

More than just a congregation....

Kol Halev means "Voice of the Heart." As an Independent-Progressive congregation originally founded in 1996, we are participants in a meaningful, joyful, authentic ritual life, guided by the traditions and values of the Jewish faith. We freely adapt the best of Reform, Conservative, Reconstructionist, and other approaches to Jewish life to fashion a unique and meaningful communal experience for our members, and integrate various practices, strategies, and principles that are found in the most successful and engaging spiritual communities in the liberal Jewish world.



We nurture and encourage all who wish to infuse their lives with Jewish music, learning, prayer, and worthy deeds. Although our members represent varied traditions, practices, and beliefs, we are united in our dedication to providing a place that meets the needs of the Jewish community for worship, lifelong learning, and life-cycle events. We celebrate the evolving nature of Jewish civilization, constantly finding ways to keep our heritage fresh, relevant, and inspiring.

Worship at Kol Halev is participatory, accessible and inclusive. We use a prayer book that is poetic, reflective, and deeply personal, with an English translation and transliteration. We teach the music we sing and explain the meaning of the prayers. Worship with us is a community-building, toe-tapping, mind-expanding adventure in a relaxed environment.



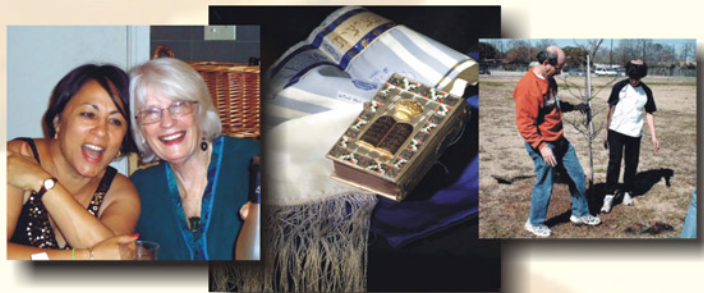
We are committed to our youth. The Bar/Bat Mitzvah ceremony ushers our children into the age of adult responsibility and insight. At Kol Halev, we bring children into this new phase of life through our B'nei Mitzvah Program with the help and support of teachers and parents, guided by Torah.

Not only do our students study Torah with Rabbi Brody, but they also learn to understand it from the heart, and gain a deeper appreciation for the Jewish faith. Our program is unique in that it allows us to accommodate the needs of

children and their families with a custom-designed approach to their Hebrew training and Bar/Bat Mitzvah preparation.



In our newly-formed Tot Shabbat program we teach our children to understand and revere the wisdom in our heritage, letting it shape children's hearts, minds and morals and bring to light their own questions and insights.



Spend a Jewish year with us. In addition to our lively Shabbat services, we offer members many opportunities to truly live a Jewish life. Involvement means participating in various special events such as holiday celebrations held on Chanukah, Purim, Simchat Torah, Shavuot and more, attending courses taught by Rabbi Brody, and getting to know other members through social gatherings outside of Shabbat services. It also means being a part of a community actively engaged in *G'milut Chasidim*, acts of loving kindness toward the sick, the grieving, new parents or any member in need of special assistance or community support.

Grounded in our diverse and inspiring traditions, we branch upward and outward with our modern commitments and principles to yield a flourishing and meaningful tree of life. Come bask in our shade and enjoy our fruits!



Rabbi Rick Brody



Amy Adler,
Cantorial Soloist

...We're a community

