

Makom HaLev Community



Inclusive • Innovative • Soulful
A transformation of Hebrew Learning Circles



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“HaLev” means heart,
Heart Space Community.*

Who we are.

Makom HaLev is a vibrant spiritual Jewish community, which draws purpose and inspiration from a 4000 years evolving heritage. Together we co-create an intergenerational fellowship within our modern world. Our community is *Inclusive, Innovative, and Soulful*, integrating spirituality, universal concern for the planet and all its peoples, and a love for wholesome Jewish community. “*Makom*” means space, “*HaLev*” means heart - Heart Space Community.

What it means to join Makom HaLev.

We believe in relational Judaism. When you join our network, you contribute directly to the meaning that we create together as we participate. All are equally valued, regardless of their level of Jewish background, observance, financial means or genealogy. Our purpose is to ensure that life-enhancement structures are in place throughout the joyful milestones as well as at the inevitable somber and challenging moments of life. Meaningful Jewish educational experiences for children and adults, continues to be our passion



What you can expect when you join Makom HaLev

- You will be warmly welcomed and will choose how and when to engage with community activities.
- We will ask you about your interests, so your needs will guide the planning of events and services.
- You will formalize your membership when you acquire a “Membership Share”.



What is the “Membership Share”?

In the spirit of participation, we share in the costs for the infrastructure supporting the events and services we all enjoy over time. Each family/individual contributes by acquiring a Membership Share. You decide upon the number of shares best reflecting your ability and your heart’s calling.

Basic Share (\$500) includes tickets for the High Holiday services.

Double Share (\$1000) additionally includes free admission to all *Makom HaLev* adult classes.

Triple Share (\$1500) additionally includes *Makom HaLev* special-edition Mezuzah for your house .

We are committed to removing financial barriers to participation, thus a partial share is an option. Opportunities are also available to include *Makom HaLev* within your philanthropic and estate planning.



3 Reasons For Joining Makom HaLev

While each of us may be motivated differently, these are the three principal reasons for joining: **Shore, Share and Insure.**

1. **Shore up the good-works and transformative impact** that Makom HaLev creates.
2. **Share in the communal effort** to fund the events and services we all enjoy over time.
3. As a spiritual-life **insurance policy**, your share ensures the Rabbi's support in times of need.



Events & Services For 5779 (2018/2019)

When you join *Makom HaLev*, you can participate in holiday and Shabbat events, mark precious life-cycle events (cradle to grave), provide Jewish education for yourself and/or your children, rediscover Jewish spirituality, be supported through times of challenge and grief.

Holiday Celebrations: Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkah Party, Hanukkah Party, Tu B'Shvat Party, Purim Party, Passover Seder, Shavu'ot Retreat.

Monthly Community Havdalah: Music and program on the 4th Saturday of each month.

Adult Learning Circles: From Judaism 101 to Jewish mysticism and more, Saturday afternoons.

Life Cycle Events: Bar & Bat Mitzvah, wedding, baby naming, *Brit Mila* (Bris/circumcision), *Mezuzah* installation, renewal of marriage vows, separation/divorce ceremony, funeral and *Shiva*.

Pastoral Services: Family counseling, hospital and home visitation, hospice visitation, assistance with end-of-life decisions, ritual and emotional support for end-of-life events and ongoing spiritual counseling

Hebrew Learning Circles for Children : Jewish Education In The Home

Trained educators deliver weekly classes to small Circles of students in the home of a host family. We create an engaging environment in which students love learning how to be themselves, fully. We prepare students for personalized Bar and Bat Mitzvah. The school year begins September 16, 2018.

Our Community's Roots and Branches

Makom HaLev is an evolution of Hebrew Learning Circles, our original grassroots and independent Hebrew School. We have blossomed into a full-service congregation for the 21st century. *Makom HaLev* creates a communal space where your life experiences, preferences, creativity, spirituality, activism, curiosity, and your toughest questions are welcome. Each member's presence enriches the soil in which we grow and thrive together. You will love *Makom HaLev*.

We are excited to have you as a member!



How Do I Join?

Check the boxes on the “My Jewish Interests” sheet and mail it to our office along with your “Member Share” check to:

P.O. box 212 Nyack NY 10960.

We would love to hear from you. Contact us at:
845 348 9810 or hlcoffice@me.com.

Or join online www.hebrewlearningcircles.org

