



Kol HaLev Afterschool

2020-2021

Kol HaLev

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Welcome!

I am so glad you are interested in learning more about our offerings. Kol HaLev offers a la carte Jewish education for a variety of learners. Our teachers are dedicated, warm, learned, creative professionals, and all of our classes are engaging and substantive, whether they are drama or text study.

This is an unprecedented year, full of challenges. Kol HaLev is using this year as an opportunity for creativity, adapting to virtual learning by drawing from a national pool of teachers, and offering classes that utilize online learning as an opportunity to develop new approaches to teaching.

I look forward to sharing a year of deep learning with your family. Please feel free to reach out to me directly with any questions or just to introduce yourself.

Blessings on you and your family,

Rabbi David B. Siff

About us

“Kol HaLev” means “with all your heart.” We put our heart into everything we do, and invite you to join us in serving God and our fellows with your whole heart together with us.

Formed in 2019 by Rabbi Siff, Kol HaLev aims to offer transformative, meaningful Jewish practice. We offer a Judaism which engages the soul by being accessible, participatory, and uplifting: spiritual practice which energizes and focuses; Torah study which challenges us emotionally, intellectually, and ethically, and which is directly applicable to the pressing issues of our day; and acts of service which engage us with the broader world through the framework of mitzvot and Jewish values.



Our goal at Kol HaLev is not only to transmit Judaism to our children, but to co-create a model of joyous, meaningful Jewish learning and practice. We are more than a Hebrew School: we are a community, where we celebrate Judaism together; like a camp, we are a place we play, explore, have fun, and develop deep relationships. In our experiential program is one where children and families celebrate Shabbat and holidays together, learn in a hands-on way about Jewish life, and experience the joy of being part of a sacred community of meaning.

Our afterschool program offers a diversity of classes to meet the needs of diverse students. Our creative arts based programming feels more like camp than school and uses play, creativity, arts, and project based learning to learn about mitzvot, Jewish values and culture, Hebrew language and holidays. Kol HaLev is also a safe and enriching afterschool program where parents feel comfortable with the trusted staff and environment. We recruit caring, professional staff to cultivate a safe and enriching learning environment.



Why don't we call it Hebrew School?

We believe that Jewish education should not be “one size fits all,” and we offer a range of engaging educational options for the range of learners. We also believe that the goal of Jewish

education is not only Hebrew knowledge, but becoming a knowledgeable Jew. We invite you to explore any or all of these programs.

How is Kol HaLev Afterschool different than other schools?

- Learning that matters: we believe Torah is deeply relevant to how we live our lives, and has the power to help us transform our lives and the world. In everything we teach, we seek to convey the message of Torah to our lives.
- Learning that is fun: we believe that children learn best when they are active. We bring in art, drama, and other activities to make the learning process joyful and engaging.
- Judaism with heart: everything we do at Kol HaLev is wholehearted. We are a kind, caring community, and always insist that Judaism should be meaningful and relevant.
- Expert Faculty: we conduct our faculty search nationally, looking for professional educators who have deep Jewish knowledge, who are kind, positive role models, and who are innovative as educators. Many of our faculty are professionals with years of experience, and leaders in their own field.
- A La Carte: different classes for different learners. Only register for the classes that are right for you. No synagogue membership required.



Safety Note: due to the current COVID-19 situation, all classes and programs are currently being held on Zoom.

Class Offerings for 2020-2021

Torah Through Drama

Explore Torah personalities and the values they embodied through this interactive class. Using improv, human statues, creative writing, and dramatization, children will experience what it is like to “be” Moses, Miriam, and Aaron, and explore creative scenarios based on Torah texts.

Grades 2-8, Tuesday 4:00

Mensch School: Mitzvah Study Group

Delve into the Torah’s vision for leading a holy life, through examining some of the key *mitzvot* that we can practice every day through stories, text study, and activities. This year we are focusing on not bearing grudges, speaking kindly, and more.

Grades k-2: Thursday 4:00

Grades 3-5: Thursday, 4:30

Torah and Today

Take a deep dive into contemporary issues through a Jewish lens.

Grades 5-8: Mondays, 4:00

Singorama: Jewish Music

Learn about Jewish values & holidays (and just have some fun) through music. This highly participatory class will have you singing and dancing through the week.

Grades k-2: Thursdays 4:30

Grades 3-5: Thursdays 4:00

Hebrew Reading Club

Small group Hebrew reading & comprehension instruction. Monday afternoon sessions run between 4-6 (specific time based on level).

Bar/Bat Mitzvah preparation

At Kol HaLev we believe the B'nai Mitzvah is a commitment made by the child to embrace their Jewish identity and participate as an adult member of the Jewish community. The event sets the tone for a lifetime of passionate and meaningful Judaic involvement.

We work with parents and children to develop a course of preparation to make this a meaningful celebration. For some children, this means learning the traditional prayers and Torah reading, with the help of our expert tutors. Alternatively, this may mean a significant project of Jewish learning or of social action, culminating with a presentation to the community. We will work with you to develop a meaningful course of preparation for your child and your family.

Besides this course of study, we help you and your child prepare for this celebration through Shabbat Dinners, Shabbat Services, and family Holiday celebrations, through which your child learns our traditions, as well as develops a sense of being part of a larger Jewish community.

We are fortunate to offer the services of two loving and experienced educators who are happy to tutor your child, Ilissa Nelsen and Rabbi David Siff. Our tutors are patient, warm, and friendly, are flexible with timing, and are happy to offer 30-minute, 60 minute, or longer tutoring slots, as many times a week as you want.

We look forward to helping you make this a meaningful & joyous process!

Other Programming for 2020-2021

Holiday Celebrations

Kol HaLev's crazy fun holiday programs are the highlight of our year! We hold a Sukkot Family Festival, Hanukkah Party, Megillah Performance, and Shavuot "Late night Learning". This year we are planning a number of Zoom holiday celebrations, including a menorah lighting, interactive Megillah reading/performance, and Shavuot learning. We are also hoping to explore limited in-person activities, safety dependent.



Family Shabbat

Our monthly Friday night gathering for singing, food, and friends. Our joyous Friday night service integrates singing, English prayer, and stories, to create a spiritual experience for participants of all ages and backgrounds. We currently hold this on zoom & Facebook, but we hope to resume live outdoor gatherings after Sukkot, safety dependent.

Shabbat Morning Torah School



Our Shabbat based childrens' program meets every other week, and teaches holidays, Torah, and what it means to live a Jew in their daily life. Our multi-sensory curriculum incorporates yoga, drama, cooking, and art to engage children actively in a fun learning process. Our big kids' Torah discussion is offered for kids over 10 invited to join main service). **Currently on hold for safety reasons.**

Holiday Story Hour

A monthly exploration of Jewish holidays through stories & music. On Zoom & Facebook.

Faculty

Rabbinical Student Samuel Gelman

Samuel Gelman is a fourth year Rabbinical student at JTS. He has spent 8 years teaching in Hebrew Schools, as well as two years working at Camp Ramah in the Berkshires. He also has served as youth director & youth theatre director at Temple Emanu-El in Providence, RI.

Betty Golub



Betty lives in Knoxville, Tennessee, where she was the Director of Education at Heska Amuna Synagogue. She has been actively involved in the field of Jewish education for over twenty five years. She started as a Madricha in her home synagogue. This led to becoming a classroom teacher, then branching out into administration. Her passion has been teaching children how alive and vital Judaism is. Betty is currently a board member of the Jewish Educators Assembly and a member of the United Synagogue Task Force for Educational Resources for the High Holidays. Betty serves as our Faculty Mentor.

Ilissa Nelsen



Ilissa has been teaching Hebrew and Judaic Studies for over 30 years and as a Youth Group coordinator. Ilissa earned a BA in Jewish Studies at University of Minnesota, and attended the Jewish Education and Administration program at University of Judaism in Los Angeles, earning her Master's Degree in Psychology at Pepperdine University. Ilissa has 4 children and lives in Boynton Beach. Ilissa tutors in our Bar/Bat Mitzvah program.

Rabbi David Siff



Rabbi David is the founder & rabbi of Kol HaLev. He has a PhD in Kabbalah & Philosophy from JTS, where he wrote on the works of Rebbe Nahman of Breslav. He integrates music, drama, and arts into his work, as well as serious engagement with traditional texts, finding their relevance to contemporary society. He lives in Boynton Beach with his wife, Tanya, and 3 children.

Rachel Wolman



Rachel has been songleading for the last fifteen years. Jewish music is her entire world and she absolutely loves doing it. The last five years she has been traveling and songleading full time all over the country working with different congregations, youth groups, day schools, and more.

Kol HaLev

Jewish Camp After School Registration

Complete the attached registration form and email it to dasiff@gmail.com, or mail it to:
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 Boynton Beach FL 33472

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Parent #1 First Name	Parent #1 Last Name	Hebrew Name	Phone Number	Email Address
Address	City	ST	Zip	
Parent #2 First Name	Parent #2 Last Name	Hebrew Name	Phone Number	Email Address
Address	City	ST	Zip	

Student Information

Child 1

First Name	Last Name	Date of Birth	Hebrew Name
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Attended another religious school? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	Name of School	Years/Grades Attended
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How does this child learn best?

What teaching methods have proven counter-productive with this child?

Any special educational needs?

Learning or behavior issues?

This child has an IEP that we will share with the school administrator.

Please describe Hebrew background & knowledge

What are your goals for your child this year (both in terms of Jewish education and otherwise):

Child 2

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Tuition for 2020-2021 is as follows:

1 Credit \$600; 2 credits \$1100; 3 credits \$1500

(Cost is per child--discount does not apply across multiple children)

10% early-bird special for registrations received by 8/15

\$100 deposit/child due on registration

Referral Discount: \$50 off if your friend enrolls & pays tuition

Tuition due monthly on the first of the month from September through May

*Please note that if this amount is difficult for you, we will work to find you a scholarship--we strongly believe that every child deserves a great Jewish education, no matter their family means. **Pease do not be shy about requesting a scholarship!!!***

We accept payment by zelle or by check, payable to Kol HaLev

Tuition Worksheet

A. Classes for First Child: Hebrew Music Drama Mitzvot

Credits:____ **Tuition:**____

B. Classes for 2nd child: Hebrew Music Drama Mitzvot

Credits:____ **Tuition:**____

C. Classes for 3rd child: Hebrew Music Drama Mitzvot

Credits:____ **Tuition:**____

Total Tuition before discounts:_____

D. Early Bird Discount:

E. Referral Discount Requested:

Name and contact information of person you are referring:

G. Total Discounts:

H. Paying now:

I. Remaining Fees:

J. Monthly Payment amount (Line I divided by 9): _____

Payment by Zelle

I agree to abide by the payment plan, and will pay the Monthly Payment Amount by the 5th of each month. Please send zelle requests to me at my email: _____

Kol HaLev Camp After School Tuition Scholarship Application

Name: _____

Today's date: _____

Preferred phone number and email for any follow-up, if necessary: _____

Child(ren)'s names & grade(s) in Fall _____: _____ (year)

I. Request for alternate payment schedule: I/We am/are unable to pay the full amount of fees. The total amount of fees due is \$_____. I/We propose to pay this amount over time as follows: (Example: My fees are \$450; I/we will pay \$150 with registration and \$50/month over the next six months).

II. Request for scholarship funds:

These funds are limited, but we make our best effort to accommodate all requests. You will be contacted if we are unable to fulfill your request.

The total amount of fees due is \$_____. I/We request financial aid in the amount of \$_____ to supplement the amount that I/we contribute. (Example: My/Our fees are \$450. I/We will pay \$30/month over the next 12 months; I/we request financial aid in the amount of \$150.)

Please provide a brief explanation as to why funds are requested. This request is confidential.

This request is confidential and are only available to members in good standing. Please return this form to Rabbi Siff.

Office use only: Approved _____ Date _____

Photo Release

I hereby ____consent OR ____withhold consent to allow photographs or likenesses of my child(ren) to be used in Kol HaLev advertising material, social media or other forms of publications or to be published in the local media.

Name of Child:

Name of Parent:

Signature:

Date:

2020-2021 Calendar

Sept 7-Labor Day (no classes)

Sept 8-Start of classes

Sept 13-Rosh Hashanah Story Hour 10:00

Sept 28 no classes—Yom Kippur

Oct 4: Sukkah Open House 10:00-2:00

Oct 10: Simhat Torah Parade

Oct 12: no classes-Columbus Day

Nov 6: Family Shabbat 6:00

Nov 22: Thanksgiving Story Hour

Nov 23-27 no classes (Thanksgiving)

December 4-Family Shabbat 4:30

December 13: Hanukkah Story Hour

December 14: Menorah Lighting 6:00

December 21-Jan 1 no class

Jan 18 no class—MLK Day of Service

Jan 24 Tu Bishvat Story Hour

Jan 28 Tu Bishvat Seder

Feb 5 Family Shabbat 6:00

Feb 21 Purim Story Hour

Feb 25 no classes; Megillah Reading 6:00

March 15-19 no school (spring break)

March 21 Passover Story Hour

March 27 Passover Seder

April 11 Israel Story Hour

April 29 Lag B'Omer Bonfire

May 16 Learning at Night (Shavuot celebration)

May 17-18 no class (Shavuot)

May 27 last day of classes

May 28 Family Shabbat & Graduation 6:00