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Dear Kol Haverim Members and Friends,

Shana Tova! **Kol Haverim** is a 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.



Starting in 2018 we are reaffiliating with the Society for Humanistic Judaism (SHJ) as a Havurah. This designation recognizes that we are a small egalitarian group depending on participation by the entire community. SHJ is a national organization of more than 30 Humanistic Jewish Communities around the country. SHJ provides us with support as a group 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 gatherings, celebrations and programs for children and adults being planned and we welcome your involvement.

Kol Haverim's schedule for this fall starts with the Jewish holidays, beginning with Rosh Hashanah on September 20, followed by Children's Rosh Hashanah on September 23, Yom Kippur on September 30, and Sukkot, on October 7. As a Havurah we will continue our Sunday schmoozes and plan to have a monthly gathering/outing organized by a member. For details and updates, check our website www.kolhaverim.net.

As always, Kol Haverim offers a sliding scale, 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 participate as active members 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 2017-2018 season! Please fill out the membership form below, make your check payable to Kol Haverim, and send it to the address below by October 15. We look forward to seeing you this coming fall!

Warmest Regards,

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