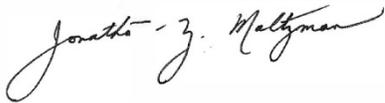


## Kol Ha-Rav

We read in the press about the challenges we have in our Movement. In fact, many of us don't have to read it, we face those challenges every day as we seek to maintain and strengthen a community that appears to be aging while trying to figure out how to reach a new generation and do that with integrity. We have done creative things but it's not like we have found the *one* thing. At one time we were confident that we were American Judaism, we were the future of the Jewish people. But those days are gone. We have a sense of not knowing what the future has in store for us. Are the ways we have fallen in love with Torah and tradition going to speak to another generation of people or will we be part of a smaller graying population until one of us locks the door and turns out the lights? With those concerns in mind, I would like to introduce you to a new enterprise we are starting at Kol Shalom. To make this project work, I have compiled a list of adult children and grandchildren of Kol Shalom members, both past and current, who live in the District of Columbia. Why? Because many have complained to me that they have not found a shul community that appeals to them: some are too pretentious, others not egalitarian, some not participatory, and they find themselves in need of a different kind of spiritual outlet that is informal, unpretentious and fully egalitarian. Of course our Rockville location is not convenient for them.

This new project, which we are calling "Kol Shalom DC", will begin with a monthly Friday night Kabbalat Shabbat service and potluck dinner at someone's home in the District. We hope that this will lead to the creation of something meaningful and lasting that might expand to include other holidays and gatherings during the year.

Please forward to me the names and email addresses of young men and women living downtown in their 20's or 30's, single or married, with children or without and we will reach out to them immediately. They need not have any family association with our synagogue but are simply looking to be part of a new and exciting opportunity.



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