



## *Shalom from Rabbi Chalom* **What Is Going On?**

by Rabbi Adam Chalom ([rabbichalom@KolHadash.com](mailto:rabbichalom@KolHadash.com))

Is there anybody out there?

The perennial challenge of anyone who writes is wondering if anyone is reading. In a world of blogs and Facebook posts, we feel a little better knowing how many people have stopped on the page or “like” what we’ve written (or at least the headline). For a newsletter like the Kol Hadash *Shofar*, on the other hand, it’s not as clear. Our recent Kol Hadash survey (results will be forthcoming soon) indicated that a majority of respondents at least read my column, which has the advantage of always being front-page news. But does that mean that they know what’s going on at Kol Hadash?

When I first started working at Kol Hadash in 2004, we changed from a mostly electronic *Shofar* to our current printed format. We found a marked increase in awareness of our programs (past and future) because people were much more likely to read something this lengthy in print than to open an email attachment and read a long PDF document. It was an expense, but we felt it was worth it.

Eleven years later, the world is somewhat different; the iPhone was released in 2007, and the iPad in 2010, and both smartphones and tablets of all variety have transformed how we pursue and consume information. Print newspapers have had to transform into multi-platform information sources with online subscriptions and dynamic content. In this new world, *The Shofar* needs to transform as well, while making sure that our members and interested others can find out what is going on at Kol Hadash.

We have been providing a weekly email update for many years, as a reminder and supplement to our monthly *Shofar* newsletter. In the coming months, due to both the changing media landscape and cost considerations, we are planning to start a transition. We will still provide a somewhat shorter, hard copy listing of upcoming events that you will receive in the mail. Meanwhile, the long-form *Shofar* with our regular columns, pictures, and reports on past events will be part of an online newsletter accessible by email, website, and every other online platform imaginable. We will also post links to specific content through our Facebook page, our Twitter account, and in our ongoing weekly emails.

Two thousand years ago, the rabbinic Sanhedrin (high court) in Jerusalem would announce the sighting of a new moon – and thus the beginning of a new month – by lighting signal fires on hilltops to spread the news throughout the Jewish diaspora. When mischief-makers began lighting fires on the wrong nights, the Sanhedrin changed to sending messengers instead. Kol Hadash will still offer the same meaningful, educational and inspirational programs. And now, we hope, to larger audiences who will know what is going on and will want to find out more.

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



**View from the Chair**

*by Steering Committee Chair  
Sheila Sebor  
(scchair@KolHadash.com)*

Dear Kol Hadash Family,  
Happy December! I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday and are looking forward to a Happy Chanukah, Hanukkah, Hanukah – however you spell it, our lovely Festival of Lights.

On December 13, our Sunday School is hosting our annual Family Hanukkah Party

and Luncheon from 11:00 AM-12:30 PM, and I wanted to invite you to attend. All are welcome, even if you don't have a student in Sunday School. It is also an opportunity to bring a donation for a local food pantry or a holiday gift for Community Alternatives Unlimited. I look forward to seeing you there.

Speaking of making year-end holiday donations and gifts, if you are still thinking about creating that extra tax deduction, please consider making a gift to Kol Hadash. A small donation would greatly benefit a number of funds, which are used for specific purposes – such as the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund, The Kol Hadash Tzedakah Fund, the Weiss Choir Fund and the Youth Group Fund. You can also make a donation to the Kol Hadash General Fund, which helps keep all our operations running smoothly and would be deeply appreciated this year.

When my husband and I first joined Kol Hadash, we were uncertain about how to celebrate Hanukkah in the Humanistic tradition. As Hanukkah is an at-home, family celebration and we usually celebrated it in a more traditional manner, we were interested in creating new traditions that were more meaningful for us. Fortunately, Rabbi Chalom had anticipated this need and created a wonderful, 18-page booklet, *The Festival of Lights, A Home Hanukkah Celebration*. It offers a brief history, candle blessings and several different types of celebrations for various age groups. It is easy to select or combine them to make the holiday unique and special for your family. The booklet can be found on the Kol Hadash website, [www.kolhadash.com](http://www.kolhadash.com), under Holidays. I hope you find it useful.

If you have any Hanukkah additions or traditions you would like to share, please let us know. We are always looking for ways to engage our community, and sharing holiday memories, stories and recipes is a great way to do that. You can send them to [scchair@KolHadash.com](mailto:scchair@KolHadash.com) and I will be happy to share them with the rest of our Kol Hadash family.

As Rabbi Chalom mentioned in his front-page article, we will be changing the way we communicate with you a bit, so please look for the full newsletter via email or visit our website to read the entire monthly edition.

As always, I look forward to seeing all of you at the events listed in this *Shofar*. Until then, Happy Hanukkah, Chanukah, Hanukah!

Sheila

## This Month's Events at Kol Hadash

### Adult Education/Jewish Culture: *Fast Days and Modern Jewish Holidays*

Tuesday, December 1, 7:30 PM • North Shore Unitarian Church

Real Jewish history has also created Jewish holy days, from disasters marked by days of fasting to modern commemorations of the Holocaust and the State of Israel. How Humanistic Jews in Diaspora approach these events is an intriguing question.

### Kol Hadash Knitters

Monday, December 7, 7:30 PM • Kol Hadash Office, Lincolnshire

The KH Knitters will meet in the first floor conference room at the KH office. We will continue to work on items for a winter donation to A Safe Place as well as our own projects. All are welcome from beginners to masters! Questions? Contact Victoria Ratnaswamy (knitting@kolhadash.com).

### Shabbat Service: *The Maccabees – Heroes or Villains?*

Friday, December 11, 7:30 PM • North Shore Unitarian Church

On some level, we understand that heroes are more complicated than we used to believe. But what if those Maccabees fighting for Jewish religious freedom in the Hanukkah story were themselves intolerant religious zealots? And what message does this complicated balance of religious freedom and religious fervor have for our own days?

### Family Hanukkah Celebration and Luncheon

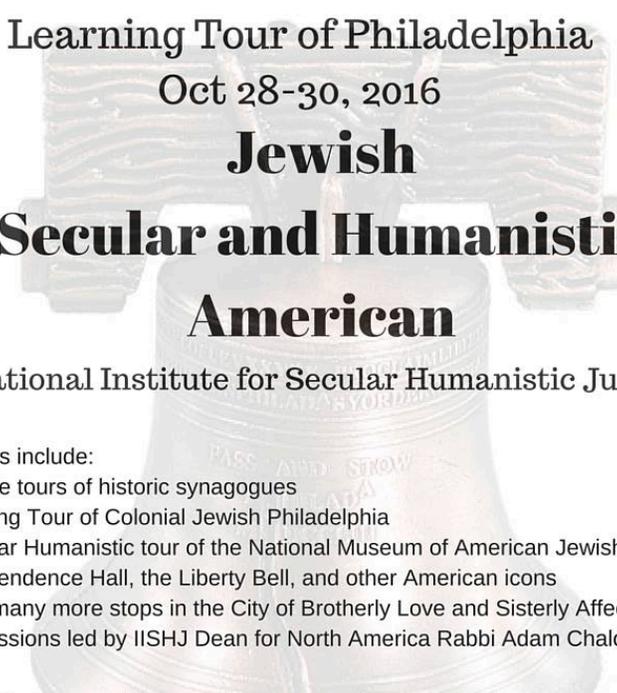
Sunday, December 13, 11:00 AM • Deerfield High School

The entire Kol Hadash community is invited to join Sunday School families at our annual Hanukkah celebration at Deerfield High School. Grandparents with grandchildren not in our school? Empty-nesters? Plain old Hanukkah fans? *All are welcome!* See the enclosed flyer for details and RSVP information.

### Shabbat Service: *The Challenge of Humanist Holidays*

Friday, December 18, 7:30 PM • North Shore Unitarian Church

Steve Martin amusingly sang, "Atheists Don't Have No Songs" (watch at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=wogta8alHiU](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wogta8alHiU)), but what about holidays? If you choose not to adapt holidays widely understood to be religious (like Christmas and Hanukkah) how do you mark the turning of the seasons, the special moments in life, or historical events worthy of remembrance? Can new observances replace the old, or is cultural resonance deeper than one generation?



**Learning Tour of Philadelphia**  
Oct 28-30, 2016  
**Jewish**  
**Secular and Humanistic**  
**American**

International Institute for Secular Humanistic Judaism

Highlights include:

- Private tours of historic synagogues
- Walking Tour of Colonial Jewish Philadelphia
- Secular Humanistic tour of the National Museum of American Jewish History
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- Plus many more stops in the City of Brotherly Love and Sisterly Affection
- Discussions led by IISHJ Dean for North America Rabbi Adam Chalom

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## From the Youth Education Director

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

This year, Hanukkah comes squarely between two of the most popular American holidays, Thanksgiving and Christmas, officially beginning at sundown on December 6 – though it always begins on the 25<sup>th</sup> of Kislev in the Jewish calendar.

Hanukkah is an interesting and challenging holiday for Jews, and not just because of its proximity to Christmas. On the surface, it seems to be another example of the standard Jewish holiday: they tried to kill us, we won, let's eat (*latkes*). But it's not that simple. The revolt by the Maccabees against the Greek king Antiochus was also a rebellion against assimilated Hellenistic Jews; in fact, the first person that Mattathias (the father of Judah Maccabee) killed was not a Greek soldier, but a fellow Jew, one who agreed to go along with the Greeks. The Maccabees were largely religious fanatics, much less appealing to us today than their Hellenistic

Jewish peers.

The legend of the miraculous oil lasting for eight days when there was only enough for one was added later to make the holiday more about divine intervention than human achievement. In fact, the book of Maccabees was not even selected for inclusion in the Hebrew Bible, but it is found in Christian Bibles.

And not many know what ultimately happened to the Maccabean, or Hasmonean, dynasty. Their heirs became as corrupt as their predecessors and in the end were conquered by the Romans.

And yet, there is a good story of courage, of standing up for what you believe, in the Hanukkah story. There are stories of Jews finding ways to celebrate Hanukkah even in concentration camps during the Holocaust. We continue to light our candles against the darkness (literally and metaphorically), to be warmed by family in the cold of winter. For families celebrating Hanukkah *and* Christmas, that's a core aspect of both.

I hope you'll share Hanukkah with your Kol Hadash family at our Adult Shabbat Service on December 11 (see page 3) and at our family celebration on December 13. Don't forget to bring your *hanukkiyah* (Hanukkah menorah) for our traditional show-and-tell!

*Chag Semeach (Happy Holiday)!*

Dawn Friedman  
Youth Education Director

## This Month's Sunday School Schedule: December 6 & 13

Regular Classes, 9:30-11:30 AM • 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Hebrew & 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Mitzvah Class, 11:45 AM-12:45 PM on Dec. 6; 9:00-9:30 AM on Dec. 13

- December 6: YEC Meeting; Staff Meeting
- December 13: Hebrew/Mitzvah classes meet 9:00-9:30AM; PreK joins K/1<sup>st</sup> class; Adult Hebrew; Family Hanukkah Celebration 11:00-12:30
- Snack Schedule: 12/6 Bagels (Pirates Booty available); 12/13 Apple Slices

**We will be on Winter Break  
December 20, 27, and January 3.**

**Classes resume January 10, 2016  
HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

### **IMPORTANT!**

**Sunday School Food Restrictions**  
Please note that 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!*

## Sunday School News & Events

ALL EVENTS AT DEERFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

### Family Hanukkah Celebration: December 13, 11:00 AM-12:30 PM • RSVP by December 6

Join your Kol Hadash family to celebrate the 7<sup>th</sup> day of Hanukkah with a family celebration after Sunday School classes. Our youngest students will present their Humanorah; we'll eat *latkes* (potato pancakes) and *schmooze* (chat); we'll sing, spin *dreidels*, and play the ever-popular Name Bingo! This is an all-ages event – **all congregants and guests are welcome, whether you have kids in our Sunday School or not.** Bring your friends and family! Kol Hadash provides the main course and latkes; families bring a potluck salad, side dish, or dessert. There is a small fee for food. See the enclosed flyer to RSVP or you can register online here: <https://kolhadash.com/civcrm/event/info?reset=1&id=724>.

Please remember: While we celebrate, we also remember those less fortunate. We will collect food and household items for a local food pantry and holiday gifts for Community Alternatives Unlimited.

### Youth Education Committee Meeting: December 6, 9:30-11:00 AM

Everyone is welcome at all YEC meetings. Want to get more involved in your child's Jewish education and in Kol Hadash? Already helped at one or more school events last year? Just want to know what's coming up in Sunday School? Consider joining the YEC! Our YEC serves as a combination school board and PTO, coordinating school events and family programs and discussing school policies. During the school year, the monthly meetings are during Sunday School. For more information, contact YEC Co-Chairs Karen Jackson or Kim Stone (YEC@KolHadash.com).

### Sunday Adult Hebrew Class: December 13, 9:30-11:00 AM

Dr. David Steiner, Kol Hadash's Hebrew teacher and B'nai Mitzvah tutor, continues his Adult Hebrew class, for all levels. This is a great opportunity for parents with children preparing for a Bar/Bat Mitzvah to beef up your Hebrew reading skills! Classes are offered at no charge (though donations are always welcome). If you'd like to participate, contact Dawn Friedman (education@KolHadash.com).

### **Save the Date!** Family Field Trip to the Art Institute of Chicago

#### Sunday, January 31, 9:30 AM-1:00 PM

A highlight of our students' study of Jewish Art and Artists will be a family field trip to the Art Institute next month. **All congregants, especially Sunday School parents and grandparents, are invited to join us.** We will travel by coach bus from Deerfield to the museum; students will visit the galleries with their classes, whose teachers will customize their trips to their grade level and curriculum-relevant topics. Parents can join their children's classes or attend a tour for adults led by Rabbi Chalom. Watch your weekly email and next month's *Shofar* for details and to RSVP. This program, and the development of our Jewish Art and Artists curriculum, is funded by a grant from the Community Foundation for Jewish Education, an agency of the Jewish United Fund of Metropolitan Chicago.

### **"This Little Light of Mine" – Hanukkah Storytimes for Young Children and their Families**

Learn about Hanukkah with stories, songs, and activities especially for children ages 0-2 (older children welcome). Rabbi Adam Chalom and Education Director Dawn Friedman lead these storytime sessions. Get to know other families in your community! Resources for celebrating Hanukkah in your home will be provided. These programs are made possible by a grant from jBaby Chicago, a program of the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago. Register through the jBaby website: <http://www.juf.org/jbabychicago/jewishholidays101.aspx>

Deerfield Barnes & Noble  
728 North Waukegan Road  
Thursday, December 3  
10:00-10:30 AM

Lincolnshire Barnes & Noble  
920 Milwaukee Ave  
Sunday, December 6  
2:30-3:00 PM

# Finance & Development Report



*By Treasurer Mike Lippitz & Development Chair David Hirsch*

Dear fellow congregants,  
We are very grateful for members who have included Kol Hadash in their estate plans. But we don't necessarily know who you are! If you have or are considering it (e.g., if you answered yes to the recent survey question about considering including Kol Hadash in your will or estate) would you please contact David Hirsch (development@kolhadash.com, 847-945-8420) or Mike Lippitz (treasurer@kolhadash.com, 847-926-7456)?

The Kol Hadash Development Committee wants to support our congregation's long-term financial stability through planned giving. Beyond the annual donations on which we depend, bequests are another wonderful way of contributing to the longevity of our community. As such, this planned giving effort supports the strategic planning process that Kol Hadash commenced a few months ago.

Our first step is to learn from those of you who have already taken this important and generous step. We would be very appreciative if you could identify yourselves to us. We want to learn about your decision-making process and what you see as priorities for KH's future.

Thank you very much for your help with this endeavor!

## Community Service Corner

### **A Safe Place Holiday Store**

A Safe Place needs our help setting up their Holiday store. You can volunteer at the shelter by helping set up the store at the Transitional Living building weekdays November 30-December 11. We will select dates based on volunteers' availability. For more information or to volunteer, contact Sue Addelson (communityservice@KolHadash.com).

### **Winter Collection**

Our next charitable collection will be our annual winter holidays collection. For complete details on how you can participate, look for the flyer in this issue of the *Shofar*. If you would like to volunteer to help with this or any other Community Service Committee project, please contact Sue Addelson (communityservice@kolhadash.com).

## News from the World of Humanistic Judaism

### **IISHJ Launches Sherwin Wine Website**

The International Institute for Secular Humanistic Judaism has launched [www.sherwinwine.com](http://www.sherwinwine.com), a commemorative website honoring Rabbi Sherwin Wine, the founder of the Humanistic Jewish movement. Sherwin Wine was a brilliant and innovative Jewish and Humanist thinker, a talented and sensitive congregational rabbi, an untiring organizer and activist, and a modern-day Renaissance man who read and learned as much as he could to teach and inspire as much as he could. The new site contains a compendium of Rabbi Wine's talks on video and audio, an archive of written works by and about Rabbi Wine (from his 1956 masters thesis through his latest writings), and many other resources about Humanistic Judaism.

### **Carl Sagan Named this Year's SHJ Humanistic Role Model**

The Society for Humanistic Judaism has chosen Carl Sagan as the 2015-2016 Humanistic Jewish Role Model. Sagan was a brilliant, award-winning scientist whose unique place in history was as a translator of hard science to the language of the heart. He was previously named the 1981 Humanist of the Year by the American Humanist Association. For more information and resources on Carl Sagan and previous winners of this honor, visit <http://www.shj.org/humanistic-jewish-life/hj-role-models/>.

# Another Successful Progressive Dinner

*Opa!* The October 17 "It's Greek to Me" Progressive Dinner was a big success enjoyed by more than 50 Kol Hadashians! Thank you to the creative planning committee: **Susan Addelson, Andrea Friedlander, Karen Jackson, Marsha Milstein and Nancy Soren**. Thank you to our fearless appetizer and dessert hosts for opening their homes to the entire group: **Alisa & Bruce Klein and Michael Lippitz & Susan Wagner**. And thank you to our gracious dinner hosts for setting beautiful tables and orchestrating the dinners: **Susan & Roger Addelson, Irene & Al Doorman, Suzie Garfield, Karen & Chris Jackson, Victoria & John Ratnaswamy, and Happy Stone & Rick Henriksen**.

During the Progressive Dinner we played a "get to know you" game when we broke up into small groups for dinner. Each person wrote down two facts about themselves, and everyone attempted to match the facts to the people in their group. Most of us didn't do very well. Here is a selection from the game. See how well you do!

## Facts

1. Loves gospel music.
2. Loves watching sporting events.
3. Got married in Mexico
4. Switched identities with a friend for an entire year in Scouts
5. Played a Watergate burglar in the made-for-TV movie *Will: The Autobiography of G. Gordon Liddy*
6. Studied karate and two other martial arts as a teenager and young adult
7. Had a skydiving accident where chute didn't open.

## People

- A. Alan Klein
- B. Bruce Klein
- C. Ellen Apley
- D. Joyce Goldman
- E. Mark Friedlander
- F. Rhonda Hart
- G. Roger Addelson

Answers: 1=F; 2=D; 3=C; 4=E; 5=A; 6=B; 7=G



## Guest Speaker at Kol Hadash November 6

Humanistic Rabbi Ruti Bidetz visited Kol Hadash and spoke at our Shabbat Service on Friday, November 6. Rabbi Bidetz is a council member of Yavneel, a rural community in northern Israel. She teaches and writes about history and Jewish philosophy. Rabbi Bidetz was in the United States to run a half-marathon in Madison, Wisconsin, and volunteered to take the bus to Chicago and back to speak to us. Her story of her town's history, its conflicts between the original settlers and their descendants and Mizrahi immigrants in the 1950s, and then recent battles between long-time residents and new ultra-Orthodox neighbors, was a fascinating example of how to build bridges between communities while standing up for the secular character of this town, and Israel itself.

## Welcome, New Members!

Kol Hadash extends a warm welcome to the following members who have joined us this year!

Elana & Paul Brock, Highland Park  
Lynn & Elliot Miller, Lake Bluff  
Judith Pearlman, Highland Park  
Sara & Bill Race, Evanston  
Eva & Anthony Sandoval, Northbrook  
Susan & Robert Shuftan, Deerfield

*Please help us make our new members feel welcome* – introduce yourselves at Kol Hadash events ... “friend them” on Facebook ... invite them to sit with you at a Shabbat service. To help you get to know our members, we are continuing to provide brief introductions to our new members.

**Lynn and Elliot Miller** call themselves the “wandering Jews of the North Shore.” They were looking for a congregation that would work for their family. While driving on Half Day Road one day, they spotted the Kol Hadash sign in front of the North Shore Unitarian Church. They decided to attend a Friday night service, and the rest is history! Elliot is a physician with Lake Forest Internal Medicine in Libertyville. Lynn teaches music at Ravinia Nursery School. They have two adult children: Jaclyn, age 32, who is married to Jeff McNamara, and Jamie, age 29. Elliot grew up in New York and Lynn grew up on the South Side of Chicago, in Beverly. They lived in Troy, Michigan, for three years and now reside in Lake Bluff.



## MAZEL TOV!

Congratulations on a job well-done to **Jack Gold** and the entire Gold family on Jack’s October Bar Mitzvah!

Jack’s Bar Mitzvah presentation explored the dynamic of Jews and sports, featuring biographies of Chicago Bears legend Sid Luckman and Detroit Tigers slugger Hank Greenberg, as well as Jack’s experiences volunteering with the Special Olympics.

### Helping Hands Committee Needs Helping Hands

The Helping Hands Committee is looking for a few extra helpers. Are you available for driving, making a meal, or home visits? We're looking for drivers to run errands or to take someone to a Kol Hadash service. Maybe you could provide a home-cooked meal or send a handwritten get well card. Perhaps you could provide some company by making a home visit and help with something if requested. Please contact Tamar Schwartz of the Helping Hands Committee ([helpinghands@kolhadash.com](mailto:helpinghands@kolhadash.com)) if you'd like to lend a helping hand!



## Kol Hadash News & Announcements

### Theatre Club Making Plans ... for Next Summer!

The Kol Hadash Theatre Club is already planning a Summer 2016 outing to see an exciting new production coming to the Goodman Theatre: *War Paint*, a musical depicting the rivalry between two titans of the cosmetics industry, Helena Rubinstein and Elizabeth Arden. The production, starring Patti LuPone and Christine Ebersole, is sure to be the hottest ticket in town. If you want to join the KH Theatre Club in seeing this show on a date (TBD) in July, contact Mark Friedman (theatre@kolhadash.com) today – our limited allotment of tickets will go quickly!

### Book Club Selection for January 13

The Kol Hadash Book Club has selected *The Sweetness of Forgetting* by Kristin Harmel as the book to be discussed at its January 13 meeting at the Kol Hadash office in Lincolnshire. All members are welcome to join any Book Club meeting! Questions? Contact Stacey Max (bookclub@kolhadash.com)

### Host an Oneg!

Hosting one of our Oneg Shabbats is an easy and fun way to get involved at Kol Hadash and meet new friends. Upcoming available dates include February 19, March 3 & 11, and April 8, 15 & 29. Interested? Contact David Hirsch (oneg@KolHadash.com).

### Thank You!

- To the **Progressive Dinner Committee** and the many **KH volunteers** who opened their homes on October 17 for our annual Progressive Dinner. See page 7 for a complete report
- To **Joyce & Rich Hirsch** for hosting the Oneg at the November 6 Shabbat service.
- To **Sue & Roger Addelson** for hosting the Oneg at our November 20 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.*

Our deepest condolences to **Leah Sosewitz & Helga Gruenbauer** on the recent death of Leah's father, Ben Z. Sosewitz.

Wishing **Rick Henriksen** a swift recovery from recent medical treatment.

Wishing **Judith Pearlman** a swift recovery from recent medical treatment.

### This Month's Yahrzeits

*The following names will be read at the December 18 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).*

Sally Altman	Slobodan Bozovich
Margaret Davis	Milda Dreifuss
Edith Herron	Esther Hirsch
Arlene Horberg	Diane Kaplan
Marianne Lederer	Theresa Levoy
William Libman	Sadelle Miller
Hy Muroff	Benjamin Niport
Lily Silver	Marshall Soren
Fred Stichler	Susan Styer
Irene White	Shirley Wolk

### This Month's Birthdays

Robin Kass	December 1
Sabrina Saks	December 2
Gabriel Shaffer	December 2
Sela Weaver	December 3
Asher Corelitz	December 3
Dan Simon	December 5
Victoria Ratnaswamy	December 6
Lily Ratnaswamy	December 8
Merle Styer	December 14
Levi Davishoff	December 15
Suzanna Dworsky	December 15
Zack Klein	December 20
Dawn Friedman	December 28
Sarah Beatty	December 31



### Celebrate & Remember with Kol Hadash

A contribution to Kol Hadash is a meaningful way to express your wishes of sympathy, joy, congrats or *mazel tov* for your Kol Hadash family and friends' life events.



### Save the Date!

*Please note these future events.*

Jan 9	Movie Club
Jan 10	Sunday School resumes
Jan 13	Book Club
Jan 22	2 <sup>nd</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Shabbat Service
Jan 23	Winers
Jan 24	Tu B'Shevat Seder at Sunday School
Jan 31	Art Institute Field Trip
Feb 28	Taste of Kol Hadash
Mar 4-6	HuJews Teen Conclave in Chicago
Mar 16	Book Club
Mar 20	Purim Carnival
April 9	Winers
April 23	KH Community Passover Seder
May 13	Sunday School Confirmation

## Tributes, Donations & Gifts

*Kol Hadash offers several opportunities for donations:*

Kol Hadash General Fund  
Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Kol Hadash Tzedakah Fund  
Weiss Choir Fund

Kol Hadash Youth Group 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.*

**Carrol & Edwyn Gold**, in honor of Jack Gold's Bar Mitzvah

**Happy Stone & Rick Henriksen**, in honor of the many birthdays and anniversaries in October

**Joyce & Richard Hirsch**, to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund, in honor of the rabbi's High Holiday services

**Joyce & Richard Hirsch**, sending get well wishes to Susie Dworsky and Rick Henriksen

**Mr. & Mrs. Sherman Kaplan**, to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

**Liz Logan**, in honor of Rabbi Chalom officiating at our wedding

**Ellen Rogin**, in honor of Betty Gordon

**Anna Wells**, to the General Fund

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## 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](http://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](http://zazzle.com) and search for "Kol Hadash" to find our items. Once you buy your items, you can proudly promote Kol Hadash!



# Celebrate and Commemorate through Kol Hadash

*Fill out and mail the form below – or – donate online at [www.KolHadash.com](http://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.

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

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Your Name

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Your Address & Phone #

**Message for *Shofar*/Acknowledgement letter:**

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

***Please send acknowledgement to:***  
**Please print legibly and include complete address. Thank you!**

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Recipient’s Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Recipient’s Address

**Mail completed form and payment to:**  
**Kol Hadash Humanistic Congregation, 175 Olde Half Day Road, Suite 123, Lincolnshire, IL 60069**

**Thank you for your generosity!**



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Your December *Shofar* is enclosed!

*This month...*

## **Family Hanukkah Celebration**

**Food and fun for all ages – invite your relatives and friends!**

December 13, 11:00 AM  
Deerfield High School



*Details inside!*