

Welcome to Gan HaLev!

We hope that you're having a great summer – enjoying the long days and summer evenings, catching up with friends and family.

The Gan HaLev Board has been busy during the past few months planning for the New Year — High Holidays and for Sunday School.

Here's an update:

Rabbi Daniel Kohn will be leading our High Holiday Services – **Save the Dates**: Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown on Monday, September 29. Kol Nidre will be on Wednesday, October 8,

Sunday School Open House will be on September 7 for all new and returning students. All of our wonderful teachers — Renee, Susan, Heather, and Andreas are looking forward to seeing all of your beautiful, amazing children in school this fall.

Gan HaLev's theme for this coming year is **inclusiveness and involvement**. We have a unique congregation that offers people many opportunities to be part of a community of adults, families and children who want to be connected with Jewish life. In order to encourage our objectives, the Board made a couple of important decisions:

1. We've **lowered** out membership dues to make membership more affordable. This is not because we have an excess of funds in our bank account — that's definitely not the case. We hope that by lowering membership dues, more of you will make a decision to become members of Gan HaLev. **Our policy is that no one who wants to become a member of Gan HaLev will be turned away for economic reasons.** (Please be in touch with us if you want to inquire about reduced fee membership for yourself or your family).
2. We plan to have more programs that will appeal to adults, while at the same time continuing all of our great programs for families with kids. Adult activities will include shabbat gatherings, opportunities for civic engagement, learning, cultural events and programs.
3. We are asking everyone who wants to be connected to the Gan HaLev community to volunteer some of their valuable time and skills this year in various ways.

Gan HaLev is a progressive, community-based congregation. We are not affiliated with any major branch of Judaism. Our members come from all over Marin County and from a wide range of backgrounds and observance. We are very welcoming to families with non-Jewish members. We offer a warm, friendly spiritual home for people who want to experience and observe Judaism in ways that are relevant and meaningful to their lives.

Please fill out the form on the reverse side and mail it back to us in the next few days to let us know how you would like to be involved.

