

# Kol HaLev

Cleveland's Reconstructionist Jewish Community

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Dear Friends,

We are delighted to welcome you to Kol HaLev, Cleveland's Reconstructionist Jewish Community, for the High Holy Days. Join us for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services, or experience Kol HaLev more deeply by becoming a **High Holy Days Season Member**.

High Holy Days Season Members are welcomed as full members of our spirited, supportive community during the Hebrew months of Elul and of Tishri (sundown on Friday, August 10 - Monday, October 8), and are encouraged to attend ALL our services and programs – from meaningful, relevant Shabbat and High Holy Days services and adult learning sessions, to rousing children's education and intergenerational celebrations, festive communal meals, a special scholar-in-residence weekend, and much more. Our famous (!) Potluck Luncheon after services on the first day of Rosh Hashanah is a great opportunity to meet and talk informally with Kol HaLev members.

In this packet, you'll find a complete schedule of services, programming, and seasonal celebrations, information about the benefits of being a seasonal member, and details for registering.

To join us for all or part of the High Holy Days Season, **complete the enclosed registration form and submit with payment by August 27, 2018**. Full instructions are on the form. Please note that there is a modest fee for the Potluck Luncheon, that babysitting for children 1-4 years old is available for an additional fee, and that both the children's programming and childcare (for kids age 5 and up), while free, require reservations.

Should you choose to become a year-round member of Kol HaLev by Dec. 31, 2018, the cost of your High Holy Days Season Membership will be applied toward your annual membership dues.

If you have questions about Kol HaLev or the High Holy Days Season Membership, please email us at [welcome@kolhalev.net](mailto:welcome@kolhalev.net).

We look forward to celebrating with you. Best wishes for a *Shana Tova u'Metukah* – a good and sweet New Year!



Rabbi Steve Segar



Halle Barnett  
Co-President



Lila Hanft  
Co-President

# The High Holy Days at Kol HaLev 2018/5779

We look forward to coming together as a community for the services and celebrations that make up this important season of renewal and self-reflection.

Kol HaLev's High Holy Days season will get off to an inspiring start the weekend of *S'lichot*, when Rabbi Amy Eilberg will be the first scholar-in-residence in a new adult education program in memory of Dr. Maureen Hack. (Read more at [kolhalev.net](http://kolhalev.net)).

Everything you need to know about the High Holy Days is in the following pages. Some highlights:

## **MONDAY AUG. 27 is the registration deadline!**

Services are free for members, but please register so we can prepare effectively.

We have many options for non-members! We welcome all visitors to our High Holy Days services: members' friends; students attending local colleges; locals who are unaffiliated or who are shopping for a spiritual home; visitors from out of town, etc.

Guests age 25 and under or who have a current college ID may attend service for free; for adults over 25 there is a per-service cost, with a cap of \$120 per household – the same price as a full High Holy Days Season Membership! See more about this immersive opportunity on page 4.

It's always a delight to see so many friends on Rosh Hashanah. To minimize kitchen time, we ask all members to contribute a plate of ready-to-serve finger foods (dessert, fruit, veggies) to **ONE High Holy Day kiddush** (more info on the registration form). Thanks.

Best wishes for *L'Shana tova u'Metukah* -- a good and sweet New Year!

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Board Co-Presidents

## Services

### MEMBERS/MEMBER FAMILIES

Kol HaLev members and member families attend High Holy Day services at no charge. Please register (Section 1 on the registration form) so that we know how many people are coming and have enough service supplements, kiddush supplies, etc. on hand.

### GUESTS UNDER 25 OR WITH COLLEGE ID

All guests under the age of 25 or with a current college ID are welcome free of charge with registration (Section 2 on the registration form).

**GUESTS 25 OR OLDER** can attend one High Holy Day service for \$36 and two for \$72, with a maximum of \$120 per household, regardless of the number of members who attend. \$120 is also the cost of our **HIGH HOLY DAYS SEASON MEMBERSHIP**, a unique opportunity for interested families to get to know us a bit and enjoy two full months of Kol HaLev's programming. Learn more about it on page 4.

### FINANCIAL AID

If you have financial need that would make it difficult for you to celebrate the High Holy Days with us, please contact David Conn at [treasurer@kolhalev.net](mailto:treasurer@kolhalev.net). All conversations are confidential.



## High Holy Day Prayer Books

Kol HaLev uses *A Prayerbook for the Days of Awe*, the Reconstructionist High Holy Days *mahzor* (prayerbook). We own a few copies -- enough to offer guests and High Holy Days Season Members so that they feel welcome -- but not enough for our entire membership. Instead, most members bring their own copies with them to High Holy Day services. If you don't own your own copy, this is the right time to buy one. You can order a prayerbook at 40% off by following the instructions on our website at [kolhalev.net/order-high-holy-days-prayerbook](http://kolhalev.net/order-high-holy-days-prayerbook).

## Programming for Children of All Ages

### ENJOY PROGRAMS WITH PEERS. AGES 5-TEENS

Robyn Novick, our Education Director, and our *madrichim* (teachers) offer age-appropriate children's programs for kids in Kindergarten through Grade 9 or 10 on Rosh Hashanah Day 1 from 10:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m. (when they join the adults for the Shofar service) and from 10:30-12:30 p.m. on Yom Kippur.



### ATTEND SERVICES WITH PARENTS

Alternately, children and teens may sit in the auditorium with their parents during services.

Please help keep services welcoming and safe for the entire community by ensuring that your children are supervised at all times. **Children, regardless of age, may not roam the building unattended;** unattended teens may be pressed into work helping set up for or clean up from kiddush!

### BEFORE & AFTER CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Childcare, staffed by parent volunteers, is available in the library before and after children's programming from 9:30-10:30 a.m. and from 12:30-1:30 on Rosh Hashanah Day 1 and Yom Kippur. Parents, don't forget to sign up for a childcare shift yourselves if you use this volunteer-staffed service.

### BABYSITTING FOR CHILDREN 1-4 YEARS

Paid babysitting is available for children 1-4 years old whose parents would like to attend Rosh Hashanah (Day 1 only) or Yom Kippur morning services. The cost per day is \$10 for 1 child or \$18 for 2 or more. Sign up on the registration form and submit payment; fill out a babysitting waiver (page 8) which asks for details about your child(ren) and how to contact you during services. We don't offer babysitting for infants under one but parents and babies are welcome in the room.

## Holiday Meals

### ROSH HASHANAH LUNCHEON

Our well-attended lunch after Rosh Hashanah services celebrates our community as well as the New Year. Everyone brings a dish to share (and pays a modest fee: \$5 for an individual; \$10 for a family). Let Luncheon Coordinator Liz Conn know what you're bringing -- either on your registration form or by email ([eliz@estophile.com](mailto:eliz@estophile.com)).



### BREAKING THE FAST MEAL

Kol Halev matches members who'd like to share the break-the-fast meal after the Yom Kippur fast. On the registration form, indicate whether you'd like to host a break-the-fast potluck gathering at your house, or whether you'd like to be a guest at another member's home. You're also asked whether you prefer to eat early or late -- after the Neilah service.

## Tikkun Olam

Watch your Weekly Update for new info about this year's High Holy Days Tikkun Olam projects.

### USEFUL CONTACTS

#### High Holy Days Coordinator

Marcia Goldberg

— [marcia.goldberg@gmail.com](mailto:marcia.goldberg@gmail.com)

#### Rosh Hashanah Lunch Coordinator

Liz Conn — [eliz@estophile.com](mailto:eliz@estophile.com)

#### Treasurer David Conn

— [treasurer@kolhalev.net](mailto:treasurer@kolhalev.net)

## Instructions for Registration and Payment

### REGISTER & PAY BY MAIL:

Fill out the registration form, and mail it, with a check, to:

**Kol HaLev**

**2245 Warrensville Ctr. Rd.**

**Suite 215**

**University Heights, OH**

**44118**

### REGISTER BY EMAIL & PAY ONLINE

Go to <https://goo.gl/BdV1jo>.

Download the registration form and save it to your desktop.

Fill it out using Adobe Reader, and save it as a new file (hint: use YOUR name in the file name).

Attach the file to an email addressed to [deb@kolhalev.net](mailto:deb@kolhalev.net) with High Holy Days registration in the subject line.

### THEN, PAY ONLINE

Follow the instructions at [kolhalev.net/pay-simple](http://kolhalev.net/pay-simple).

**HIGH HOLY DAYS REGISTRATION & PAYMENT DEADLINE: AUGUST 27**

Looking for an engaging High Holy Days experience?  
Discover the vibrancy of Reconstructionist Judaism and the  
Delights of a deeply connected congregational community!

Experience the

Kol HaLev

# High Holy Days

## SEASON MEMBERSHIP



Join Kol HaLev for the High Holy Days services not as just ticket holders but as full and valued members of the congregation for the Hebrew months of Elul and Tishri (approximately August and September). You'll meet people and be welcomed into the community and to all of Kol HaLev's services, holiday celebrations, adult education sessions and social events.

The cost of a High Holy Days Season Membership for a household (\$120) is identical to the cost of tickets for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur tickets for a household of two or members over 25 years old, but offers much more. If, after enjoying your High Holy Days Season Membership, you choose to join Kol HaLev by Dec. 31, 2018, you can apply the full cost of your High Holy Days Season Membership to the cost of your annual membership dues.

We look forward to getting to know you and sharing this meaningful time with you. If you have questions or need more information, please contact us at 26-320-1498 or [welcome@kolhalev.net](mailto:welcome@kolhalev.net). Or visit our website at [www.kolhalev.net](http://www.kolhalev.net).

Some of the things included in your High Holy Days Membership:

- Admission to all High Holy Days services
- Elul Study Sessions, Aug. 19 & Aug. 26
- Sept. 1-2: Scholar-in-Residence weekend and *S'lichot* service with Rabbi Amy Eilberg
- Mon. Sept. 10: Rosh Hashanah Luncheon
- Age-appropriate children's programming on Rosh Hashanah Day 1 and Yom Kippur
- *Tashlich* Ceremony on Rosh Hashanah Day 1
- Shabbat morning services on Aug. 25, Sept. 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29
- Kabbalat Shabbat & Potluck Friday, Aug. 28
- Sukkah building, Sept. 23
- Intergenerational Sukkot Hop, Sept. 23
- Sukkot service, Mon., Sept. 24
- *Shemini Atzeret* and *Simchat Torah* services on Oct. 1
- The Aug. and Sept. issues of our *Kol HaLev Happenings* newsletter

# Kol HaLev High Holy Days Registration 2018 / 5779

## Section 1: REGISTRATION FOR MEMBERS/MEMBER FAMILIES

Kol Halev members attend all High Holy Days services, kiddushim, celebrations and social events for free, but should register to make sure that we have enough supplies (service handouts, challah, etc.) for everyone. Please indicate below your name(s), contact information, and when you plan to attend.

Adults: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email address(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ (  cell  home )  
Children (with ages) \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ ( )  
Children (with ages) \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ ( )

How many adults plan to attend:

Erev Rosh Hashanah\_\_ Rosh Hashanah Day 1\_ Rosh Hashanah Luncheon\_\_ Kol Nidre\_\_ Yom Kippur\_\_

If there are children in your party, which days will they attend? \_\_\_\_\_

If you are bringing guests, please proceed to section 2. If you are planning to attend the Rosh Hashanah luncheon after services on Sept. 10, proceed to section 3. If have children 1-4 years old in need of babysitting on Rosh Hashanah or Yom Kippur, please proceed to section 4.

## Section 2: GUEST REGISTRATION

We welcome guests at Kol HaLev for our High Holy Days Services. Anyone under the age of 25 or with a current college ID may attend services for free by registering in advance or at the door.

Adults 25 and older may attend one service for \$36, two services for \$72, with a maximum cost of \$120 per household per High Holy Days season. We encourage locals to learn about our **High Holy Days Season Membership** through which we welcome them as full Kol HaLev members for the months of Elul and Tishri, giving them chance to get to know our community at events beyond High Holy Days Services (see page 4).

Adults under 25 for Rosh Hashanah (Names/emails) \_\_\_\_\_

Adults under 25 for Yom Kippur (Names/emails) \_\_\_\_\_

Adults 25+ buying tickets @ \$36 for Rosh Hashanah (names/emails ) \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_

Adults 25+ buying tickets @ \$36 for Yom Kippur (names/emails ) \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_

Names/Emails of household members attending ALL High Holy Days services **SEASON TOTAL \$120**

**OR** Names/Emails of household members joining as HIGH HOLY DAYS SEASON MEMBERS **TOTAL \$120**

*Please carry totals over to checkout section of the other side of this form.*

Members of Reconstructionist congregations elsewhere, please email [welcome@kolhalev.net](mailto:welcome@kolhalev.net) to attend for free.

If you have a financial need which would make it difficult for you to observe the High Holy Days with us, please contact our treasurer, David Conn, at [treasurer@kolhalev.net](mailto:treasurer@kolhalev.net). All conversations are confidential.

### Section 3: COMMUNAL MEALS

#### KIDDUSH CONTRIBUTIONS

We ask all members to contribute a plate of ready-to-serve finger foods (dessert, fruit, veggies) to **ONE High Holy Day kiddush**. Please choose one:  Erev Rosh Hashanah  Rosh Hashanah Day 1  Rosh Hashanah Day 2

#### ROSH HASHANAH LUNCHEON

The Rosh Hashanah Potluck-Plus Luncheon (so called because we round out the offerings with some catered food) is one of our biggest, most festive events. The cost is \$5/individuals and \$10/households and everyone contributes a parve/dairy NUT-FREE dish that serves 8-10 people. (Visit our website for dish suggestions!)

Number of people attending the luncheon in my party \_\_\_\_\_ Fee:  Individual \$5 or  Household \$10  
*Please carry Luncheon fee down to the checkout area.*

For the potluck, I'm bringing \_\_\_\_\_  
 (If you're not sure, please email Luncheon Coordinator Liz Conn at [eliz@estophile.com](mailto:eliz@estophile.com) when you are.)

**PLEASE SECURELY LABEL YOUR DISH (& UTENSILS) WITH YOUR NAME & ANY SPECIAL DIETARY INFORMATION (SUCH AS GLUTEN-FREE).**

#### BREAK-THE-FAST IN MEMBERS' HOMES

If you'd like to break your Yom Kippur fast with other Kol HaLev members in your home or theirs, you can sign up for potluck matching. Please indicate whether you'd like to host a potluck or be a guest and whether you would prefer an early meal or one that would begin after the Neilah service ends.

Your name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Host or guest? \_\_\_\_\_ Early meal or late? \_\_\_\_\_

### SECTION 4: BABYSITTING FOR CHILDREN AGES 1-4 YEARS

On Rosh Hashanah Day 1 and Yom Kippur morning, we offer babysitting services for children ages 1-4 years so that their parents can attend services. **You must preregister and prepay for babysitting on this form** (the cost is \$10 per child each day or \$18 for 2 or more children each day) **AND fill out the babysitting waiver form (page 8) which asks for detailed information about your child(ren) and how to reach you during services.**

I need babysitting for  1  2+ children aged 1-4 years on  Rosh Hashanah Day 1  Yom Kippur morning

Cost: \$10 for 1 child per day; \$18 for 2 or more children. *Please carry total to checkout below.* **TOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_

### Section 5: DONATIONS

The High Holy Days are a traditional time for members to show appreciation for Kol Halev. We've listed some seasonal favorites here. Gifts will be acknowledged in a fall newsletter.

(Optional) Type of donation:  In honor of \_\_\_\_\_  In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

High Holy Days Flower Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_  Hesed Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_  The General Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

The Rabbi's Discretionary Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_  Other \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check here to donate anonymously *Please carry total to checkout below* **TOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_

### Section 6: CHECKOUT

HIGH HOLY DAYS SEASON MEMBERSHIP	\$120	<b style="color: red;">Registration Deadline: Monday, August 27</b> Mail to Kol HaLev 2245 Warrensville Rd. Suite 215 University Heights, OH 44118 Email to <a href="mailto:deb@kolhalev.net">deb@kolhalev.net</a> Then, pay online at <a href="http://kolhalev.net/pay_simple">kolhalev.net/pay_simple</a>
SERVICES: GUESTS 25 AND OLDER	\$	
ROSH HASHANAH LUNCHEON FEE	\$	
BABYSITTING FEES	\$	
DONATIONS	\$	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	

# HIGH HOLY DAYS 2018 AT-A-GLANCE

Sun., Aug. 19	7:30 p.m.	<i>Elul</i> Study Session I	Details coming in the Weekly Update
Sun. Aug. 26	7:30 p.m.	<i>Elul</i> Study Session II	Details coming in the Weekly Update
<b>MON., AUG. 27</b>	<b>DEADLINE FOR HIGH HOLY DAYS REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT</b>		
Sat., Sept. 1	9:30-10:30	Torah Study	Scholar-in-Residence Weekend: Rabbi Amy Eilberg will lead Torah Study, a Lunch and Learn, and <i>S'lichot</i> , the special prayer service and study session which marks the formal beginning of the High Holy Days period.
	1:30-2:30	Lunch and Learn	
	8:00 p.m.	<i>S'lichot</i> service and study session	
Sun., Sept. 2	2:00 p.m.	Intergenerational Apple Picking	<u>Eddy's Fruit Farm</u>
Sun., Sept. 9	8:00 p.m.	<i>Erev Rosh Hashanah</i>	Ratner School. Doors open at 7:30 p.m.
Mon., Sept. 10	9:30 a.m.	<i>Rosh Hashanah, Day 1</i>	Ratner School. Doors open at 9:00 a.m.
	10:30 a.m.	Children's Programming	Age-appropriate children's programming. Children will be invited to join in the adult Shofar Service around noon
	11:00 a.m.	Tot/Parent Programming	For families with children in preschool and younger
	1:00 p.m.	Community "Potluck-Plus" Luncheon	Registration, potluck contribution and payment required. The meal begins after the service
	3:30 p.m.	<i>Tashlich</i>	At Shaker Lakes. Maps available at services
Tue., Sept., 11	9:30 a.m.	<i>Rosh Hashanah, Day 2</i>	Ratner School. Doors open at 9:00 a.m.
Tue., Sept. 18	7:00 p.m.	<i>Kol Nidre (Erev Yom Kippur)</i>	Ratner School. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.
Wed., Sept. 19	9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.	<i>Yom Kippur Shacharit</i>	Ratner School. Doors open at 9:00 a.m.
	10:30 a.m.	Children's Programming	Age-appropriate children's programming.
	11:00 a.m.	Tot/Parent Programming	For families with children in preschool and younger
	12:45–1:30 p.m.	<i>Avodah</i> Service	Share brief inspirational experiences that point towards meaning and hope in life.
	1:45 –2:30 p.m.	Meditation	Mindful Jewish Practice
	2:45-3:30 p.m.	Social Justice Talk	The speaker will be Pastor John Lentz of Forest Hill Presbyterian Church, one of the few Ohio churches currently providing sanctuary for a refugee family.
	3:45– 4:45 p.m.	Torah Study	
	5:00–5:45 p.m.	<i>Yizkor</i>	Communal mourning of loved ones. anti-Semitic violence and all hatred-driven deaths
	5:45-6:00 p.m.	Ark ceremony	A brief opportunity for individuals, couples or small groups to approach the ark to speak or reflect on words of truth and open-heartedness
	6:00– 7:00 p.m.	<i>Neilah</i>	The final service of Yom Kippur and of the High Holy Days more generally.
	after <i>Neilah</i>	Break-the-Fast meal	Optional break-the-fast meals in members' homes.
Sun., Sept. 23	10:00 a.m.	<i>Sukkah</i> building	Outside the Ratner School
	4:00 p.m.	Hagigah kickoff	In the Sukkah
	5:30 p.m.	Intergenerational <i>Sukkot</i> Hop & Dinner	Ratner School
Mon., Sept. 24	10:30 a.m.	<i>Sukkot</i> Service	Ratner School
Mon., Oct. 1	10:30 a.m.	<i>Shemini Atzeret</i> service	Ratner School
	6:45 p.m.	<i>Simchat Torah</i> Service	Ratner School



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**BABYSITTING WAIVER , EMERGENCY CONTACT AND MEDICAL PERMISSION FORM**

**Parent/Guardian Information:**

Parent/Guardian Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone during the event \*: \_\_\_\_\_ Additional phone \*: \_\_\_\_\_

I will remain in the building while my child is in babysitting (initial here) \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Please keep phone on vibrate so that we may reach you if necessary without disrupting the worship service*

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Relation to child: \_\_\_\_\_

**Child Information:**

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_/\_\_/\_\_ Allergies: Yes No If yes, explain \_\_\_\_\_

Does your child have any medical conditions we should know about? Yes No If yes, explain \_\_\_\_\_

Any additional information you need us to know?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_ DOB : \_\_/\_\_/\_\_ Allergies: Yes No If yes, explain \_\_\_\_\_

Does your child have any medical conditions we should know about? Yes No If yes, explain \_\_\_\_\_

Any additional information you need us to know?  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Waiver and Medical Consent:**

I, the undersigned parent/guardian of the child(ren) listed above, agree to release and hold harmless Kol HaLev, its agents, employees, volunteers, representatives, officers, and directors (hereafter, "parties") from any and all claims, injuries and any damages arising from injuries in connection with or arising out of my child(ren)'s participation in the babysitting service offered by Kol HaLev, including, but not limited to, bodily harm or injury to my child(ren). I further agree to indemnify, save and hold Kol HaLev and said parties harmless from any loss, liability, damage or cost that any of the parties may incur out of or related to said service.

I hereby grant permission for Kol HaLev and said parties full authority to take whatever actions they deem necessary to protect the health and safety of my child(ren) in the event I cannot be reached, or in a situation where time is of the essence, and fully release Kol HaLev and said parties from any liability in connection with those decisions.

I understand that there is a fee for babysitting and that the fee is \$10 per child per day, with a maximum of \$18 per family per day.

**I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THIS CONSENT AND WAIVER FORM AND SIGN VOLUNTARILY AND ENTIRELY OF MY OWN FREE WILL.**

Parent/Guardian Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_/\_\_/\_\_



Kol HaLev is Cleveland's Reconstructionist Jewish community. Drawing on both traditional and creative sources, Kol HaLev fosters an engaging spiritual and community experience that infuses delight in our heritage and supports meaningful communal and personal growth.

The name, Kol HaLev, means "Voice of the Heart" in Hebrew. Mindful of the vast and evolving landscape of "who is a Jew," Kol HaLev embraces and celebrates all who seek a spirited, collaborative environment in which to explore Judaism through prayer, study, song, fellowship and tikkun olam – repair of the world through social action.

Founded in 1992, this growing, vibrant congregation is affiliated with the Jewish Reconstructionist Movement. Reconstructionism is based on the philosophy of Rabbi Mordecai Kaplan, who defined Judaism as the "evolving religious civilization of the Jewish People." Reconstructionist Jews see Jewish life as religious at heart, but also encompassing cultural elements such as language, food, history, music, art and literature. Reconstructionists recognize the process of evolution as innate in the essential framework of Jewish tradition, and embrace the opportunity to actively create a Jewish way of life that reflects both contemporary life and the richness of the Jewish heritage.

Kol HaLev holds regular Sabbath and holiday religious services and celebrations, life cycle events, community service activities and adult learning programs. It also runs a ground-breaking educational program for pre-school through high-school students. The congregation has experienced steady growth through development of an innovative environment for Jewish engagement, active participation in substantive community-wide dialogue and social action initiatives, and by offering unique community events such as "The People vs." mock trials.

Kol HaLev meets at the Lillian and Betty Ratner School, 27575 Shaker Boulevard, in Pepper Pike. It is a 501(c)3 organization. Rabbi Steve Segar serves as spiritual leader of the congregation.

To learn more about Reconstructionist Judaism, the youngest branch of American Judaism, visit [www.JewishRecon.org](http://www.JewishRecon.org).