

September 1, 2015

Dear Kol Haverim Members and Friends,



Shana Tova! **Kol Haverim** is a vibrant community of Secular Humanistic Jews in Ithaca, New York. Together since 1999, we are exploring Humanistic Judaism and the qualities that resonate for us within this unique philosophical and cultural framework.

Kol Haverim is affiliated with the Society for Humanistic Judaism (SHJ), a national association of more than 30 Humanistic Jewish communities and congregations around the country. SHJ provides us with many of the materials we need to build a strong congregation and enables us to feel part of a larger community.

Kol Haverim offers B'nai Mitzvah and Holiday events in the context of Humanistic Judaism. There are also other Shabbat gatherings, celebrations and programs being planned and we welcome your involvement.

We are excited as the Kol Haverim schedule for this coming fall is rich with events and a fantastic year welcomes you in. September and October will be full of holidays: Rosh Hashanah on September 13, Yom Kippur on September 23, and Sukkot, on October 3. You will soon receive a "calendar of events" post card in the mail and you can check the website for updates. We'll also have a membership open house and youth activities program this fall.

Kol Haverim offers a sliding scale fee, with the aim of making membership accessible to all. We also encourage members to consider additional contributions at the time of renewal. To recognize a greater level of support, we have a Sustaining Member category. Those who wish to financially support Kol Haverim but do not wish to join the membership may choose to be an Affiliate Supporter. With your generosity, our community can continue to support important causes, sponsor community events, and provide financial assistance for memberships.

We look forward to your joining Kol Haverim for the 2015-2016 season! Please fill out the membership form below, make your check payable to Kol Haverim, and send it to the address below by October 1st. We look forward to seeing you this coming fall!

Warmest Regards,

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