

# 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, *Keshirim - Connections*, which will focus on 4 areas: *B'nai Yisrael* (ancestry/Torah), *Klal Yisrael* (the greater Jewish community), *Kehilat Yisrael* (Community/Kol HaLev) and *Kol Yoshvei Tevel* (all who dwell on earth).

There are several changes this year which were inspired by our community meetings this summer. We will have a **Hagiga Family Kickoff event on Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4 pm** with special guest, Amalia Haas (known to some as the "Bee Lady"). She is a talented educator and we think you will enjoy the program very much. Also new this year, class time will begin promptly at 10:30, which will be followed by either services or *chuggim* (workshops). As this is an experiment, we will be checking in throughout the year to glean your feedback on the changes.

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 *madrachim* (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 *madrachim* 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](http://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 31<sup>st</sup>. 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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