



Shalom from Rabbi Chalom
Sympathy for “The Other”

by Rabbi Adam Chalom (rabbichalom@KolHadash.com)

I’m always amused when someone declares, “Judaism stands for ____.” Their claimed Jewish value always supports their own position, which is the first source of skepticism. Even more, in a long, varied and highly verbal tradition of 3,000 years like Jewish civilization, you can find quotations and sources to justify practically any perspective: rationalism and mysticism, individual freedom and collective responsibility, tolerance and persecution.

Predictably, Jewish culture demonstrates both sympathy for and suspicion of “the other.” We are told in Leviticus 19 to “love your neighbor as yourself,” but who counts as your neighbor: anyone, or the specific people you know? The wonderful Biblical ethic of “do not oppress the stranger...for you were strangers in the land of

Egypt” becomes limited in rabbinic interpretation; the Hebrew *ger* means “stranger, resident alien” in the Bible, but it is understood as “convert” in rabbinic law. The universal messianic redemption envisioned by the prophets also includes a pre-eminent role for Israel.

The case of human tribalism is no different. We evolved in small bands, and it is only relatively recently in our evolutionary history that we managed to create societies on the order of thousands, let alone today’s millions and billions. It is no wonder that, even though we have been able to expand our loyalty and generosity beyond the family and the clan, our innate tribalism keeps rearing its head. For more on this cultural evolution and its discontents, join us for our February 5 Shabbat exploring Yuval Hariri’s book, *Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind*.

Neighborhoods, sports teams, ethnic groups, “races,” political parties: it is very easy to promote the in-group and denigrate “the other.” How many false quotations get widely spread on social media because we rationalize, “even if they didn’t say it, it *sounds* like something they would have said”? How many on “our side” are defended for what would be indefensible if done by the “others”?

Jewish history, and the history of the United States, demonstrates the principle of conflicting lessons. Jews lived for centuries among non-Jewish neighbors and business partners in many parts of the world. The reality of historic Jewish persecution co-exists with the reality of historic tolerance. In past decades, our experience of persecution made us leaders supporting civil and human rights; enjoying today’s general acceptance, are we still as motivated? The president of the United States identifies as black, yet racial disparities in poverty, incarceration and opportunity persist. Our February 19 Shabbat will grapple with these questions and what we can do about them.

In the end, our tribalism is what helped humanity to survive – group skills and group support helped us thrive together as we never could have alone. It also provides a continuing challenge to future growth and happiness. We are who we are, but we must also strive to be who we want to become.

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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. If you would like to contribute content to the *Shofar*, contact Mark Friedman.



View from the Chair

*by Steering Committee Chair
Sheila Sebor
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Dear Kol Hadash Family,
Happy February! I know it's hard to be happy about the dead of winter, but at this point we can begin to look forward to its end, instead of grumping about its beginning. And we're far enough away from the beginning of the new year to not feel so guilty about those slipping New Year's

resolutions!

We have a full calendar of events listed here and on our website. I want to highlight one event that doesn't get much "press" but is one I encourage all of you to attend.

The annual **Taste of Kol Hadash** will take place **Sunday, February 28, at 11:00 AM at Deerfield High School**. The reason I am asking for participants from the whole congregation came from a recent meeting between Membership Committee members and the volunteers on our Youth Education Committee. One of the points made by YEC members is that they would love to find ways to attend more congregational events, and to plan some family programs that members without Sunday School-aged children would find appealing.

The Taste of Kol Hadash is a chance to share a family or favorite recipe with the whole congregation. The idea is to bring the favorite dish and its recipe so all can sample it, find out a little about its history or significance and receive a booklet of all the prepared recipes. It's a great way to get to know other family members and sample some great dishes as well! I would love to see 6-10 new entries this year, so pull out your favorite family recipes and share them with your Kol Hadash family. Or just come and taste new dishes – if you would like to try a few, you'll have the recipes, too.

One of my New Year's resolutions is to try to keep you updated on news from the Steering Committee. At the January meeting, we discussed our need for a few more volunteers for some committees. We could really use more help with our marketing efforts. As they say in the business world, we have a really great product, now we need to let everyone know. (Try us, you'll like us!) If you have some interest in helping us "get the word out" about Kol Hadash, and what a wonderful community we are, please let me know.

There is one other committee that could use a little help – our Development Committee. These are the folks who brought you our great mitzvah anniversary event last year. We're looking for a few creative thinkers to generate some new ideas to celebrate our community, while adding a few more dollars to our piggy bank. If you have some ideas to share, please write me at scchair@KolHadash.com and I will make sure you are contacted.

As always, I look forward to seeing all of you at the events listed in this *Shofar*. Until then, bundle up and think warm thoughts!

Sheila

This Month's Events at Kol Hadash

Adult Education/Jewish Culture: *Funeral*

Tuesday, February 2, 7:30 PM • North Shore Unitarian Church

If this life is the only life we know, then how we say goodbye and begin the rest of our lives may be different from those who believe in *ha-olam ha-ba* (“the World to Come”). Yet some rituals of Jewish tradition may still provide Humanistic comfort.

Shabbat Service: *Who Are We? Review of Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind*

Friday, February 5, 7:30 PM • North Shore Unitarian Church

Human beings are the most powerful species on the planet, but this was not always so. In a fascinating exploration of our earliest origins through the evolution of modern society, Hebrew University professor Yuval Noah Harari's bestseller delves into the origins of society, religion, economics and much more. What better way to mark the new Humanist holiday of Darwin Day and the interfaith initiative of Evolution Weekend?

Family Shabbat Service Led by PreKindergarten/Kindergarten/1st Grade Class

Sunday, February 7, 11:00 - 11:30 AM

Deerfield High School

If Friday night is too late for you, join us on this Sunday morning when our youngest students lead a family Shabbat service after Sunday School classes. All are welcome!

Adult Education/Jewish Culture: *Torah*

Tuesday, February 9, 7:30 PM • North Shore Unitarian Church

The earliest substantial Jewish literature we possess, the Torah includes literature, law, theology and ethics – some still inspire, while we have evolved beyond others. How do Humanistic Jews study Torah as the product of centuries of Jewish writing and editing?

Adult Education/Jewish Culture: *Tanakh/Hebrew Bible*

Tuesday, February 16, 7:30 PM • North Shore Unitarian Church

The Hebrew Bible after the Torah includes fascinating texts of history (claimed and verifiable), folk literature, even skeptical philosophy. It represents another 500 years of Jewish cultural and intellectual evolution.

Shabbat Service: *Racial and Ethical Politics in America*

Friday, February 19, 7:30 PM • North Shore Unitarian Church

The original *de facto* national motto of the United States was *e pluribus unum* – from many, one. In our best moments, this has represented not only a union of separate states but also ethnicities, religions, and that peculiar concept of “races.” Where do we stand on the latter question in 2016, and what can we do to help move further towards “a more perfect union”?

Adult Education: *Zionism and Anti-Zionism: Yesterday and Today*

Sunday, February 21, 9:30 AM • Deerfield High School

Is Zionism a positive vision of Jewish autonomy, creativity and self-determination, or is it a racist discrimination against and exclusion of non-Jews from the land of Israel? Today's conflicts in Europe, the Middle East and on college campuses are a bewildering, even disturbing, combination of impassioned defense, legitimate criticism and irrational hatred.

A Taste of Kol Hadash

Sunday, February 28, 11:00-11:30 AM • Deerfield High School

All are welcome to cook . . . and taste!

Join us for a Sunday School program featuring THE most popular Jewish activity: *eating!* Kol Hadash members are invited to cook their most cherished family recipe— from any generation, from any culture. You then get to serve your dish to our Sunday School students and guests (in bite-sized tasting portions), explain the family history of the recipe, and contribute the recipe to a cookbook that will be distributed on the day of the program. If you have a dish that your family clamors for, this is your chance to pass it along to your second family...Kol Hadash! NOTE: Due to severe allergies, recipes cannot contain sesame seeds, peanuts, almonds, or nuts of any kind. Contact Dawn Friedman (education@KolHadash.com) to reserve your spot before February 18.





From the Youth Education Director

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

February is a month with no significant Jewish holidays – we are in the lull between Tu B'Shevat and Purim – but we are still busy at Kol Hadash! On Sunday, February 7, we'll have a special Shabbat service when our PreKindergarten, Kindergarten, and 1st Grade students lead a service at Deerfield High School at the end of Sunday School, 11:00-11:30 AM. All are welcome!

A favorite of students and staff alike, A Taste of Kol Hadash returns this month, February 28. Congregants prepare a family dish and then offer a taste to our students while explaining the dish and its family connection. *We need foods* in all categories: appetizers or snacks, main dishes, side dishes, and desserts. And when we eat, we remember others who do not have enough to eat, so please bring non-perishable foods and household items to be donated to a local food pantry.

A Taste of Kol Hadash is a great program for congregants *without* kids in Sunday School. Love your family's *kugel* (noodle pudding) recipe? Want to share your grandmother's honey cake? We'd love to you have you cook for us or just come for a nosh and a new recipe! We need cooks to RSVP by February 18; contact me by email or phone below. See the enclosed flyer for details.

Also, please save Sunday, March 6, for a special Adult Education session, "Explaining Humanistic Judaism." Rabbi Chalom will introduce the basic tenets of Humanistic Judaism, and a panel of congregants will discuss their experiences explaining Humanistic Judaism to their family and friends.

Chag Sameach (Happy Holiday)!

Dawn Friedman
Youth Education Director

This Month's Sunday School Schedule: February 7, 14, 21, 28

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

- February 7: PreK joins K/1st class; YEC Meeting; PreK/K/1st Grade Shabbat Service; Youth Group Purim Planning Meeting; Staff Meeting. *Snack: Bagels (Pirates Booty available)*
- February 14: Class Photos; 7th/8th & 9th/10th Grades Parents Meeting; Youth Group Purim Planning Meeting. *Snack: Apple slices*
- February 21: Adult Education, Confirmation Class Field Trip to Islamic Cultural Center in Northbrook *Snack: Baby carrots*
- February 28: PreK joins K/1st class; Taste of Kol Hadash; Youth Group Purim Planning Meeting; *No snack (due to Taste of Kol Hadash)*

Class Shabbat Service

Family Shabbat Service Led by PreKindergarten/Kindergarten/
1st Grade Class

Sunday, February 7, 11:00-11:30 AM
Deerfield High School

Be sure to save the date for the rest of our class Shabbat services:

- ✓ March 4 4th & 5th Grades
- ✓ March 18 6th Grade
- ✓ May 6 7th & 8th Grades
- ✓ May 13 Confirmation

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

Youth Education Committee Meeting: February 7, 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? Or do you just want to meet other parents and get a heads up on 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).

Youth Group Meetings: February 7, 14, & 28, 11:30 AM-12:45 PM

Youth Group has started planning for our March 20 Purim Carnival. Students in 8th grade and higher are welcome to attend. You must attend at least three meetings to run a game at Purim. For meeting lunch reservations, RSVP to Dawn Friedman (education@KolHadash.com) by the Friday before each meeting.

Class Photos: Sunday, February 14

We'll take our class yearbook photos this day; class photos will appear in the school yearbook, which will be distributed on the last day of classes in May. Please be on time February 14 as we will be on a tight schedule. No need to dress up.

7th/8th & 9th/10th Grades Parents Meeting: Sunday, February 14, 9:30-11:00 AM

Our grade-level parents meetings continue with a parents meeting for 7th/8th & 9th/10th Grade families. Light breakfast will be provided. This is a great opportunity for parents to share thoughts and issues of concern to them. There is life after Bar/Bat Mitzvah!

Confirmation Class Field Trip to the Islamic Cultural Center, Northbrook

Sunday, February 21, 11:00 AM-2:00 PM

David Hirsch's 9th and 10th graders continue their studies in comparative religions with a visit to the mosque in Northbrook. Congregations are welcome to join the class on field trips; contact Dawn Friedman for more information.

Taste of Kol Hadash

Sunday, February 28, 11:00 - 11:30 AM

See Youth Education Director's column on page 5 and the enclosed flyer for details.

Adult Hebrew

Dr. David Steiner, Kol Hadash's Hebrew teacher and B'nai Mitzvah tutor, is offering Adult Hebrew, 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). Dates will be determined based on sufficient interest. If you'd like to participate, contact Dawn Friedman (education@KolHadash.com, 847-997-8931).



March 4-6 HuJews Teen Conclave in Chicago! *Register by February 4*

Each year the Society for Humanistic Judaism sponsors a national HuJews Teen Conclave. This year's conclave is March 4-6 in Chicago. Conclave is open to students in 8th 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! The registration deadline is February 4. Visit www.shj.org/youth-programs/youth-conference/ to register.

Email Dawn Friedman (education@KolHadash.com) if your child is attending conclave so we can coordinate group travel downtown.

Hanukkah Fun!

On Sunday, December 13th, about 90 adults and children attended our Kol Hadash Family Hanukkah Celebration at DHS, featuring our PreK/ Kindergarten/1st Graders' Humanorah (right) and an encore by the Children's Choir led by Ellen Apley. Thank you to co-coordinators Karen Jackson and Ilana Shaffer and volunteers Sandra & Giovanni Aristodemo, Gabriella & Alexandra Brook, Ken Burk, Chris Jackson, and David & Diane Sandler. Thanks also to Glynis Hirsch for facilitating our gift collection with Community Alternatives Unlimited. Below left: Noah Apley and Daniel Gruenbauer hand off the shamas. Below right: The Katz and Landsman families show off their menorahs. Photos by Mark Friedman.



Social Club Events

The many social clubs of Kol Hadash are *open to all* to join at any time. We gather for fun events throughout the year. The **Movie Club** (below, right) met in January at the Hatchwell/McCune home on the eve of the Golden Globe awards to talk movies, watch a sampling of nominated films and enjoy some film-inspired treats (Warm Brie Larrson anyone?). Laura Burk won the guess-the-Globes-winners contest. Contact Leora (movies@KolHadash.com) to find out more about the Movie Club. Back in November, thirteen members of the Kol Hadash **Theatre Club** trundled down to Theatre Wit on Belmont Avenue to see *The Curious Case of the Watson Intelligence* (below left). Email Mark Friedman (theatre@KolHadash.com) to join the Theatre Club's mailing list and participate in selecting our upcoming events.



Community Service Corner

Thanks to You, Kol Hadash!

The Community Service Committee extends a big thank you to Kol Hadash for generously donating toys and other goods to our annual holiday collection for Community Alternatives Unlimited. The director of the organization was wowed by how many items she was able to distribute to local children who might not otherwise have received a gift. We filled her very large vehicle with gifts. *Thank you!*

KH Volunteers at A Safe Place

On December 9, Kol Hadash volunteers **Jill Dorfman, Irene Dorfman, Alisa Klein, and Lynn & Elliot Miller** traveled to Zion, Illinois, to help A Safe Place clean up and arrange their community room and resource center to be better equipped for their residents. A Safe Place is a shelter for women and children who have been victims of domestic abuse. Kol Hadash's Community Service Committee has a long-standing relationship with A Safe Place and has coordinated many volunteer activities there in recent years. Would you like to join the Community Service Committee? Contact Sue Addelson (communityservice@KolHadash.com) for information.



News from the Jewish and Humanistic Jewish Community

Society for Humanistic Judaism asks for "Humanistic Voices" on Institutional Racism

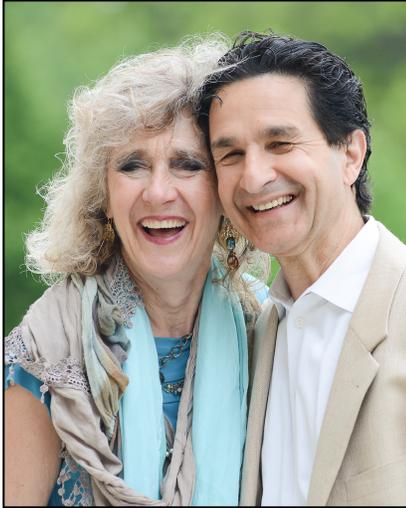
The upcoming issue of the Society for Humanistic Judaism's (SHJ) journal, *Humanistic Judaism*, will focus on social change in the 21st century. As part of the issue, space will be dedicated to the SHJ Ethical Concerns Committee's first-ever Humanistic Voices discussion. The focus of Humanistic Voices will be on institutional racism. The SHJ Ethical Concerns Committee and the journal's editors are seeking written contributions on the question of institutional racism from SHJ community members. Contributions should be between 500 and 1,000 words; make a single, specific argument; and make use of and cite sources and data in advancing the argument. To contribute, please send notice of your intent and a brief summary of what you plan to discuss to Stephanie Blum (stephcblum@gmail.com), chair of SHJ's Ethical Concerns Committee, and to Jeremy Kridel (shjjournaleditors@gmail.com), co-editor of the *Humanistic Judaism* journal. Submissions are due by February 26, 2016.

Jewish Singles Social & Dance Party: February 5

The Fred Astaire Ballroom Dance Studios of Northbrook host a Jewish Singles Social & Dance Party Friday, February 5, at 8:00 PM. This event is designed to help Jewish singles ages 30-60 to meet other like-minded singles in a fun and interactive environment. Light appetizers and drinks will be served. There will be a \$10 cover charge at the door. For more information or to RSVP, Anna Marie at 847-272-4202.

New Holocaust Remembrance Play Coming to Redtwist Theatre in Chicago

In Auschwitz, 1942, Jewish prisoners took it upon themselves at grave personal risk to perform comedic farce based on the first great anti-Semitic tragedy of the century, the Dreyfus Affair. Playwright Jake Rosenberg's new play *Muse of Fire* is the story of this performance, striking a rare balance of humor and horror. The play runs February 13 to March 13 at Redtwist Theatre, 1044 West Bryn Mawr Avenue in Chicago. Discounted tickets (\$15) are available using the discount code MUSEUM at the Brown Paper Tickets website: www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2327423.



Meet Kol Hadash!

Meet

Emma Kowalenko & Tony Bilotti

Emma Kowalenko did not know that she was Jewish until she was in her late 20's. Her mother fled Warsaw two weeks before Hitler invaded to join her sister's family in Morocco. In 1942, they became practicing Catholics to hide their Jewish identity from the Vichy government. Emma was born in Casablanca, Morocco, and moved to Chicago when she was 11 years old, where her family continued to practice Catholicism. Emma had seen pre-World War II photos of her mother with relatives in Paris, and acting on a hunch during a European trip in Paris, Emma found her mother's maiden name, Podrobnik, in the phone book. The woman at the other end of the phone line invited her to visit her aging uncle and look at family photos. At the end of the phone conversation the woman said,

“and, you know we are Jewish.” Emma responded “must be the wrong family.” Returning to Chicago, the story of the phone call visibly shook Emma's mother, who told her, “This could have been my brother...” Then, “Yes, your grandmother was Jewish, and... your grandfather, yes, he was Jewish too.” Several years of research (pre-Internet) uncovered that the name in the Parisian phone book was Podroznik, one letter off. The fate of only one relative was discovered. According to a train manifest and camp record, Isabelle Wagner, the woman in the pre-World War II photo in Paris, died in Auschwitz.

Tony was also raised Catholic, growing up in a small town outside of Philadelphia. He never felt especially connected to the church or its doctrine, so when Emma discovered her Jewish roots, he encouraged her to explore her connection to Judaism. Discovering Humanistic Judaism was “serendipitous” for Emma and Tony. For several years, they went with friends to different Jewish congregations in the hopes of finding the right fit, but neither of them “wanted to worship the supernatural.” Then in 2004, an acquaintance told them about Kol Hadash. They visited the website and then came to an Open House where they spoke with Rabbi Emeritus Friedman. Emma and Tony were subsequently guests at a wedding performed by Rabbi Friedman. They said they “were touched by him and how he did the ceremony.” They came to a High Holiday service, heard our “amazing choir,” and they were hooked.

Both Tony and Emma now joyously sing in our choir. Emma has also served on the Steering Committee and participates in Kol Hadash's community service projects. This includes 5K fundraising runs for A Safe Place and a Spanish/English cookbook for Beacon Place – life stories told through recipes. Emma says that she “loves the people” at Kol Hadash and thinks of Kol Hadash as “coming home.” Tony adds that he especially enjoys the “feeling of community.”

For the past 27 years, Emma and Tony have had their own Environmental Planning business focused on site assessments and transportation planning studies. Emma, who holds a Masters degree in history, runs the business end, conducts historical environmental research, and consults as a strategic planner. Tony, who has a Bachelors degree in Environmental Studies, a Masters in Public Health, and a PhD in Health Analysis, handles the health risk aspects of environmental impacts, especially as related to contaminants from previous industrial or commercial land uses. Emma and Tony currently live in their “empty-nest” in Highwood. They are active members of the Highland Park Sister Cities Foundation. Both of their sons studied Criminal Justice. Son Jonathan, 26, is now a Second Lieutenant in the Army. He is training in Fort Benning, Georgia, and expects to be stationed in Hawaii to ultimately serve in Military Intelligence. Son Adrian, 25, lives in Chicago and is an investigator for TJX Corporation.

Three things that few people at Kol Hadash know about Emma and Tony:

1. Emma's “pride and joy” is to be one of the founders of the award-winning literary and visual arts journal *East on Central*. The annual journal, now in its 14th year, was originally limited to artistic works by Highland Park and Highwood residents, and has since expanded to include works by contributors anywhere in the country or the world.
2. Tony has previously served on Highland Park's Planning and Zoning Commission and its Environmental Commission, and he currently serves on Highwood's Planning and Zoning Commission and its Public Transportation Committee.
3. Emma is an oral historian. She speaks several foreign languages: French, Polish, Ukrainian, Spanish, Russian, and Italian. She is currently working on a culinary history of the Italian community in Highland Park and Highwood called *Cibo é La Vita* (Food Is Life) and an oral history of Russian immigrants in the Chicago area called *Identity 18*.

Kol Hadash News & Announcements

Passover Is Coming...Save the Date!

Our annual Community Passover Seder is always one of the highlights of our congregational year. Please save the date: **Saturday, April 23**, will be the night of our seder, again hosted by Bluegrass Restaurant in Highland Park. A reservation form will be included in the March issue of the *Shofar*.

Buy a Lox Box...Support the Youth Group

Surprise your valentine with a complete bagel brunch in a box! Use the order form enclosed in this *Shofar* to buy a Lox Box and help support the KH Youth Group. Each box comes loaded with bagels, lox, and all the trimmings for a tasty meal. Order now and pick up your box Sunday, February 14, 11:30 AM, at Deerfield High School.

KH Theatre Club: Buy Tickets **NOW** for July 16

Act fast! Only *two tickets remain* from the block of seats the Kol Hadash Theatre Club has purchased for the Saturday, July 16, 8:00 PM, performance of *War Paint* at the Goodman Theatre. The show, which stars Patti LuPone and Christine Ebersole, is sure to be a huge hit this summer. Contact Mark Friedman (theatre@kolhadash.com) today if you are interested or to join the Theatre Club email list and participate in future events.

Upcoming Book Club Selections

The cold winter weather is the perfect time to cuddle up with some great books! You can plan ahead for the next *two* Book Club meetings with their upcoming selections. On March 16, the Book Club will be discussing *The Story of Beautiful Girl* by Rachel Simon, and on May 18, the selection will be *Moving Day* by Jonathan Stone. All are welcome at all Book Club meetings. 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 April 29; May 20; June 3 & 10. Interested? Contact David Hirsch (oneg@KolHadash.com).

Thank You!

- To **Mike Lippitz & Sue Wagner** for hosting the Oneg at our January 8 Shabbat service.
- To the families of the **2nd & 3rd Grade Sunday School students** for hosting the Oneg at our January 22 Shabbat service.
- To all the **Kol Hadash families** who brought food and other items for donations to area charities at our December Hannukah Party and at the January 24 Tu B'Shevat Seder.

This Month's Yahrtszeit

The following names will be read at the February 5 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).

Joseph Aaron	Steven Croft
Rita Duskin	Alfred Eichner
Harry Goldman	Allen Goldstein
Helen Kass	Nina Kroft
Louis Lason	Samuel Mayer
Norman Mesirow	Jerome Miller
Milton Miller	Eve Niport
June Rothstein	Lena Miller Simon
Catherine Vanderbeck	George White

This Month's Birthdays

Paul Earle	February 1
Skylar Max	February 1
Ann Krouse	February 4
Paul Schumacker	February 4
Aileen Seeley	February 5
Jeremy Gibson	February 8
Ryan Carlson	February 9
David Harris	February 9
Lawrence Dworsky	February 12
Ben Simon	February 12
Mark Friedlander	February 16
Susan Wauldron Jerris	February 21
Isaac Gibson	February 22
Zak Carlin	February 25
Isabel Perlin	February 25
Brian Parker	February 26
Robyn Corelitz	February 27
Roger Addelson	February 28

This Month's Anniversaries

Rabbi Daniel & Felice Friedman	February 3
Leora Hatchwell & Tom McCune	February 23
Joyce & Richard Hirsch	February 25



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.

March 1	Knitting Club
March 16	Book Club
March 20	Purim Carnival
April 9	Winers
April 16	Bar Mitzvah of Grayson Landman
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.

Happy Stone & Rick Henriksen, to the Tzedakah Fund

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

- ☆ Kol Hadash General Fund – contributions support all Kol Hadash programs and activities.
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- ☆ Kol Hadash Tzedakah Fund – contributions to fund Kol Hadash volunteers’ assistance with charitable organizations.
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- ☆ Kol Hadash Youth Group Fund – contributions support Youth Group programs and activities.

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

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