



# Torah Club After School & Jewish Virtual Academy 2021-2022

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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.

We are so delighted to be embarking on our fourth year as a school! This year we are pleased to offer both virtual and in-person classes, and we are also piloting our "Torah and Today" curriculum nationally as well as in Canada. Our students consistently express appreciation for study which is serious, content rich, and relevant, and for our creative, dynamic, and enthusiastic teaching staff.

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 offers transformative, meaningful Jewish practice. We offer 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. 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 "Torah Club After School" teaches Jewish values through Torah, Holidays, and Jewish Prayer. 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?*

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 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 2022-2023**

### **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 Middot (Jewish Values). Grades 4-6, Mondays 5:00, online

### **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. This year's focus will be the Torah's vision for emotional balance & healthy relationships.

Mondays 7:00-8:30, online

### **Torah Club After School**

Explore Jewish Holidays, lessons from the Torah, and Jewish prayer through stories and crafts, including "Make Your Own Siddur." Tuesdays 3:00 at Kol HaLev; pickup available from selected local schools. Grades k-5.



### **Hebrew Reading and Prayer Literacy**

One on one online 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 other experienced tutors 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.



## 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.

### Rabbi Dovid Reisman



Rebbe Dovid Reisman has taught Torah and Judaic studies in Day schools and Sunday schools at the elementary level, and volunteering as a guest lecturer at a the local prisons for over 30 years. Rabbi Reisman loves Torah and working with children. Brooklyn born, Rebbe Dovid currently lives in Massachusetts, and still appreciates the occasional overstuffed pastrami sandwich. When he isn't teaching, he's usually involved in Israel advocacy or spending time with his 12 grandchildren.

### Morah Shayna Ohayon



Morah Shayna inspires and motivates children to love Judaism thru art, drama, play and cooking. Her goal is for the children to attain a strong sense of love and pride in being Jewish.

### Aliza Stein



After earning her Bachelor's Degree in Education from FAU, Aliza began her teaching career as a 5th grade teacher and Team Lead in the Atlanta School System. She also taught as an early childhood Judaic Studies teacher, and as a Hebrew Specialist and Lead Teacher at B'nai Torah Congregation. She fell in love with the online platform in 2011, and since then has worked with hundreds of B'nai Mitzvah students.

**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@kolhalevpbc.org](mailto:rabbi@kolhalevpbc.org), or mail it to:

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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

Attended another religious school? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Name of School	Years/Grades Attended

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 2022-2023:

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:**

Mitzvah Class \$840

Hebrew Tutoring \$840

Torah & Today \$1260

Torah Club After School \$1260

Bar/Bat Mitzvah \$5200 [minus tuition discount]

**Deposit**

\$100 deposit/child due on registration

**Referral Discount**

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

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).

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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.)

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

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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:

# 2022-2023 Calendar

Aug 16 Torah Club After School starts

Sept 12 Online classes start

Sept 26-27 (Mon-Tues) No school--Rosh Hashanah

October 4 (Tues) No Classes--Yom Kippur

October 16--Sukkot Family Festival

Nov 21-25 Thanksgiving Break

Oct 17 (Mon)-no classes--Shemini Atzeret

Dec 24 Hanukkah Party

Dec 25-Jan 5 Winter Break

March 6 (M) no class-purim

Megillah reading & party

March 20-24 no class-spring break

April 5 Passover Family Seder

May 8 Lag B'Omer celebration

May 22-last day of classes