



Shana Tova, friends!

We look forward to celebrating this season of renewal with you. Kol HaLev welcomes any Jew in search of community for the High Holy Days to join us in-person, on Zoom, or via livestream, **at no cost**. Whether we've shared a previous holiday or Shabbat, or you're brand new and want to learn about the Kol HaLev experience, you're most welcome.

We're also thrilled to announce the return of High Holy Days season membership. This Immersive Holiday Membership offers nonmembers a chance to experience what it's like to be a regular member of our spirited, supportive community for the entire month of *Tishri*, and to engage in our full calendar of services and events through the end of Sukkot. Interested in an immersive experience? Check out the flier on [page 8](#).

Whether you're planning to attend in-person or on Zoom, **your registration is required**, so that we can ensure our spaces, both physical and virtual, are properly provisioned and we can accommodate everyone's needs for information, connection and safety. (You can watch the livestream of certain services without registering.)

You'll see a lot of links in this packet – the website addresses for our vast High Holy Days resources – including the online registration form. If you're reading this on your computer, smartphone or tablet, you'll be able to click those links directly. If you need assistance, we're here to help; see the Registration section starting on [page 5](#).

Wishing you a *Shana tova u'metukah* – a good & sweet New Year!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Stephen C. Segar'.

Rabbi Steve Segar

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Rachel A. Williams'.

Rachel Armin Williams, Board President

We welcome you in person or online!

As always, we're pleased to offer a diversity of experiences, from traditional Reconstructionist worship services to those with a modern, intimate flare. Our [High-Holy-Days-At-a-Glance](#) chart on pages 9-10 details all our services and events.

Registration is required for both in-person and Zoom attendance. Once you've read through this packet, you can register here: bit.ly/KHLGuestHHD2023.

Unable to register online? We can help. See the Registration section beginning on [page 5](#).

IMPORTANT NOTE: For security reasons, we don't post locations on the internet. While there are no locations in this downloadable packet, you'll find them in the packet we emailed to nonmember guests in late August. **New to Kol HaLev, or not yet on our email list? Email us at connect@kolhalev.net with your name, address, phone, & how you heard about Kol HaLev.**

Consider joining us for the entire holiday season!

When you register, you can indicate your interest in trying our **Immersive Holiday Membership** – a great way to experience what it's like to be a regular member of the Kol HaLev community. Join us for the entire Hebrew month of *Tishri* and get the full Kol HaLev experience! More information on the flier on [page 8](#).

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Options for Attending Services

Most services will be held in-person and available via Zoom. There are some recent changes to our format for online viewing:

- **Zoom-streaming:** Due to technical challenges inherent to our auditorium, our three best-attended services – **Rosh Hashanah Day 1 traditional, Kol Nidre and Yom Kippur traditional services** – will be Zoomable, but not fully interactive. For those three services, people who join the service on Zoom will be able to see, talk, and chat with other Zoom participants. However, Zoomers won't be seen or heard

by people attending on-site; there will be no screen in the auditorium. We call this “Zoom-streaming”: Livestreaming with a community of Zoomers.

- We'll also be **live-streaming** these three services on our website at kolhalev.net/live-stream for those who don't want to have to sign in to Zoom.
- **All other services** – Erev Rosh Hashanah, Rosh Hashanah Day 2, Alternative services on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, and Yom Kippur Avodah, Torah study, Yizkor and Neilah services – **will be offered on Zoom but not livestreamed**. They will be fully interactive; Zoom attendees can participate in readings & discussions.
- A few offerings will be **in-person only**: The Rosh Hashanah Festive Potluck Kiddush, Tashlich, and youth programming on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

Health and Safety at Kol HaLev

At the time of this writing, our COVID policy is as follows: **Wearing a mask at Kol HaLev is optional but recommended**. Also, because we have a goal of zero COVID transmission at our events, other precautions – summed up in our [Community Health & Safety Brit](#) – are still in place, and more important than ever. All attendees must read and commit to the *Brit* before attending, as part of the registration process.

Our Pandemic Advisory Committee will alert us to any changes in the public health landscape. ***Increased community transmission of COVID-19 may necessitate periods of mandatory masking or changes to our communal dining practices.***

Youth Programming and Child Care

During Rosh Hashanah Day 1 and Yom Kippur morning services, we will set up open-ended free choice activities and materials for kids in the library, gross motor room, and outside on the playground (or field outside library). There will be adults and teens supervising in all areas, and snacks will be provided. From 11:00 – 11:45 a.m., Kol HaLev member and educator Laurel Simkoff will lead a short holiday-specific, mixed-age children's program, including music, discussion, and hands-on activities. Parents are welcome to participate in youth programming with their children; children 5 and under should participate WITH a parent.

Child care for children ages 6 weeks and up is available, provided by paid babysitters (2), plus volunteer Kol HaLev parents and teens. There is no charge for child care, but **pre-registration is REQUIRED. All parents whose children will be in child care must sign the waiver on [page 11](#) and remain in the building in case they're needed.**

Check your Email!

We ask that you be especially attentive to emails from Kol HaLev so that if plans change, you will know promptly. If you do not currently receive emails from Kol HaLev and wish to, please email us promptly at connect@kolhalev.net. **If you register for any Zoom services, watch for emails for the links you'll need to connect.**



For the first time since 2019, we'll sit down together indoors for a High Holy Days meal! Respectful of the scope and complexity of the entire High Holy Days volunteer effort, we're holding a more casual version – but with all of the *ruach* – of our previous luncheons.

Here's how to participate in the Rosh Hashanah Festive Potluck Kiddush:

1. **Register** to attend the Festive Potluck Kiddush on the [online guest registration form](#). We need an accurate headcount to know how many tables, tableware, etc. we'll need.
2. **Bring a potluck dish – something that does not need to be kept cold or reheated** (Insulated bags can be helpful here):
 - a. Your potluck dish should serve 8-10 people.
 - b. **All food must be dairy or parve.** See kolhalev.net/kashrut_policy
 - c. **Your dish must not contain tree nuts or peanuts.**
 - d. Please mark your name on any non-disposable serving dish (and any insulated bag you might bring it in) for easy retrieval at the end of the event.
 - e. Please include a card identifying special food, such as vegan or gluten-free.
 - f. After you arrive in the lobby and get your name tag, you'll be directed to **take your dishes to the gym**, where the potluck will be held after services. Should you need help, there will be volunteers in the lobby to assist with delivery.

3. Potluck assignments:

A-H: Main dish/dish with protein I-P: Side dish or salad Q-Z: Dessert

After services end, head to the gym for the singing of *V'shamru* and kiddush brachot, followed by buffet dining. Tables and chairs will be set up for those who would like to sit.

Reminder: Please be attentive to emails from Kol HaLev in case our plans need to change.

Registration

We cannot overemphasize the importance of registering for all services and events you plan to attend, whether on Zoom or in-person. Your registration information guides our decisions about use of space, effective use of technology for an optimal multi-access experience, and volunteer recruitment, as well as enables us to meet the community's needs for information, safety, and connection. Most importantly, giving us your name, contact information –and what services you'd like to attend – is how you get your Zoom links for each service or program.

We ask our guests to register online at bit.ly/KHLGuestHHD2023. **If you need any assistance, reach out to us at connect@kolhalev.net** and we will get back to you promptly. **If you don't use a computer at all:** You can phone Kol HaLev member Halle Barnett and she'll register for you. Call Halle at (216) 291-4313, Noon – 8:00 p.m. any day but Shabbat.

To register: Simply complete the guest registration form at bit.ly/KHLGuestHHD2023 by the deadline of **Sunday, September 10**

Save your confirmation email! If you need to change your selections for any reason (say, add a family member or service), you can return to the form from a link in that email – **no later than 48 hours** before the relevant event. Or, email us at connect@kolhalev.net to make a change. (Note: Email replies will come from ghanft@gmail.com or acornbaum@gmail.com.)

Register for the services you will attend

You'll find the full schedule of services, including times, locations and your options for joining them, in our **High Holy Days At-a-Glance on pages 9-10**, a handy chart to help you make your way through the [online registration form](#). For each service, you can register for:

- **Attending in-person:** Choose this option if you plan to attend a service in-person.
- **Attending on Zoom:** Choose this if you plan to attend a service on Zoom.
- **Zoom by phone only:** If you are a phone-only Zoomer (e.g., you don't use a computer or need to have audio only), please indicate on the registration form that you'll be using Zoom by phone only and **we will mail or email instructions to your home address**.

Livestream: You can also watch services at kolhalev.net/live-stream without registering.

The deadline to register is midnight on Sunday, September 10!

High Holy Days Prayer Books and Service Booklets

Kol HaLev uses the Reconstructionist High Holy Days prayer book, *Mahzor Leyamim Nora'im: Prayerbook for the Days of Awe*. **In-person guests may borrow a copy while they're visiting.** If you'd like your own, you can order at readandrite.com/collections/reconstructionist-press.

Attending online? You can download a [free digital version](#) of the *mahzor*. Our service leaders will provide page numbers as each service progresses. If you'd prefer not to use the mahzor, [booklets for individual services](#) will be available for download from bit.ly/HHDhandouts, 24 hours before each service. (In-person attendees can pick up printed service booklets onsite.)

Things to do after you register

Explore our Resources for Reflection and Renewal

Looking for additional ways to create sacred space at home or enhance your experience of renewal? Our website's High Holy Days resources page (kolhalev.net/HHD-resources) has a rich trove of resources for your own reflection and preparation, including Rabbi Steve's recorded sermons, special readings, and self-guided rituals and activities.

Make High Holy Days Donations

The High Holy Days season is a traditional time for members to honor the memory of ancestors and other loved ones, and to show appreciation for the people and community that make life richer. You can donate to one or all of our funds:

- The **General Fund** goes toward operations, including essentials like salaries & rent
- The **Rabbi's Discretionary Fund**, which Rabbi Steve uses to support special projects, offer *tikkun olam*, and more
- The **Hesed Fund** is used to supplement the work of our volunteers when member need for Hesed services like meals and rides exceeds our capacity
- The **High Holy Days Flower Fund** helps beautify our High Holy Days bimah

You also can donate to our collective community contribution to:

- **Global Cleveland**, whose initiative to assist Ukrainian refugees we have chosen to support this season. *See the Tikkun Olam Project (below) for information.*

You may also want to check out ***Pearls of Blessing***, a selection of Rabbi Steve's beloved *aliyot* blessings, curated by Kol HaLev members. It's a keeper –and makes a lovely gift.

How to donate or purchase: With a credit card through our [secure online payment system](#) or by visiting kolhalev.net/high-holy-days and clicking the big green "Donate" button. *If you'd rather send a check, please include the form on page 7 when you mail it.*

High Holy Days Tikkun Olam Project

Each year, we offer an opportunity to support a social justice initiative. This year we've chosen **Global Cleveland's** initiative to aid Ukrainian refugee families coming to our area. Global Cleveland welcomes and connects international people to local opportunities and fosters a more inviting community for those seeking a place to call home. They expect two refugee families this fall (one with a Jewish background) who will need help, including financial help for housing. You can donate to this effort by check using the form on page 7, or at our [secure online store](#). Donations will be made as one contribution from the Kol HaLev community.

Donation Form – Please print!

Use this form if you are donating with a check. Mail the form with your payment. Please use extra paper if your donations are in honor/memory of multiple people. Signing up for child care? Include your signed waiver too!

Name _____ Phone# _____ Email _____

(Optional) Donation is in honor of _____ in memory of _____

General Fund \$ _____ Rabbi's Discretionary Fund \$ _____ Hesed Fund \$ _____

High Holy Days Flower Fund \$ _____ Global Cleveland (our chosen *Tikkun Olam* recipient) \$ _____

Check here to donate anonymously

DONATIONS TOTAL:

\$ _____

I want to purchase *Pearls of Blessing!*

\$18.00 per copy x # _____ copies =

\$ _____

I need them mailed and will pay \$10.95 shipping (one price for up to 6 copies): + \$ 10.95

BOOKS TOTAL: \$ _____

Please mail them to this/these addresses:

For those planning to use child care on Rosh Hashanah Day 1 and/or Yom Kippur mornings:

I have filled out the child care waiver on page 13 and will mail it in with this payment

I understand I have to fill out the child care section of my online registration form

TOTAL OF DONATIONS and PEARLS BOOKS ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Mail check, form, & waiver (if applicable) to Kol HaLev, 2245 Warrensville Ctr #215, University Hts OH 44118

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Registration Reminders

- The deadline to register is **midnight on Sunday, September 10**
- If you need help with registration or want to make changes after you have registered, email us at connect@kolhalev.net no later than 48 hours prior to the relevant event.
- Registered guests will receive an email with Zoom links. If you cannot find the link when it's time for a service, email connect@kolhalev.net. (Note: Email replies will come from ghanft@gmail.com or acornbaum@gmail.com.)

Useful Links

- [Guest online registration form](#)
- [High Holy Days info on our website](#)
- [Rabbi Steve's recorded sermons](#)
- [High Holy Days donations website](#)
- [Child care waiver](#)



Discover the vibrancy of Reconstructionist Judaism and the delights of a deeply connected congregational community!

Looking for a truly engaging High Holy Days experience? Curious about Kol HaLev? Join us for all our High Holy Days services and events, not as "ticket holders" but as full members, now through the entire Hebrew month of *Tishri*. Get to know our members and enjoy meaningful services, joyful celebrations, and stimulating education and social events.

A sample of activities included in your Immersive Holiday Membership:

- Admission to all High Holy Days services
- Adult education sessions exploring Elul traditions and how to prepare for the new year
- Selichot service, including Havdalah and a dessert kiddush (Sat., Sept. 9)
- A Festive Potluck Kiddush after Rosh Hashanah Day 1 morning services (Sat., Sept. 16)
- Children's programming on Rosh Hashanah Day 1 and Yom Kippur
- Outdoor Tashlich ceremony on Rosh Hashanah Day 1
- Friday evening Kabbalat Shabbat (Fri., Sept. 22)
- Shabbat morning services (Sept. 23 and 30 (Sukkot); Oct. 7 (Shemini Atzeret) and 14)
- Sukkot "Open Houses" (drop-in visits to members' sukkot; Sun., Oct. 1, 4-6 p.m.)
- Shabbat Sukkot service (Sat., Sept. 30, 10:30 a.m.)
- Intergenerational Simchat Torah Celebration (Sat., Oct. 7, 6:30 p.m.)
- The Fall issue of our Kol HaLev Happenings newsletter

Whether you opt to participate in one service or the entire gamut of our offerings, there is no cost for attendance. We do ask that you consider making a donation to Kol HaLev that reflects your own sense of the value of being in a loving, joyful community during this season of awe. You can find a link to our donations site at kolhalev.net/high-holy-days.

To join us for all or part of the High Holy Days season, [register to attend here](#). As part of the registration process, you'll have the opportunity to indicate whether you'd like to explore the Immersive Holiday Membership. We look forward to getting to know you and sharing this meaningful time with you!

High Holy Days 2023/5784 At-A-Glance

| Date | Time | Service/Event | In-person | Zoom | Zoom stream |
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| KEY: Zoom = services in the chapel; Zoom participants can interact with those in person for readings & discussion. Zoom-stream = services in the auditorium; Zoom participants can interact with one another but not with people on-site. These services will also be available as a livestream on our website. | | | | | |
| Sat., Sept. 9 | 8:00-9:30p | Havdalah followed by Selichot Service; Leader: Rabbi Steve | ✓ | ✓ | |
| ROSH HASHANAH | | | | | |
| Fri., Sept. 15 | 6:00-7:00p | Erev Rosh Hashanah; Leaders: Jane Kaufman & Rabbi Steve | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Sat., Sept. 16 | 9:30a-12:00p | Rosh Hashanah Traditional; Leaders: Kirby Date & Rabbi Steve (Sermon to start at approx. 11:15)* | ✓ | | ✓ |
| | 9:30a-12:00p | Child care for children ages 6 weeks old and up; See page 3 for description. Coordinator: Laurel Simkoff | ✓ | | |
| | 10:00-11:00a | Rosh Hashanah Alternative; Leader: Art Biagianti (Sermon to start at approx. 11:15)* | ✓ | ✓ | |
| | 11:00-11:45a | Rosh Hashanah Youth Programming; Leader: Laurel Simkoff | ✓ | | |
| | 11:15a-12:00p | Rosh Hashanah Sermon, Shofar, and Conclusion | ✓ | | ✓ |
| | 12:00-2:00p | Rosh Hashanah Festive Potluck Kiddush (description on page 4) | ✓ | | |
| | 3:30-4:00p | Tashlich Gathering; Leader: Rabbi Steve (Shaker Hts. location; maps will be available after services) | ✓ | | |
| Sun., Sept. 17 | 9:00a-12:00p | Rosh Hashanah Day 2 Traditional; Leaders: David Conn & Bruce Fallick | ✓ | ✓ | |
| | 12:00-12:30p | Light Kiddush | ✓ | | |
| YOM KIPPUR | | | | | |
| Sun., Sept. 24 | 7:00-9:00p | Kol Nidre; Leaders: Allen Binstock & Rabbi Steve | ✓ | | ✓ |
| Mon., Sept. 25 | 9:30a-12:00p | Yom Kippur Traditional; Leaders: Adina Davidson & Rabbi Steve (Sermon to start approx. 11:15)* | ✓ | | ✓ |
| | 9:30a-12:00p | Child care for children ages 6 weeks old and up; See page 3 for description. Coordinator: Laurel Simkoff | ✓ | | |
| | 10:00-11:00a | Yom Kippur Alternative; Leader: Dick Weinberger (Sermon to start approx. 11:15)* | ✓ | ✓ | |
| | 11:00-11:45a | Yom Kippur Children's Program; Leader: Laurel Simkoff | ✓ | | |
| | 11:15a-12:00p | Yom Kippur Sermon and Conclusion | ✓ | | ✓ |
| | 12:15-1:15p | Avodah; Leader: Mimi Plevin-Foust | ✓ | ✓ | |
| | 1:30-2:30p | Mindful Jewish Meditation; Leader: Nancy Rubel | ✓ | ✓ | |
| | 2:45- 3:45p | Social Justice Speaker; TBA | ✓ | ✓ | |
| | 4:00-5:00p | Torah Study; Leader: Bill Scher-Marcus | ✓ | ✓ | |
| | 5:15-6:15p | Yizkor; Leaders: Nancy Rubel & Rabbi Steve | ✓ | ✓ | |
| | 6:30-7:30p | Neilah; Leaders: Barb Truitt & Rabbi Steve | ✓ | ✓ | |

All services (except Tashlich) will be held at our usual service location.

ADDITIONAL DETAIL AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION

| Service/Event | Day/Time | Description/Important Information |
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| Selichot | Sat., Sept. 9 8-9:30p | Leader: Rabbi Steve. The Selichot ritual supports reflection and preparation for the 10 Days of Awe. Service will begin with Havdalah. A dessert potluck kiddush will follow. Watch your email for details. |
| Child Care and Children's Educational Programming | Rosh Hashanah Day 1 and Yom Kippur Child care: 9:30a-12p Programming: 11:00-11:45a | Leader: Laurel Simkoff. Child care for children ages 6 weeks old and up, provided by Laurel and two paid babysitters (2), plus volunteer Kol HaLev parents and teens. Laurel will set-up free choice activities and materials in the library, gross motor room, and playground (or field outside library) with member adults and teens supervising. Snacks provided. Pre- registration is REQUIRED. All parents whose children will be in child care must sign waivers and remain in the building at all times. See waiver on page 11. At 11:00 a.m., there will be a holiday-specific, mixed-age children's program including music, discussion, and hands-on activities. |
| Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur Alternative Services | Rosh Hashanah Day 1 and Yom Kippur 10:00 - 11:00a | Explore the themes of Rosh Hashanah through poetry, silence, and personal reflection. Rosh Hashanah Leader: Art Biagianti. Yom Kippur Leader: Dick Weinberger. These services have a different Zoom link than all other services and programs. To attend Rabbi Steve's sermons* after the Alternative service, attendees will leave this Zoom meeting and join the link for the traditional morning service. |
| *Sermons | Rosh Hashanah Day 1 and Yom Kippur mornings | Sermons will take place using the same link traditional Rosh Hashanah Day 1 and Yom Kippur morning services, beginning approx 11:15 a.m. Those participating in the Alternative services (using a separate Zoom link) who would like to experience Rabbi Steve's sermons will need to log on to the traditional service Zoom links at that time. |
| Festive Potluck Kiddush | Sat., Sept. 16 12:00-2:00p | After Rosh Hashanah morning services, we'll gather in the gym for a potluck kiddush and the opportunity to connect with one another in a casual environment. Attendees are asked to bring a dish to share (see assignments by last initial on page 4. |
| Tashlich Gathering | Sat., Sept. 16 3:30-4:00p | In-person only, Shaker Heights location; maps will be available at services.s. Join us for the ritual of symbolically releasing the parts of ourselves that no longer serves us. |
| Avodah | Mon., Sept. 25 12:15-1:15p | Leader: Mimi Plevin-Foust. Informal, interactive service; members are invited to share an experience, story, thought, artwork, poem or song that expresses a life truth or serves as a vehicle to connect to the Divine. |
| Mindful Jewish Meditation | Mon., Sept. 25 1:30-2:30p | Leader: Nancy Rubel |
| Social Justice Speaker | Mon., Sept. 25 2:45- 3:45p | Speaker: TBA |
| Yizkor | Mon., Sept. 25 5:15-6:15p | Memorial service with candle lighting ceremony. |

Kol HaLev Child Care Waiver, Emergency Contact & Medical Permission Form 2023

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Parent/Guardian Name(s) _____

Cell Phone during the event *: _____ Additional phone *: _____

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

I will remain in the building while my child is in babysitting (initial here to agree) _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____ Relation to child(ren): _____

CHILD #1

Child's Name: _____ Nickname: _____ Age: _____ DOB: ___/___/___

Gender: _____ Pronouns: _____ Allergies? Yes No If yes, explain _____

Medical conditions? Yes No If yes, explain _____

What should we know that could make your child's time with us better? _____

CHILD #2

Child's Name: _____ Nickname: _____ Age: _____ DOB: ___/___/___

Gender: _____ Pronouns: _____ Allergies? Yes No If yes, explain _____

Medical conditions? Yes No If yes, explain _____

What should we know that could make your child's time with us better? _____

Waiver and Medical Consent:

I, the undersigned parent/guardian of the child(ren) named above, agree to hold Kol HaLev harmless and waive any and all claims in connection with or arising out of Kol HaLev's High Holy Days child care service, including, but not limited to, bodily harm or injury to my child. In addition, I release and waive all claims against Kol HaLev and its agents, employees, volunteers, representatives, officers and directors arising from my child(ren)'s participation in High Holy Days child care. I hereby grant permission for Kol HaLev to act on my behalf to protect the health and safety of my child/children in the event I do not respond to efforts to contact me. I fully release Kol HaLev and its employees and volunteers from any liability in connection with those actions.

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: ___/___/___

Mail signed waiver to Kol HaLev, 2245 Warrensville Ctr Rd. #215, Univ Hts, OH 44118 or bring it with you to childcare (if you forget it, you'll have to complete another before leaving your child).