

Kol HaLev

Cleveland's Reconstructionist Jewish Community

August 2019/Tammuz 5779

Dear Kol HaLev Family,

Shalom! Hello! I hope that you are having a wonderful summer. It has been a busy summer in the office and I am eager to share with you all the wonderful things that are planned for this coming year. I am extremely excited for this year's theme, *Living the Dream Recon Style*, which will explore avenues of Reconstructionism including Science and Judaism, Social Justice, and the 4Bs of Reconstructionism – Believing, Behaving, Belonging, and Becoming.

Our year will begin with a special **Hagiga Family Kickoff event on Sunday, September 8th from 1 to 3pm** with special guest, **The Shofar Factory!** It will be an amazing day as we learn about Hagiga, each other and make our very own *shofarot/shofars* which we will use during the community Rosh HaShanah service! (Parents and siblings may also make a shofar of their own). We will have another special day on **Friday, October 18th** as we celebrate **Sukkot** as a community. In appreciation of everyone's limited time, we will not have Hagiga that weekend and hope that everyone will dedicate their Kol HaLev time to coming to the Intergenerational Sukkot celebration.

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 in the Youth and Family Education Handbook.

As we are planning, we would appreciate knowing your plans for this coming year. Please complete the enclosed forms and return them to the Kol HaLev office by August 31st. Thank you for your prompt attention!

It is going to be a great year! If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions, please feel free to contact me.

Kol tuv, All my best,



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