

Kol HaLev

Cleveland's Reconstructionist Jewish Community

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Dear Kol HaLev Family,

Shalom Alechem! A warm hello to all of you! We hope that you are having a wonderful summer. We are pleased to share with you information about youth and family education this year at Kol HaLev. We are extremely excited for this year's theme, What Would a Mensch Do?, inspired by the curriculum by Rabbi Rami Shapiro and Elissa Treuer. The program will focus on "Mentschcraft" as derived from the words of the Prophet Micah: "Do justly, act kindly, and walk humbly with your God." Each lesson will give concrete steps that learners can take to enhance their personal mentschcraft.

There are several changes this year including a new high school program, Chalutzim Chai, which will be a series of workshops that will take place on Sunday afternoon/evenings depending on participant availability. The workshops are *Sex, Drugs, Rock n' Roll*, and *Comic Books* and will be led by Rabbi Steve, Mark Davidson, Brent Weinstock and Robyn. We are excited for this new endeavor!

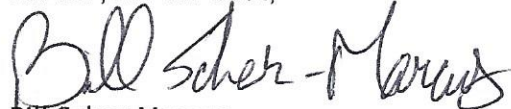
Enclosed, please find the Youth and Family Education Handbook which has information about Hagiga, Nesiya, intergenerational programming, youth group, and special activities. We have also enclosed a youth and family education calendar which is perfect for quick reference.

Hagiga is an informal educational program which is led by a dedicated team of volunteer *madrichim* (leaders/guides). The inspiration for these programs comes from a variety of sources, namely the Mission and Vision Statements, as well as the many caring members who are madrichim and members of the Youth and Family Education Committee. Through each avenue we have made great strides to fulfill our mission "to provide a range of joyous, exciting educational and social opportunities for the congregation's youth and their families." You can find information about our vision, mission, and past activities, as well as the full range of youth programs at Kol HaLev, on our website www.kolhalev.net by clicking on the Youth and Family Programs tab under the "Community Life" heading, as well as the enclosed Handbook.

In order to best serve the community, we need to know who will be participating in the Hagiga program. Please complete the enclosed registration form and return it to the Kol HaLev office by August 31st. As the divisions of our education groups are based on numbers of participants, receiving registration for participants makes the whole process much smoother. Thank you for your prompt attention!

We are looking forward to a great year! If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions, please feel free to contact us.

Kol tuv, All our best,



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