FROM SEEDS PLANTED AND NOURISHED BY THE SCHEINS, KOL HALEV GREW

by Judy Harris

When Deb and Rabbi Jeffrey Schein arrived in Cleveland in 1991, they had no intention of starting a Reconstructionist synagogue. Jeffrey was busy developing a masters’ degree program in Jewish Education for the (then) Cleveland College of Jewish Studies and Deb was teaching at The Agnon School and working towards her masters’ in education.

They joined the Library Minyan, a small group that met at Beth Am Synagogue and focused on adjusting to their new community.

“We loved our neighborhood (Shaker Heights) immediately and our kids, Ben Jonah and Hana (then 13, 11 and 8 years old respectively) fit in right away,” Deb remembered.

“Our first impression of Cleveland was that it was an exciting place for us to be both Jewishly and professionally,” Jeffrey said.

But they missed being part of a Reconstructionist community as they had been in Philadelphia where Jeffrey had held positions at both the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College and the Federation of Reconstructionist Congregations and Havurot. He began to keep a list in his wallet of anyone who asked him about the Reconstructionist

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 MAY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16

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As the holiday of Passover will soon be upon us, I would like to share the following reflection on the symbolic meaning of matzah by one of the great teachers of the past half-century, Rabbi Irving “Yitz” Greenberg. Wishing everyone in the community a sweet and meaningful Passover;

Rabbi Steve

Just as shunning hametz [leaven] is the symbolic statement of leaving slavery behind, so is eating matzah the classic expression of entering freedom. Matzah was the food the Israelites took with them on the Exodus.

"They baked the dough that they took out of Egypt into unleavened cakes [matzot], for it was not leavened, since they were driven out of Egypt and could not delay; nor had they prepared provisions for themselves" (Exodus 12:39). According to this passage, matzah is the hard bread that Jews initially ate in the desert because they plunged into liberty without delaying.

However, matzah carries a more complex message than "Freedom now!" Made only of flour and water--with no shortening, yeast, or enriching ingredients--matzah recreates the hard "bread of affliction" (Deuteronomy 16:3) and meager food given to the Hebrews in Egypt by their exploitative masters. Like the bitter herbs eaten at the seder, it represents the degradation and suffering of the Israelites.

Matzah is, therefore, both the bread of freedom and the erstwhile bread of slavery. It is not unusual for ex-slaves to invert the very symbols of slavery to express their rejection of the masters' values. But there is a deeper meaning in the double-edged symbolism of matzah. It would have been easy to set up a stark dichotomy: matzah is the bread of the Exodus way, the bread of freedom; hametz is the bread eaten in the house of bondage, in Egypt. Or vice versa: matzah is the hard ration, slave food; hametz is the rich, soft food to which free people treat themselves. That either/or would be too simplistic. Freedom is in the psyche, not in the bread.

The halakha [Jewish law] underscores the identity of hametz and matzah with the legal requirement that matzah can be made only out of grains that can become hametz--that is, those grains that ferment if mixed with water and allowed to stand. How the human prepares the dough is what decides whether it becomes hametz or matzah. How you view the matzah is what decides whether it is the bread of liberty or of servitude.

The point is subtle but essential. To be fully realized, an Exodus must include an inner voyage, not just a march on the road out of Egypt. The difference between slavery and freedom is not that slaves endure hard conditions while free people enjoy ease. The bread remained equally hard in both states, but the psychology of the Israelites shifted totally. When the hard crust was given to them by tyrannical masters, the matzah they ate in passivity was the bread of slavery. But when the Jews willingly went from green fertile deltas into the desert because they were determined to be free, when they refused to delay freedom and opted to eat unleavened bread rather than wait for it to rise, the hard crust became the bread of freedom. Out of fear and lack of responsibility, the slave accommodates to ill treatment. Out of dignity and determination to live free, the individual will shoulder any burden.

Tradition specifically requires eating unleavened bread on the first two nights of Passover. (Dieters will be happy to learn that during the rest of the holiday the only requirement is not to eat hametz.) Eating hard bread during the holiday of liberation stimulates appreciation for the flavor of freedom and summons up empathy for those still in need. At the seder, the Exodus retelling opens with the phrase, "This is the bread of affliction that our fathers ate in Egypt."

The moral consequence follows immediately, "Let all who are hungry enter and eat; let all who are in need come and join in the Passover with us. This year [we are] slaves. Next year [may the slaves be] free."
UNDERSTANDING BELONGING, THE FIRST OF KAPLAN'S FOUR BS

When we were considering this year's Youth and Family Education theme, I thought that learning about Reconstructionism, while important, might be rather challenging for anyone below the age of 30. So it is with great surprise that I share that we are having a very interesting and fun year of Hagiga, focusing on Mordecai Kaplan and the 4Bs of Reconstructionism – Behaving, Belonging, Believing and Becoming. (Who knew that Mordecai Kaplan could be so exciting?!?) Here are a few highlights of what has happened just this past month.

The month began with our community learning about the first B – Belonging. The Zorim (kindergarten – grade 2) learned about belonging through the great piece of Jewish literature, *Where the Wild Things Are* by Maurice Sendak. In the story, the protagonist, Max is sent to his room for being a “wild thing.” Magically his room transforms into another world where he joins the other wild things. After his time with them, he chooses to return to his home to be where he is loved by his family and finds his supper waiting for him, “still hot.” The group then made “supper,” a pot of vegetable soup, which they enjoyed, and had a very interesting conversation while eating. They discovered that they each disliked different elements of the soup and started discarding specific vegetables. When their madrichim, leaders asked if they were still belonged to the group although they were all different, they launched into a fantastic conversation of respecting differences, cherishing their uniqueness and their dedication to being a group. Truly wonderful to see such thoughtfulness and sharing from a picture book and vegetables (and of course very talented guides to facilitate their journey).

The Bonim (grades 3-5) approached this difficult subject through experiential learning. What better way to understanding belonging than through group-building activities? The group came up to all the challenges that faced them, working as a team to accomplish tasks such as making trail mix with their hands tied to each other. They proved that they had the impeccable communication skills and respect necessary to work together and act as a community with genuine concern for each other. We consistently have projects and activities which focus on working as a community, but these tasks took the situation to a higher level. It is no surprise that the Bonim excelled and were able to clearly express what it means to them to belong and why it is important.

The Magshimim (grades 6-8) looked at belonging through yet another lens, by looking at Mordecai Kaplan’s understanding of Peoplehood. After dissecting his beliefs on what the Jewish community used to look like in the old country and how it needs to look in a modern world, they reflected on what they felt the community should be in order for it to perpetuate. They were asked to express their thoughts via poetry or other forms of writing and were offered to use magnetic poetry or paper. Here is a sampling of their work.

- We value creative and diverse culture. – Clay & John
- Creative goals are born on their own. – JoJo
- Our culture is our home. We need our friends to communicate and inspire – Anonymous

As you can see, each cohort wrestled with Belonging in their own way, yet all had profound experiences. May the rest of the year be as rich and meaningful!

Kol tuv,
Robyn
Movement. In the fall of 1992 all those on the list were invited to a meeting at the Schein’s home where they decided to do High Holiday services at the Nature Center of Shaker Lakes.

In its early days The Reconstructionist Havurah of Cleveland (now Kol HaLev) was an entirely volunteer run organization. Deb was instrumental in holiday planning, intergenerational programming and membership activities. Jeffrey focused on religious services and other rabbinic responsibilities. In 1997 Rabbi Steve Segar came to Cleveland and he and Rabbi Jeffrey shared a paid quarter-time position as the Havurah’s rabbinic staff. In 2000 Jeffrey was given the title of Founding Rabbi.

“I was astounded from the very first with the volunteer fabric of the congregation. Over time amazing volunteer leadership has emerged to carry the group forward,” Jeffrey said. And as it has moved forward many of the values the Schein’s stressed in the beginning have come to be part of the fabric of Kol HaLev life. For example, their approach to Jewish childhood education has helped fashion the Hagiga program. And their stress on chesed has become one of Kol HaLev’s principles as well.

“We are very proud that we were among those who planted the seeds in the early years. With the help of many other people those seeds have grown into a congregation with a very full, well-rounded Jewish life,” Jeffrey said. “And we are very grateful to Kol HaLev for allowing us to put our ideas into practice and in some cases turn them into traditions.”

As he and Deb prepare to move to Minneapolis Minnesota to be closer to Ben and his wife Rachel and three grandchildren, they have mixed feeling about the move. They are excited to be closer to family but sad to leave Kol HaLev, Shaker Heights, the Cleveland Jewish community and the Cleveland Orchestra.

Their many friends throughout the greater Cleveland community are sad too, but wish them much health and happiness as they embark upon this exciting new stage in their lives.

You can help celebrate, honor and bid a fond farewell to Rabbi Jeffrey and Deb Schein at a reception and program on May 31, 2015. For all the details, see the invitation on page 14, or visit http://kolhalev.net/schein

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If you shop at Amazon.com, there are two ways your purchases can raise money for Kol HaLev, at no cost to you.

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SWEET THANKS

The Mishloach Manot project was a success, thanks to the many members who made donations. Special thanks to Leah Gilbert and Bill Scher-Marcus for helping to pack the bags and to Rabbi Steve, Margaret Cohen, Happy Wallach, Leah Gilbert, Karly Whitaker, and Robin Shell who helped to deliver the bags.

Several donations were not properly acknowledged on the lists attached to the bags. Rabbi Jeff and Deb Schein and the Solomon family made donations in support of this project.

Additional thanks to the Men's group who will be working on the project next year! ~Barb Truitt

WOMEN'S BRUNCH ON APRIL 12

The next Women's Brunch takes place on April 12 from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon at the home of Happy Wallach, in Shaker Heights. We will gather primarily for fun and for connecting through socializing. Please bring a written recipe, a poem, or a story to share. How does your contribution connect to a memory from your life? What insights can it offer to others who are attending? Please RSVP to Happy at happyhkw@aol.com.

MAGSHIMIM VOLUNTEER AT THE SHAKER LAKES NATURE CENTER, 4/12

Please consider joining the Magshimim cohort and other Kol Halev members for a volunteer opportunity at the Nature Center at Shaker Lakes on Sunday, April 12, 1-3 p.m. We will be helping to pull an invasive species of plant, garlic mustard. Without the removal of this invasive species, natural habitats in this urban green space would suffer. Adults and children in 4th grade or older are invited to join us. Please RSVP by April 1 to alexis.abramson@gmail.com — more information, including a waiver form and suggested clothing, will follow.

NO'AR CHADASH EVENTS IN APRIL

As part of J-Serve (see the flyer on page 16) this year, we will be volunteering at MedWish on Sunday April 12. MedWish is an amazing local organization which sends medical supplies that are no longer usable in the U.S, to countries who need them. The supplies, which would have ended up in a landfill in the U.S., go to places where simple sterile medical supplies are scarce. "I've done this before and it's a ton of fun." says Emily Gross-Rosenblatt, Kol HaLev's No'ar Chadash coordinator. "Check out their website! https://www.medwish.org/"

On April 15 at 6 p.m. we'll join teens from all over Cleveland to commemorate the Holocaust at Yom Hashoah V'Haqvurah (Holocaust and Heroism Remembrance Day; see flyer on page 15). We'll hear a survivor speak, eat pizza and receive 3 volunteer hours for school! I hope many of you will be able to join us for this special event.
We send wishes for a refuah shleyma, a complete and speedy healing, to Abe Chasin, Judi Dash, Nancy Frazier, Dorinda Gershman, Louis and Julie Handler, Sam Kelman, Ron Kohn, Ben Lewis, Jean Miller, Pauline Raymond, and Roberta Tonti. We would love to hear from you if you or another Kol HaLev member you know of would like to be included on this list.

Thanks to Robin Shell, who was the February Monthly Co-ordinator. During the month, members provided rides, cooked and delivered numerous meals, made phone calls and sent Get Well Cards. We thank all who extended themselves. We in fact had many more offers for meals than were needed, and we were very moved by that generous show of support.

EXPANDING OUR REACH

On March 1, we had a Hesed Conversation which was attended by fourteen members, some longtime Hesed volunteers, some who came to learn about our work and to see how they could get involved.

We gave some background on how the committee functions to bring support and attention to those in our community needing Hesed. But the primary focus of the meeting was to generate ideas in how we might communicate more effectively and organize in a way that would make participation easier and more seamless. Those in attendance had really great ideas that we are going to focus on bringing into being in the coming months, including more sign up opportunities, better communication of our work, and cooking parties to have food ready when needed. (This definitely generated the most enthusiasm!!)

It was clear that there is much room for us to improve the ways we communicate, both within and without our committee, and offer opportunities for more participation. As a start, we hope to have a presence at the upcoming Shabbaton, where we can explain the many ways to be involved and offer hands on training to sign up.

It was evident at the gathering that the Hesed Committee has an important place in the life of our community in building bridges in very personal ways and in strengthening the sense of connection that we share despite the multiple ways we are individually involved in the life of Kol HaLev.

We hope this is the first of many conversations around the work of the Hesed Committee and the idea of Hesed in Jewish life, both traditionally and in our contemporary world. Watch this page in future newsletters for future opportunities to learn and be involved.

We are always open to your thoughts, suggestions and concerns, so don’t hesitate to contact us. Robin Holzman and Martha Schubert, Hesed Co-Chair.

If you are able to participate in the work of the Hesed Committee, or if you know of anyone who may need the support of our committee, please contact Rabbi Steve or Robin Holzman (robinholzman@gmail.com) and Martha Schubert (marthaschubert@mac.com), Hesed Co-Chairs.
Kol HaLev gratefully acknowledges contributions from:

- **Ruth Ness** to the Rabbi’s Discretionary Fund, in commemoration of the yahrzeit of her husband, Arthur J. Ness
- **Leah Gilbert** in commemoration of the yahrzeit of her father, Arthur Ness
- **Bill and Michal Scher-Marcus** in appreciation of Marcia Goldberg, Martha Schubert, Karal Stern, Mike Caputo, Rabbi Steve, and all High Holy Days volunteers
- **Stuart Kleiner** in honor of Fred and Marsha Chenin’s 50th wedding anniversary
- **Linda Sylte** to the Rabbi’s Discretionary Fund
- **Allen Binstock and Judy Lipton** in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Allen’s father, Henry Binstock
- **Abraham Chasin** in commemoration of the yahrzeit of his father, Israel Chasin
- **Judy Harris and Alan Lipson** in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Judy Harris’ brother, David Fink

Make a donation to Kol HaLev in honor of a simcha, in memory of a loved, or for any reason you’d like by check or online -- whichever is more comfortable and convenient for you! You can also pay for dues, Hagiga tuition, Mishloach Manot and many other things online as well as by check.

◆ **Pay by check.** Just drop a check in the mail to: Kol HaLev | 2245 Warrensville Center Road, Suite 215 | University Heights, OH 44118 You’ll receive a confirmation that your payment was received.

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**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:

- Nathan Schatz—father of Selma Gwatkin
- Arthur Ness—father of Leah Gilbert and husband of Ruth Ness
- Joseph Korman—father of Neil Korman
- Evelyn Litwin—mother of Richard Litwin
- Robin Manela (Reuven)—father of Aaron Manela
- Simon May—paternal great grandfather of Chip May
- Paul Gellman—friend of Karal Stern and previous member
- Helen Stern—mother of Karal Stern
- Diana Tonti—mother of Mario Tonti
- Charlie Bound—grandfather of Miriam Geronimus
- Morris Silverberg—father of Judy Vida

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 kelli@kolhalev.net. (Please specify whether you’re observing the secular or the Hebrew yahrzeit date. You can find a calendar converter at [http://www.hebcal.com/converter/](http://www.hebcal.com/converter/)).
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The Kol Halev Board met March 9 at the home of Kirby Date.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Bruce Fallick provided highlights of financial information as of February 2015. So far this fiscal year dues commitments are running 4% above this same time last year but below budget. Mishloach manot and education program registrations raised total income commitments during February. However, total income commitments are down considerably from this time last year.

Bruce reminded us that the dues structure was raised for FY2015 to make up for seven years of no increases and bring our budget closer to balance. The result of this rise has been less income than anticipated, mainly due to changes in membership.

**Finance Committee:** The following Finance Committee proposals were presented to the Board for discussion and will be voted on at the April Board meeting:

1. The dues structure shall be automatically increased each year by an amount that reflects general price of inflation and contractual obligations. The exact amount of this increase will be determined each year by the Treasurer in consultation with the Finance Committee. It is anticipated that the annual increase will be in the vicinity of 2%.

At Community meetings last summer some members felt strongly that due to inflation, an increase should be built into the dues structure. Other members were surprised that dues had not been raised for seven years.

2. Kol HaLev shall establish a matching fund, funded by donations made specifically for this purpose, to match year-over-year increases in dues paid by households who, in the previous year, paid dues self-adjusted of an amount less than the full dues for their category.

Some anonymous donors proposed this fund. The hope was that it would serve as an incentive for people to increase the amount they pay knowing the increase would be matched. Once the fund was established, other members may wish to make contributions.

**Hesed Committee Report:** Committee Co-Chairs, Robin Holzman and Martha Schubert reported on a recent informal gathering seeking feedback and suggestions for the future. Hesed is reframing the work to educate members and broaden their understanding of acts of “loving kindness.” Board members were receptive to the many suggestions to increase visibility, communication, access, and participation.

**Education Director Contract:** Halle Barnett provided a brief history of the community’s strong commitment for a children’s education program. Glenda Kupersmith, as chair of the YFE committee, gave an overview of the position of the Education Director. Appreciation was expressed for Robyn Novick’s many contributions. Given the current budget and time constraints, there is a need for a contract that firmly delineates measurable expectations and responsibilities.

A motion passed unanimously authorizing Glenda Kupersmith, Sue Peleg, Halle Barnett, and Rabbi Steve Segar to negotiate a new contract for Robyn Novick on the Board’s behalf.

**Review of 3/8/15 community meeting (re: proposed RRC admissions policy change):** Highlights and impressions from the meeting were shared. Participants were very respectful of one another’s differences as they expressed several different positions in regard to the policy change. A meeting summary will be sent to RRC. A requested was made that this summary be made available to the general Kol HaLev membership.

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The April book group meeting will be Thursday, April 30, at the home of Anita Cohn. We will discuss *Bridges Across an Impossible Divide: The Inner Lives of Arab and Jewish Peacemakers* by Mark Gopin. (251 pages, a Kindle version exists). Note that this is the FIFTH Thursday of the month.

A brief book description from Amazon: Peace between Arabs and Jews seems forever out of reach, both sides caught in a never-ending cycle of violence and revenge. But while treaties and other top-down solutions have had little lasting effect, peacemakers on the ground are creating real change—within themselves and with their enemies.

In *Bridges across an Impossible Divide*, American professor Marc Gopin offers an unprecedented exploration of the spiritual lives of Arab and Jewish peacemakers who have evolved deep friendships despite decades of war and suffering on all sides. Through trial and error the peacemakers in this book have devised their own unique methods of looking inward and reaching out across enemy lines. Gopin provides insightful analysis of the lessons to be learned from these peace builders, outlining the characteristics that make them successful. He argues that lasting conflict and misery between enemies is the result of an emotional, cognitive, and ethical failure to self-examine, and that the true transformation of a troubled society is brought about by the spiritual introspection of extraordinary, determined individuals.

The book is unique in that its central body is the actual words of peacemakers themselves as they speak of their struggles to overcome the death of loved ones and to find common ground with adversaries. Most of these accounts are from peacemakers who have hardly written before. This is a treasure trove for scholars and the general public who seek to understand the conflict and its peacemakers at a far deeper level. These remarkable stories reveal a level of inner examination that is rarely encountered in the literature of political science, international relations, or even conflict resolution theory. They show how building friendships invigorates the effort to bring equality, nonviolent social change, and reconciliation to warring peoples.

*Bridges across an Impossible Divide* takes readers beyond the rhetoric of political leaders into the spiritual lives of men and women actually making peace with their enemies.

The book for May is *Great House: A Novel* by Nicole Krauss.

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

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**Update on executive committee review of proposal procedures:** Halle reported that the Executive Committee did not have time to adequately review the concerns discussed at the last meeting. To get a better understanding about how other congregations handle this issue, Halle posted a request on the Reconstructionist Presidents’ List Serve. This material will be reviewed and shared with the Board in the future.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 13 at the home of Kareen Caputo. All members are welcome.

Respectfully submitted,
Karal Stern, Secretary
RECONSTRUCTIONIST MOVEMENT STATEMENT ON THE ISRAELI ELECTIONS

The recent, hotly contested Israeli election and its high voter turnout are laudable evidence of the vigorous democracy that has characterized the State of Israel since its beginning. In a part of the world where no other country has managed to sustain a full democracy, this is a noteworthy achievement.

Several events during the election are nonetheless matters of great concern.

Prime Minister Netanyahu’s eleventh-hour cry that people should rush to the polls to counteract that “Arab voters are coming out in droves” was one such event. Twenty percent of Israel’s citizens are Arab. It is laudable that Arab citizens turned out to vote in large numbers. It is good for the future of Israel as a democracy that Arab voters will have an expanded bloc in the Knesset. Netanyahu’s words are an attack on the democratic and pluralistic values long advocated by the Reconstructionist movement. Those values are enshrined in the Israeli Declaration of Independence, which states that Israel “will ensure complete equality of social and political rights to all its inhabitants irrespective of religion, race or sex.”

During his campaign, Netanyahu promised to rescind the army exemption for yeshivah students. This choice is a blow to religious pluralism and equal treatment. It should be resisted by all possible legal means.

Netanyahu’s attacks during the campaign on non-governmental organizations (NGOs) that support civil rights, equality for all citizens, a stronger safety net, and the development of a vigorous not-for-profit sector undermine his credibility as someone committed to every citizen. We call upon him to repudiate those remarks.

Perhaps most serious was his statement on the eve of the election that if he were to be elected, there "will not be a Palestinian state." While he has attempted to backtrack since the election, his commitment and that of his allies to continually build and expand settlements in the West Bank and beyond the area that can reasonably be accommodated by “land swaps” puts the lie to his backtracking. The Reconstructionist movement has been on record for decades as supporting a two-state solution. We call upon the government of Israel to freeze its settlement building in order to preserve a two-state option.

Mr. Netanyahu’s appearance in Congress placed him into an alliance with Christian evangelicals and Republican Conservatives who are allies of Netanyahu’s ambitions for a Greater Israel. At this time, when Israel needs American bipartisan support more than ever, we urge a return to embracing the historic basis for the United States-Israel alliance.

As a new government is formed, the Reconstructionist movement calls upon its members to join together with like-minded Israelis in demanding a return to Israel’s democratic values, to a relationship with the United States that rises above partisan politics, to active pursuit of a two-state solution, and to a path forward characterized by statesmanship and a commitment to equality for all of Israel’s citizens.

Rabbi Deborah Waxman, President, Reconstructionist Rabbinical College and Jewish Reconstructionist Communities
David Roberts, Chair, Board of Governors, Reconstructionist Rabbinical College and Jewish Reconstructionist Communities
Rabbi Nina Mandel, President, Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association
Rabbi Danielle Leshaw, Interim Executive Director, Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association
Rabbi Jonathan Kligler, Chair, Israel Task Force
Celebrating Rabbi Jeffrey and Deb Schein

Sunday, May 31, 2015

Open House 4-7 p.m. | Program at 5 p.m. | Festive noshes & dessert (dairy)

Shaker Lakes Nature Center
2600 South Park Blvd., Shaker Hts., OH

Gifting made in honor of Deb & Jeffrey will support the new Kol HaLev Schein Fund for Fostering the Spirituality of Children & Families and the Mordechai M. Kaplan Center for Jewish Peoplehood.

Kol HaLev, Cleveland’s Reconstructionist Community, began in 1992 in the Scheins’ living room. Their warmth, wisdom and sechel nurtured and guided what was then known as the Reconstructionist Havurah of Cleveland. Deb and Rabbi Jeffrey also have had a significant impact on the larger Cleveland Jewish community through his work at Siegal College and the Jewish Education Center of Cleveland and her work with preschool children. Together they have taught and inspired countless Jewish educators. The Scheins’ commitment to Jewish education, Jewish values and Cleveland’s Jewish community will be greatly missed as they move to Minneapolis to be closer to children and grandchildren.

Ticket purchases requested by May 21. Donations appreciated at any time; deadline to be listed in the program is May 21. Pay by credit card at http://kolhalev.net/schein. Or mail your check and order slip to Kol HaLev.

You're invited to share thoughts, reminiscences, photos and stories of Jeffrey and Deb for a special Memory Book. Memory book items must be on 8 1/2” x 11” three-hole punched paper and must be received at the Kol HaLev office by May 21. Submit to Kol HaLev, 2245 Warrensville Center Rd., Suite 215, University Heights, OH 44118.

☐ We will be delighted to join the celebration on May 31: Number of tickets at $18 per adult________ Number of tickets at $5 per child______
☐ We would also like to make a contribution to honor Jeffrey and Deb and help continue their work.
☐ We cannot attend but would like to make a contribution to honor Jeffrey and Deb and help continue their work.
☐ One hundred Chai ($1,800) ☐ Thirty Chai ($540) ☐ Twenty Chai ($360) ☐ Ten Chai ($180)
☐ Six Chai ($108) ☐ Triple Chai ($54) ☐ Double Chai ($36) ☐ Other $________
☐ We prefer to give anonymously and do not wish to be listed in the program

TOTAL tickets + donations = $_______

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Please Join us....... 

Teens from all over Cleveland

Yom Hashoah V’Hagvurah 
Cleveland Commemoration of the Holocaust and Heroism

Wednesday 
April 15, 2015 
6:00 P.M.

Green Road Synagogue 
2437 S Green Road 
Beachwood, Ohio 44122

★ Pizza and pop provided
★ Will receive (3) volunteer hours for your school
★ Assist survivors to and from the parking lot
★ Hear a survivor speak just to the teens
★ Have an opportunity to ask questions

Do you have Questions?
Contact Ellie Shoag @ 216.691.9964 or ellie@kolisraelfoundation.org

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J-Serve is the international day of Jewish Service.

3 Days - 1 Community

April 12th: 12:30 - 5:00 pm
Friendship Circle, 27900 Gates Mills Boulevard, Pepper Pike

April 19th: 12:30 - 5:00 pm
@AKIVA, 26500 Shaker Boulevard, Beachwood

April 23rd: 5:00 - 7:30 pm Final Project and Teen Activity!
Park Synagogue, 3300 Mayfield Road, Cleveland Heights

Visit www.clevelandjserve.org to learn more about the variety of service projects available. Be sure to sign up early to be guaranteed a spot in the project which you want to be involved!

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2015 Project Participants
All members are invited to Torah Study (9-10 a.m.) and Shabbat morning services (10 a.m. - noon) on April 25 in the Punderson State Park Manor House.

Kol HaLev

INTERGENERATIONAL SHABBATON

Belonging
Behaving
Believing
Becoming
Mordecai Kaplan & the Four Bs of Reconstructionism in Nature

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<td>Passover Holiday Service at Ratner. Parsha: Pesach I; Service Leader: Rabbi Steve; Kiddush Sponsor: Happy Wallach; No Hagiga</td>
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<td>Mon., Apr. 6</td>
<td>7:30 p.m.</td>
<td>Executive Committee Meeting</td>
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<td>Yizkor-Passover Service Service at Ratner. Parsha: Pesach VIt; Leader: Rabbi Steve; Kiddush Sponsor: Karal Stern</td>
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<td>3:30-5:30 p.m.</td>
<td>Torah Study, at the home of Marsha and Fred Chenin. Fred will lead our discussion of the Book of Nehemiah.</td>
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<td>Sun., Apr. 12</td>
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<td>10:00-12:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Women's Brunch at the home of Happy Wallach. See page 6 for details. Please RSVP to Happy Wallach at <a href="mailto:happyhlev@aol.com">happyhlev@aol.com</a></td>
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<td>1:00-3:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Magshinim Volunteer Opportunity at the Nature Center At Shaker Lakes. See details on page 6. RSVP to <a href="mailto:alexis.abramson@gmail.com">alexis.abramson@gmail.com</a> by April 1 if possible.</td>
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<td>Board Meeting at the home of Karen Caputo. All members welcome. See weekly update for agenda.</td>
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<td>GCC Core Team Meeting. Contact Allen Binstock or Donna Weinberger for more information.</td>
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<td>Philosophical Inquiry for 5th-7th grade Hagiga students. Light breakfast will be provided; please be prompt.</td>
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<td>Torah Study in the Ratner Library. Parsha: Shmini; Discussion leader: Karal Stern.</td>
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<td>Shabbat Service, in the Ratner Chapel. Parsha: Shmini; Service Leader: Rabbi Steve; Musical co-leader: Karly Whitaker; Kiddush Sponsors: Dick and Deena Epstein, and Anita Cohn, in honor of her 80th birthday.</td>
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<td>Parent-Tot Shabbat in Ratner Rooms 113/114. For families with children in preschool and under.</td>
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<td>Mindful Jewish Practice in the Ratner Library. Nancy Rubel will lead an hour of a combination of sitting practice and brief conversation.</td>
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<td>Musical Prayer Leadership Training Session at the Kol HaLev office.</td>
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<td>Rosh Chodesh: Rhythm of the Months: Walking Meditation at Horseshoe Lake, Shaker Hts. For information contact Kirby Date, <a href="mailto:kdate@sbrglobal.net">kdate@sbrglobal.net</a>.</td>
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<td>Book Club Meeting at the home of Anita Cohn. See page 12. Save the date!</td>
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<td>Sat., May 2</td>
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<td>Bat Mitzvah of Rachael Raddock at Ratner. Parsha: Acts/10 Mitz-Kedushim.</td>
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