



## *Shalom from Rabbi Chalom*

### **Travel and Learn**

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

There is only so much you can learn without leaving home. Yes, in a world of Internet video and satellite cable, it can seem as though the world is at your fingertips. But images on a screen cannot make you feel what it's like to walk on the cobblestones, to hear the echoes, or to feel the history that happened in a particular spot without being there. Sometimes, you just have to go.

This coming October 28-30, 2016, I will be leading a learning trip to Philadelphia for the International Institute for Secular Humanistic Judaism (IISHJ), where I am the Dean for North America. The trip is titled "Jewish, Secular and Humanistic, American." Each of those three sides of our identity will be dramatically highlighted in our three days in the City of Brotherly Love and Sisterly Affection (yes, that is the official

city tagline!).

On Friday, we visit three historic congregations to explore varieties of American Judaism. Rodeph Shalom was founded in 1795, and its late 19<sup>th</sup> century Moorish-style building is a marvelous example of American Reform Judaism. Mikveh Israel is the oldest continuous synagogue in the United States (since 1740) and represents both old and new Orthodox Judaism. And Conservative congregation Beth Shalom is housed in the world's only Frank Lloyd Wright-designed synagogue. We'll also celebrate a Humanistic Shabbat service and meal together.

Saturday, we explore the intersection of Jewish and American identities. A walking tour of Jews in Colonial America and Philadelphia – from the first arrival in 1703 through the American Revolution – will be followed by a unique tour of the National Museum of American Jewish History. Our visit to NMAJH, which is located on the Independence Mall, will highlight events, personalities and issues of interest to Secular Humanistic Jews.

And on Sunday morning, we return to Independence Mall to witness the birthplace of the world's first secular democracy. We will tour Independence Hall, source of both the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution; see the Liberty Bell and learn about its complicated history; and visit the newest museum on the site, the open-air President's House, built over the ruins of the house where George Washington and John Adams served as our first two presidents.

Just as important as the itinerary, of course, is the opportunity to meet Secular Humanistic Jews from other parts of the country, explore new restaurants, and walk the streets of a great American city. There will be time to visit parts of the city on your own, or to come early or extend your trip to do even more.

As I wrote on the informational website for the trip:

*Secular Humanistic Judaism could only have been made in America. Our commitments to Jewish heritage, personal freedom and democracy, and the separation of religion and government have found unique and creative expression in the United States over the last 300 years. Join us for a unique exploration of this triple heritage through a fascinating learning tour of Philadelphia!*

Visit <http://learningphilly.eventbrite.com> to find a full itinerary, put in a deposit to hold your place, or sign up for the weekend.

*The Shofar*  
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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 on 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](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 New Year! It's hard to believe that another year has flown by. I hope you enjoyed your Hanukkah celebrations, helped others during the season of giving and are planning a fun New Year's Eve celebration without too much excess.

It's also hard to believe that

I have been writing this column for six months now. I have enjoyed letting you know what has been happening in our congregational family, even if I occasionally wonder if anyone receiving this *Shofar* actually reads my scribbling.

One purpose of this column is to let you know what is happening at the Steering Committee, which functions as our congregation's leadership group. Fortunately, it is made up of a highly committed group of KH members who have volunteered their time to help run our community, since we have a very limited staff. They are great collaborators who take their jobs seriously and whose goal is always to consider what is best for our members.

And this is not an exclusive, closed group. We would love to have more and new voices and perspectives. This would help us in our discussions of how best to create meaningful experiences for our widely diverse membership. Everyone is welcome to attend any Steering Committee meeting. If you are interested in making a somewhat larger commitment, please let me know – many hands make light the work and we can use every hand we can get!

To this point, the Steering Committee has been discussing how best to communicate with our family members. Like many families, we seem to have a wide variety of demographics with different needs. And they seem to prefer very different communication vehicles. So this month, in a new effort to update our *Shofar*, we will be asking you for your communication preferences.

Your responses will help us decide how best to reach you, whether by hard copy, email, text or other social media tool, so when you receive an email asking for your input, please take a minute or two to respond.

On a personal note, my husband Ron and I will be hosting the January Winers Club meeting, so please join us on January 23 in Buffalo Grove for a fun evening of good food and wine and better company.

As always, I look forward to seeing all of you at the events listed in this *Shofar*. Until then, I want to wish all of you a happy, peaceful New Year!

Sheila

## This Month's Events at Kol Hadash

### Adult Education/Jewish Culture: *Birth*

Tuesday, January 5, 7:30 PM • North Shore Unitarian Church

Every human culture marks the arrival of new life. How have Jewish birth ceremonies evolved through Jewish history, and what traditional elements are still meaningful to today's Humanistic Jews?

### Shabbat Service: *The Year in Review – 2015*

Friday, January 8, 7:30 PM • North Shore Unitarian Church

Every year changes us, but as 2015 closes we are preparing for a very challenging 2016. What did we learn about American politics, and terrorism, and resilience in the year just ended? What will Rabbi Chalom predict for 2016? Join us for our annual year in review – not to be missed!

### Movie Club: *Golden Globes Party*

Saturday, January 9, 7:00 PM • Home of Leora Hatchwell & Tom McCune, 981 Twisted Oak Ln, Buffalo Grove

As Hollywood breathlessly awaits the Golden Globe Awards (the following night), so will the Kol Hadash Movie Club! All members are welcome to join us for a fun night of socializing, movie chatter . . . and the screening of one of the nominated films (we'll decide which film closer to the event). Bring a food to share related to any of the Golden Globe nominated films! Questions or RSVP to Leora and Sue ([movies@KolHadash.com](mailto:movies@KolHadash.com)).

### Adult Education/Jewish Culture: *Bar/Bat Mitzvah*

Tuesday, January 12, 7:30 PM • North Shore Unitarian Church

The Jewish "coming of age" ceremony began more as a legal concept than a formal event. Today it sometimes marks the peak of a young person's Jewish education and identification (at age 13!). How do we approach this milestone?

### Book Club: *The Sweetness of Forgetting*

Wednesday, January 13, 7:30 PM • Kol Hadash Office, Lincolnshire

The Book Club will be discussing *The Sweetness of Forgetting* by Kristin Harmel, a novel telling the story of a woman whose aging grandmother opens up about her past and reveals a compelling family history of life during the Holocaust in Europe. All are welcome to join the Book Club! Questions? Contact Stacey Max ([bookclub@KolHadash.com](mailto:bookclub@KolHadash.com)).

### Adult Education/Jewish Culture: *Wedding*

Tuesday, January 19, 7:30 PM • North Shore Unitarian Church

Marriage has evolved from a question of property and procreation to one of love and happiness, for Jews and for everyone else. How has the Jewish wedding changed in response to the times?

### Family Shabbat Service Led By the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Class

Friday, January 22, 7:30 PM • North Shore Unitarian Church

Join us as the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Sunday School class leads a special family Shabbat service, intended for all ages. For details, see page 5.

### Winers

Saturday, January 23, 7:00 PM, Home of Sheila & Ron Sebor, 627 Cherbourg Court North, Buffalo Grove

The Winers welcomes international visitors, especially when they are wines...so bring a bottle of your favorite foreign vintage and a matching appetizer or dessert! All are welcome! RSVP to Mike Lippitz ([winers@KolHadash.com](mailto:winers@KolHadash.com)).

### Tu B'Shevat Seder

Sunday, January 24, 10:30-11:30 AM, Deerfield High School

The entire congregation is welcome to join us for an early harbinger of spring – our Sunday School celebration of Tu B'Shevat. See page 5 for details.

### Art Institute of Chicago Field Trip

Sunday, January 31, 9:30 AM-2:00 PM

Join us as we travel downtown for a family-learning experience at the Art Institute of Chicago. While Sunday School teachers guide their classes on age-appropriate and curriculum-driven tours of the museum, Rabbi Chalom will lead an adult-oriented tour. Parents of school children are welcome to join their class tours or the adult tour. Transportation by coach bus is free. Museum admission (\$20) is required for adults who are not Art Institute members. See the enclosed flyer for the RSVP form and complete details.



## From the Youth Education Director

by Dawn Friedman ([education@KolHadash.com](mailto:education@KolHadash.com), 847-997-8931)

This month we kick off our cycle of Shabbat services led by Sunday School classes; our 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders lead the service on January 22 (see page 5). From January through May, each class leads a service. Students help create the service and rehearse at Sunday School, and then lead the service on a Friday night (our PreK/Kindergarten/1<sup>st</sup> Grade class will lead a service on Sunday, February 7, after classes). Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade services are all-ages family services; students in 6<sup>th</sup> grade and higher lead services intended for adults and students in middle school and above.

Class services allow students to share their insights on what they have learned, integrate students and their families into broader congregational life, and give us all a chance to get to know each other better. And they are meant for *everyone*, not just the families of the students leading the service. They are wonderful examples of our intergenerational community, of our Kol Hadash family.

In addition to celebrating Shabbat together, we'll also celebrate Tu B'Shevat this month, with a family seder on January 24 at Deerfield High School. Tu B'Shevat commemorates the new year for trees, the season in which the earliest-blooming trees in the land of Israel emerge from winter and begin a new fruit-bearing cycle. After falling into obscurity after the destruction of the temple in Jerusalem, the holiday has become a Jewish Earth Day. Traditionally, we eat all kinds of tree fruits, especially those that grow in Israel, and we celebrate the coming of spring (eventually!). It's a delicious holiday celebration! And please bring a non-perishable food or household item for our food pantry collection.

And finally, at the end of the month, students and their families will visit the Art Institute of Chicago as part of our year-long study of Jewish art and artists. This program, and the development of our Jewish Art & Artists curriculum is funded by a grant from the Community Foundation for Jewish Education (CFJE), an agency of the Jewish United Fund of Metropolitan Chicago.

*Chag Sameach (Happy Holiday)!*

Dawn Friedman

Youth Education Director

## This Month's Sunday School Schedule: January 10, 17, 24, 31

Regular Classes, 9:30-11:30 AM • 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Hebrew & 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Mitzvah, 11:45 AM-12:45 PM

- January 10: PreK joins K/1<sup>st</sup> class; YEC Meeting; Youth Group Conclave Meeting for students and parents  
*Snack: Bagels (Pirates Booty available)*
- January 17: Confirmation Class field trip to Willow Creek; 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents Meeting & Spanish Garden Party; Staff Meeting  
*Snack: Apple slices*
- January 24: PreK joins K/1<sup>st</sup> class; all-school Tu B'Shevat Seder; Youth Group Purim Planning Meeting  
*No snack due to seder.*
- January 31: All-school Field Trip to the Art Institute of Chicago. No regular classes; depart DHS by coach bus at 9:30 AM sharp.

### **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 UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

### Family Shabbat Service Led by 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Class: Friday, January 22, 7:30 PM North Shore Unitarian Church, Deerfield

We kick off our class-led Shabbat services with our 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> grade students leading a family service for all ages. Irene Chase and Lisa Kane Weaver's students are studying Jewish life cycle rituals; their service will include a toy-naming ceremony modeled after baby namings. Class families host the oneg following the service. All are welcome!

### Tu B'Shevat Seder: Sunday, January 24, 10:30-11:30 AM

Tu B'Shevat (literally, the 15<sup>th</sup> of the Hebrew month of Shevat) celebrates the new year for trees. It was a tithing holiday that fell into obscurity after the destruction of the temple in Jerusalem, was resurrected by the early kabbalists as a celebration of rebirth in the spring, and has been reinvigorated since the creation of the state of Israel and the rise of environmental awareness. Traditionally, we eat all kinds of tree fruits, especially those that grow in Israel, and we celebrate the coming of spring (eventually!) It's a delicious holiday celebration! At Kol Hadash events, when we eat, we also remember those without enough to eat, so please bring a non-perishable food or household item for our food pantry collection. *All are welcome: members, guests, kids of all ages!* RSVP to Dawn Friedman ([education@KolHadash.com](mailto:education@KolHadash.com), 847-997-8931).

### Youth Education Committee: January 10, 9:30-11:00 AM

Everyone is welcome at all YEC meetings, whether it's your first meeting or you've been coming for years. 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? Come to the meeting! 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](mailto:YEC@KolHadash.com)).

### Youth Group Meetings

#### January 10, 11:10 AM-12:45 PM (Conclave Info Session) • January 24, 11:30 - 12:45 (Purim Planning)

Parents and teens are invited to attend an informational meeting on January 10 to learn more about the national HuJews Teen Conclave, sponsored by the Society for Humanistic Judaism. RSVP for lunch to Dawn Friedman ([education@KolHadash.com](mailto:education@KolHadash.com)) by Friday, January 8. This year's Conclave is March 4-6 in Chicago. Conclave is open to students in 8<sup>th</sup> grade and higher; there is also a track for college students. Kol Hadash teens have attended many conclaves throughout the United States, and it is an experience not to be missed! Registration is now open at: <http://www.shj.org/youth-programs/youth-conference/>

Youth Group will also meet on January 24 to start planning for our March 20 Purim Carnival. Students in 8<sup>th</sup> grade and higher are welcome to attend. You must attend at least 3 meetings to run a game at Purim. There will not be lunch this day, since the meeting is after the Tu B'Shevat Seder.

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents Meeting and Spanish Garden Party: Sunday, January 17, 9:30-11:00 AM

Our grade-level parents meetings continue with 6<sup>th</sup> grade on January 17. Then you're invited to join your students for a Spanish Garden Party, as you eat, drink, and discuss literature from the Golden Age of Spain.

### Confirmation Class Field Trip to Willow Creek Evangelical Church: Sunday, January 17, 8:00 AM-12:15 PM

David Hirsch's 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders continue their studies in comparative religions with a visit to Willow Creek in Barrington. Adult congregants are welcome to join the class; contact Dawn Friedman for information.

### Family Field Trip to the Art Institute of Chicago: Sunday, January 31, 9:30 AM-2:00 PM

A highlight of our school-wide Jewish Art & Artists curriculum will be a family field trip to the Art Institute. *All congregants, especially Sunday School parents and grandparents, are welcome to join us.* We will travel by coach bus from Deerfield High School to the museum. Students will visit the galleries with their classes; parents can join their children or attend a tour for adults led by Rabbi Chalom. See the enclosed flyer to RSVP. This program, and the development of our Jewish Art & Artists curriculum is funded by a grant from the Community Foundation for Jewish Education (CFJE), an agency of the Jewish United Fund of Metropolitan Chicago.

### Adult Hebrew

Dr. David Steiner, Kol Hadash's Hebrew teacher and B'nai Mitzvah tutor, is offering Adult Hebrew, for all levels. The class will meet 2-3 times each month. 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). Dates will be determined based on sufficient interest. If you'd like to participate, contact Dawn Friedman ([education@KolHadash.com](mailto:education@KolHadash.com), 847-997-8931).

## Meet Kol Hadash!



### Meet Lori Gerberding

Lori Gerberding's connection to Humanistic Judaism started with Tupperware in the basement of a church. Seriously.

Lori grew up in Highland Park and was confirmed at a Reform congregation. However, when she and her husband, Scott, who is not Jewish, "wanted to join something to give their children a religious education," she didn't want a Reform congregation because she "never got a whole lot out of it." Fortuitously, around the same time, she met Sue Tice, a former Kol Hadash member (and daughter of founding members Lois & Chuck Bournstine) in the basement of a church where Sue was selling Tupperware. Lori started selling Tupperware with Sue, and they became good friends. Sue's family had been longtime members of (Kol Hadash's predecessor congregation) Beth Or, and she told Lori about

Humanistic Judaism. Lori also heard about Beth Or from her then next door neighbors, current Kol Hadash members Julie and Ricky Katz. Finding that Scott was comfortable at Beth Or, they joined.

Lori went to Bradley University. Her working life was spent in the restaurant business, starting out as a hostess when she was 16 years old and working her way up to manager. She worked for nine years at the Highland Park restaurant Mushroom & Sons. When she met Scott, he was working in Dallas, so she moved there for a couple of years, and then they spent a couple of years in San Antonio. They moved back to the North Shore in the early 1980s, preferring to raise their family here rather than in Texas.

Lori has served as Kol Hadash's High Holiday services coordinator since our first High Holiday services in 2001. (You should see her spreadsheets!) She also served on the Steering Committee for ten years and was the first Chair of the Youth Education Committee. When asked what she likes best about Kol Hadash, her unhesitating answer is, "The people and the friendships I have made here."

The Gerberdings have lived in the same house in Deerfield since moving back from Texas. Son Michael was a member of Kol Hadash's first Confirmation Class. He is now 29 and lives in Evanston with his wife, Stephanie, and their 2½-year-old daughter, Amelia. Son Kevin was the second Bar Mitzvah at Kol Hadash. He is now 26 and recently moved to California to pursue a new job opportunity. With both boys grown and just recently out of the house again, Lori is looking forward to the return of her empty nest and traveling.

Two things that few people at Kol Hadash know about Lori:

1. Lori has traveled with Scott to more than 40 countries mostly via cruises.
2. Lori does her best not to travel during the summer . . . she enjoys spending her summer evenings at Ravinia.

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### 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

### KH Theatre Club: Buy Tickets NOW for July 16!

The Kol Hadash Theatre Club has purchased a block of seats for the Saturday, July 16, 8:00 PM, performance of *War Paint* at the Goodman Theatre. This musical depicts the rivalry between two titans of the cosmetics industry, Helena Rubinstein and Elizabeth Arden, and will star Patti LuPone and Christine Ebersole. If you want to join the Theatre Club at this show, a limited number of discounted tickets are available for \$52.40 (lower mezzanine). The tickets will be sold on a first come/first served basis. Contact Mark Friedman ([theatre@kolhadash.com](mailto:theatre@kolhadash.com)) today if you are interested or to get on the Theatre Club email list and participate in selecting all the KH Theatre Club events.

### 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 4; April 8, 15 & 29; May 20. Interested? Contact David Hirsch ([oneg@KolHadash.com](mailto:oneg@KolHadash.com)).

### Thank You!

- To **Andrea & Mark Friedlander** for hosting the Oneg at our December 11 Shabbat service.
- To **Ron & Sheila Sebor** for hosting the Oneg at the December 18 Shabbat service.
- Thanks to all the volunteers who helped with our Sunday School Bagel Brunch on November 22: **Ellen Apley, David Sandler, Faye Eisenberg, Marla Davishoff, Karen Jackson, Terry Kass, Ilana & Marty Shaffer, and Kim Stone** and to the committee chairs and members who hosted our first Kol Hadash Activities Fair.

### 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.*

Wishing **Roger Addelson** a swift recovery from recent medical treatment.

Wishing **Michelle Shoolin** a swift recovery from recent medical treatment.

Mazel tov to **Jonah Hirsch**, son of **Glynis & David Hirsch**, on performing with a select group of Deerfield High School chorus members with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra for three special December performances at Symphony Center.

### This Month's Yahrzeits

*The following names will be read at the January 8 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](mailto:administrator@KolHadash.com)).*

Helen Chase	Richard Crane
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Bobbye Sarasohn	William Sheck
Sharon Shepard	Bessie Shlensky
Morris Shlensky	Mary Spiegel
Sol Spiegel	Diane Teich
Lois Wolens	Shirley Wolk

### This Month's Birthdays

Giovanni Aristodemo	January 4
Michele Shoolin	January 5
Milton Field	January 5
Brad Saks	January 8
Bailey Carlson	January 9
Ethan Max	January 11
Bruce Jerris	January 13
Elana Brock	January 13
Stacey Max	January 14
Sam Kenney	January 15
Sophia Delise	January 16
Jennifer Occhipinti	January 17
Andrea Friedlander	January 18
Toby Fisher	January 19
Whitney Race	January 19
Ariana Aristodemo	January 29
Dan Parker	January 30



### 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.*

Feb 28	Taste of Kol Hadash
Mar 4	4 <sup>th</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Shabbat Service
Mar 4-6	HuJews Teen Conclave in Chicago
Mar 16	Book Club
Mar 18	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Shabbat Service
Mar 20	Purim Carnival
April 9	Winers
April 17	Sunday School Passover Seder
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.*

**Susan & Roger Addelson**, to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund, in honor of our granddaughter's baby naming

**Dawn & Mark Friedman**, in memory of Ben Sosewitz, father of Leah Sosewitz

**Leah Sosewitz & Helga Gruenbauer**, in honor of Rabbi Chalom officiating at the wedding of Evan Ryan & Liz Logan

**Darcy Chamberlain & David Hart**, to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund, thanking the rabbi for officiating at the wedding of their son, Nathan Hart, to Courtney Brust

**Happy Stone & Rick Henriksen**, to the Rabbi's Discretionary

**Glynis & David Hirsch**, wishing a very happy Hanukkah to Joyce & Richard Hirsch

**Glynis & David Hirsch**, in honor of Andrea Friedlander

**Glynis & David Hirsch**, wishing a speedy recovery to Michelle Shoolin

**Glynis & David Hirsch**, wishing a speedy recovery to Roger Addelson

**Joyce & Richard Hirsch**, in memory of Ben Sosewitz, father of Leah Sosewitz

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*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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**Thank you for your generosity!**

# January 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3 NO Sunday School, Hebrew School, or Mitzvah Classes	4	5 Adult Education/ Jewish Culture, <i>Birth</i> , 7:30 PM @ Unitarian Church	6	7	8 Shabbat Service, <i>The Year in Review: 2015</i> , 7:30 PM @ Unitarian Church	9 Movie Club Golden Globes Party, 7:00 PM, @ Home of Leora Hatchwell & Tom McCune
10 Sunday School w/PreK, YEC Mtg, 9:30 Youth Group Conclave Mtg, 11:10 Hebrew/Mitzvah, 11:45	11 Knitting Club, 7:30 PM @ KH Office	12 Adult Education/ Jewish Culture, <i>Bar/Bat Mitzvah</i> , 7:30 PM @ Unitarian Church	13 Book Club, <i>The Sweetness of Forgetting</i> , 7:30 PM @ KH Office	14 Membership Committee Mtg, 7:30 PM, KH Office	15	16
17 Conf Class Field Trip, 8:00 Sunday School, 9:30 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Parents Mtg & Garden Party, 9:30 Staff Mtg, 11:30 Hebrew/Mitzvah, 11:45	18	19 Adult Education/ Jewish Culture, <i>Wedding</i> , 7:30 PM @ Unitarian Church	20	21 Tu B'Shevat Storytime, 10:30 AM @ Heller Nature Center	22 Family Shabbat Service Led by 2 <sup>nd</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup> -Grade Classes, 7:30 PM @ Unitarian Church	23 Winers, 7:00, @ Home of Sheila & Ron Sebor
24 Sunday School w/PreK, 9:30 Tu B'Shevat Seder, 10:30 Youth Group Purim Planning Mtg, 11:30 Hebrew/Mitzvah, 11:45 Tu B'Shevat Storytime, 2:30 PM @ DF Barnes & Noble	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 Kol Hadash Field Trip to Art Institute of Chicago (students, parents, other adults!)						



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# February 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Adult Education/ Jewish Culture, <i>Funeral</i> , 7:30 PM @ Unitarian Church	3	4	5 Shabbat Service, <i>Who Are We? Review of Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind</i> , 7:30 PM @ Unitarian Church	6
7 Sunday School w/PreK, YEC Mtg, 9:30 K-1 Shabbat Service, 11:00 Youth Group Purim Planning; Staff Mtg, 11:30 Hebrew/Mitzvah, 11:45	8	9 Adult Education/ Jewish Culture, <i>Torah</i> , 7:30 PM @ Unitarian Church	10	11	12	13
14 Sunday School, 9:30 7-8, 9-10 Parents Mtg, 9:30 Youth Group Purim Planning, 11:30 Hebrew/Mitzvah, 11:45	15	16 Adult Education/ Jewish Culture, <i>Tanakh/Hebrew Bible</i> , 7:30 PM @ Unitarian Church	17	18	19 Shabbat Service, <i>Racial and Ethnic Politics in America</i> , 7:30 PM @ Unitarian Church	20
21 Sunday School, Adult Education: <i>Zionism and Anti-Zionism: Yesterday and Today</i> , 9:30 Conf Class Field Trip, 11:00 Staff Mtg, 11:30 Hebrew/Mitzvah, 11:45	22	23	24	25	26 Shabbat Service, 7:30 PM @ Unitarian Church	27
28 Sunday School w/PreK, 9:30 Taste of Kol Hadash, 11:00 Youth Group Purim Planning Mtg, 11:30 Hebrew/Mitzvah, 11:45	29	<p><u>COMING IN MARCH . . .</u></p> <p><b>HUJEWS TEEN CONCLAVE IN CHICAGO</b> <b>FRIDAY, MARCH 4 - SUNDAY MARCH 6</b></p>				



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# KOL HADASH MOVIE CLUB

Join us in celebrating  
the Golden Globe Awards

**Saturday, January 9  
7:00 PM**

The festivities will be held  
at the home of

Leora Hatchwell & Tom McCune  
981 Twisted Oak Lane  
Buffalo Grove

RSVP to 331-6291 or [movies@KolHadash.com](mailto:movies@KolHadash.com)

Bring a food to share related to any of the Golden Globe nominated films. (*The Revenant* bear jerky? *Bridge of Spies* borscht? *Inside Out* upside-down cake? *The Big Short* bread? The possibilities are endless!)

We will be showing one of the Golden Globe nominated films.  
(Film will be decided closer to the event.)

Golden Globe ballots will be available at the party

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## Sunday School *and* Adult Education Field Trip *to the* Art Institute of Chicago

Kol Hadashians of all ages are invited to join us January 31 for a unique opportunity to learn about Judaism through art! Sunday School classes will tour the Art Institute with their teachers (parents invited to attend) while Rabbi Chalom leads a different tour for adult learners. We will travel to the museum aboard comfortable coach buses (with bathrooms). We will spend the morning at the museum, have lunch, and return to Deerfield High School by 2:00 PM. Please note: *This is counted as an ordinary Sunday School session; all students are expected to attend.*

**Sunday, January 31, 2016**  
**9:30 AM (meet at DHS parking lot) –**  
**Approximately 2:00 PM (return to DHS)**



**COSTS:**

- \$10 per Kol Hadash T-shirt if you don't already have a blue one from our last trip. All students must wear KH T-shirt to help identify our group. T-shirts are optional for adults.
- \$22 museum admission per adult (\$16 for seniors 65+) unless you are an Art Institute member. *Student and teacher admission is free.* Admission fee is due with this form; we must prepay our group's admission.
- *Bus transportation is free.* Note: All Sunday School students must travel by bus; other adults can choose to meet us at the museum at 10:30 AM.
- Bring extra money for lunch! We cannot bring food into the museum, so we will purchase lunch and eat in the museum café (approximate cost: \$7-\$10 per person).

**Please return the form below with check payable to Kol Hadash by Monday, January 11.**  
**Mail to: Kol Hadash, 175 Olde Half Day Road, Suite 123, Lincolnshire IL 60069**  
**Questions? Contact Dawn Friedman (847-997-8931, [education@KolHadash.com](mailto:education@KolHadash.com))**

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Please reserve spots for:

**Family Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email** \_\_\_\_\_

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Adult \_\_\_\_\_ Art Institute member? \_\_\_\_\_ Tshirt (circle size): AdultSm AdultMed AdultLg AdultXL N/A

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I give my child(ren) above permission to attend the field trip. (sign below)

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Parent's signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

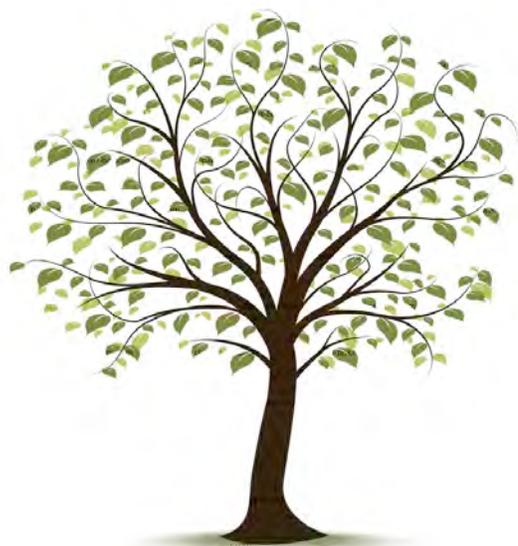
**Payment:** # \_\_\_\_\_ \$10 T-shirt(s) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
# \_\_\_\_\_ \$22 adult admission(s) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
# \_\_\_\_\_ \$16 adult senior (65+) admission(s) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
  
Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Note: KH T-shirts required for all students so our group can be found easily in the crowd. Museum admission is FREE for Sunday School children and teachers. Other adults must prepay admission if not already an Art Institute member.*



# A New Year... For Trees!

## Tu B'Shevat Storytimes for Young Children



Tu B'Shevat is an early harbinger of spring — a Jewish holiday to celebrate nature and raise environmental awareness. Learn about Tu B'Shevat with stories, songs, and activities especially for children ages 0-2 with a parent or caregiver (older children welcome). Rabbi Adam Chalom and Education Director Dawn Friedman of Kol Hadash Humanistic Congregation lead these storytime sessions.

*Get to know other families in your community!  
Information about the holiday of Tu B'Shevat will be provided.*

### **Thursday, January 21**

10:30-11:00 AM • Heller Nature Center, 2821 Ridge Rd, Highland Park

### **Sunday, January 24**

2:30-3:00 PM • Deerfield Barnes & Noble, 726 North Waukegan Rd

Kol Hadash Humanistic Congregation is a welcoming, thinking community of Humanists who celebrate Jewish traditions together with open minds and hearts. Interfaith/intercultural and LGBT families are very welcome.

**Questions? Contact [info@KolHadash.com](mailto:info@KolHadash.com)**



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# Teens & College Students

Join the HuJews  
community for  
Conclave 2016!

**When:**  
Friday thru Sunday,  
March 4-6, 2016

**Why? To make new  
friends!**

**Where:**  
Chicago, Illinois

**To discuss new ideas!**

**To explore a new place!**

**To participate in  
community service!**

**To have a  
weekend of fun!**



**Stay Tuned for Registration  
Information**

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