

Kol HaLev Happenings

Newsletter of Cleveland's Reconstructionist Community

August 2010

The High Holy Days Are Early!

Rosh HaShanah begins the evening of September 8, and *S'lichot* observance is even before Labor Day, on Saturday evening, September 4.

High Holy Day information and registration packets will be mailed to members during the second week of August. Please contact the Kol HaLev office *immediately* if you do not receive your packet by August 20. (216-320-1498 or judy@kolhalev.net)

The High Holy Days are one of the times during the year when Kol HaLev draws together to reaffirm our community and to welcome others who would like to join us during this season. This year, on the first day of Rosh HaShanah we will have a **community potluck luncheon**, followed by the **Tashlich service**. Maps to the site will be available before services.

Watch for additional High Holy Day information on the Kol HaLev website (www.kolhalev.net) and in special High Holy Day e-mail updates.

New Members

B'ruchim haba'im

Please welcome our new members

Dan and Nan Arian

We look forward to seeing you at future
Kol HaLev events

Kol HaLev Elul Institute 5770

All Kol HaLev members are invited to begin preparations for the High Holy Day period with this three-session workshop on dealing with the challenges of prayer, based on the book, *Making Prayer Real*, by Rabbi Mike Comins and a host of other contemporary spiritual teachers.

The sessions will take place on Monday, August 16, and Monday, August 23, from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. and on Saturday evening, September 4, as part of our *S'lichot* observance at Ratner. Please watch the Weekly Update for information on location for the first two sessions and please see Rabbi Steve's column for further details on the contents of the book.

Bar Mitzvah

Please join us
as our son

Gabriel Hersch

is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah
Saturday, August 21 at 9:30 a.m.
The Ratner School

Celebrate with our family at a Kiddush
Luncheon. Entertainment with Manny the
Magician will follow lunch.

Chuck Hersch and Nina Glueckselig

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From Our President – Greg Selker

Continuing with the theme articulated in my last message, I want to take a look at where we are today, what we have accomplished, and also begin to identify some of the areas where there are gaps that need to be shored up within our community. I am going to separate my thoughts on our current state into two categories, which happen to be two of our values areas: Participation and Volunteerism, and Democratic and Fiscally Responsible.

Participation and volunteerism are certainly at the heart of our community. Nearly everything we do depends on our members volunteering their time and commitment. At this point, there are two volunteer commitments required annually of each KHL member-household. These are (1) hosting/co-hosting a kiddush, and (2) being a greeter or sadran at a service. Certainly, the planning, coordination, and implementation of our programming require far more participation than these two basic responsibilities. It is a credit to our community that we have a high degree of involvement in all these other areas. While we always could use more Torah leyners, we do have a solid core of individuals ready to chant Torah at Shabbat services. Similarly, one of the clear distinctions of our Hagiga educational program is both the number of volunteer teachers and their degree of commitment.

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Rabbinic Corner – Rabbi Steve Segar

There is an old Jewish joke that quips that the High Holy Days sometimes are early and sometimes are late, but they are never on time. This year, we can, without equivocation, affirm the early side of the spectrum. Erev Rosh HaShanah falls just two days after Labor Day, which means that we will have completed the entire fall holiday cycle by the end of September. Another implication of the holidays' early arrival this year is that the traditional month-long preparation period, the Hebrew month of Elul, begins on August 11. This timing is no doubt a bit challenging, since our tradition calls upon us to begin serious reflection just at the moment when many of us will find ourselves enjoying the last opportunity for a bit of summer vacation.

In light of this tension, we will delay the beginning of our annual Elul Institute until the middle of August, by which time there may be a larger number of our membership available to participate in this process. We will be offering a three session mini-course this year on a topic that is relevant to many aspects of Jewish life, but especially to the High Holy Day period: the challenge of prayer in a modern context. Our study will be based on *Making Prayer Real*, a new book edited by Rabbi Mike Comins and with commentary from a wide range of contemporary teachers of Jewish spirituality, including our very own Rabbi Shawn Zevit.

The book is sub-titled “Why prayer is difficult and what to do about it,” and it really lives up to its promise by analyzing the many issues that make it hard for modern Jews to enter into the experience of prayer in general, and of Jewish prayer in particular. This analysis is followed by several chapters in which we hear many voices responding to these challenges from their own perspective and experience. The final section of the book is devoted to a wide range of spiritual practice suggestions that can help us begin to build our capacity for a meaningful relationship to prayer. We will not be able to do justice to the book as a whole within our three sessions, but we will have the opportunity to sample each section of the book. The first two sessions of the Elul Institute will take place on Monday evenings, August 16 and August 23. The third session will take place as part of our S’lichot observance on Saturday evening, September 4, at Ratner. Please watch the weekly update for the locations of the first two sessions.

Rabbi Steve

A Thank You Note to the entire Kol HaLev Community

I wanted to take this opportunity, as the last piece of my sabbatical comes to a conclusion, to thank you all for the support you have given in a variety of ways over the past 20 months which enabled me to complete the Master’s program at Case Western. I also wanted to thank the Board and the community as a whole for the very kind graduation gift, making it possible for Andy and me to enjoy a celebratory dinner at a great local restaurant. It is a privilege and a blessing for me to serve this community.

Rabbi Steve is available to meet with Kol HaLev members on a range of issues by appointment on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings. Please contact him by phone at the office (216-320-1498) or by email (rabbisteve@kolhalev.net) to schedule a meeting time.

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These are but two of the meaningful examples of how we as a community bring a high level of commitment and participation to Kol HaLev. In fact, the relative ease of planning and coordinating volunteer activity for these long-term and major programs and the growing cadre of individuals who want to take part in these activities is in contrast to the apparent difficulties in pinning down our members for specific dates to host/co-host kiddushim and sign-up for dates to be a greeter or sadran. In fact, at this point, we still have approximately 30 kiddushim dates that have not been assigned. Equally we have a low percentage of our services this year that have been assigned greeters or sadrans. In order for our community to function properly and to fulfill the intent of our programming, members need to be assigned to these tasks. These are the minimum requirements for participating in Kol HaLev, and all of us need to fulfill this in order for our community to be successful.

Turning to Democratic and Fiscally Responsible, I am pleased to report that at the beginning of our fiscal year, on July 1, 2010, three-quarters of our community had notified us of their level of dues commitment, with a total of \$152,629 committed, for an average of \$1174 per member household. It is the goal of most congregations across the Reform, Conservative and Reconstructionist movements that 75% or more of their budgeted expenses are raised through annual dues. Last year we collected \$156,000 in dues for our \$236,000 budgeted expenditures, a little more than 64% of our total budget. This meant we needed to raise an additional 34%, or \$86,000, through fundraising, donations and grants.

Last year, we met and exceeded all of our fundraising goals. In addition to the second year of contributions to the Sacred Space campaign, we had an end-of-year fundraising drive, Mishloach Manot at Purim, and the Silent Auction. We also collected slightly more dues than originally anticipated. Contributing as well to our good fortunes last year, we received a \$4000 reimbursement of penalties and taxes previously paid to RITA, the Regional Income Tax Authority. Combined with cost-cutting measures, the main one being distribution of our newsletter primarily by e-mail, these efforts all resulted in a surplus of \$9290 at the end of our fiscal year. This surplus is a testament to the generosity and commitment of our community, the great work of our treasurer, and also a little bit of luck.

However, we are now in a new fiscal year. Even though there are rumblings of an economic resurgence, our region typically is one of the last to experience economic growth. Many people are still facing hard times and difficult decisions, as evidenced by our slightly lower dues commitments this year as compared to last. Additionally, last year was the final year of our Sacred Space campaign. While there are some commitments that extend over three years, the majority of the Sacred Space fund has already been collected. This means that, as we did last year, we will need to make up a significant percentage of our annual budget through fundraising, donations and grants.

This is our fiscal reality. Although throughout our history our membership has been extraordinarily generous in terms of financially supporting our community, we do not raise sufficient money from our dues to cover our expenses. And, in comparison to many other communities and congregations, we raise approximately 10% less of our budget from our dues. Fundraising has been a staple part of our existence over the past five years, and, of necessity, will continue to be so for the foreseeable future. However, following the lead of many other communities, rather than having several small fundraising efforts or repeated emergency campaigns, it makes more sense to consolidate our efforts into one annual campaign. In fact, many Reconstructionist congregations plan for an annual campaign to coincide with the High Holy Days.

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These two values areas, Participation & Volunteerism and Democratic & Fiscally Responsible, contain not only our main obstacles, but also our main opportunities for growth as a community. Over the next three months, leading up to and after the High Holy Days, the Kol HaLev board will be reaching out to every member of the community with two phone calls, each with a different intent.

The first call prior to the High Holy Days will be to find out what is on your mind, how we may be of service, and to explore how your relationship with Kol HaLev may be made more meaningful during this year.

The second call, after the High Holy Days, will specifically focus on obtaining your contribution to Kol HaLev as part of our High Holy Days Annual Fundraising Drive. You will also be receiving a letter about this fundraising drive prior to the High Holy Days. Regardless of each member-household's financial wherewithal, it is our goal to have 100% of our community participate, even if it is only at the level of a *chai* donation, in what we expect will become an annual fundraising drive.

I look forward to speaking with you on the phone and participating with you in our community through the High Holy Days and the rest of the year.

Greg

Board Report

At the July 12 Board meeting the treasurer, Ami Kopstein, reported that there are \$18,000 of Sacred Space funds which can be carried over from the last fiscal year to help close the budget gap between projected income and expenses. In addition to funds from dues commitments, he anticipates a need to raise \$35,000 from various other sources over the coming year.

President Greg Selker instituted a new process for conducting discussions of important and/or contentious topics. Board members will need some practice to adhere to these guidelines.

Mimi Plevin-Foust presented proposed guidelines for setting up endowed and named funds. These recommendations are based on best practices of other congregations. Types of funds include tribute funds, and restricted and unrestricted endowment funds. Board members raised a number of questions that will be addressed in the next draft that will be distributed for discussion at the next Board meeting.

Kirby Date, outgoing chair of the YFE committee, presented an executive summary and took questions from members regarding the YFE's 2010 Long Range Plan for Youth and Family Education. The committee had three recommendations for immediate consideration. These include 1) that the Board commits to sustaining the Hagiga as an integral part of congregational life, 2) that the Educational Director's contract be renewed for two years, and 3) that the Board clarifies the policy for allocation of tuition and dues for those families with reduced annual contributions. The President will draft formal proposals for the first two recommendations for consideration at the next Board meeting. The third recommendation will require further clarification and should also include a process for relieving the Education Director of time-consuming administrative duties such as collecting tuition and making general calls about upcoming programming. The Board also needs to take on the issue of Hebrew language instruction for students who need such lessons.

The next Board meeting will be held August 17 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Linda Gross. All members are welcome.

Molly Berger

Hagiga Happenings

The month of Elul is just around the corner, a time when we dive into preparation for the High Holy Days and delve into much self-reflection as we are about to enter into another year. At Kol HaLev we have been reflecting on our past year at Hagiga and also giving the coming year a great deal of thought. Because our congregation is reaching the milestone of its eighteenth year, we are adopting “life” as our theme. As many of you know, in Hebrew gematria the number eighteen is often expressed as “chai” and equated with life.

How do we study life? We will be doing so in four different ways, which will be covered in four 4-week units throughout the year. Each unit is inspired by a text, which highlights a different dynamic of life through a Jewish lens.

It is a tree of life to those who hold fast to it, and all of its supporters are happy. – Proverbs 3:18

The first unit of the year will be *Etz Chayim Hi* – The Torah as the Tree of Life. We will look at the *parshat hashavuah*, the weekly Torah portion, through a Reconstructionist lens.

More than Jews have kept Shabbat, Shabbat has kept the Jews. – Ahad Ha’am

Our second unit will focus on Shabbat, as it has kept us as Jews alive throughout our history. There will be a special hands-on project to enhance our Shabbat experience.

I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day: I have put before you life and death, blessing and curse. Choose life – if you and your offspring would live. – Deuteronomy 30:19

This verse is the theme of the last 2 units, encompassing the second half of the year. In the third unit, we will focus on “choosing life” and look at what the tradition states about making choices, especially when encountering ethical dilemmas. One interpretation of this verse is that by choosing life, you will receive blessings. In this vein, blessings will be our fourth and final unit of the year.

It should be a very exciting year! What could be more fun than celebrating a birthday, especially 18? Please look in your mail for information about Hagiga for this coming year. If you did not receive an information packet, please let me know. Also, if you have any special ideas that you would like to contribute or any questions, I would love to hear from you.

I hope you are enjoying your summer!

Robyn

Hanukkat HaBayit Invitation

Please join Karly Whitaker, Steven Kanner and Mira
for an open house and Hanukkat HaBayit to celebrate their new home at
1171 Sylvania in Cleveland Heights
Sunday, August 29 from 4-8 p.m.
Mezuzah hanging, approximately 5 p.m.

RSVP 216-382-3348

Tishri Membership

Our Tishri membership is a warm and welcoming way to invite non-members to share the month of Tishri and the High Holy Days with us. A description of what a Tishri membership includes is in your High Holy Day packet. If you know anyone who would be interested, please contact the Kol HaLev office at 216-320-1498 or judy@kolhalev.net

High Holy Day Prayer Books

Kol HaLev members are expected to purchase their own mahzorim (prayer books). Those that KHL owns are reserved for Tishri members and guests. Mahzors may be purchased from the Reconstructionist Press (go to www.jrf.org and pull down the Book Store menu) or by contacting Beverly Vitek at JRF (bvitek@jrf.org or 215-885-5601, ext. 29)

A group discount may be available. If you are interested in participating in the KHL group purchase, contact Leah Kamionkowski (216-464-2940 or Leah@bepure.com) *before August 6*.

High Holy Days Children's Programming

All children's programming on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur will begin at 10:30 a.m.. Tot-Parent programming will take place at 11:00. It is very important that parents bring **games, toys, and books** to Ratner for children to use when they are not in services. Parents are also asked to bring **parve snacks and beverages** for the Ratner babysitting area. Remembering these items to share is a demonstration of caring.

Breaking the Fast Invitation

Kol HaLev would like to invite you to a potluck dinner in a member's home for the Break-the-Fast meal after Yom Kippur services. If you are interested, please indicate this on your registration form, and please also indicate whether you prefer an early meal or one that begins after the conclusion of the N'ilah service. You will be notified about which host home to contact.

High Holy Day Information Tables

Any team leader or other member who would like to display or distribute information on tables set up for the High Holy Days should contact Phyllis Maris (home: 216-932-7176, cell: 216-213-3014 or phyllismaris@gmail.com). Mazon envelopes will be available on the information table for those wishing to make a financial contribution to alleviate hunger.

High Holy Day Flower Fund

The High Holy Days are an appropriate time to honor loved ones and memorialize those who are no longer with us. A contribution in honor or in memory of someone can provide for flowers to grace our bima, thereby enhancing the beauty of our services.

Please mail your donation, along with a note about your loved one, to Kol HaLev, 2245 Warrensville Center Road, Suite 215, University Heights, OH 44118. All donations will be acknowledged in the November newsletter.

Jewish Themes at the Cleveland Museum of Art: A Guided Tour

On Sunday, August 22, the KHL Women's Group is sponsoring a brunch and docent-guided tour focusing on Jewish themes at the Cleveland Museum of Art. **Spouses and friends are welcome.**

Participants will meet for brunch at the Museum of Art entrance lobby at 12:30 p.m. The guided tour will begin at 2 p.m. Please RSVP to Irene Immerman (irene_immerman@keybank.com) to indicate if you will be coming to the brunch or the guided tour or both.

Join a TGIS Potluck Dinner

In August our TGIS (Thank Goodness It's Shabbat) home potluck dinners will be on Saturday, August 14. Many people have requested that we gather on a Saturday evening occasionally. It's the same opportunity to celebrate Shabbat with other KHL members in smaller groups, but this time the focus will be on the end of Shabbat rather than the beginning. Havdalah is a lovely ceremony to include.

If you have never tried a TGIS dinner, now is a good time. If you would like to be a host or a guest, please let us know. Hosts decide how many guests they would like, and then we match guests and hosts. Hosts may also invite their own choice of guests. All meals are potluck. It is easy and enjoyable. All KHL members and their families are invited, and we hope everyone will participate.

Hosts and guests: please RSVP to Anita Cohn (iccohn@roadrunner.com or 440-446-9336) or to Judy Vida (judyvida@sbcglobal.net or 440-646-1390).

Hesed Committee Needs Your Support

The Hesed Committee is beginning an overhaul in order to provide immediate and ongoing support to members in need. Starting this fall, I will be the new Hesed chair. I will be working in conjunction with a monthly Hesed coordinator to meet members' needs in times of hardship, including meals, visits, shiva support, and childcare. However, this list is not all inclusive! We are also planning to offer ongoing support to members who need a ride, a visit, or temporary assistance in any area. We will be calling on members who have expressed interest in helping with this area in the past as well as other and or newer members who find Hesed resonates for them. This is still a work in progress so please feel free to send me your suggestions and comments: janealogsdon@gmail.com Thank you in advance for supporting the Hesed revitalization.

Jane Arnoff Logsdon

Hesed

Condolences to Allan and Sandy Rosenfield on the loss of Allan's mother, Olive Rosenfield R'fuah sh'leymah, a complete and speedy recovery, from cataract surgery to Lee Brooker

Chug HaSefer – Book Discussion Circle

The book group will meet on Thursday, August 26, at 7:30 p.m. at Peter Gray and Judy Vida's home to discuss *Rabbis and Wives* by Chaim Grade. This collection of three novellas, translated from Yiddish, portrays Jewish life in pre-World War II Lithuania.

The book for the September 30 meeting will be *The Invisible Wall* by Harry Bernstein.

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

All KHL members are welcome to attend.

Kol HaLev Kvells

Mazel tov to Mario Tonti, who has received the 2010 Mandel Center Leadership in Nonprofit Management Award for his work as president of Beechbrook.

Your Kol HaLev Credit Card...Don't Leave Home Without It !!

In addition to all the benefits that the KHL credit card provides for both you and the congregation, one more plus has turned up: If you are traveling abroad (even just to Canada), there is no foreign transaction fee for purchases made with the KHL credit card. Other credit card companies charge as much as 3 per cent of the purchase, but Capital One does not add an extra charge. Your purchase goes through at the current exchange rate without any extra fees.

Contributions

Kol HaLev gratefully acknowledges the following contributions:

- Ruth Ness to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund in honor of Rabbi Steve's graduation
- Happy Wallach in honor of Barb Truitt's new granddaughter, Maya Rose
- Nancy Rubel and Dan Klein in commemoration of the *yahrzeit* of Herbert Rubel, Nancy's father
- Mario and Roberta Tonti in celebration of their children's new endeavors (Matthew and Julie to study at the Hartman Institute in Israel, and Jenni to UC Berkeley for an MBA), and in commemoration of the *yahrzeit* of Albert L.Dangler, Roberta's father
- Nancy Dudwick in commemoration of the *yahrzeit* of her father, Harry Abraham Dudwick

Have fun! This is your chance to be a

Greeter or Sadran

Greeters will open the main front door, welcome all members and guests, and direct them to the suitable location.

Sadrans will stand at the door in the chapel or sanctuary, welcome members and guests, give them appropriate materials (Siddur, Machzor, handouts, etc.), and, if necessary, direct them to where they can be seated.

Being a greeter or sadran is an annual obligation of each member, as voted on by the Board. This is fulfilled on a fiscal year basis (July 1 – June 30). We need everyone's help to carry on KHL'S tradition of being a welcoming community.

We still have many dates left for greeters and sadrans. Below are the dates that are still available. These are on a first-come, first-served basis so please email your top three choices. The dates are subject to change due to ceremonies or special events not known at this time

Please email Michael Immerman at mgimmerman@yahoo.com or call at 216-342-4180 to schedule to be a greeter or sadran. If you call, please leave a message with your top three choices. Guidelines will be e-mailed to you when your date is confirmed. **Important:** Indicate whether you are signing up to be a greeter or a sadran.

The following dates are still available (G = Greeter, S = Sadran):

S	Sat. Aug. 7, 2010	G	Sat. Feb. 5
S	Sat. Aug. 21	G, S	Fri. Feb. 25
G, S	Sat. a.m.. Sept. 4	G	Sat. Feb. 26
G, S	Sat 8 p.m. Sept. 4 (<i>S'lichot</i>)	G, S	Sat. Mar. 19
S	Sat. Sept. 18 (<i>Yom Kippur N'ilah</i>)	G, S	Fri. Mar. 25
S	Thurs. Sept. 23 (<i>Sukkot</i>)	G	Sat. Mar. 26
G	Fri. Sept. 24	G	Sat. Apr. 2
G, S	Wed. p.m. Sept. 29 (<i>Simchat Torah</i>)	G, S	Sat. Apr. 16
G, S	Thurs.a.m. Sept. 30 (<i>Simchat Torah</i>)	G	Tues. Apr. 19 (<i>Pesach</i>)
G, S	Sat. Oct. 2	G, S	Fri. Apr. 22
S	Sat. Oct. 16	G	Sat. Apr. 23
G, S	Fri. Oct. 22	G, S	Mon. Apr. 25
G, S	Sat. Oct. 23	G	Sat. Apr. 30
G	Sat. Nov. 20	G, S	Sat. May 7
G	Sat. Nov. 27	G, S	Sat. a.m. May 21
S	Sat. Dec. 4	G	Sat. 7 p.m. May 21 (<i>Lag B'omer</i>)
G	Sat. 5 p.m. Dec. 5 (<i>Chanukkah</i>)	G, S	Fri. May 27
S	Sat. Dec. 18	G, S	Sat. June 4
G	Sat. Jan. 8, 2011	G, S	Tues. June 7 (<i>Erev Shavuot</i>)
S	Sat. Jan. 15	G	Wed. June 8 (<i>Shavuot</i>)
G	Sat. Jan. 22	S	Sat. June 18
S	Fri. Jan. 28	G	Sat. June 25

SAVE THE DATE!



**Come One,
Come All**

Apple Picking at Eddy Fruit Farm

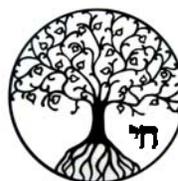
**Sunday, September 5
10 am-noon**

**Celebrate Rosh HaShanah
through your senses!**

**Contact Robyn for
more information**

HAGIGA OPENING FAMILY PROGRAM

**Sunday, September 12
1:00 - 3:00 pm
at The Ratner School**



**Come see what exciting
things are in line for this year
and participate in an
amazing community project.**

Hagiga Parent Meeting

**Sunday, October 3
3:00—5:00 pm
Beachwood Library**

**Come learn more about
Hagiga. Open to all who
are interested. For more
information contact Robyn.**



**Kol HaLev
Intergenerational
Shabbaton**

**Friday, April 8 -
Sunday, April 11**

**Celebrate KHL's 18 year
at Punderson State Park!**

Shabbat in the Park
Saturday, August 28

NEW LOCATION: Punderson State Park

11755 Kinsman Road – Route 87

Newbury, Ohio 44065

10:00 a.m. – Creative Morning Service

11:30 a.m. – Pot luck lunch

DIRECTIONS: From Ratner School, go west on Shaker Blvd. toward Brainard Road. Take the 1st left onto Brainard, then the 3rd left onto OH 87/ - S. Woodland. Continue on S. Woodland. Punderson State Park will be on your right.

Once in the Park, take the 2nd left and follow the sign to the Marina. Go down a twisty road and you will see the pavilion on the left side across from the Marina. If you get to the campground, you have gone too far.

Yahrzeits

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

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

Walter Chabot – father of Audrey Warner

John Date – father of Kirby Date

Harry Abraham Dudwick – father of Nancy Dudwick

Emanuel H. Hecht – father of Nancy Hecht

Edward Katz – father of Barbara Epstein

Irving Louis Landau (Yehuda Lev Landau) – father of Susan Golden

Lily Brunschwig Marks – mother of Phyllis Maris

Lewis Weidenbaum – father of Kevin Weidenbaum

AUGUST 2010 KOL HALEV CALENDAR

Thursday 6 Last day to participate in KHL group purchase of High Holy Day Prayer Books; call Leah Kamionkowski ([216-464-2940](tel:216-464-2940) or Leah@bepure.com)

Saturday 7 10:15 a.m. - **Shabbat Service** preceded by Torah discussion at 9:30 a.m. at Ratner Chapel; *Re'eh*; Service Leader: Rabbi Steve; Torah discussion leader: Kevin Weidenbaum; Kiddush co-hosted by Kevin and Sue Weidenbaum and by Lee Brooker

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- Saturday 14 **TGIS Potluck Dinner --**
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- Monday 16 7:30-9:00 p.m. – **Elul Study**; location TBA
- Tuesday 17 7:30 p.m. – **Board Meeting** at the home of Linda Gross, 3252 Richmond Road, Beachwood, 216-514-1222; All Kol HaLev members are welcome
- Saturday 21 9:30 a.m. - **Shabbat Service and Bar Mitzvah of Gabriel Hersch** at Ratner Chapel; *Ki Tetze*; Service leaders: Rabbi Steve and Gabe; kiddush hosted by Chuck Hersch and Nina Glueckselig
- Sunday 22 12:30 p.m. – **Women’s Group Brunch at the Cleveland Museum of Art**
2:00 p.m. – **Guided Tour**
- Sunday 22 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – **Madrichim Meeting** at Ratner
- Monday 23 7:30-9:00 pm – **Elul Study**; location TBA
- Wednesday 25 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. - **Mindful Jewish Practice** at the home of Maureen Dinner. 249 Blossom Lane, Moreland Hills, 440-914-0404, maureendinner@gmail.com.
- Thursday 26 7:30 p.m. – **Book Discussion Group** at the home of Judy Vida and Peter Gray, 5246 Dogwood Trail, Lyndhurst, 440-646-1390
- Friday 27 8:00 p.m. – **Kabbalat Shabbat** at Ratner Chapel; Oneg co-hosted by Robin Holzman in memory of her father and by Barb Truitt
- Saturday 28 10:00 a.m. – **Shabbat in the Park** at Punderson Lake Park; *Ki Tavo*; Service leaders: Robin Shell and Rachel Williams; kiddush co-hosted by Shawn and Simcha Zevit in honor of Simcha’s birthday and by Cj Tune and Jennie Graham in honor of their wedding

Please join us Saturday, August 28 for a potluck lunch following Shabbat Services. The dishes should be vegetarian/dairy or pareve and SHOULD NOT CONTAIN NUTS. 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.

A-H - Dessert or Drink

I-P - Main Dish

Q-Z – Appetizer Salad

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