

Kol HaLev

Cleveland's Reconstructionist Jewish Community

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Dear Friends,

Welcome to Kol HaLev, Cleveland's Reconstructionist Jewish Community. We invite you to spend the High Holy Days with us! Join us for *Rosh Hashanah* and *Yom Kippur* services or better yet, get to know Kol HaLev more deeply by becoming a **High Holy Days Season Member**.

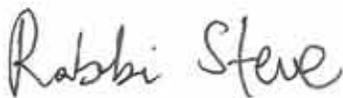
Participants in our **High Holy Days Season Membership** are welcomed as full members of Kol HaLev during the Hebrew months of *Elul* and of *Tishri* (Wed., Aug. 23 through Fri., Oct. 20) and are encouraged to attend not only our *Rosh Hashanah* and *Yom Kippur* services, but ALL our services and programs. These include our warm, welcoming Shabbat morning services, adult education programs, including *Elul* study, children's programming, intergenerational celebration of *Sukkot* and observances of *S'lichot*, *Simchat Torah*, and *Shemini Atzeret*.

In this packet, you'll find High Holy Days At-A-Glance, a complete detailed schedule of services, programming, and celebrations for the High Holy Days Season, as well as information about the benefits of being a member of Kol HaLev's vibrant, welcoming community. Our festive Potluck Luncheon after services on the first day of *Rosh Hashanah* (nominal fee of \$5/individual or \$10/family) is a great opportunity to meet and talk with community members. Should you choose to become a full member by Dec. 31, 2017, the cost of your High Holy Days Season Membership will be applied toward your annual membership dues.

To join us for all or part of the High Holy Days Season, **complete the enclosed registration form and submit with payment by September 10, 2017**. Full instructions are on the registration form. Please note that babysitting is available for children 1-4 years old for an additional fee, and that the children's programming and childcare, while free, require reservations.

If you have questions about Kol HaLev or the High Holy Days Season Membership, please email us at 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



Karly Whitaker, President of the Board of Trustees

Looking for a spirited, supportive community with which to share the High Holy Days?

EXPERIENCE A

HIGH HOLY DAYS SEASON MEMBERSHIP

IN

Kol HaLev

Cleveland's Reconstructionist Jewish Community

Kol HaLev welcomes you and your family not as “ticket buyers,” but as members of our congregation for the entire High Holy Days Season.

The suggested cost of a High Holy Days Season Membership is \$120 for adults age 25 and up (anyone under 25 is free). Rather than simply buying tickets for services, you will experience the full flavor of a Kol HaLev membership from the beginning of the Hebrew month of *Elul* through *Simchat Torah*. If after enjoying High Holy Days Season with our community, you choose to join Kol HaLev by Dec. 31, 2017, you can apply the full cost of your High Holy Days Season Membership toward your annual membership dues.

High Holy Days Season Memberships include:

- Seats at all High Holy Days services
- *Elul* Study Sessions on Sunday, Sept. 3 & Sunday, Sept. 10
- Intergenerational Apple Picking on Sunday, Sept. 10
- *S'lichot* Service and study session on Saturday, Sept. 16
- Community Potluck-Plus Luncheon on the first day of *Rosh Hashanah* (nominal fee).
- Age-group specific High Holy Days programming for children from kindergarteners to young teens
- *Tashlich* ceremony on the first day of *Rosh Hashanah*
- *Shabbat* morning services on Sept. 2, 9, 16 and 23; Oct 7, 14, 21 and 28
- Friday night *Kabbalat Shabbat* and Potluck meal, Aug 25 and Oct. 27
- *Sukkah* building on Sunday, Oct 1
- *Sukkot* services on Thursday, Oct. 5
- Intergenerational *Sukkot* Celebration and Potluck on Saturday, Oct. 7
- *Shemini Atzeret* and *Simchat Torah* services on Thursday, Oct. 12
- The Sept. and Oct. issues of our *Kol HaLev Happenings* newsletter



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 216-320-1498 or welcomed@kolhalev.net. Or visit our website at www.kolhalev.net.

Business Office: 2245 Warrensville Center Rd. Suite 215 University Heights, OH 44118 | (216)320-1498 | www.kolhalev.net
Services and Programs: The Lillian and Betty Ratner School 27575 Shaker Blvd. Pepper Pike, OH 44124

THE HIGH HOLY DAYS AT KOL HALEV

WORSHIP SERVICES

MEMBERS

All Kol HaLev members whose dues are current may attend services **at no additional cost**, as may their children under age 25. Please return the registration form, with any payments (for the *Rosh Hashanah* Luncheon or babysitting) by **September 10**.

HIGH HOLY DAYS SEASON MEMBERSHIP

Non-members who would like to attend more than one service during this period should try our High Holy Days Season (HHDS) Membership. In addition to *Rosh Hashanah* and *Yom Kippur* services, this trial membership offers the opportunity to join our community for all services, including Shabbat morning services, study sessions, intergenerational holiday celebrations and other activities during the Hebrew months of *Elul* and *Tishri*. (Become a full member of Kol HaLev before Dec. 31, 2017, and the cost of the HHDS membership will be applied to your dues.)

HOLY DAYS SEASON MEMBERSHIP	
All Services & Elul & Tishri programs	
Each adult age 25+	Under age 25 or full-time student
\$120	Free

Learn more at <http://kolhalev.net/content/high-holy-days-season-membership> or contact us with your questions at 216-320-1498 or welcome@kolhalev.net.

OUT-OF-TOWN GUESTS & LOCAL VISITORS

Members' out-of-town guests and local visitors are invited to join us for one or more of our High Holy Days services. Local visitors are encouraged to consider the High Holy Days Season Membership (above), which gives you access to two months of regular and High Holy Days programming and the opportunity for us to get to know one another.

Out-of-town guests and local visitors can come to a single *Rosh Hashanah* or *Yom Kippur* service with pre-registration at a cost of **\$36 for adults (25 and older); free for anyone under the age of 25**.

Out-of-town guests and local visitors can attend **ALL** *Rosh Hashanah* and *Yom Kippur* services, with pre-registration, for \$72 for adults 25 and older (free for anyone under 25). They

can attend a single service (*Rosh Hashanah* OR *Yom Kippur*) for \$36 (adults 25 and older; anyone under 25 is free). The maximum cost for out-of-town guests is \$120 per family, regardless of the number of members.

OUT-OF-TOWN GUESTS AND LOCAL VISITORS		
	All Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur Services	A Single Service
Each adult age 25+	\$72	\$36
Anyone under 25	Free	Free
Maximum per out-of-town family	\$120	

PRAYERBOOKS

Kol HaLev uses the Reconstructionist High Holy Days *mahzor* (prayerbook), *Prayerbook for the Days of Awe*. Our small collection of prayerbooks are reserved for guests and visitors, including our High Holy Days Season Members; members support this welcoming custom by purchasing their own copies. If you don't own the *mahzor*, you can order copies **at 40% off** by following the instructions at <http://kolhalev.net/order-high-holy-days-prayerbook>.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

A combination of children's services, free childcare and paid babysitting is available for children during the High Holy Days, depending on the date and the age of the child.

Please help us keep services safe and welcoming for the whole community by ensuring that your children are supervised at all times. Children are expected to be with their parents when they are not in children's programming, babysitting or childcare.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING & CHILDCARE

On *Rosh Hashanah* (first day) and *Yom Kippur*, children in kindergarten-grade 8 may attend the Children's Program from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Alternately, they may attend services with a parent. **Please note: Children may not roam the building unattended; unoccupied teens may be pressed into service!!**

Also on *Rosh Hashanah* (first day) and *Yom Kippur*, childcare is provided in the Library, staffed by parent volunteers, before (9:30-10:30) and after (12:30-1:30) Children's

Programs. **Parents, please sign up to volunteer on the Registration form.**

■ BABYSITTING, AGES 1-4

Babysitting for children ages 1-4 is available on first day of *Rosh Hashanah* and on *Yom Kippur* from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. **The cost for each day is \$10 for one child with a maximum \$18 per family.** (We don't offer babysitting for children under the age of one; however parents and their infants are welcome in the babysitting room.) Snacks will be provided; if your child has special dietary needs, please provide a snack.

To sign up for babysitting services, please

1. **Indicate on the registration form when you will need babysitting**
2. **Add the cost of babysitting to your total payment.**
3. **Complete and sign the waiver included in this packet.**

HOLIDAY MEALS

■ ROSH HASHANAH POTLUCK LUNCHEON

All who attend our morning services on the first day of *Rosh Hashanah* are invited to join us after services for our Potluck Luncheon for **a nominal fee of \$5 per person or \$10 per family and the contribution of a potluck dish.** When you complete the registration form, please indicate what you will bring to the potluck (see suggestions below).

■ BREAKING THE FAST

If you are interested in sharing a potluck Break-the-Fast meal at a member's home after *Yom Kippur* services, OR if you would like to host other Kol HaLev members at YOUR home, indicate this on the Registration form. Please indicate whether you prefer an early or late (after *Neilah*) meal.

DONATIONS AND FEES

■ REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT: TWO OPTIONS

You can register the old-fashioned way, by filling out your registration form and mailing it in with a check. But you can also go paperless by registering and paying online.

Register by mail:

1. Complete the registration form
2. Put it and a check payable to Kol HaLev in an envelope
3. Mail it to:

Kol HaLev
2245 Warrensville Center Road, Suite 215
University Heights, OH 44118

OR

Register online:

1. Download the registration form from our website
2. Complete and save the form, saving it in your name
3. Email it to kelli@kolhalev.net.
4. Pay online at http://kolhalev.net/pay_simple.

■ FINANCIAL AID

If you have a financial need that would make it difficult for you to celebrate the High Holy Days with us at these rates, please contact David Conn, Treasurer, at treasurer@kolhalev.net. All conversations are confidential.

■ DONATIONS

Please consider making a donation in honor of or in memory of a loved one, or to one of our special funds which include: the High Holy Days Flower Fund; the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund; the Hesed Fund; the Dudley Dinner Fund; and the Schein Fund. Donations will be acknowledged in a fall newsletter.

■ TIKKUN OLAM

Throughout the High Holy Days, envelopes will be available at the Information Table for Mazon and HIAS/Us Together donations; during *Yom Kippur* (Fri., Sept. 29 - Sat., Sept. 30), we'll collect food/supplies for the AIDS Task-force. Read more about our High Holy Days Tikkun Olam projects at <http://kolhalev.net/high-holy-days-tikkun-olam>,

ROSH HASHANAH POTLUCK SUGGESTIONS

ENTREES

Fruit-filled blintzes	Roasted potatoes
Poached salmon	Grilled vegetables
Macaroni & cheese	Pasta salad
Lox	Egg salad
Vegetarian lasagna	Tuna salad
Quiche or strata	Noodle kugel
Fruit salad	Mixed green salad

DESSERT

Honey Cake
Brownies
Cookies
Cake
Pie

FOR CHILDREN

Small sandwiches
Fruit, bite size
Macaroni & cheese
Vegetable platter
Crackers



(Dishes must be dairy or parve and NUT-FREE)

KOL HALEV HIGH HOLY DAYS REGISTRATION FORM

SUBMIT FORMS TO KOL HALEV BY SEPTEMBER 10

Your name:	
Your mailing address:	
Your email address (so we can keep you up to date):	
Your phone number (in case we have questions):	home OR cell (circle one)

REGISTRATION FOR ROSH HASHANAH & YOM KIPPUR SERVICES & SEASONAL MEMBERSHIP

Who's Attending? ¹	Member, High Holy Days Seasonal Member, Out-of-town Guest or Local Visitor
	<input type="checkbox"/> Member <input type="checkbox"/> Seasonal Member <input type="checkbox"/> Out-of-town guest <input type="checkbox"/> Local Visitor
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	<input type="checkbox"/> Member <input type="checkbox"/> Seasonal Member <input type="checkbox"/> Out-of-town guest <input type="checkbox"/> Local Visitor

¹If you need more space, use additional paper

FEES, SEASON MEMBERSHIP AND INDIVIDUAL SERVICES

Instructions:

1. Find your category (member, High Holy Days Season Member, Out-of-Town Guest or Local Visitor) in the chart below
2. Write the number of people you're registering in each category
4. Multiply by the recommended fee to get a subtotal for each category
5. Add the subtotals to fill in the TOTAL FEES FOR SERVICES box.

Member Status	MEMBERS	HIGH HOLY DAYS SEASON MEMBERSHIP		OUT-OF-TOWN GUESTS OF KOL HALEV MEMBERS AND LOCAL VISITORS				MAXIMUM PER OUT-OF-TOWN FAMILY
	All services	All Services & Elul & Tishri programs		Both Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur Services		Single Services		
Age	Any	Each adult age 25+	Anyone under 25	Each adult age 25+	Anyone under 25	Age 25+	Under 25	
Cost ²	FREE	\$120	FREE	\$72	FREE	\$36	FREE	\$120
# of people (needed for planning)						Rosh Hashanah or Yom Kippur (circle one)		
Subtotal	\$0		\$0		\$0		\$0	\$120

TOTAL FEES FOR SERVICES

² If you have a financial need that would make it difficult for you to celebrate the High Holy Days with us at these rates, please contact David Conn, Treasurer, at treasurer@kolhalev.net. All conversations are confidential.

Are you a member of Reconstructionist congregation elsewhere? Email us at welcome@kolhalev.net to attend for free.

ROSH HASHANAH POTLUCK PLUS REGISTRATION AND FEES

Number attending:	TOTAL FEES FOR POTLUCK (Check one) <input type="checkbox"/> Individual \$5 OR <input type="checkbox"/> Family \$10
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For the potluck, I'm bringing: _____
 (Bring a dairy/parve dish which serves 10-12 people and is NUT FREE. If you don't know now, email maureendinner@gmail.com when you do.)

BRING A DISH TO A HIGH HOLY DAY KIDDUSH

Since so many people attend kiddush after High Holy Days services, hosting a High Holy Days kiddush is a large undertaking. To ease the burden on High Holy Days kiddush hosts, members bring a dish (dessert, fruit, vegetables -- finger food) to ONE kiddush per High Holy Day season.

I will bring a dish to the kiddush following Rosh Hashanah Day 1 OR Rosh Hashanah Day 2

REGISTER TO PARTICIPATE IN A YOM KIPPUR BREAK-THE-FAST MEAL

If you are interested in sharing a potluck dinner in a member's home for the Break-The-Fast meal after Yom Kippur services, please list your name(s) below. Indicate whether you'd like to host a potluck in your own home or be a guest in another member's home. Also indicate if you would prefer an early meal or one that begins after the conclusion of the *Neilah* service. (You'll be notified when we've matched everyone up.)

Name(s)	I'd like to be a (check one)	I'd like to eat a(n) (check one)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Host at my house OR <input type="checkbox"/> Guest at another's	<input type="checkbox"/> Early meal OR <input type="checkbox"/> Late meal
	<input type="checkbox"/> Host at my house OR <input type="checkbox"/> Guest at another's	<input type="checkbox"/> Early meal OR <input type="checkbox"/> Late meal

DONATIONS

High Holy Days contributions are gratefully accepted. Donations are acknowledged in a fall newsletter.

Type of Donation	Amount
<input type="checkbox"/> In Honor of _____ <input type="checkbox"/> In Memory of _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Schein Fund <input type="checkbox"/> High Holy Days Flower Fund <input type="checkbox"/> The Rabbi's Discretionary Fund <input type="checkbox"/> Hesed Fund <input type="checkbox"/> General Fund <input type="checkbox"/> Dudley Dinner Fund	
<input type="checkbox"/> Please check here if you would prefer your donation to remain anonymous.	
TOTAL DONATIONS	

BABYSITTING FOR CHILDREN AGE 1-4 (FEE & REGISTRATION REQUIRED)

We offer babysitting for children ages 1-4 from **9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Rosh Hashanah** (first day only) and **9:30 to 12:30 on Yom Kippur**. The cost is \$10 per child with a maximum \$18 per family per day. **PLEASE NOTE:** Children not in babysitting and too young for Children's Programming are expected to attend services with their parents.

Babysitting pre-registration required: List the name of each child and circle the appropriate days/fees below. You must also submit the babysitting waiver included in the High Holy Days packet. Remember to fill out the waiver form which has questions about contact info, children's ages, allergies, etc.

Child's name	Rosh Hashanah	Yom Kippur	TOTAL BABYSITTING
1.	\$10 (one child)	\$10 (one child)	
2.	\$18 (>1 child)	\$18 (>1 child)	
SUBTOTAL FOR EACH HOLIDAY	+	=	

VOLUNTEER FOR A CHILDCARE SHIFT (FOR CHILDREN IN GRADES K-8)

During services on Rosh Hashanah (day 1) and Yom Kippur, children in grades K-8 can attend children's programming (or be with parents). **Before and after children's programming, children must be with their parents or in childcare, which is provided by parent volunteers for children ages 5-12 from 9:30-10:30 a.m. and from 12:30 until services end.** Parents who plan to use childcare should also volunteer for a childcare shift; please sign up below and Robyn (robyn@kolhalev.net) will contact you with specifics.

- I volunteer to provide childcare on 1st day Rosh Hashanah from 9:30-10:30 a.m. or from 12:30 p.m. until services end (or some portion thereof).
- I volunteer to provide childcare on Yom Kippur from 9:30-10:30 a.m. or from 12:30 p.m. until services end (or some portion thereof).

TOTAL AND PAYMENT OPTIONS

TOTAL FEES FOR SERVICES	
TOTAL FEES FOR POTLUCK	
TOTAL DONATIONS	
TOTAL FEES FOR BABYSITTING	
GRAND TOTAL	

HOW TO REGISTER AND PAY FOR SERVICES, LUNCHEON, AND BABYSITTING:

<p>Mail registration with a check payable to Kol HaLev to: OR</p> <p>Kol HaLev 2245 Warrensville Center Road, Suite 215 University Heights, OH 44118</p> <p>REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 10</p>	<p>Register by email and pay online:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Download the writable PDF at http://kolhalev.net/high-holy-days Save the file (rename it to include your name) and fill it out. (Note: the form doesn't auto-calculate; type in amounts after you've calculated them). Email your registration form to kelli@kolhalev.net Pay online at http://kolhalev.net/pay_simple
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Have questions or need more info? Contact: Marcia Goldberg, High Holy Days Coordinator: marcia.goldberg@gmail.com
 Kol HaLev Office, handling registration: kelli@kolhalev.net
 David Conn, Treasurer: treasurer@kolhalev.net

HIGH HOLY DAYS 2017 AT-A-GLANCE

Sun., Sept. 3	7:30 p.m.	<i>Elul</i> Study Session I	Details coming in the Weekly Update
Sun., Sept. 10	10:30 a.m.	Intergenerational Apple Picking	Eddy's Fruit Farm, 12079 Caves Rd., Chesterland, OH 44026
	7:30 p.m.	<i>Elul</i> Study Session II	Details coming in the Weekly Update
SUN., SEPT. 10	DEADLINE FOR HIGH HOLY DAYS REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT		
Sat., Sept. 16	8:00 p.m.	<i>S'lichot</i> service and study session	Ratner School. This special prayer service and study session marks the formal beginning of the High Holy Days period. Please bring a dessert or appetizer to share
Wed., Sept. 20	8:00 p.m.	<i>Erev Rosh Hashanah</i>	Ratner School. Doors open at 7:30; <u>please arrive by 7:45</u>
Thu., Sept. 21	9:30 a.m.	<i>Rosh Hashanah, Day 1</i>	Ratner School. Doors open at 9:00 a.m.; <u>please arrive by 9:15 a.m.</u>
	10:30 a.m.	Children's Programming	Age group-specific 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>	After the luncheon ends, around 3:30 p.m. at Shaker Lakes. Maps available at services
Fri., Sept., 22	9:30 a.m.	<i>Rosh Hashanah, Day 2</i>	Ratner School. Doors open at 9:00 a.m.
Fri., Sept. 29	6:45 p.m.	<i>Kol Nidre (Erev Yom Kippur)</i>	Ratner School. Doors open at 6:15. <u>Please arrive by 6:30</u>
Fri., Sept. 29 - Sat., Sept. 30		<i>Tikkun Olam</i> Drive	Envelopes will be available at the Information Table for Mazon and HIAS/Us Together donations; we'll collect food/supplies for the AIDS task force
Sat., Sept. 30	9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.	<i>Yom Kippur Shacharit</i>	Ratner School. Doors open at 9:00 a.m. <u>Please arrive by 9:15</u> Age group-specific Children's and Tot/Parent Programming are scheduled.
	10:30 a.m.	Children's Programming	
	11:00 a.m.	Tot/Parent Programming	
	12:45–1:30 p.m.	<i>Avodah</i> Service	
	1:45–2:30 p.m.	Meditation	
	2:45–3:30 p.m.	Social Justice Talk	
	3:45–4:45 p.m.	Torah Study	
	5:00–6:00 p.m.	<i>Yizkor</i>	
	6:00–7:00 p.m.	<i>Neilah</i>	
	after <i>Neilah</i>	Break-the-Fast meal	
Sun., Oct. 1	10:00 a.m.	<i>Sukkah</i> building	Outside the Ratner School
Thu., Oct. 5	10:30 a.m.	<i>Sukkot</i> Service	Ratner School
Sat., Oct. 7	1:30 p.m.	Intergenerational <i>Sukkot</i> Celebration & Potluck	Ratner School
Thu., Oct. 12	10:30 a.m.	<i>Shemini Atzeret</i> service	Ratner School
	6:30 p.m.	<i>Simchat Torah</i> Service	Ratner School



ABOUT KOL HALEV

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.