

# Kol HaLev Happenings

The Newsletter of Cleveland's Reconstructionist Jewish Community

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## RELIGIOUS ZEALOTS TO STAND (MOCK) TRIAL! THE PEOPLE VS. THE MACCABEES CONVENES MAR. 25; ADULT ED SESSION SET FOR MAR.15

The Maccabean revolt against Syrian-Greek occupation and its pagan cultural practices is often described as a war for religious freedom; it was, more fundamentally, a divisive intra-cultural struggle turned violent between subsets of the Jewish community who vehemently disagreed whether and how much to assimilate into the predominant Hellenic culture.



The armies of Antiochus were not the only targets of the Maccabees and the Jewish resistance. Judah Maccabee saw his task as cleansing both the Temple and the Jewish people of the influences of Hellenism, a task in which all males of enemies, including any Jews perceived as collaborators with those enemies, were killed.

On Sat., Mar. 25, Kol HaLev will take a fresh look at the acts of Judah Maccabee and his family through a

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## Everyone whose heart so moves them shall bring an offering (Exodus 25:2)

### KOL HALEV FALL FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN KICKS OFF

Kol HaLev is all about “we.” Without you, we would not be possible! The myriad ways your involvement energizes and supports this community are too numerous to count. The Kol HaLev Board of Trustees and your fellow members are grateful for your commitments of ruach (spirit), time, creativity and more, that help sustain our collective purpose.

It also takes money to keep Kol HaLev functioning.

You may not know that paid dues commitments only make up about 62% of our budgeted needs. This is not atypical of congregational communities. But it does mean that we have to seek other sources of

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Please join me as my son

**JOSEPH AARON MORITZ**

Is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah  
Saturday, November 5 at 10:00 a.m.

Kiddush Luncheon to follow

Rachel Kay

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## JUDAISM IN DIALOGUE WITH THE SCIENCE, THE COSMOS WRIT LARGE

In many corners of current American and global culture, it remains common for people to view science and religion as completely distinctive realms of human experience and exploration. This radical difference can take a negative form in which people view the two arenas and inherently in tension, or a positive form, in which they are viewed as complimentary but as having nothing directly to say to one another. But, the truth is that over the past 50 years, there has been a growing movement of scientists and religious and spiritual practitioners who are interested in facilitating conversation and cross-fertilization between these two realms.



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My intention over the coming year is to use my monthly column as often as possible to profile and reflect on some of the organized efforts to initiate and/or strengthen these conversations. In part, this is due to a personal interest that I have in this particular philosophical intersection, but it's also because this kind of conversation is at the foundation of Mordecai Kaplan's approach to religion in general and to Judaism specifically in the modern world. For Kaplan in his day, and for the Reconstructionist movement in the present, religion that does not intentionally try to learn from, and be in dialogue with, current scientific understanding of human life, and the cosmos writ large is not worth investing one's time or energy in.

I'd like to begin this series by mentioning an organization called "[Sinai and Synapses](#)." This is an organization that stems from within the Jewish world, but which is interested in these questions as they apply across all religious and spiritual categories.

Here's an excerpt from their mission statement:

Sinai and Synapses explores big questions from both religious and scientific perspectives, and achieves its mission through several programs, activities, and learning opportunities, including: Adult education classes, [Scientists in Synagogues](#), an initiative that offers Jews opportunities to explore the most interesting and pressing questions surrounding Judaism and science, and to share how some of the most thoughtful Jewish scientists integrate their Judaism and their scientific work; Seminars for our [Sinai and Synapses Fellows](#), bringing together clergy and scientists to learn together from the top scholars in both the religious and scientific worlds; Public programs to explore the many ways science and religion interact, and how we can ensure that interaction is productive.

I highly recommend those who find this interesting to pay a visit to their website at <http://sinaiandsynapses.org/>.

I look forward to the opportunity to pursue this conversation with those in our community who are drawn to learning about it as I am.

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. Contact him at 216-320-1498 or at [rabbisteve@kolhalev.net](mailto:rabbisteve@kolhalev.net).

## WHAT IS A MENSCH?

**Mensch** (Yiddish: מענטש *mentsh*, cognate with the German word *Mensch* meaning a "human being") means "a person of integrity and honor."<sup>1</sup> The opposite of a "mensch" is an "unmensch," meaning an utterly unlikeable or unfriendly person. According to [Leo Rosten](#), the *Yiddish maven* and author of [The Joys of Yiddish](#), a "mensch" is "someone to admire and emulate, someone of noble character. The key to being 'a real mensch' is nothing less than character, rectitude, dignity, a sense of what is right, responsible, decorous."<sup>2</sup> The term is used as a high compliment, implying the rarity and value of that individual's qualities. – Wikipedia

Recently, in several different conferences, professional networks and discussions with friends I have been asked the question, what keeps you up at night? Lucky for me, I have a large cache of answers to choose from, as I have been asked by so many and have had so many sleepless nights. Presently, as an educator and a parent I am worried about the election, the openness of contempt that is frequently and freely shared, the lack of respectful discourse, and the overall future for our youth. What message is being sent to our children? How can we teach our children that this is not the way we wish for people to be treated? What does our tradition have to say about how we are to treat each other?

I know that I am not alone in my belief that this is a difficult time to be a parent, even without the election. As an educator, and a parent, I have spent many hours contemplating what is a mensch and how do you teach someone to become a mensch. I have looked at character education curricula, developed values lessons, created sticker charts, reinforcement activities, songs, and structures. All seem to work for a small period of time, but the progress ultimately fades. After trying multiple strategies I am still left with the question, how do we teach our children to be menschen?

This year at Hagiga our theme is "A Whale of a Jewish Tale," and we are looking at the wisdom that our tradition shares through its stories. With so many stories to choose from it is hard to narrow them down for our 16 sessions, but I am sure I will choose stories that share the value of being a mensch. I feel that our children are exposed to so many incredible things thanks to technology and educational advances, but basic civility and menschlichkeit are not always included. I am hoping that we can share values, virtues and understandings that they can take to all aspects of their lives, now and in the future.



We are extremely lucky that we live at a time that there are others consumed with such issues. One person is filmmaker, Tiffany Shlain who has created several works focusing on this topic. I hope that you will join me in previewing her new film, *The Making of a Mensch*, at an intergenerational Lunch and Learn on Saturday, Dec. 3. following services. This film explores character education through the wonderful ancient Jewish teachings of Mussar. The film explores the ideas and practices

through an engaging and accessible lens, reminding us all how relevant these Jewish tools are to our 21st century lives. It provides a vehicle for a conversation about who we are, who we want to be in the world, and how we can get there.

I hope you we can take this journey together.

*Kol tuv* — All my best,  
Robyn



# PHOTO GALLERY: SUKKOT & SIMCHAT TORAH



## HESED

We send wishes for a *refuah shleimah*, a complete and speedy healing, to **Abe Chasin, Ann Epstein, Rebecca German, Lila Hanft, Ron Kohn, Ben Lewis and Pauline Raymond**. *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 **Adina Davidson**, who was the October Monthly Co-ordinator. During the month, members provided rides and sent cards.

### Hesed Sign-Up Survey

We want to thank all of you who participated in our High Holy Day Hesed sign up campaign. We will be in touch with you in the near future to guide you in signing up with the Lotsa Helping Hands website so you will be able to receive emails when support is needed. If you have any questions, please be in touch with Martha or Robin. If you haven't responded to our short two-question survey and would like to do so, please [click here](#).

### Expanding Our Outreach Within the Community

As we enter into the new year of 5777, we have been thinking of ways to expand Hesed support within our community. One of the ways is to make better use of our Visit category of support. Over the years, we have invited people to sign up to visit members, but our outreach has been primarily for people in the midst of a health crisis and we are now looking to broaden our efforts, aware that there are members in our community who are not able to participate as much as they would like in communal activities and who are feeling isolated and marginalized. We have begun conversations with people about the kind of support they might appreciate and to help connect those who have offered to make visits with those are open to visits. If you have thoughts about this and/or would like to be involved in helping make these visits happen, please be in touch with Martha or Robin. We welcome your input!

**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.

## HUG HASEFER: BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

The November Meeting will be Thu., Nov.17, at the home of Anita Cohn. We will discuss *My Mother's Wars* by Lillian Faderman. (265 pages, a Kindle version exists).

A review from the Amazon: A story of love, war, and life as a Jewish immigrant in the squalid factories and lively dance halls of New York's Garment District in the 1930s, *My Mother's Wars* is the memoir Lillian Faderman's mother was never able to write. The daughter delves into her mother's past to tell the story of a Latvian girl who left her village for America with dreams of a life on the stage and encountered the realities of her new world: the battles she was forced to fight as a woman, an immigrant worker, and a Jew with family left behind in Hitler's deadly path.



The story begins in 1914: Mary, the girl who will become Lillian Faderman's mother, just seventeen and swept up with vague ambitions to be a dancer, travels alone to America, where her half-sister in Brooklyn takes her in. She finds a job in the garment industry and a shop friend who teaches her the thrills of dance halls and the cheap amusements open to working-class girls. This dazzling life leaves Mary distracted and her half-sister and brother-in-law scandalized that she has become a "good-time gal." They kick her out of their home, an event with consequences Mary will regret for the rest of her life. Eighteen years later... (*I cut the rest of the review. You'll have to read the book!*)

Drawing on family stories and documents, as well as her own tireless research, Lillian Faderman has reconstructed an engrossing and essential chapter in the history of women, of workers, of Jews, and of the Holocaust as immigrants experienced it from American shores.

The December book will be *The Last Jew* by Noah Gordon.

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.

## 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:

- Dorothy Arthur—mother of Nick Delciappo
- Irene Weinberger (Rachel)—mother of Irwin Weinberger
- Ben Yosowitz (Beryl)—father of Elinor Friedman
- Mildred Rosenberg—mother of Sue Biagianti
- Gwen Katz—mother of Barbara Epstein
- Elliott Warner (Eleazar Binyamin)—husband of Audrey Warner
- Harry Beckerman— father of Eda Weiss
- Rose Beckerman— mother of Eda Weiss
- Sam Kelman— husband of Anna Kelman
- Heidi Manela (Shoshanna)— grandmother of Aaron Manela
- Charline Cooper (Chaya Leba)— mother of Maxine Brand
- Betty Kohn—stepmother of Ron Kohn
- Fred Manela (Avraham)— grandfather of Aaron Manela

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—in either the secular or Jewish calendar to [kelli@kolhalev.net](mailto:kelli@kolhalev.net). You can find a calendar converter at <http://www.hebc.com/converter/>.



## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WOMEN'S SHABBAT DINNER ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11

All women of Kol HaLev are cordially invited to a potluck Shabbat Dinner at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, November 11 at the home of Happy Wallach, 23538 Duffield Rd., Shaker Heights. Our Shabbat dinners provide wonderful opportunities to share time in a relaxed environment. Food contributions can be parve or dairy and "allergy aware" (no tree nuts or peanuts). Please RSVP to Happy Wallach at happyhkw@aol.com or 216-283-4058 (home) or 216-410-1083 (cell) no later than November 10.

### RELIGIOUS PRACTICES COMMITTEE SEEKS YOUNG MEMBERS

The Religious Practices Committee is feeling a bit light, and would like a couple more members. As we are currently heavy on members with, shall we say, substantial years under our belts, we would particularly like a couple of congregants on the younger side. If you are interested, or would like to hear more about the committee, call Bruce Fallick at 440-318-1035 (home) or 216-579-2970 (work).

### FALL FUNDRAISER, [\*continued from page 1\*](#)

financial sustenance. We're fortunate to be the recipient of some grants to supplement our outstanding education programs. And we have events like the mock trials, the proceeds of which bring in some of the needed income.

Beyond those opportunities, we have to step up ourselves. We have to provide for our own financial well-being. This year, the gap between income from dues, tuition and grants, and total need, is about \$62,000.

In the next week or so, each Kol HaLev member will receive a letter requesting that you contribute to our Fall Fundraising Campaign. The campaign is designed to help Kol HaLev meet our current and ongoing financial needs. In the spirit of our long-held community value that everyone is welcome, regardless of their financial situation, we ask that you consider a contribution from your heart, that reflects how Kol HaLev enriches your life and the lives of all our members. We're here to support each other by supporting the whole.

There is no comparing who does what, or who gives what; we're cooperatively responsible for creating and sustaining Kol HaLev, each according to our

abilities. Any size contribution is meaningful if it represents your heartfelt commitment, regardless of your means.

Please respond promptly with your pledge of support. The pledge period will extend through January 31, 2017, and we request payment on your pledge by June 30, the end of our fiscal year. (Consider that making a charitable contribution by December 31 may be beneficial on your tax return this year!)

Each of us, together, breathes Kol HaLev to life each day, with our collective ruach, time, creativity, and indeed, our financial commitments. Todah rabah in advance for taking the time to consider how Kol HaLev sustains you, and taking action on how you can sustain Kol HaLev.

With appreciation,

**Karly Whitaker**, Kol HaLev President  
**Mattuck Meacham**, Values Team Leader –  
Democratic and Fiscally Sustainable  
On behalf of the Kol HaLev fundraising committee



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modern lens in "The People vs. The Maccabees."

The event is the sixth in Kol HaLev's series of innovative, entertaining and educational events which use some the most challenging Bible and Bible-era stories and characters as the basis for exploring new perspectives on contemporary issues. "The People vs. The Maccabees" will take place at 7:30 p.m. in the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law Moot Court Room on the campus of Cleveland State University. Tickets will go on sale mid-winter.

This year's trial asks: Are the Maccabees guilty of some of the same horrendous crimes we witness today, justified by rigid interpretation of and adherence to religion? As is our tradition, the audience is our jury for this live court room drama. Attendees will be participants in the proceedings and responsible for rendering a verdict to decide the Maccabees' fate. This means YOU are key to the drama!

You might be wondering why we would focus in March on a story more typically told at Hanukkah time. "In the traditional liturgy, there is a connection made between Hanukkah and Purim with the recitation of the "al ha nissim" prayer, which thanks God for miracles, on both holidays," says Rabbi Steve. "Both also deal with themes of Jewish identity in relationship to a larger, non-Jewish culture, as well as with a threat to Jewish existence, one being more spiritual, the other more physical."

While these holidays often focus on the thwarted threats and subsequent salvation, they also present us with important opportunities to take stock of how we as Jews behave around our identity, and how we learn from that as we evolve as a people. And so it is with our mock trial; questioning the actions of our biblical heroes through a modern legal, ethical, and social lens helps us more directly gauge the power and relevance of their experiences for us in modern times.

Part theatrical mock trial, part rousing interfaith dialogue, Kol HaLev's "The People vs." events feature a

cast of all-stars from the legal, religious, and academic worlds. We are thrilled to announce the return of Steven Dettelbach, partner at the law firm BakerHostetler and former U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio, who will reprise his role as Prosecuting Attorney, and

to welcome our new Counsel for the Defense, Lee Fisher! An accomplished attorney, Fisher has extensive leadership experience in the public and non-profit sectors, including service as Ohio's Attorney General, Lieutenant Governor, State Senator and Representative, and President and CEO of the Center for Families and Children. He is currently President and CEO

of CEOs for Cities, a nationwide innovation network for city success, and Interim Dean of Cleveland-Marshall College of Law. We look forward to a vigorous discourse between them at the trial. The rest of our legal cast and discussion panel is in formation, and we look forward to announcing new cast members and more event detail through the fall and winter.

The mock trial events' unique format has served Kol HaLev well in introducing the creativity and nuanced perspectives of Reconstructionist Judaism to a diverse local audience. And as a fundraising event, it has provided substantial new means to help with the costs of operating Kol HaLev. Our deep appreciation to our generous sponsors to-date, without whom these engaging events and related financial sustainability would

not be possible: The Leon and Gloria Plevin Fund; Cleveland-Marshall College of Law; and The Laura & Alvin Siegal Lifelong Learning Program at Case Western Reserve University.

We are currently seeking additional sponsors for this year's trial. Sponsors receive months of publicity and other special event-related perks.

To learn more about the benefits of promoting your business or organization before this diverse, *continued on page 11*

**HELP SPREAD THE WORD!**  
Tell your friends and colleagues about the Mock Trial! If you're on Facebook, follow us at <https://www.facebook.com/kol.halev.mock>. trials and share our posts with your Facebook network.

**FOR A TASTE OF OUR FIVE PAST MOCK TRIALS,** you can listen to audio recordings, thanks to our partnership with ideastream®. Access the audio recordings on the Kol HaLev website at <http://kolhalev.net/people-vs-mock-trials>

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sophisticated audience, or if you know of someone else who may be interested in sponsoring, please contact Greg Selker at 216-593-0400 or Halle Barnett at 216-291-4313.

Thank you, too, to the dedicated mock trial committee for their thoughtful work and enthusiasm in selecting this year's defendants, and all the detailed planning to come. There will also be some fun volunteer opportunities as we get closer to the event, and at the event itself, for even more Kol HaLev members to get involved.

To help us all prepare our minds and whet our appetites for the trial event, we will also present an adult education session on Wednesday, March 15 at 7:00 pm, led by Brian Amkraut, Executive Director of the Laura and Alvin Siegal Lifelong Learning program at Case Western Reserve University. The adult education session on "Hellenization and the Jews" will be held at Siegal's NEW building, 25700 Science Park Drive in Beachwood.

So – mark your calendars for Wednesday, March 15 at 7:00 pm (adult education), and Saturday, March 25, 7:30 p.m. (mock trial), and prepare for high drama, electric discussion, and fresh insights!

# Kol HaLev

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wonderful  
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gifts!



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\_\_\_ # canvas totes x \$\_\_\_ ea. = \_\_\_

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# CALENDAR

Sat., Nov. 5	9:15-10:15 a.m.	<b>Philosophical Inquiry</b> (5th - 7th graders)
	10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon	<b>Shabbat Service and Bar Mitzvah of Joseph Moritz</b> , Parasha: <i>Noah</i> ; Service Leaders: Rabbi Steve and Joseph; Kiddush Sponsor: Rachel Kay; Greeter: Michal Marcus
	10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	<b>Hagiga</b>
	10:45-11:15 a.m.	<b>Tot-Parent Shabbat Program</b>
Sun., Nov. 6	10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon	<b>Nesiya at Ratner School</b>
Mon., Nov. 7	7:30 p.m.	<b>Executive Committee Meeting</b>
Wed., Nov. 9	7:30-8:30 p.m.	<b>Madrichim Meeting</b> at the Elgart home
Fri., Nov. 11	6:30-9:30 p.m.	<b>Women's Shabbat Dinner</b> at the home of Happy Wallach
Sat., Nov. 12	10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	<b>Member Led Shabbat Service</b> in Ratner Chapel; Parasha: Lekh-Lekha; Kiddush Sponsor: Deena and Dick Epstein; <b>Greeter Needed</b>
Sat., Nov. 12	10:30 a.m.-12:00 noon	<b>Count Me In Prep</b> at Ratner School
Sun., Nov. 13	9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon	<b>Count Me In</b> at Gross Schechter School, 27601 Fairmount Blvd, Pepper Pike
	10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon	<b>Nesiya at Ratner School</b>
Mon., Nov. 14	6:30-7:30 p.m.	<b>High Holy Day debrief meeting</b> at the home of Bill Scher-Marcus
	7:30-9:30 p.m.	<b>Board Meeting</b> at the home of Bill Scher-Marcus
Tues., Nov. 15	<b>Deadline for the September Kol HaLev Happenings Newsletter</b>	
Thurs., Nov.17	7:30-9:00 p.m.	<b>Book Club Meeting</b> at the home of Anita Cohn
Fri., Nov. 18	6:00-9:00 p.m.	<b>Kabbalat Shabbat and Potluck</b> at Ratner. Service Leader: Rabbi Steve and member musicians. The potluck contributions should be vegetarian/dairy or pareve and <b>should not contain nuts</b> . Please bring enough for 8-10. In keeping with our goal of becoming a more sustainable community, we encourage members to bring their own reuseable plates, cups, utensils and napkins to our potluck. Assignments : <b>A-H</b> - Dessert or Drink; <b>I-P</b> - Main Dish; <b>Q-Z</b> - Appetizer or Salad; Kiddush Hosts: Dick and Jayne Jones; <b>Greeter Needed</b>
Sat., Nov. 19	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>Hagiga</b>
	10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	<b>Shabbat Service</b> in the Ratner Chapel. Parsha: <i>Vayera</i> ; Service Leaders: Kevin Weidenbaum and Rabbi Steve; Kiddush Sponsors: Kirby Date and Richard Litwin and Michael Raddock and Christina Antenucci; <b>Greeters Needed</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., Nov. 20	10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon	<b>Nesiya</b>
Sat., Nov. 26	10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	<b>Shabbat service; Location TBD; Parsah: Haya Sarah .</b>
Sat., Dec. 3	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.
	10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	<b>Hagiga</b>
	10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	<b>Shabbat Service</b> in the Ratner Chapel. Parsha: <i>Toldot</i> ; Service Leader: Rabbi Steve; Kiddush Sponsors: Gillian Weiss & Elliot Posner; Greeters: Brian and Jean Miller
	10:45-11:15 a.m.	<b>Tot-Parent Shabbat Program</b>
Sun., Dec. 4	10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon	<b>Nesiya</b>

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To sign up to **be a greeter**, go to <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4bada828a1f85-kolhalev4>

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