

# Kol HaLev Happenings

The Newsletter of Cleveland's Reconstructionist Jewish Community

DECEMBER 2018

## KOL HALEV ANNUAL INTERGENERATIONAL HANUKKAH POTLUCK & PARTY

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## DECEMBER SERVICES SCHEDULE

This year, as every year, Ratner's closure for winter break will cause some variations in our December services schedule.

Please note that only the Shabbat services for December 1 and 15 will be held at Ratner. Services on December 8, 22 and 29 will be held at the home of member Anita Cohn. There is no Friday night Kabbalat Shabbat in December.

## SAVE THE DATE!

### Kol Halev's Bi-Annual SHABBATON

WHEN: **April 5-7, 2019**

WHERE: **The Lodge** at Geneva-on-the-Lake

More information coming soon!

## RECONSTRUCTING JUDAISM CONVENTION

Coverage of our first convention in 8 years, which drew past and current Kol HaLev members, begin on page 3.



Rabbi Steve catches up with former Kol HaLev member Fran Zamore and Kol HaLev founding rabbi Jeff Schein.

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**JANUARY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: MONDAY DECEMBER 17**

## LIGHTS IN THE DARKNESS: RECONSTRUCTIONISM, COMMUNITY, AND FIRST FULL GATHERING OF THE MOVEMENT IN 8 YEARS



**Rabbi Steve (lef) lead the Havdalah service with Camp Hayava people**

As we come up to the celebration of Hanukkah this year, I am feeling especially appreciative of this annual opportunity to cultivate openness to the emergence of light at a time of darkness. In many ways, our world seems darker than it has in a while. There is no shortage of events and trends to cause worry and consternation. And yet, these very challenges have themselves in turn driven the emergence of new and renewed sources of light in our society and our world.

One source of light which I had the good fortune to experience along with nine Kol HaLev members (some of their accounts of the experience will follow mine) was our recent Reconstructing Judaism movement convention in Philadelphia. It had been eight years since the most recent one was held; a time gap that was attributed to the complex and careful process of reframing the institutional infrastructure of our movement, which prevented any focus on other large and energy-intensive processes such as organizing an international convention for 700 people. But coming together with hundreds of other members of our movement, rabbis and lay leaders and also those who were simply curious to learn

more about our approach, was a tremendous spiritual shot in the arm, both for myself, and I would imagine too for the other members of our Kol HaLev delegation.

Over the course of those several days together, I was reminded in very concrete ways, why Reconstructionism is such an inspiring and engaging approach to Jewish life. There were many thoughtful and thought-provoking conversations around topics such as the dynamics of white privilege within our broader society as well as within the Jewish community, envisioning future forms of Jewish practice and the extent to which they will or should continue to reflect the decisions made by the post-Temple rabbinic tradition, and the challenges posed by the unavoidable presence of societal politics within our congregations, to name just a few of the rich range of options that were offered.

Besides the fascinating conversations, there was a lot of really wonderful music. There was everything from an incredible choral group that attended from our sister community in Atlanta, to the dynamic duo of Jewish bluegrass called Nefesh Mountain who put on an amazing performance on Saturday night, to the many individual members of our movement who sang and played both original music and well-loved standards both in the context of worship services as well as in late-night café style presentations.

All in all, attending convention felt like a powerful preparation for and embodiment of the central theme of the holiday of Hanukkah. My hope is that those of us who were able to attend will have the opportunity to share some of the light we experienced with the rest of our community in the coming weeks.

Wishing everyone a festive, inspiring and light-filled Hanukkah!  
Rabbi Steve



**Eric Lindberg and Doni Zasloff of Nefesh Mountain (lef) with Rabbis Micah and Shawn, mainstays of the Reconstructionist musical community, pitching in.**

Additional convention coverage by Barb Truitt, Barbara Epstein and Lila Hanft, with additional photos, begin on [page 7](#).

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## Operation Warm Up



Items most needed: Hats (xl), hoodies (2xl-4xl), waterproof gloves (xl), coats (2xl-5xl), new packaged underwear, new winter socks, waterproof winter boots.

See flyer for more details.

Please bring :

- Your favorite instrument
- your family's hanukkiyah for our communal lighting
- A potluck dish (parve or dairy & nut-free) to serve 10-12 people

A-G Dessert or Drink  
H-M Main Dish  
N-R Salad or Side Dish  
S-Z Latkes

Service Projects for St. Herman's House of Hospitality, Kol HaLev Hesed, Cleveland APL, Rainbow Babies NICU, MetroHealth Pediatrics, Council Gardens and many more

**Questions? Contact Robyn [robyn@kolhalev.net](mailto:robyn@kolhalev.net) or 216-320-1498**

## HESED

We send wishes for a *refuah shleimah*, a complete and speedy healing, to **Allen Binstock and Judy Lipton; Anita Cohn; Lila Hanft; Frank Maris; Pam Millas; Pauline Raymond; Michal Scher-Marcus; and Eda Weiss.** *We would love to hear from you if you or another Kol HaLev member you know of would like to be included on this list.*

Thanks to **Mimi Plevin-Foust**, who was the November Monthly Coordinator. During the month, members provided rides, meals, sent cards and attended shiva gatherings.

Hesed supports Kol HaLev members with inclusion in Misheberach prayers, occasional meals delivered to members' homes, rides, cards, phone calls, shiva assistance, visits and service as monthly coordinators.

Join us in offering acts of loving kindness that acknowledge times of joy and challenge in each other's lives. Sign up at [LotsOfHelpingHands](#).

**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.

## YAHARZEITS

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

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

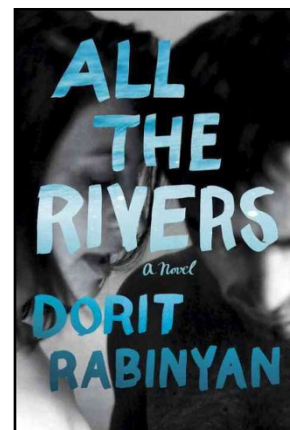
- Charles Edward May-Grandfather of Chip May
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- Betty Bass – Mother of Toby Trevis
- Irene Satin – Mother of Elana Richter
- Adolph Kohn- – Father of Ron Kohn
- Ruth Ness – Mother of Leah Gilbert
- Joseph Peter Vainner Jr. – Father of Joseph Vainner
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- Julius Kelman – Father-in-law of Anna Kelman
- Eli Samplin Marks – Father of Phyllis Maris
- Jo Hana Goldberg – Daughter of Judy Vida
- Mollie Flax May – Grandmother of Chip May
- Aida Bound – Grandmother of Miriam Geronimus
- Joseph Shutkin – Father of David Shutkin

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

## HUG HASEFER: BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

The December meeting is Thursday, December 27, at the home of Selma and Ralph Gwatkin. We will discuss *All the Rivers: A Novel* by Dorit Rabinyan. (287 pages, a Kindle version is available).

A preview from Amazon: When Liat meets Hilmi on a blustery autumn afternoon in Greenwich Village, she finds herself unwillingly drawn to him. Charismatic and handsome, Hilmi is a talented young artist from Palestine. Liat, an aspiring translation student, plans to return to Israel the following summer. Despite knowing that their love can be only temporary, that it can exist only away from their conflicted homeland, Liat lets herself be enraptured by Hilmi: by his lively imagination, by his beautiful hands and wise eyes, by his sweetness and devotion.



Together they explore the city, sharing laughs and fantasies and pangs of homesickness. But the unfettered joy they awaken in each other cannot overcome the guilt Liat feels for hiding him from her family in Israel and her Jewish friends in New York. As her departure date looms and her love for Hilmi deepens, Liat must decide whether she is willing to risk alienating her family, her community, and her sense of self for the love of one man.

Banned from classrooms by Israel's Ministry of Education, Dorit Rabinyan's remarkable novel contains multitudes. A bold portrayal of the strains—and delights—of a forbidden relationship, *All the Rivers* (published in Israel as *Borderlife*) is a love story and a war story, a New York story and a Middle East story, an unflinching foray into the forces that bind us and divide us. "The land is the same land," Hilmi reminds Liat. "In the end all the rivers flow into the same sea."

**We will not be meeting in January and February.** The book for March will be announced in the March Newsletter. Our calendar of books for 2019 will be posted near the end of December at the website named below.

All Kol HaLev members are welcome to attend the book group. For more information about the group, including a calendar of our readings for the year, 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.

## CONTRIBUTIONS

Kol HaLev gratefully acknowledges these contributions:

- **Arnold Berger** in memory of Jayne Jones
- **Marsha Frauenthal** in memory of Jayne Jones
- **Michael Freas** in memory of Ami Kopstein
- **Arthur Lieberman** in memory of Jayne Jones
- **Bellamy Printz and John & Celia Lewis** in commemoration of the *yahrzeit* of their husband and father, Ben Lewis
- **Rabbi Jeff & Debbie Schein** in memory of Ami Kopstein
- **David & Hilary Silver** in honor of their visit on Shabbat and being welcomed by the community

*Make a donation to Kol HaLev in honor of a simcha, in memory of a loved one, in commemoration of a *yahrzeit*, or just because. You can donate by check or online, whichever is more comfortable and convenient for you. Find out how at [http://kolhalev.net/giving\\_opportunities](http://kolhalev.net/giving_opportunities).*

## MUSIC, RUACH, STORYTELLING AND SHARING

by Barb Truitt

The Reconstructing Judaism was an energizing event. Music, ruach, storytelling, learning, meeting new friends and rediscovering old ones. At one meal, a man sat down next to Margy and they started talking. They quickly realized that he had stayed at her house when she lived in Israel! She is still using the cups he gave them. That is the kind of event we went to - where old friends can meet and new ones are made. We all came away with new stories, new friends and new melodies and songs lifting our spirits.

Tamar Kamionkowski, professor at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical college (and daughter of Kol HaLev member Leah Kamionkowski) has published a new book on Leviticus and she led a workshop in which she was able to describe the book and to offer some insights into this book of the Torah. The room was filled with rabbis who had come to hear her, including Rabbi Arthur Waskow.

Shabbat services were truly amazing with a large ballroom filled with people and song. There were four different Shacharit services to choose from, and then we all joined together for the Torah service. Each was filled with music and fellowship. The hotel staff commented on how very incredible it was, so you can imagine how we felt!



**Dancing during a Nefesh Mountain jam session, with Rabbis Shawn and Micah.**

Nefesh Mountain is an amazing group of musicians who have written new Jewish liturgical bluegrass songs. They spend a week at Camp Havayah, so if you have a camper in your family, they may know them. Imagine attending a workshop with 15-20 others with this group! They described their creative process and how much they have been helped by others in addition to playing a few of their songs. They shared with us a song that they wrote the day after the shootings in Pittsburgh. You can hear it on-line at <https://bluegrasstoday.com/the-tree-of-life-video-from-nefesh-mountain/> and also read there what they wrote. They will be performing a fundraising concert for those impacted by the shooting at Tree of Life.

The workshops ranged from candle making to Kaplan, with a heavy dose of Tikkun Olam and how-to-do and best practice sessions on community life and workings. There were workshops on advancing health care justice, disability and inclusion, ecoJudaism, Spiritual Activism, recognizing systemic white privilege, food justice, the sanctuary movement, and many more. There were ten of us from Kol HaLev and it was rare to see another Kol HaLev member in the same workshop! Fran Zamore led two workshops, Deb Schein and Rabbi Jeff Schein led workshops as did Rabbi Shawn Zevit. It was good to see them all again.



I certainly hope that we don't have to wait as long for another convention as we did for this one. When there is another convention, try very hard to attend. You will be very glad that you did!

## CONVENTION FULL OF POSITIVE ENERGY, NEW AND OLD FRIENDS

by Barbara Epstein

I attended the Reconstructionist (now called "Reconstructing Judaism") convention in Philadelphia November 15-18 along with Rabbi Steve and seven other Kol HaLev members. It was the largest Kol HaLev attendance ever at what was the first convention in 8 years. Lots of interesting, thought-provoking workshops and panels led by knowledgeable, caring presenters. Lots of positive energy and interesting, friendly people. Some of the

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presentations were practical from a congregational perspective, some were on how to live our Jewish values, and some were more scholarly such as a feminist take on Leviticus. It was also good to spend time, along with many others of us from Kol HaLev, with former KH members Rabbi Jeffrey and Deb Schein and Rabbis Simcha and Shawn Zevit. I also enjoyed being with other Reconstructionists, including a number of people that I have met at previous conventions and other Reconstructionist gatherings.

Two sessions that I found particularly meaningful: One was on Jewish speech ethics presented by Rabbi David Teusch of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College; the other was about what is being and can be done to combat anti-Semitism, presented by two women who work at different local agencies that dealt with this issue. Hopefully there will be another convention in two years and many of us will be able to attend.



## RADICAL INCLUSION AND OPEN TENTS

by Lila Hanft

As co-presidents, Halle Barnett and I spend much of the first day of the convention in sessions that made up the “presidents’ track,” which covered topics such as leadership development, fundraising, healthy communication, and security. These were informative and worthwhile, but they didn’t move me, not the way I saw other people being moved by the sessions they were attending (Barb, who went to musical sessions, was glowing every time I caught a glimpse of her). Finally, Friday afternoon I was standing with Rabbi Steve at the door of a session on Rabbinic Evaluation when I was drawn to drumming and singing in the room next door. I peeked in and saw a room filling with a diverse crowd, including the first rabbinical students and Jews of color I’d encountered at the convention: They turned out to be Koach, a trans African-American rabbinical student, was drumming and while a African-American rabbi, Sandra Lawson, led incoming audience members in a round of “I Stand Here Ready/ Veahavta l’Reyacha Kamocha.” As I reluctantly returned to the door to Rabbinic Evaluation, Rabbi Steve said, “You should go to that if you want to.” And I did. And it changed the course of the convention for me.

The session itself, entitled “Critically Radically Inclusive Jewish Communities,” was terrific, beginning with a discussion of the biblical underpinnings of diversity (the “b’tselem elohim/created in God’s image” and mixed multitudes” passages) through the Talmud and Rambam, with a particular eye to passages about the “convert” and the “stranger” (as someone in the audience said, “I may not look traditionally Jewish, but I’m no longer a stranger or a convert; I am a Jew.”). We discussed what feels like, from our own experiences, to feel welcomed and accepted by a group of strangers.

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**Rabbi Sandra’s Critically Radically Inclusive Jewish Community workshop seminar. Lila’s sitting up front, far left, between a newly-minted gay cantor and a congregational president she’d met before who. it transpired, was trans.**



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Even more appealing than the content and leadership of the charismatic Rabbi Sandra was the positive energy in the room, created by diversity of age, sexual orientation, gender orientation, race and ethnicity. People spoke frankly about their experiences of feeling welcomed and not so welcomed, with audience members who often hear “You don’t look Jewish!” (because they vary in some way in appearance from the standard Ashkenazi look) asking that congregations welcome them for as they are, for themselves, taking the time to get to know them. “Don’t let your curiosity about what it’s like to be a Black Jew or a trans Jew dominate your interaction with me. Get to know me as a person,” one person said.

This was the last session I attended before Shabbat, when the programming became looser, with an emphasis on eating, singing, talking, relaxing and praying. But suddenly I was alert to the openness of our (Reconstructionists’ tents, and the “mixed multitudes” who find shelter within them. I began to notice, in addition to the enthusiastic rabbinical students (who could be seen high-fiving Reconstructionist professorial rock star Rabbi David Teutsch as he left the bima), the beaming presence of former Camp Hayava (formerly Camp JRF) campers who were there in force (some of those young, energetic people appear [in this video](#)).

There was, of course, much reference to the Pittsburgh shootings, and I found it heartening that at a time when other sectors of the larger Jewish community are thinking of ways to hunker down and arm themselves, our movement remained concerned with the need to be open to and in dialogue with the wider world, to make sure that our communities understand and respect cultural difference and still welcome strangers.



**Behind this front row of rabbinical students, you can glimpse Steve, Lila, Karly and Margy, enjoying the positive energy and getting ready to rock out with Nefesh Mountain after Havdalah.**



## KIDDUSH SIGN-UP: **THANK YOU!** ONLY A FEW SLOTS REMAIN

**Thank you to everyone who has already signed up to host a kiddush. There are few slots remaining. If you have yet to sign up, please do so before the Dec. 31 deadline.**

### What is kiddush hosting?

Kiddush — the blessing over wine and challah, plus a little food — follows every Kol HaLev service, but it's not just for people who come to services. Kiddush is its own event, a unique community moment when all members — service goers, non-service goers, parents picking up children from Hagiga, people coming in join an afternoon Mindful Jewish Practice or Adult Ed session, or someone who is just in need of an hour of friendly socializing — are invited to eat, catch up with friends, or sit down and get to know someone new. **Hosting one Kiddush a year is part of what it means to be a Kol HaLev member.**

### What's new in kiddush signup:

- We're launching a kiddush sign-up campaign.
- Choose a date to host kiddush by December 31, 2018.
- If you haven't signed up by December 31, you'll be notified that a Kiddush date has been assigned to you.
- Once you've chosen a date (or had one assigned to you), you're responsible for finding a substitute. Contact Audrey Warner or Karly Whitaker if you need assistance.

Hosting kiddush is an important a member experience. You can:

- Make new friends by co-hosting with so someone you don't know well
- Choose a date near a birthday or other simcha and celebrate it with the Kol Halev community.
- Make it as simple or as a fancy as you'd like.
- Team up with someone who complements your strengths and limitations (someone who can grocery shop if you can pay their share of groceries, or vice versa).
- Enjoy the gratitude of everyone who comes to kiddush

### Available Dates:

At the time of this email. For the newest info, visit the online sign-up.

*(H)=Hagiga in session, so more people are in attendance and two (2) cohorts are recommended. All other services can be done by one host (1)=one member has signed up but another co-host is still needed.*

January 2019:

**Jan. 5** Shabbat Service (H) (1)

February 2019:

**Feb. 9** Shabbat Service

April 2019

**Apr. 20** Shabbat & Pesach Service (2)

**Apr. 27** Shabbat & Pesach Service

June 2019

**Jun. 29** Shabbat Service

July 2019

**Jul. 6** Shabbat Service

**Jul. 13** Shabbat Service

**Jul. 26** Kabbalat Shabbat Service in member's home

**Jul. 27** Shabbat Service

[Click here to sign up online using Sign-Up Genius](#)

If you don't like signing up online, Deb in the Kol HaLev office (216) 320-1498 can do it for you.

Members will receive email and phone call if a kiddush date has been assigned to them.

Reminder emails will go out prior to hosting date with complete information about hosting kiddush.

Have questions? Want to talk privately about hosting kiddush? Contact [Audrey Warner](#) or [Karly Whitaker](#)

# OPERATION *Donate to* Warm Up

A community collection of winter clothing items for those in need.

We are collecting:

- Adult waterproof winter coats, gloves and boots
- New packaged socks and underwear for men, women & children
- Winter hats for men, women & children
- Adult Hoodies (2XL and up)



For more info:  
216.378.2204

[www.ncjwcleveland.org](http://www.ncjwcleveland.org)

**Dropoff bin the Kol HaLev chapel by the piano**

Operation Warm Up is a partnership between:



# CALENDAR

Sat., Dec. 1	9:15-10:30 a.m.	Philosophical Inquiry (5th - 7th graders)
	9:30-10:30 a.m.	Torah Study. Leader: Rabbi Steve
	10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Hagiga
	10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Shabbat Service at Ratner with Potluck Kiddush. <i>Haye Sarah</i> ; Service Leader: Rabbi Steve; kiddush sponsors: Art and Sue Biaganti.
	10:45-11:15 a.m.	Tot Parent Shabbat
Sun., Dec. 2	10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Nesiya at Beth El the Heights Synagogue
	7:30-9:00 p.m.	<p><b>Hanukkah Intergenerational Party and Potluck at Ratner.</b> Celebrate the first night of Hanukkah with Kol HaLev. There will be activities for all ages including service projects, singing, music, dreidel, crafts, &amp; games! The theme is "Bringing light to others by acts of kindness." Please bring winter clothing donations for Operation Warm Up (see flyer on page 11 to see what items are needed).</p> <p>Please bring: Your favorite instrument, your family's hanukkiah for our communal lighting and a potluck dish (parve or dairy &amp; nut-free) to serve 10-12 people. Potluck assignments: <b>A-G</b> Dessert or Drink <b>H-M</b> Main Dish <b>N-R</b> Salad or Side Dish <b>S-Z</b> Latkes</p>
Mon., Dec. 3	7:30-9:00 p.m.	Executive Committee Meeting
Wed., Dec. 5	7:30-9:30 p.m.	Shabbat Practices Group Meeting at the home of Barb T.
Sat., Dec. 8	10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Shabbat Service at the home of Anita C. <i>Mikeitz</i> ; Service leader: Rabbi Steve Segar; Kiddush sponsors: Donna and Dick Weinberger
Sun., Dec. 9	7:30-8:30 a.m.	Rosh Hodesh Walking Meditation at Horseshoe Lake, Shaker Heights. More information at <a href="https://roshchodeshcleveland.wordpress.com/">https://roshchodeshcleveland.wordpress.com/</a>
	10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Nesiya at Beth El the Heights Synagogue
	7:00-9:00 p.m.	Kol HaLev Singing group at the home of Pam M. Members are invited to a monthly Kol HaLev drop-in singalong group, on the second Sunday of each month. Anyone who is available on any particular month is welcome to join us. Bring instruments and a copy of Pete Seeger's "Rise Up Singing" if you have it!
	7:30-9:00 p.m.	Mini Series Session III at the home of Eric & Sue K. The third and final session on Jewish views on the afterlife, led by Rabbi Steve. RSVPs are requested but not required. If you are able to do so, please email Adult Education Committee Chair, Alan Federman, at <a href="mailto:alanf7010@gmail.com">alanf7010@gmail.com</a> and let him know of your plans to attend
Mon., Dec. 10	<b>RESCHEDULED: Board Meeting</b> planned for this night will take place on Mon., Dec. 17.	
Sat., Dec. 15	9:15-10:30 a.m.	Philosophical Inquiry (5th - 7th graders)
	9:30-10:30 a.m.	Torah Discussion in Ratner Library. Leader: Leah Kamionkowski
	10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Hagiga
	10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Human Rights Shabbat Service at Ratner. <i>Vayigash</i> ; Service leaders: Allen Binstock and Rabbi Steve; Kiddush Sponsors: David & Connie Shutkin Friedman and Nancy Rubel & Dan Klein
	10:45-11:15 a.m.	Tot Parent Shabbat
	1:15-2:30	Mindful Jewish Practice

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Sun., Dec. 16	10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Nesiya at Beth El the Heights Synagogue
	5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Erev Iyyun for Community-wide Learning for Madrichim. Location: TBD. Contact Robyn for more information
Mon., Dec. 17	7:30-9:30	Board Meeting at the home of Karly W. All members are welcome to attend.
Sat., Dec. 22	10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Member Led Shabbat Service at the home of Anita C.; Vayishlach; Service leader: Bruce Fallick. Kddush sponsor: Maureen Dinner
Thu., Dec 27	7:30-9:00 p.m.	Book Club at the home of Selma and Ralph. We will discuss <i>All the Rivers: A Novel</i> by Dorit Rabinyan. See more on <a href="#">page 6</a>
Fri., Dec. 28	CANCELLED: Kabbalat Shabbat. It will resume in January.	
Sat., Dec. 29	10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Shabbat Service at the home of Anita C. Ratner. <i>Shemot</i> ; Service Leader: TBD. Kiddush sponsor: Robin Holzman.

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