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Dear Friend of Kol Haverim,

You may be receiving this letter because you have attended some of Kol Haverim's holiday celebrations or community events (such as our recent 10<sup>th</sup> year anniversary celebration). You may have once enrolled your child in our Children's Cultural School. Or you might have expressed an interest in celebrating the Jewish holidays with us. Whatever the reason, we hope you will consider strengthening your ties with Kol Haverim.

We are an inclusive community, celebrating Jewish traditions without faith as a requirement. Our members were raised in observant or secular Jewish households, others had little experience with Jewish life until they married in to it. What we all share is an appreciation of Jewish history and culture, and a desire to celebrate this in a non-theistic, humanist context.

This fall we will be hosting our annual New and Prospective Member Brunch, where you can meet members over bagels and coffee. We are also looking forward to our High holiday celebrations for both children and adults, as well as an upcoming visit from a rabbinical student with The Society for Humanistic Judaism. We would love to see you at KH's first trunk sale, starting at 8 AM Saturday, Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>, at the parking lot of the First Congregational Church on Highland Road

If you have children ages Four through 13, Kol Haverim's Children's Cultural School provides a chance for them learn about Jewish traditions in a way that is both non-theistic and activity-based. Our B'nei Mitzvah program provides a way for families seeking an alternative to the traditional version of this rite of passage.

This year we have hired our first staff member, Wendy Gutman, as director of the Children's Cultural School. She brings a great deal of enthusiasm and relevant experience, and we are looking forward to an exciting and innovative year. To learn more, come to the School's Open House at Lifelong on Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 am.

Fall schedule calendar cards will arrive soon and you may also check our website, [Kolhaverim.net](http://Kolhaverim.net), for updates and to sign up to receive E-mail. Also look for us on Facebook and become a 'fan' of Kol Haverim to network with community members.

Our community would like to extend a welcome to your household for continued participation and membership, and if you have school aged children, Cultural School enrollment. This year we are offering a sliding scale fee, with the aim of making membership more accessible to all. If you plan to join for the 2009-2010 year, please fill out the enclosed membership form, make your check payable to Kol Haverim, and send it to us by October 3<sup>rd</sup>. We hope to see you this coming fall!

Sincerely,

Penny Krainin



