



Jewish Virtual
Academy
2021-2022

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.

Last year was challenging but wonderful. We were forced to rethink our educational model in the wake of the pandemic, and ended up creating a novel framework of a la carte, online offerings, including more creative arts as well as more textual. This year we are continuing our virtual offerings, and adding a “Moot Court” team. We are also delighted to welcome some amazing new faculty, Rabbi Andy Katz and Sarah Rosenson.

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 Judaism which engages the soul 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. Our experiential community 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 uses play, creativity, arts, and project -based learning to learn about mitzvot, Jewish values, Hebrew language and holidays. Our text based classes offer serious engagement with the texts of the Jewish tradition for children who do not attend day school or know Hebrew, but want to learn the deep teaching our tradition has to offer. We recruit caring, professional staff to cultivate a safe and enriching learning environment.

Why don't we call it Hebrew School?



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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 the Jewish Virtual Academy 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 a national faculty search, 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.



Class Offerings for 2021-2022

Mitzvah Class

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 mitzvot from Ki Teitzei (Deuteronomy 21-25), which emphasize holiness and justice in our personal life and in society. Grades 3-6, Mondays 5:00

Jewish Heroes Drama Project

In this class, students will explore the heroes of the Jewish tradition and the values they lived for, through playful activities such as improvisational games, puppet making, film making, and more. When was the last time you spoke up like Esther or Moses, or faced a challenge like Rabbi Akiba? Activities will include human statues, puppet making, and creative storytelling.

Wednesday 4:30



Torah and Today

What do the Torah and Talmud have to say about modern life? Take a deep dive into contemporary issues through a Jewish lens. Students study selected rabbinic passages in English.

Tuesday & Thursday 4:30

Maimonides Moot Court Team

MMCC is a national program in which students to grapple with contemporary ethics using Jewish legal wisdom. Students study content relevant to the 2021 case study to help ground their argument, in sourcebooks which contain texts spanning the full breadth of Jewish tradition, and develop a presentation expressing their view of the topic. Culminates in a

shabbaton/competition in March. Kol HaLev is offering a county wide team including students from diverse synagogues.

Tuesday & Thursday 7:00

Hebrew Reading and Prayer Literacy

One on one Hebrew reading & prayer literacy instruction. Session timing based on student schedule.

Bar/Bat Mitzvah preparation

At Kol HaLev we believe the B'nai Mitzvah is way for a child to embrace their Jewish identity and start to 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 larger Jewish community.



We are fortunate to offer the services of Rabbi David Siff, and Havivah Giangrecco, two loving and experienced educators who are happy to tutor your child. 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!

Cost: \$5200

Includes up to 30 tutoring sessions & either Shabbat celebration with Kol HaLev, or weekday ceremony of your choice designed together with Rabbi Siff.

Discount: 40% of any tuition previously paid to Kol HaLev, up to \$2,000

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 Ice Cream Party & 10 Commandments reading.

Family Shabbat

Our joyous Friday night service integrates singing, English prayer, and stories, to create a spiritual experience for participants of all ages and backgrounds, followed by a Shabbat dinner.



Shabbat Morning Torah School



Our Shabbat based childrens' program meets whenever we hold Shabbat services, and utilizes a multi-sensory approach to the Torah portion, incorporating yoga, drama, music, and edible art to engage children actively in a fun learning process.

Virtual Youth Group

Have fun with friends! Every Sunday at 5, children are invited to join together for an online group gaming session. Games include Among Us, Minecraft, and anything children choose.

Faculty

Kol HaLev faculty combine deep Torah knowledge, pedagogical excellence, and creativity with online teaching techniques.

Rabbi David Siff--Director



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.

Jill Liflander – “Be Your Jewish Heroes”



Jill Liflander is a puppeteer, visual artist, dancer, storyteller, writer and activist. Jill holds an undergraduate degree in Cultural Anthropology and a Master’s Degree in Elementary Education. She has studied at the Harkness Dance Center’s “Dance Education Laboratory” at the 92nd St Y in NYC, and with the Kennedy Center’s “Arts Integration” model of arts education. In addition to creating Early Childhood puppet educational experiences throughout Westchester, Jill is the Educational Director of the Hebrew Congregation of Somers Hebrew School

Rabbi Andy Shapiro Katz – Torah and Today



Rabbi Andy received rabbinical ordination in 2004 from Rabbi Daniel Landes and Rav Aryeh Strikovksy. Andy has taught Talmud and Jewish History at the Weber Jewish Community High School in Atlanta and the Jewish Community High School of the Bay in San Francisco, where he also served as Assistant Head of School. He also is an author at Bim Bam, and spends his summer teaching at Camp Ramah in the Poconos. Andy and lives in Beer Sheva (Israel) with his wife Emily (also a Jewish educator) and their four children.

Sarah Rosenson – Mitzvah Class



Sarah currently teaches both adults and children on various online platforms. She previously practiced law, and now teaches classes on ethics, philosophy, and world religions for middle and high school students at a private school. She has a BA from Georgetown University, a JD from the University of Pennsylvania, and an MA in Jewish Studies from the Spertus Institute of Jewish Studies. She lives in New Jersey with her husband, who is the Executive Director of an environmental advocacy group

Havivah Giangrecco – Hebrew



Havivah is a student at Eastern Washington University, and has been tutoring Hebrew students for years.

Lisa Fogelson – Shabbat Morning Childrens' Program



Lisa brings Judaism “to Life!” for all ages. With extensive background in youth groups and informal education, she knows the importance of hands on, play based learning. Originally from Oregon, she has worked in synagogues, camps, and schools throughout the country. Along with her husband, she now homeschools her two sons in Boynton Beach.

Teri Giannetti – Faculty Mentor



Teri is a Coach and a certified Trainer for “3VitalQuestions Program” which deals with Team Building and moving one’s staff from “Drama in the Workplace.” She has taught elementary, middle school, and high school, and served as the principal of an Orthodox Hebrew Day School as well as full time administrator at a Jewish Community School. Teri brings a passionate belief that every person is a total individual with wants/needs requiring attention, and helps support the development of each person’s potential.

Jewish Virtual Academy

Please complete the attached registration form and email it to rabbi@kolhalevabc.org, or mail it to:

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If you have any questions, please contact Rabbi Siff at rabbi@kolhalevabc.org, or 561-809-5695.

Parent #1 First Name	Parent #1 Last Name	Hebrew Name	Phone Number	Email Address
Address	City	State	Zip	
Preferred form of contact:				
Parent #2 First Name	Parent #2 Last Name	Hebrew Name	Phone Number	Email Address
Address	City	State	Zip	

Preferred form of contact:

Student Information

please fill out separate form for each child

First Name	Last Name	Date of Birth	Hebrew Name
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Attended another religious school? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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?

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

Best method of contact in case in the event that student is late for class (include # to call/text):

For Camp: Would you like us to help find a volunteer who can transport your child? If so, what school do they attend?

Tuition for 2021-2022:

Please keep in mind that nobody is turned away for inability to pay; we structure tuition to try to pay our costs, but we always make sure that everybody who wants to attend can do so. We believe that every child deserves a great Jewish education. **Please apply for a scholarship if your family needs one.**

Tuition is based on number of credits (i.e. class sessions/week)

1 Credit \$750

2 Credits \$1400

3 Credits \$1900

4 or more credits \$2400 (includes 1 weekly session of tutoring)

Nb: “Torah and Today” and “Moot Bet Din” are 2-credit classes

Cost is per child—multiple credit discount does not apply across children

Early Bird Discount

5% early-bird special for registrations received with deposit by 5/31

Deposit

\$100 deposit/child due on registration

Referral Discount

\$50 off if your friend enrolls & pays full year tuition

Due to the holiday schedule, we are offering free classes to the community during August and September, and starting classes officially October 4th. Due to this, tuition will be due monthly on the first of the month from October through May (8 installments in all).

Changes in enrollment will result in loss of any discounts

Financial aid

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.

****Please do not be shy about requesting a scholarship!!!***

We accept payment by credit card or by check, payable to Kol HaLev. Invoices will be sent monthly to your email via Wave.

Tuition Worksheet

Child 1

Name:

Classes:

credits:

Tuition:

Child 2

Name:

Classes:

credits:

Tuition:

Child 3

Name:

Classes:

credits:

Tuition:

Child 4

Name:

Classes:

credits:

Tuition:

Total Tuition before discounts: _____

Discounts:

Early Bird Discount (\$100):

A. Referral Discount Requested:

Name and contact information of person you are referring:

G. Total Discounts:

H. Paying now:

we will send a bill via wave upon receipt of this form

I. Remaining Fees:

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

Payment by Wave

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

Signature:_____

Date:_____

Kol HaLev 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 _____

Behavioral Expectations:

I, _____, understand that I am part of the Kol HaLev community and I agree to participate respectfully and honorably. I agree to obey the following rules:

Respect for Learning. As a part of the Jewish people, I will take pride in learning about my heritage and traditions. I will come to class on time. I will do my classwork and eagerly participate in activities and discussions. I will ask questions if I do not understand. If I was absent, I will ask the teacher what I missed, and I will try to catch up to my class. I will pay attention and do my work!

Respect for Myself. I am welcome and safe at Kol HaLev. I have the right to share what I believe, without worry that others will make fun of me. I will talk about what I am thinking and think about new things. I want to make new friends and explore what it means when to say I am Jewish. I will share my thoughts!

Respect for Others. The Rabbi, the Director, my teachers and my classmates expect me to respect them. I will not do things that interrupt others. I will turn off and put my toys and personal electronic devices away, unless the teacher give me permission to use them. I agree that a community cannot grow strong if we tear each other down. I know that teasing, name-calling, pranks and gossip are bullying and doing this is wrong! I promise not to bully others, and I promise that I will speak up if I know of anyone bullying anyone else. I will not be hurtful, and I will speak up if I see others are!

Respect for How I Look. I will attend class clean and dressed properly. I understand that tank tops, strapless tops, “muscle shirts” and shirts or short pants that are too torn, too short, or too see-thru are not appropriate for “Torah study. Costumes, sports uniforms, noisy add-ons, cleats, and hats are distracting and not allowed unless for an activity that a teacher has given permission to wear. I understand that virtual backgrounds and screen sharing are distracting, and will not engage in these activities, and will keep my screen on when requested. I am proud to be proper and prepared!

Your signature indicates that you have read and understand and will comply with these expectations to ensure that all students have a positive school year

student signature

date

parent signature

date

Photo Release

I understand how important it is for Kol HaLev to publicise its education offering to the public. Because of this, I give permission 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:

2021-2022 Calendar

Aug 16-31 & Sept 13th Limited classes

Sept 6-Oct 3 Holiday Break

Sept 26 Sukkot Family Festival

Oct 4 School Resumes

Nov 5 Family Shabbat Service & Dinner

Nov 22-25 Thanksgiving Break

Dec 4 Hanukkah Party

Dec 20- Jan 3 Winter Break

Jan 15 Tu Bishvat Seder

Jan 17 no class: MLK Day

Feb 4 Family Shabbat Service & Dinner

Feb 21 No school (Presidents Day)

March 13 Hamentaschen Bake

March 17 no class; Purim Celebration 6:30

March 21-24 spring break

April 15 Family Friendly and Fun Passover Seder

May 19 Lag B'Omer Bonfire

May 26 Last day of school

June 5: Shavuot ice cream/10 commandments party & study session/dinner