an Israelite family, separated as an infant from that family, raised as an Egyptian prince and spends his adult life as part of a Midianite family.

It is only after years in the desert as a shepherd that Moses experiences the burning bush in which he connects this God of freedom with the God of the ancestors of the Israelite slaves. His mission: to bring that God of freedom to the slaves, and in the process, make a personal reconnection with them. Interestingly, even before he reconnects to his Israelite kin, it is not Moses, but his Midianite wife who performs the Jewish covenantal act of circumcising their son Gershom (Exodus 4:24-26).



PURIM PHOTO GALLERY photos by Robyn Novick and Halle Barnett



## HESED

We send condolences to Kol HaLev member **Happy Wallach** on the loss of her mother, the Reverend Anne L. Kinney, at the age of 97, in Morgantown, WV, may her memory be for a blessing. Plans for a local shiva observance have not yet been determined but Rabbi Steve will send a follow up notice when and if plans are made. May Happy and her entire family find comfort at this time of loss, along with all those who are in mourning among the Jewish people and the world as a whole.

We send wishes for a *refuah shleimah*, a complete and speedy healing, to **Abe Chasin; Anita Cohn; Ann Epstein; Josh Gippen; Jayne Jones; Ron Kohn; Marilyn Litvene; Pauline Raymond; and Eda Weiss**. *We would love to hear from you if you or another Kol HaLev member you know of would like to be included on this list.*

Thanks to **Liz and Mattuck Meacham** the Hesed Monthly Co-ordinators for March. During the month, Kol HaLev members provided meals and rides, made visits, and sent cards. A special thank you to those who attended our Shiva organizing meeting. It was very helpful in improving the ways we support grieving families.

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## THE MANY BENEFITS OF HESED WORK

by Liz Meacham

**When I first got involved with the Kol HaLev Hesed committee, I felt hesitant because my life is very busy, and sometimes unpredictable with kids. I am so grateful for Robin and Martha for continuing to invite me to be a part of the Hesed committee. They didn't give up on me! As I've done more Hesed work, I've come to cherish the deeper connections that I've developed with Kol HaLev members, and the heart felt connections that Robin and Martha create with the Hesed volunteers and coordinators. This love and care spread exponentially, within our community and beyond.**

**Studies show that doing volunteer care work actually improves our mental and physical health in measurable ways. According to Stephanie Watson, Executive Editor of Harvard Women's Health Watch, volunteering increases social connections, thus lowering levels of loneliness, anxiety, and depression. In her article, "Volunteering may be good for body and mind," from the Harvard Health blog, she discusses multiple studies that suggest that volunteering lowers blood pressure, and extends our life spans.**

**Along with the many personal benefits Hesed volunteers receive, providing care through the Hesed committee helps to create a strong, safe, and nurturing community for all of us. As we help others, we help ourselves in both measurable, in immeasurable, ways.**

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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](mailto:robinholzman@gmail.com)) and Martha Schubert ([marthaschubert@mac.com](mailto:marthaschubert@mac.com)), Hesed Co-chairs.



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by Greek or Hellenist civilization) is written in Greek. While Belz acknowledged that Mattathias had killed, she pointed out that he lacked the modern examples of non-violent protest we have today in Mahatma Gandhi and Martin Luther King, Jr. and argued that he should be judged in his historical context and not from our modern one.

Imam Islambouli, like prosecutor Steven Dettelbach, was the panelist most critical of Matthias, noting that those who justify their killing in the name of God are a dangerous example to others, and he specifically discussed ISIS in this context. (Dettelbach later noted that he was thinking about the Crusaders when he condemned the argument that religious zealotry could transcend the law.)

Belz, the Catholic panelist, implored the audience to remember that the threat of forced assimilation the Maccabees faced was more serious than modern Americans can conceive - in comparison, she said, her own family's immigration from Germany and subsequent assimilation to America never required them to give up their Catholic identity.

Rev. Lewis, an African-American minister, interjected that her own ancestors' experience in coming to America made the Maccabees' problem more relatable: Brought here as slaves, they were not allowed their traditional African religious practices and her own religion is, in fact, that of



**Moderator Lewis (front) with panelists Islambouli, Belz and Segar. More photos on the following pages.**



their slavers – a fact which is straining her affiliation today.

The conversation gravitated to the idea that, though murder in the name of God is present in all Abrahamic religious traditions, they have all evolved to include the examples of both non-violent protest and modern concepts of compartmentalized identity; both concepts provide paths for preserving and protecting religious identity without killing.

Genesis 1:27 (“God created humankind in his image”) was cited as an argument against murder for religious reasons. Rabbi Steve recommended *Putting God Second: How to Save Religion from Itself* by Rabbi Donniel Hartman.

The conversation was an inspiring and refreshing reminder that, despite our problems and humanity's ever-renewing potential for evil, we have progressed and are still progressing. The Imam shared that even he used to struggle internally about where or even whether to pray publicly, but one visible effect of our current surge of intolerance has been

a counter-reaction: Other Americans are now likely to cheer or clap when they see Muslims publicly praying in an airport, for example.

Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty, and I found our mock trial of Mattathias and the panel discussion that followed to be an inspiring call to the effort and value of that vigilance.

## PHOTO GALLERY: THE PEOPLE VS. THE MACCABEES



Most photos courtesy of **Bruce Jennings**; a handful are from the [Cleveland Jewish News coverage of the trial](#).



# THE PEOPLE VS. THE MACCABEES: IN THE GREEN ROOM



## RECEPTION





## HUG HASEFER: BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

The book group will be Thursday, April 27, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Linda Gross. We will discuss *The Angel: The Egyptian Spy Who Saved Israel* by Uri Bar-Joseph (384 pages, a Kindle version is available).

A preview from Amazon: A gripping feat of reportage that exposes—for the first time in English—the sensational life and mysterious death of Ashraf Marwan, an Egyptian senior official who spied for Israel, offering new insight into the turbulent modern history of the Middle East.

As the son-in-law of Egyptian president Gamal Abdel Nasser and a close advisor to his successor, Anwar Sadat, Ashraf Marwan had access to the deepest secrets of the country's government. But Marwan himself had a secret: He was a spy for the Mossad, Israel's intelligence service. Under the codename "The Angel," Marwan turned Egypt into an open book for the Israeli intelligence services—and, by alerting the Mossad in advance of the joint Egyptian-Syrian attack on Yom Kippur in 1973, saved Israel from a devastating defeat.



However, this nail-biting narrative doesn't end with Israel's victory in the Yom Kippur War. Marwan eluded Egypt's ruthless secret services for many years, but then somebody talked. (You'll have to read the book to find out what happened next.)

The book for May is *A Replacement Life: A Novel* by Boris Fishman.

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

## THE FOUR QUESTIONS OF THE KOL HALEV BOOK GROUP

### **Why is our book group different from all other book groups?**

What!? You don't include this question at your seder? It's a good question and deserves a good answer.

**First, in Kol HaLev's book group, you may come only when the book we're discussing interests you.** In other book groups, you are expected to attend all the meetings you possibly can.

**Second, in our group, any Kol HaLev member may suggest a book; members vote for the books they want to read and discuss.** In other groups, a leader or a couple leaders choose the books the group reads.

**Third, in our group, the focus is on a lively discussion of the book.** In other book groups, people spend much of the time socializing and eating. (We do have refreshments at our meetings, too.)

**Fourth, in our group, even if you haven't finished the book (or started it), you're welcome to come hear the discussion and even participate in it.** In other book groups, you are expected to have read the whole book.

**Bonus: In the Kol HaLev book group, you're encouraged to come especially if you didn't like the book** because critics make the discussion stimulating.

*Note: Creative license may have been taken with the depiction of other book groups, but no insult was intended.*

## KOL HALEV KVALLS

We send wishes of *mazal tov* to recently relocated Kol HaLev members **Joe Vainner and Adina Schoem** on the birth of their daughter, Noa Serafina Schoem-Vainner, who arrived on March 2 at 5 lbs., 7 ounces. Everyone is doing well, and we look forward to a visit in the not too distant future.



## CONTRIBUTIONS

Kol HaLev gratefully acknowledges these contributions:

- **Ruth Fonoroff** in memory of Ruth Ness
- **Eda Weiss** in memory of Ruth Ness
- **Bernard and Edith Smith** in memory of Ruth Ness
- **Abe Chasin** in commemoration of the *yahrzeit* of his father, Israel Chasin
- **Richard Litwin and Kirby Date** in commemoration of the *yahrzeit* of Richard's father, Harry Litwin
- **Allen Binstock** in commemoration of the *yahrzeit* of his father, Henry Binstock
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*Make a donation to Kol HaLev in honor of a simcha, in memory of a loved one, in commemoration of a *yahrzeit*, or just because. You can donate check or online, whichever is more comfortable and convenient for you. Find out how at [http://kolhalev.net/giving\\_opportunities](http://kolhalev.net/giving_opportunities).*

## YAHZRZEITS

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

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

- Donald Harris—husband of Ellen Harris
- David Fink—brother of Judy Harris
- Nathan Schatz—father of Selma Gwatkin
- Arthur Ness—father of Leah Gilbert
- Rudolf Bender II—maternal grandfather of Nick Delciappo
- Robin Manela (Reuven)—father of Aaron Manela
- Joseph Korman—father of Neil Korman
- Evelyn Litwin—mother of Richard Litwin
- Simon May—paternal great grandfather of Chip May

Kol HaLev members may include the *yahrzeit* of loved ones in *Kol HaLev Happenings* by submitting the name of the deceased, the relationship to the member, and the date of death including the year to [kelli@kolhalev.net](mailto:kelli@kolhalev.net).



The Kol HaLev board met via conference call on March 13 because of the predicted snowstorm and approved two committees that will deal with important community issues.

The nominating committee, which will be chaired by Catherine Fallick, also includes Halle Barnett, Leah Kamionkowski, Art Biagianni and Rachel Williams.

The board also authorized a committee to begin negotiating a new lease with Ratner School in advance of the expiration of the current lease at the end of July. President Karly Whittaker, Rabbi Steve and Bruce Fallick will serve on that committee.

Treasurer David Conn reported that we are on track with our budget and last year's income and expenses with minor differences that can be explained by timing of payments and receipts. Our cash position is \$20,000 stronger than last year. We have FY17 membership commitments from 115 of 142 member families. Karly reported that the executive committee is going over the membership list to make sure it is current and accurate, and that the number of members actually may be a few less than 142.

The board expressed appreciation to the men's committee members who handled the Purim Mishloach Manot project which raised about \$5,200.

There also was a discussion of a spring 2018 fundraiser that would celebrate Kol HaLev's 25th anniversary and Rabbi Steve's 18th year of serving our community. It would replace the trial, which would go on temporary hiatus for the year.

The next board meeting is Thursday, April 13, location to be announced. All members are welcome to attend.

## RABBINIC CORNER, [\*cont'd from page 3\*](#)

When Moses returns to Egypt to speak to Pharaoh, he is able to do so in part because he carries an Egyptian name and is familiar with the ways of the Egyptian ruling class. At the same time, Moses is able to do so in part because his Israelite brother Aaron is willing to stand with him. And Moses has a clear message to communicate about God's promise of freedom because of his years in the desert with the Midianite family and his father-in-law, the Midianite priest.

So back to Passover as a both-and celebration: On the one hand, Passover is the Jewish story par excellence. It is a celebration of the beginnings of Jewish spiritual peoplehood. On the other hand, it is clear that Moses' Jewish identity and his understanding of the meaning and purpose of that identity, while having a biological basis, is in fact constructed primarily from connections and experiences that are outside of the Israelite people.

One of the goals of the Passover celebration, the Haggadah tells us, is that each one of us is to see ourselves as if we, personally, had come out of Egyptian slavery. In other words, following the model of Moses, we are called to bring new experiences, new connections and new learnings into our self-understanding about our Jewish identities. And according to a later part of the Exodus story, we see that it wasn't just Jews who came out of Egyptian oppression, but a mixed multitude of peoples as well (Exodus 12:38).

This is what I meant by the idea of a mixture of Jewish and other influence making the Exodus possible. And there being a mixture of Jews and others who actually took part in the Exodus itself.

Passover has always been at one and the same time a deeply Jewish and a deeply universal story. This is a holiday when Jews dig deep into our own stories about who we are. It is also a time when we share the experience of the Exodus with all who are yearning to discover and recover a vision of freedom. And in both ways, we get to open our arms and hearts wide to become more than we were.

# NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CALLING MUSICIANS

Do you play an acoustic instrument? Might you be interested in playing during a High Holy Day service? Please contact Religious Practices Committee chairperson Bruce Fallick at [brucefallick@gmail.com](mailto:brucefallick@gmail.com).



## PASSOVER SEDERS

Kol HaLev members who have space at their table for extra guests for the first night of Passover and members who are looking for a seder should contact coordinator Maureen Dinner at [Maureendinner@gmail.com](mailto:Maureendinner@gmail.com).

## GREATER CLEVELAND CONGREGATIONS NEWS

### #NOTALLIN

The energy was high at a recent action to discuss the proposed Quicken Loans Arena renovation. Two mothers whose children had been murdered due to inner city blight, told their stories, as did a young gentleman in high school who has lost far too many friends due to shootings and violence. All three spoke about the lives they dreamed of, the misfortunes they had met with due to where they lived, and their opinions on this deal. A commentator for the Cavs also attended and spoke out against the deal. Three County Council members were onstage to listen to speeches and respond to GCC requests. While their responses were somewhat heartening, it was very clear that the audience was also meant to pay attention to those absent. The community rallied to continue it's work to slow down this deal and ensure that the community could partner with high-level officials to support this deal as well as bring money to neighborhoods most in need in Cuyahoga. Read more [here](#).

On March 21st, About 120 people from Greater Cleveland Congregations took the bus to Detroit to meet with Dan Gilbert, founder and chairman of Quicken Loans, about the proposed renovations to the Quicken Loans Arena in Cleveland. GCC partnered with DRIVE, Detroit Regional Interfaith Voice for Equity, to confront Dan Gilbert about the proposed deal. They were unable to meet with Mr. Gilbert himself but delivered a letter to the COO of Mr. Gilbert's Rock Ventures LLC. The confrontation will continue at meetings with the County Council and other officials involved in this decision. Read more [here](#).

There are many ways you can get involved in this process! Attend the meetings, call your county representative, do your own research. There is much to be learned about how local politics drive the way our community is shaped, as well as how we, as community members, can take a stand to ensure that our voices are heard.

*Kol HaLev is a member of Greater Cleveland Congregations. If you'd like to become involved or have any questions, please contact Kol HaLev's GCC Core Leaders, Allen Binstock or Donna Weinberger.*



# CALENDAR

Sat., Apr. 1	9:15-10:15 a.m.	<b>Philosophical Inquiry</b> (5th - 7th graders)
	9:30-10:30 a.m.	<b>Torah Discussion</b> in Ratner Library led by Adina Davidson
	10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	<b>New Member Shabbat Service</b> in the Ratner Chapel. Parasha: <i>Vayikra</i> ; Service Leader: Rabbi Steve; Kiddush Sponsors: new members from last year with help from the membership committee members and Karly Whitaker; <b>Greeters Needed</b>
Sun., Apr. 2	10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon	<b>Nesiya at Ratner School</b>
	1:30-4:30 p.m.	<b>Designing Our Future; Leadership and Participation Task Force Workshop</b> at Shaker Heights Main Library, 16500 Van Aken Blvd., Shaker Heights
	4:00-5:00 p.m.	<b>GCC Teach In on Q Deal</b> at Forest Hill Presbyterian, 3031 Monticello, Cleveland Heights
Mon., Apr. 3	7:30 p.m.	<b>Executive Committee Meeting</b>
Thurs., Apr. 6	6:30-8:00 p.m.	<b>GCC Education Team Meeting</b> at Trinity Cathedral, 2330 Euclid Ave., Cleveland
Sat., Apr. 8	10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	<b>Member Led Shabbat Service</b> in Ratner Chapel; Parasha: <i>Tzav</i> ; Service Leader: Greg Selker; Kiddush Sponsors: Richard Litwin and Kirby Date; <b>Greeter Needed</b>
Sun., Apr. 9	10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon	<b>Nesiya at Ratner School</b>
Tues., Apr. 11	10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	<b>Start of Passover Service</b> in Ratner Chapel; Service Leader: Rabbi Steve; Kiddush sponsors: Rabbi Steve and Andy Getz; <b>Greeters Needed</b>
Sat., Apr. 15	9:15-10:15 a.m.	<b>Philosophical Inquiry</b> (5th - 7th graders)
	9:30-10:30 a.m.	<b>Torah Discussion</b> in Ratner Library led by Bruce Fallick
	10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	<b>Passover Shabbat Service</b> in the Ratner Chapel, <i>Song of Songs</i> ; Service Leaders: Fred Chenin and Rabbi Steve; Kiddush Sponsors: Maureen Dinner and Happy Wallach; <b>Greeters Needed</b>
	10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	<b>Hagiga</b>
	10:45-11:15 a.m.	<b>Tot-Parent Shabbat Program</b>
	1:15-2:15 p.m.	<b>Mindful Jewish Practice</b> in the Ratner Library. Nancy Rubel will lead for an hour of a combination of sitting practice and brief conversation
Sun., Apr. 16	<b>Deadline for the March Kol HaLev Happenings Newsletter</b>	
Mon., Apr. 17	10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	<b>End of Passover Service</b> ; Location TBD; Service Leader: Rabbi Steve; Kiddush Sponsors: Larry and Jodi Solomon
Sat., Apr. 22	9:30 a.m.-10:15 a.m.	<b>Mindful Jewish Practice</b> in the Ratner Library. The sessions begin with a few minutes of a talk to offer a kavannah or intention for the sitting practice of 30 minutes, and end with an opportunity for informal sharing about meditation and spiritual practice.
	10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	<b>Musical Shabbat Service</b> in the Ratner Chapel. Parsha: <i>Shemini</i> ; Service Leader: Rabbi Steve; Kiddush Sponsor: Kiddush Sponsor: Leah Kamionkowski; <b>Greeter Needed</b>
Sun., Apr. 23	10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon	<b>Nesiya at Ratner School</b>
	2:00-3:00 p.m.	<b>GCC Teach In on Q Deal at West Shore UU, 20401 Hilliard, Rocky River</b>
Thurs., Apr. 27	7:30-9:00 p.m.	<b>Book Club Meeting</b> at the home of Linda Gross. See page 9 for more info.
Fri., Apr. 28 through Sunday Apr. 30	<b>Shabbaton at Punderson Manor Resort and Conference Center, Newbury</b>	

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