

**Newsletter of Kol Hadash
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Shalom from Rabbi Chalom

What Came Before

by Rabbi Adam Chalom
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Everything new comes from something old. There are many ways that the pioneers of Humanistic Judaism created something new in the Jewish world. And yet, like most creations, it was a new synthesis of existing ideas and inventions

rather than something from whole cloth. Steve Jobs did not invent the Internet, nor the cell phone, nor digital music, but combining the three into an iPhone seemed revolutionary, even as our children will wonder how we ever found a restaurant or looked up information without it. What were the building blocks of Humanistic Judaism?

The first was the immediate context of Jewish life and community. The synagogue was an innovation that began in the Diaspora even before the Jerusalem Temple was destroyed, and had adapted to many new circumstances over the previous 2,000 years. Likewise, the rabbinate had evolved from legal authority to pastoral and communal leader, from judge to preacher, while maintaining its core role of “teacher.” Jewish culture and Jewish holidays had adapted to new beliefs, new climates and new surrounding cultures, and emotional

attachments of family and memory provided strong motivation for continuing the connection.

There was also the long and largely humanistic (that is, human-focused) tradition of philosophy. How ought I to treat other people? What can I believe is true? How should I balance what is good for me with what is good for us? From ancient Greece forward, these explorations of the human condition do not depend on revelation and religious authority; they are human reason applied to human existence. Of course, being human, they are not perfect, and they often disagree with each other. The compassion and collective good of John Stuart Mill’s utilitarianism is in tension with the strong individualism of Friedrich Nietzsche or Ayn Rand, even though all three were staunchly secular. And many secular philosophies were relentlessly universalist, aspiring to an ideal, intellectual human identity that transcended national and ethnic boundaries.

But Rabbis Sherwin Wine and Daniel Friedman were hardly the first Jews to attempt a synthesis, even a secular one. While Philo of Alexandria in the first century CE and Maimonides 1,200 years later tried to harmonize Jewish religious belief and practice with philosophy, others took the clash in more secular directions. Spinoza may have taken a philosophical exit from Jewish identity. But thousands of secularized Jews in the late-19th and early-20th century experimented with new Judaisms.

Some were Jewish nationalists who wanted a new, secular Jewish state inhabited by new and secular Jews living in Hebrew. Others wanted Jewish cultural autonomy based on Yiddish language and culture, where belief was a private concern. Still others synthesized their secular lifestyle and Jewish cultural identity through socialist politics. They were all non-religious, all Jewish, all struggling with what to preserve of Jewish religious traditions and ideas and what to set aside.

We should draw comfort from this long tradition – we are not the first to grapple with these questions, and we will not be the last. Humanistic Judaism is, at heart, a response to the modern Jewish experience, and we can learn from what came before as we create what is to come.

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The **Kol Hadash Steering Committee** meets once a month, usually on the first Thursday, 7:30 PM, at the Kol Hadash office upstairs conference room. Check the calendar in this *Shofar* or at our website to confirm this month's date. Members are welcome to attend Steering Committee meetings. Contact the SC chair for information.

The **Shofar newsletter** is published monthly and is mailed to all members. An electronic version is available at www.kolhadash.com. If you would like to contribute content to the *Shofar*, contact Mark Friedman.

Message from the Chair

By Steering Committee Chair Bill Brook (scchair@KolHadash.com)

Dear Kol Hadash Family Members,

I have some interesting observations to start out with this month.

We know that Easter and Passover are intimately connected. If there had been no seder there wouldn't be a Last Supper. But, did you know that St. Patrick's Day and Purim are also connected? They must be, given that both holidays involve conspicuous consumption of beverages that could lead to dancing in the street! Don't believe me? Ask anyone who attended our Purim carnival on March 1, they will tell you what goes on there.

I heard on the radio last month that the Assembly of the Republic of Portugal (their Congress) has apologized to the Jews of the world for persecuting our people for the last 500 years. Moreover, Portugal is offering citizenship to any Jews who can claim descent from a Portuguese Jew who was forced to flee the Inquisition. They don't specify whether matrilineal or patrilineal pedigree is required, so I better check with my mother to see if she has that 500-year-old genealogy paperwork. Couldn't hurt to have dual citizenship with a European country, could it? I would pick Lisbon over Minsk any day.

News of the world aside, I do have some news of Kol Hadash to pass along. In addition to our normal reports on finance, programming, and other regular business of the congregation, we have begun the process of reviewing our strategic plan, which is periodically revisited every few years. We will be seeking your input into Kol Hadash as part of our strategic planning process, but if you'd like to join the conversation now, here are some questions to consider:

- How can we make Kol Hadash a better organization?
- What are the things we are doing well, and should continue? Is there anything we should stop doing?
- What additional things should we do to make your membership more fulfilling for you and your family?
- Should we restructure the nature of congregational membership and dues?
- Should we offer more, or less, online content?

What do you think? Well, we are going to ask you, don't be surprised if you receive a call or an e-mail asking for input. You don't have to wait to be asked, if you have a comment or suggestion, please do send it to me at scchair@kolhadash.com or SC vice-chair Sheila Sebor at scchair_vice@kolhadash.com. We will make sure your feedback gets to the right place.

As always,

ser saudável, seja feliz, and veja você na sinagoga!



Save the Date!

Please note these future events.

Apr 4	Kol Hadash Community Passover Seder
Apr 11	Winers
April 18	B'nai Mitzvah of Sarah & Nate Lowenthal
April 19	Israeli Lunch; Day of Action
May 1	Bat Mitzvah of Izzy Levy
May 15	Confirmation
May 17	Last Day of Sunday School/Open House
May 28	Adult Education Lunch & Learn
June 7	Kol Hadash 13 th Birthday/Mitzvah Celebration
June 12	Kol Hadash Annual Meeting

March Events at Kol Hadash

Adult Education/Jewish History: *Enlightenment and Emancipation*

Tuesday, March 3, 7:30 PM • North Shore Unitarian Church

In the early modern period, the two most transformative experiences for Jews were the Enlightenment's challenges to tradition and the unprecedented opportunities to participate as citizens in Western nations that were presented to Jews. The American and French Revolutions opened new doors but also offered new challenges – to Jews and to Judaism.

Shabbat Service: *Graven Images: The History and Future of Jewish Art*

Friday, March 6, 7:30 PM • North Shore Unitarian Church

Conventional wisdom assumes that the Jewish religious taboo on images meant there was no such thing as Jewish representational art, at least until the secularization of modern times. The reality, even attested to by the Bible itself in this week's Torah portion, is that Jewish art is as old as the Jewish people, and as creative.

Adult Education/Jewish History: *Modern Anti-Semitism*

Tuesday, March 10, 7:30 PM • North Shore Unitarian Church

The 19th century saw great Jewish success: new industries and new social and cultural openness provided many doors through which Jews could enter without conversion. But the dislocations and upheavals of industrial and political revolution also created the grounds for blame and suspicion, and – ultimately – hatred.

Shabbat Dinner & Service Led by 6th Grade (see page 4 for details)

Friday, March 13, 6:30 PM (Dinner) & 7:30 PM (Service) • North Shore Unitarian Church

All are welcome for a Max & Benny's-catered dinner, followed by the 6th grade Shabbat Service. See enclosed flyer for dinner reservation form.

Book Club: *The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho

Wednesday, March 18, 7:30 PM • Kol Hadash Office Conference Room

The Alchemist presents a simple fable based on simple truths and places it in a highly unique situation. Bestselling Brazilian storyteller Paulo Coelho introduces Santiago, an Andalusian shepherd boy who one night dreams of a distant treasure in the Egyptian pyramids. And so he's off: leaving Spain to literally follow his dream. Join us for a discussion of this engrossing adventure on March 18. *All are welcome* to join any meeting of the Book Club! Questions? Contact Stacey Max (bookclub@KolHadash.com).

The Congregation is invited to attend

*The Bar Mitzvah of
Ben Katz*

*Son of
Nancy Soren & Neal Katz*

Saturday, March 7, 10:30 AM

*North Shore Unitarian Church
Deerfield, Illinois*

PLEASE NOTE . . .
All Friday-night Shabbat
Services now have a starting
time of **7:30 PM**.



From the Youth Education Director

by Dawn Friedman (education@KolHadash.com, 847-997-8931)

This is a busy season for the Kol Hadash Youth Group (open to students in 8th grade and above). Throughout January and February, the group met almost weekly to plan our Purim Carnival. It's a huge effort, with students planning all the games and activities for the carnival, and then running it on March 1. A big thank you to advisor Aleya Schwartz for coordinating their efforts.

At the end of March, Kol Hadash teens will travel with Aley to Michigan for the annual HuJews Teen Conclave, sponsored by the Society for Humanistic Judaism. Kol Hadash has been sending one of the largest groups to Conclave for several years. This vital program brings together Humanistic teens from across North America for a weekend of learning, schmoozing, and community service.

Your donations to the Youth Group Fund and attendance at the Purim Carnival, as well as your participation in their fundraising events throughout the year, fund Youth Group programs all year. There is no fee to families to participate in Youth Group. *Thank you* for supporting this much-needed program to strengthen our teens' connection to our Humanistic Jewish community.

Chag Sameach (Happy Holidays)!

Dawn Friedman

Youth Education Director (847-997-8931, education@KolHadash.com)

Class Shabbat Service

Shabbat Dinner & Service Led by the 6th Grade Class: Friday, March 13

Dinner 6:30 PM; Service 7:30 PM • North Shore Unitarian Church, Deerfield

Stacey Max's 6th-grade students lead the adult Shabbat service on March 13, on the theme of friendship in the Bible and in our own lives. All congregants are invited to attend; the service is intended for adults and students in 4th grade or higher. **Everyone is invited to join us for Shabbat dinner before the service**, catered by Max and Benny's in Northbrook. See the enclosed flyer to reserve your place; RSVP for dinner by March 6. You are welcome to attend the dinner or the service separately, but we hope you'll stay for both!

Family Events

Purim Service & Carnival

Sunday, March 1, 10:30 AM • Deerfield High School

The holiday of Purim celebrates the biblical book of Esther, which describes Esther's heroic rescue of the Jewish people from destruction by the evil Haman, with help from her uncle Mordecai. Rabbi Adam will lead an all-ages service, with an abbreviated reading of the Purim *megillah* (scroll of Esther) and then a joyous carnival to celebrate the holiday with games run by our Youth Group. Kids (and adults!) are encouraged to dress up in costumes – traditionally as a character from the Purim story (such as Esther, Queen Vashti, Mordecai, Haman, or King Ahaseurus), but this is a great opportunity to get another use out of those Halloween costumes! (Please, no violent or gory costumes or full masks; students need to be able to participate in class without distraction prior to the celebration.) See the attached flyer for details.



To volunteer to help with the carnival, visit: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094AAFAD2CABF94-purim>

Guests are welcome to attend the service and carnival and will receive 5 free carnival tickets at the door. If you are a Kol Hadash member and you bring a guest, you'll *each* receive 5 free tickets!

In honoring the Purim tradition of *mishloakh manot* (sending gifts of food), we are **collecting non-perishable food and household items** at the carnival for donation to a local food pantry.

And, in partnership with Big Tent Judaism, which reaches out to engage intercultural families, we'll be participating in their **Hamantaschen Project**. Do you have creative variations on fillings for *hamantaschen* (the 3-corned pastries traditionally eaten on Purim)? Prune, raspberry, and even chocolate are now ubiquitous . . . what new filling will you create? Bring your creations to the adult Shabbat service on February 27 or to the Purim Carnival on March 1 for a tasting (please note our allergy restrictions below)!

Please Note: Food brought to Sunday School may not contain any peanuts, tree nuts (including almonds), or sesame seeds, due to severe allergies among our students. This includes snacks or lunches brought to Sunday School and Hebrew School as well as any foods brought to meetings or events at DHS. We cannot allow snacks from home due to other student allergies. Thank you for your cooperation!

Family Passover Seder

Sunday, March 15, 10:30-11:30 AM • Deerfield High School

Get a head start on Passover with our all-ages Family Seder at Sunday School; *all congregants are welcome to join us at DHS*. RSVP to Dawn Friedman so we set a place for you (students do not need to RSVP). There are regular classes at 9:30 this day, and regular Hebrew and Mitzvah classes at 11:45 after the seder.

Volunteers are needed to shop, shlep, boil eggs, setup, serve, and cleanup. We have detailed guides so our events run smoothly, and we have a good time, too! See info below about volunteering.

When we share food together, we remember those who do not have enough to eat. Please bring non-perishable foods, paper goods, and/or other household items for our food pantry collection; gift cards to local grocery stores are also welcome.

We use **SignupGenius.com** for volunteer sign-up for Sunday School events. Visit our event page to see what we need: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094AAAFAD2CABF94-school>. If you haven't registered at SignupGenius.com, it's free and easy. Visit the same link and follow the instructions to register. It's a 2-step process; they'll email you a password, then you return to the site to sign in and sign up to volunteer. They don't share your information, and it will be even simpler to volunteer for our next event! Questions, contact Dawn Friedman. Thanks for your help!

Adult Hebrew

March 1, 8, 15 & 22, 9:30-10:30 AM

Deerfield High School

Learning Hebrew is not the same as learning any other language as an adult because Hebrew is nothing like any other language. Dr. David Steiner, Kol Hadash's Hebrew teacher and B'nai Mitzvah tutor, has lived in Israel for twelve years, served in the IDF, wrote four Hebrew screenplays and is studying to become a Secular Humanist Rabbi. Teaching Hebrew, for David, is much more than conveying the mechanics of the language. In his classes, he contextualizes Hebrew, in history, in Jewish theology and history, and in Zionism. David continues his Adult Hebrew classes this month, with classes on Sunday mornings at DHS. New and returning students are welcome. The class is offered at no charge (though donations are always welcome). Future class dates are: April 12, 19, & 26, May 10 & 17. If you'd like to participate, contact Dawn Friedman, Youth Education Director, at education@KolHadash.com or 847-997-8931.

Sunday School News

Sunday School, 9:30-11:30 AM: March 1, 8, 15, 22

6th Grade Hebrew School & 7th Grade B'nai Mitzvah Class: 9:00-9:30 AM March 1; 11:45 AM-12:45 PM all other dates

Deerfield High School

PreK students may join the K/1st class on March 1 and 15.

Youth Group Meetings

March 1, 10:30 AM-12:30 PM (Purim Carnival) & March 15, 11:10 AM-12:45 PM

The Kol Hadash Youth Group is open to students in 8th grade and up. RSVP for pizza lunch to Dawn Friedman (education@KolHadash.com) by the Friday before the meeting.

Youth Education Committee (YEC) Meeting: March 8, 9:30-11:00 AM • Deerfield High School

Meetings are open to all congregants, but only YEC members may vote on policies. For more information, contact YEC Co-Chairs Rachel Samlan and Kim Stone (YEC@KolHadash.com).

Confirmation Class Field Trip, Buddhist Temple, Evanston: March 8, 9:15 AM-1:00 PM

The 9th/10th Grade Confirmation Class will visit the Buddhist Temple in Evanston, including a meditation session. Congregants are welcome to join them; contact Dawn Friedman for information.

6th Grade Parents Meeting: March 22, 9:30-11:00 AM

Our series of grade-level parents meetings continues with a chance for parents of 6th graders to get together over bagels and coffee, learn more about what their kids are studying in Sunday School, and sharing thoughts about issues that are important to them. Meetings for parents with children in other classes continue throughout the year.

PLEASE NOTE:

Daylight Savings Time begins **March 8** . . . set clocks *AHEAD* one hour on March 7.
There will be no classes **March 29 & April 5** due to Spring Break. Classes resume April 12.



Calling All Grandparents!

Kol Hadash is pleased to present the GIFTS program for grandparents and grand-friends.

G.I.F.T.S.

Gratitude • Inspiration • Family • Tzedakah • Service

These are the timeless values that each generation passes along to the next. The five-session GIFTS program is designed to give you the essential knowledge, skills and tools you need to share these values with your grandchildren. Sessions will be held:

April 16, April 23, May 7, May 14
10:30 AM-12:00 PM
Kol Hadash Office, Lincolnshire

Sessions are led by Rabbi Chalom and representatives from the the GIFTS program. Topics include:

Defining Our Legacy

Grandparents will reflect on their own values.

Bringing Jewish Values to Life

Grandparents will explore ways for their grandchildren to become philanthropists, volunteers and *menches*.

Communicating with Your Grandchild

Grandparents will investigate techniques and tools to enhance communication.

Calendar and Social Justice

Grandparents will gain familiarity with themes for each holiday and social action opportunities that may accompany each holiday.

Changing the Narrative

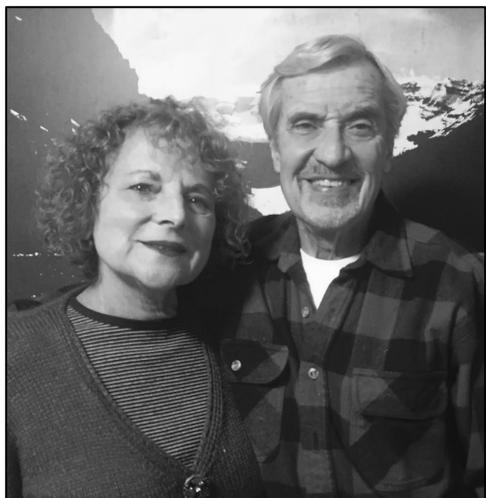
Meaningful discussions and text study will encourage grandparents to give voice to their hopes and concerns around sharing important milestones with their children and grandchildren.

For more information, contact Rabbi Chalom (rabbi@KolHadash.com)



GIFTS is supported by the Breakthrough Fund: an innovation of the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago in partnership with Grandparents for Social Action and InterfaithFamily/Chicago.

Meet a Member!



Meet Joyce & Bill Goldman

“No interest in organized religion” is the way Joyce and Bill Goldman describe their feelings prior to having children. Clearly, something changed their minds since this year marks their 40th year as members of a Humanistic Jewish congregation. The event that changed their minds was moving to Lincolnshire in 1970 and being surprised to find almost no Jewish families in their neighborhood. This void made them realize that they wanted their children to have a Jewish identity and a Jewish education. Although they knew nothing about Humanistic Judaism, they went to a service led by Rabbi Dan Friedman at Congregation Beth Or and discovered that the Humanistic approach was perfect for them.

Joyce and Bill joined Beth Or in 1975 and have been active in Humanistic Judaism ever since. Joyce served on the board at Beth Or for many years and was president for four years. During her tenure, she initiated and ran the congregation’s auction, which was its major fundraiser. All three of their children celebrated their Bar/Bat Mitzvahs and confirmations at Beth Or, and more recently, their son Jim’s two children celebrated their Bar/Bat Mitzvahs at Kol Hadash.

Bill and Joyce say that they love the fact that Kol Hadash carries on the philosophy of Humanistic Judaism, which has provided a positive influence on their thinking and actions for more than 40 years. “We enjoy Rabbi Adam, the membership and the services. Kol Hadash’s message continues to be meaningful and rewarding in our senior years.”

Bill and Joyce met 55 years ago at the University of Illinois-Champaign and have been married for 52 years. Bill started his advertising career as a copywriter, and in 1965 co-founded his own ad agency, PGM, where he served as CEO/Creative Director until he and his partners sold the company in 1999. In an effort to “keep Bill out of the house” after his retirement, Joyce urged him to pursue his lifelong passion for art, and for the past 15 years, Bill has been working as a metal sculptor full-time. He has sold his work by participating in more than 200 art exhibitions and gallery showings. He has also taught metal sculpture at his studio in Highland Park. Photos of Bill’s sculptures can be seen at www.williamgoldman.com.

Joyce originally worked as a teacher in Chicago’s West Side “war zone” until they had their first child, Jim, who was followed shortly by Helaine and Paul. Joyce also worked for PGM for a while as a controller. Now Joyce serves as Bill’s artist assistant and head *schlepper*, which is not an easy job when the sculptures are all made out of heavy metal! They joke that Joyce belongs to the UUAA (Union of Unpaid Artist Assistants), but in all seriousness, Bill says that Joyce is his muse and “the best salesperson hands down.” He additionally credits Joyce for making his art career possible, saying that he “just does the easy part: the art.”

Three things that very few people at Kol Hadash know about Joyce and Bill:

1. In 1972 Joyce and Bill bought a small motor home to travel and camp around the United States and Canada. Over a period of 13 years, the family traveled more than 100,000 vacation miles and spent about 385 days hiking, skiing, and sightseeing, with only 8-track music tapes and the CB radio (remember those?) to amuse the kids.
2. Bill has been an active endurance athlete for over 40 years. He has run in many marathons, including the first Chicago marathon in 1977 and the Boston and New York marathons. He also competed in many triathlons, including the first one in the Chicago area in 1979. He twice qualified in his age group for the United States Triathlon Series national championship at Hilton Head. He still swims, bikes or runs every day.
3. Joyce expresses her creativity by knitting and crocheting. She began as a child knitting and crocheting items for her dolls, and to this day, she always has a project in the works, usually for a sweater, afghan or shawl. She has also studied and created ceramic pieces on the pottery wheel. Joyce has served for many years on the board of the Community Associates of The Art Institute.

Community Service Corner

Grandparents Social Action Program Coming April-May

New this spring, Kol Hadash will be one of several area congregations participate in GIFTS (Gratitude, Inspiration, Family, Tzedakah and Service), a series of classes for grandparents aimed at providing essential knowledge, skills and tools to share values of community service with grandchildren. Kol Hadash's classes will be held April 16 & 23 and May 7 & 14, 10:30 AM-12:00 PM at the Kol Hadash office in Lincolnshire. Classes will be led by Rabbi Chalom and by representatives of the GIFTS program. For more details, see the flyer on page 6. The program is supported by the Breakthrough Fund, an innovation of the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago in partnership with Grandparents for Social Action and InterfaithFamily/Chicago.

Sunday, April 19: Day of Action

Please join the Kol Hadash Community Service group on Sunday, April 19, as we work together to make blankets to donate to Chai Lifeline. This was a big success last year, and we hope you can join us again this year. We will be making blankets in the Deerfield High School cafeteria, from 11:30-12:30, immediately following the Sunday School Israeli Lunch. (Volunteers are more than welcome to join us for the Israeli Lunch at 11:00, too! RSVP to Dawn Friedman.) This is an **all-ages event**, and we would love to have as many people as we can to donate their time. If you can't give of your time, please consider giving a donation to the Kol Hadash Tzedakah Fund to help defray the cost of the activity. Questions? Please contact Stacey Max (communityservice@KolHadash.com).

News from the Jewish & Humanistic Judaism Communities

SHJ HuJews Youth Conclave to Be Held March 20-22 in Michigan

The Society for Humanistic Judaism (SHJ) annual Youth Conclave will be held in suburban Detroit, Michigan. This weekend-long conference for teens in grades 8-12 and college students draws participants from across the United States and Canada. Kol Hadash typically sends one of the largest contingents to Conclave. You can support our teens' participation with a contribution to the Kol Hadash Youth Group Fund.

Save the Date: May 3, Israel Solidarity Day

The Jewish United Fund (JUF) community-wide celebration of Yom Ha'atzmaut (Israel Independence Day) will be back at Ravinia Festival this year. Israel Solidarity Day will be celebrated on Sunday, May 3, including the Walk with Israel, all-day entertainment featuring the Jamman Drum Circle, the Maccabeats, and food for purchase. All events will be held at Ravinia Festival from 11:00AM to 4:00 PM. For more information, visit www.juf.org/isd/

The Mitzvah Celebration is coming . . .

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Hear ye...Hear ye....

The Mitzvah committee is looking for a few good items for our celebration on Sunday, June 7.

We are in need of donation items that include but are not limited to:

- Gift Certificates to restaurants, spa treatments or local retailers.
- How about donating sports tickets or concert/theater tickets?
- Have any hand-made jewelry, art or craft items that you would like to donate?
- We can also use leisure items or vacation rentals...the ideas are endless!

Don't have anything to donate? Why not consider a SPONSORSHIP?

Questions? Comments? Just want to give us money?
Please contact David Hirsch (development@KolHadash.com)

And be sure to SAVE THE DATE for our special 13th Birthday Brunch on Sunday, June 7.

Kol Hadash News & Announcements

Early Birds: Sign-Up Now for Passover Seder!

Passover is just around the corner, and if you reserve your spot before March 7 for our **April 4 Community Passover Seder** you can save with early bird prices! Round up your family and friends and sign up today – see the flyer enclosed in this month's Shofar!

Winers: March Madness in April

Join us on Saturday, April 11, 7:00 PM, at the home of Andrea & Mark Friedlander as the Winers reprise the very successful "March Madness" wine competition. This will be an NCAA-style tournament, pitting wines in tongue-to-tongue, single-elimination match-ups. Will Ilya and Sue Talman repeat as champions (yet again), or will an underdog emerge? *All are welcome!* For more info (or early RSVP) Contact Mike Lippitz (winers@kolhadash.com).

Thank You!

- Thank you to **Lori Gerberding, Leora Hatchwell, Terri Kass and Margaret Wittlinger** for organizing and assisting with the reception following the January memorial service for Lois Wolens.
- Thank you to **Happy Stone & Rick Henriksen** for hosting the Oneg at the February 6 Shabbat service.
- Thank you to the **4th/5th Grade families** for hosting the Oneg at the February 20 Shabbat service.
- Thank you to **Rick Bolnick** for hosting the Oneg at the February 27 Shabbat service.

Family News & Events

If you or someone you know is experiencing important and life-altering events, please share the news with Kol Hadash. In times of need, Kol Hadash members can offer support. In times of happiness, we can help celebrate. To share your news, please contact Rabbi Chalom.

- Mazel tov to Jordyn Fishman, daughter of Kol Hadash member **Michele Fishman**, on organizing the upcoming luncheon to benefit the Northbrook Cancer Wellness Center. For information visit www.staystrongandmahjon.com
- Best wishes to **Joan Berger** on a swift recovery after recent medical treatment.

This Month's Yahrzeits

The following names will be read at the March 6 Shabbat service at the North Shore Unitarian Church. If there is a name missing or if you would like to have a name read at the service, please contact the Kol Hadash office (847-383-5184, administrator@KolHadash.com).

Dorothy Bernstein	Stuart Chase
Bernard Cohn	Bess Cohn
Lois Edwards	Gussie Eichner
Rose Fisher	Arthur Jacobs
Larry Jacobs	Rita Kramer
Kathy Lederer	George Leichenko
Max Lubotsky	Sam Merkin
Ida Rothenberg	Nathan Sarasohn
Leon Schwartz	Frank Sebor
Sol Simon	Marsha Small
Alberta Stambouly	Harvey Wexler
Joseph Wolens	Harold Zlatnik

This Month's Birthdays

Quincy Weaver	March 8
Bill Gurolnick	March 13
Chris Jackson	March 16
Joyce Goldman	March 17
Joan Berger	March 18
Randi Carlson	March 18
Ella Polonsky	March 18
Jonah Hirsch	March 20
Peggy Bartelstein	March 24
Alexandra Brook	March 24
Gabe Wexler	March 24
Susan Chalom	March 25
Laurie White	March 29
Marcy Shumacker	March 30
Elizabeth Samlan	March 31
Zachary Samlan	March 31

This Month's Anniversaries

Happy Stone & Rick Henriksen	March 6
Lenore & Howard Adler	March 29

Kol Hadash Conversation Starters!



A while back, we held a congregation-wide contest to create a slogan that would start a conversation about Kol Hadash and Humanistic Judaism. The winning slogan was *In Good We Trust*.

We have printed this slogan on t-shirts, grocery tote bags, mugs, and other high-quality items that are available for purchase on Zazzle.com. While Kol Hadash does not make a profit on these sales, each item can be ordered individually according to size and preference. Please visit zazzle.com and search for "Kol Hadash" to find our items. Once you buy your items, you can proudly promote Kol Hadash!

Tributes, Donations & Gifts

Kol Hadash offers several opportunities for donations:

Kol Hadash General Fund

Weiss Choir Fund

Kol Hadash Youth Group Fund

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Kol Hadash Tzedakah Fund

To donate to any of our funds, please make your check payable to "Kol Hadash" and send with instructions about the gift to: Kol Hadash Humanistic Congregation, 175 Olde Half Day Road, Suite 123, Lincolnshire, IL 60069. The congregation expresses its gratitude to the following individuals, whose donations were received in the last month.

Susan & Roger Addelson, to the Weiss Choir fund, in memory of Lois Wolens; she will be dearly missed

Susan & Roger Addelson, wishing a speedy recovery to Richard Hirsch

Lenore & Howard Adler, to the Weiss Choir Fund, in memory of our dear friend, Lois Wolens

Eleanor & Louis Altman, to the Weiss Choir Fund, in memory of Lois Wolens; she gave us beautiful music for many years

Elaine & Jerry Baer, to the Weiss Choir Fund, in memory of Lois Wolens, who added so much to Kol Hadash

Alexandra & William Brook, wishing Rich Hirsch a speedy recovery

Patricia Deasy, to the Weiss Choir Fund, in memory of Lois Wolens

Phyllis & Sidney Freedland, to the Weiss Choir Fund, in memory of Lois Wolens

Shelly & Dave Fairman, to the Weiss Choir Fund, in memory of Lois Wolens

Andrea & Mark Friedlander, in memory of Evelyn Dribin, mother of Michele Shoolin

Paula & David Harris, to the Weiss Choir Fund, in memory of Lois Wolens, who will always be in our hearts and minds, especially when we hear the Kol Hadash Choir . . . what a gem she was!

Rhonda & Robert Hart, to the Weiss Choir Fund, in memory of Lois Wolens, with thanks and warm memories

Happy Stone & Rick Henriksen, to the Weiss Choir Fund, wishing Rich Hirsch continued healing

Glynis & David Hirsch, in memory of Evelyn Dribin, mother of Michele Shoolin

Glynis & David Hirsch, in honor of Joyce & Richard Hirsch's anniversary!

Joyce & Richard Hirsch, to the Weiss Choir Fund, in memory of Lois Wolens, our dear friend and pianist

Sharon Hoffman, to the Weiss Choir Fund, in memory of Lois Wolens

Rene & Jerry Kane, to the Weiss Choir Fund, in memory of Lois Wolens

Jodi & Paul Kimmelman, to the Weiss Choir Fund, in honor of the beautiful performance given by Ellen Apley and Sarah Beatty on the occasion of Lois Wolens' Celebration of Life service

Peggy & Alan Larson, to the Weiss Choir Fund, in memory of Lois Wolens

Joan Litt, to the Weiss Choir Fund, in memory of Lois Wolens

Margie Marcus, to the Weiss Choir Fund, in memory of Lois Wolens, our beloved pianist; she will be missed

Richard Mesirow, in memory of Lois Wolens Choir Fund

Marsha & Mark Milstein, to the Weiss Choir Fund, in memory of Lois Wolens; she will be missed!

Marsha & Mark Milstein, wishing a speedy recovery to Richard Hirsch

Sharon & Stan Noskin, to the Weiss Choir Fund, in memory of Lois Wolens, an amazing woman who spread love, warmth and great enthusiasm and energy . . . we shall miss her

Mary Vanderbeck Parker & Dan Parker, to the Weiss Choir Fund, in memory of Lois Wolens and in gratitude for the beautiful music she contributed to our experience at Kol Hadash

Kathryn Schoenbrod, to the Weiss Choir Fund, in memory of Lois Wolens

Cecile & Marvin Shapiro, to the Weiss Choir Fund, in memory of Lois Wolens

Sandra & Michael Shelist, to the Weiss Choir Fund, in memory of our dear friend, Lois Wolens; we will cherish our many shared moments with Lois and Myron

Sandra & Michael Shelist, in memory of Michael Vick

Esther Silberman, to the Weiss Choir Fund, in memory of Lois Wolens

Susie & John Sultan, to the Weiss Choir Fund, in memory of Lois Wolens

Betty & Stanley Weinberger, to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund, in memory of Lois Wolens

Myra & Bill Weiner, to the Weiss Choir Fund, in loving memory of Lois Wolens

Judi & Paul Winer, to the Weiss Choir Fund, in memory of Lois Wolens

Celebrate and Commemorate through Kol Hadash

Fill out and mail the form below – or – donate online at www.KolHadash.com

When choosing to make a contribution in honor or in memory of someone, consider a donation to Kol Hadash. Your generosity will support our programs, our school, and our future growth, and those you designate will receive a special acknowledgement of your gift on their behalf, in addition to your message being printed in the *Shofar*.

There are five Kol Hadash tribute funds from which to choose:

- ☆ Kol Hadash General Fund – contributions support all Kol Hadash programs and activities.
- ☆ Rabbi Chalom’s Discretionary Fund – used by Rabbi Chalom for charitable purposes.
- ☆ Kol Hadash Tzedakah Fund – contributions to fund Kol Hadash volunteers’ assistance with charitable organizations.
- ☆ Weiss Choir Fund – contributions support the Kol Hadash Choir and music program.
- ☆ Kol Hadash Youth Group Fund – contributions support Youth Group programs and activities.

Enclosed please find \$_____ for the _____ Fund from:

Your Name

Your Address & Phone #

Message for *Shofar*/Acknowledgement letter:

The Occasion (e.g., “in honor of” or “in memory of”)

Please send acknowledgement to:

Please print legibly and include complete address. Thank you!

Recipient’s Name

Recipient’s Address

Mail completed form and payment to:
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Thank you for your generosity!



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Your March *Shofar* is enclosed!

This month!

Purim Service & Carnival!

Sunday, March 1, 10:30 AM
Deerfield High School

Details inside!