



Shalom from Rabbi Chalom **We Say What We Believe**

by Rabbi Adam Chalom (rabbichalom@KolHadash.com)

Often I am asked what differentiates Humanistic Judaism from other liberal branches of Judaism. After all, now that Conservative Judaism ordains gay rabbis, Reform Judaism welcomes intercultural/interfaith couples, and Reconstructionist and Renewal Judaism are both politically/socially liberal and theologically exploratory, what space is left for us?

A very important space. While we share many values with those other movements, our priorities are different. One of the easiest ways to summarize our approach to our personal beliefs and our Jewish practice is **we say what we believe, and we believe what we say**. We recognize that what we believe is different from what our ancestors believed, so we have decided that speaking our truth and celebrating our Jewish identity honestly and consistently is more important than saying the same words or

performing the same rituals as our ancestors.

Others in the liberal Jewish world take a different approach. They argue that continuity with the past and a deep connection to the language and liturgy of our ancestors is more important and that we must find a way to harmonize our personal philosophy with our religious inheritance. And they are certainly free to pursue their attempts to redefine traditional prayers, or to try to reframe traditional theology in modern terms.

But words have meaning. And the God of the Bible—a God who cares what you eat and what you wear and rewards the righteous and punishes the wicked—is far removed from the loving, fuzzy force of certain contemporary theologies. Redefining “God” is itself a Jewish tradition, from the early rabbis who changed the primary worship ritual from animal sacrifice to verbal prayer after the Jerusalem Temple was destroyed, to the medieval Maimonides whose Aristotelian rationalism tried to harmonize philosophy and revelation, and to our own day. So who are we to break tradition?

The truth is that we are following a different Jewish tradition: the tradition of “do not speak one thing in the mouth and another in the heart” (*al tidaber ekhad ba-peh v’ekhad ba-lev*). The rabbis who wrote those traditional prayers, who created those traditional rituals, were not doing so because they were trying to create something old; they did so because they believed in those prayers and rituals. Our Jewish ancestors refused to say words they did not believe, and they insisted on affirming what they did believe, despite adverse social consequences. They changed and adapted Judaism over the centuries to respond to new circumstances and, yes, new beliefs; and as we change what they created we, in fact, honor them.

The Israeli poet Yehuda Amichai put it very well, drawing on the rabbinic legend of Abraham smashing his father Terakh’s idols in his monotheistic zeal (my translation):

*We are all sons of Abraham,
 But we are also grandchildren of Terakh, father of Abraham.
 Perhaps now time has come for the grandchildren to do
 To their father what he did to his father,
 When he smashed his images and idols, his faith and belief.
 But that, too, will be the beginning of a new religion.*

Ours is the continuity of change.

While the rabbi prepares for the High Holidays, we have reprinted this article from the August 2009 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.



View from the Chair

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

Dear Kol Hadash Family,
Welcome to the October *Shofar*. Because of the complications of the Jewish lunar-solar calendar, this is also the month of celebrating our High Holidays: Rosh Hashanah (the Jewish New Year) and ten days later Yom Kippur (the Day of Atonement). If you haven't already renewed your membership, please consider this a gentle reminder. I wouldn't want anyone to miss celebrating the holidays with the rest of our Kol

Hadash family.

Our Meet-the-Congregation Shabbat Service at the North Shore Unitarian Church was a great warm up for our choir, and I hope you enjoyed the evening as much as I did.

Also not to be missed are the many activities at Kol Hadash, from Sunday School to clubs and Shabbat services. Look for our events throughout this *Shofar*, on our website and in our weekly emails. I would like to mention just a few here.

We are offering two new activities that I hope will be warmly welcomed and well attended. On Wednesday, October 19, 7:00 PM, at the Unitarian Church, we are inaugurating a new opportunity to explore Jewish books with Rabbi Chalom: the **Sefer Circle**. The rabbi's October book for discussion is Philip Roth's *The Plot Against America*. The Circle will meet on alternate months from the popular Book Club. *Please note that for October 19 only, the starting time will be a half-hour earlier than normal: 7:00 PM. This is to accommodate people who will want to get home in time to watch that evening's presidential debate.*

In response to requests from our Kol Hadash family, a new all-congregation event is coming up on Saturday, October 22, 5:00-7:00 PM. EVERYONE is invited to our **Sukkot Celebration and Pot Luck Dinner** at the Unitarian Church. We will share dinner, songs and stories to celebrate the Jewish harvest holiday. It's a wonderful way to mingle with KH family members we don't see often enough.

Finally, I want to encourage all of you to consider attending our **Progressive Dinner**. Our PD Committee has some really creative members, and this year's theme is TV sitcoms—just their flyer (enclosed) is a laugh riot! So be "Friends" and join us on Saturday, November 5, beginning at 6:00 PM.

These are all great ways of following up on the good feelings generated by our High Holiday services and onegs.

In the spirit of volunteering, spending a little time working on a committee is a great way to meet other members, have some fun and strengthen them with your ideas and comments. I'd like to send a big thank you to the nine new members of our Membership Committee — we welcome you! There are other committees that would be happy to have your help, so if there is one you are interested in, send a note to the committee chair (they are listed to the left of this column on the website), and let them know. I am sure you will get a swift response!

Although I plan to wish you a Happy New Year in person soon, I want to say it here now. My best wishes for a happy, healthy and sweet New Year! Shanah Tova!

Sheila

This Month's Events at Kol Hadash

High Holidays 2016/5777

Rosh Hashana Evening • Sunday, October 2, 8:00 PM
Rosh Hashana Morning • Monday, October 3, 10:00 AM
Rosh Hashana Family Service • Monday, October 3, 2:00 PM

Storytime for Young Children (High Holidays for Tots)
Sunday, October 9, 10:30 AM, at Deerfield High School

Yom Kippur Evening • Tuesday, October 11, 8:00 PM
Yom Kippur Morning • Wednesday, October 12, 10:00 AM
Yom Kippur Family Service • Wednesday, October 12, 2:00 PM
Yom Kippur Memorial & Concluding Services • Wednesday,
October 12, 3:30 PM

All services held at North Shore Unitarian Church unless otherwise indicated. For details, see the enclosed flyer.

Kol Hadash Activities Fair!

Wednesday, October 12
Immediately following the
Yom Kippur Morning Service

Looking for another way to get involved at Kol Hadash? Stop by our Activities Fair and talk to representatives from all our social clubs, activities and other groups. The Activities Fair tables will be in the Unitarian Church social hall adjacent to the sanctuary.

Shabbat Service: Discussion Shabbat – *Agreeing to Disagree* Friday, October 7, 7:30 PM • North Shore Unitarian Church

As our intellectual, cultural and political tribalism has increased, so has our confidence in the righteousness of our own perspectives and values. Civilized conversation all too easily becomes personal attack and defensiveness. Compromise, dialogue, changing your mind - how do we nurture these essential skills for any successful society?

Adult Education: *America: The Secular Republic* Sunday, October 16, 9:30 AM • Deerfield High School

The American experiment broke new grounds in many ways, but perhaps none as revolutionary as its separation between religion and government, at least on the federal level. How did the Founders come to this momentous decision, and what impact has it had over the past 200 years on American religion and culture?

Sefer Circle: *The Plot Against America* Wednesday, October 19, 7:00 PM • North Shore Unitarian Church

Join us for our first "Sefer [book] Circle" to discuss Philip Roth's fascinating counter-history *The Plot Against America* (2004). What would have happened in America if Charles Lindbergh's isolationism won the US Presidential election in 1940? How is Roth's dystopian imagination surprisingly relevant to today's politics?
Note: reading the book in advance is encouraged but not required – no quizzes! (Note early start time to accommodate those who wish to get home in time to watch the presidential debate.)



ALL-CONGREGATION SUKKOT CELEBRATION

&

POT-LUCK DINNER

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

5:00-7:00 PM

NORTH SHORE UNITARIAN CHURCH

A perfect opportunity for *all generations* to come together and celebrate the fall festival of Sukkot! Join us for a pot-luck dinner and a service and singalong in our sukkah, which we will build this year at the North Shore Unitarian Church. Our celebration is intended for all Kol Hadash members, young and old! See enclosed flyer for more details.



From the Youth Education Director

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

There are a lot of Jewish holidays in the fall, and they're wonderful opportunities to come together as a community, get reacquainted with old friends and meet new ones! As we settle into our school routines, Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur offer us a chance for celebration and reflection. Then we enjoy the harvest holiday of Sukkot.

This year we're moving our Sukkot celebration to a Saturday evening, October 22, with a potluck dinner, to encourage all congregants—children AND adults—to attend. Also for the first time, we will build our sukkah at our congregational home, the North Shore Unitarian Church. If we're lucky, we'll have some red and gold leaves by then. (Note: We need help putting up our sukkah on Sunday morning, October 16, and taking it down on Sunday, October 23. There's no Sunday School on the 23rd so older children are encouraged to help. Please contact me if you can help.)

We'll continue our Storytimes for Young Children with programs in our sukkah on October 18 and 22. See the enclosed flyer.

The following Sunday, October 30, the Kol Hadash Choir, usually only heard at adult High Holidays services, will give a special concert at Sunday School, from 11:00-11:30 AM. Everyone is welcome to join us at any of these programs.

Sunday School enrollment continues through the fall holidays; if you have friends and family who are interested in our unique approach to Judaism, invite them to a High Holidays service or our Sukkot celebration, or to come visit Sunday School. Remember: you, our members, are our best ambassadors.

Feel free to call or email me if you have questions about the coming year. I look forward to seeing you again soon.

L'shanah tovah!(Happy New Year!)

Dawn Friedman

This Month's Sunday School Schedule: October 2, 9, 16, 30

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

- Oct 2: 6th Grade Parents Meeting, 9:30-11:00
Snack: bagels (Pirates Booty available)
- Oct 9: PreK joins K/1st class; PreK-3rd Grade Parents Meeting, 9:30-11:00; High Holidays Storytime 10:30-11:00; Staff Meeting 11:30-12:45
Snack: apple slices
- Oct 16: Adult Education; Sukkah construction at Unitarian Church; Youth Group Sukkot preparation 11:30-12:30
Snack: baby carrots
- Oct 23: *No Sunday School today.* Sukkah breakdown at Unitarian Church, time to be determined.
- Oct 30: PreK joins K/1st class; Kol Hadash Choir Concert 11:00-11:30
Snack: Pirates Booty

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!*

The congregation is invited to attend the

Bar Mitzvah

of

Bennett Davishoff

Son of Marla & Craig Davishoff

Friday, October 21, 7:30 PM
North Shore Unitarian Church

Sunday School News & Events

ALL EVENTS AT DEERFIELD HIGH SCHOOL UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

Class Parents Meetings, 9:30-11:00 AM

6th Grade: October 2 • PreK-3rd Grades: October 9

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

Sitters Needed for High Holidays Childcare

Teen sitters are needed to help with childcare during the Rosh Hashanah adult morning service on Monday, October 3, and during the Yom Kippur adult morning service and the afternoon Memorial Service on Wednesday, October 12. Students in 6th grade and higher are welcome; we also need a supervisor 18 years old or older. Please contact Dawn Friedman (847-997-8931, education@KolHadash.com). Thanks!

Sunday Adult Education: October 16, 9:30-10:30 AM

See page 3 for topic and details.

Youth Group Meeting: October 16, 11:30 AM-12:30 PM

The Kol Hadash Youth Group is open to students in 8th grade and up. Students plan their own programming; drop-ins welcome! On October 16, Youth Group will prepare their craft activities for our Sukkot celebration on October 22. RSVP by October 15 for lunch to Dawn Friedman (education@KolHadash.com).

Sukkah Crew Needed October 16 & 23!

We need volunteers to help build our sukkah this year. Volunteers are needed to build the sukkah on Sunday, October 16 (after Sunday School drop-off), and to take it down on Sunday, October 23 (no Sunday School that day). If you can volunteer, contact Dawn Friedman (education@kolhadash.com, 847-997-8931).

Sukkot Celebration & Potluck Dinner: Saturday, October 22, 5:00-7:00 PM

Note new day & location!

Kol Hadash celebrates the 6th day of Sukkot with a potluck dinner & celebration in our sukkah at the North Shore Unitarian Church. We're moving our celebration to a Saturday evening to encourage ALL congregants, not just school families, to attend! See the enclosed flyer for details.

We will start by sharing a potluck dinner; bring your favorite main course, side dish, salad or dessert.

Please note that foods cannot contain peanuts, tree nuts of any kind, or sesame seeds. Children can decorate a mini-pumpkin or make other decorations to hang in our sukkah at the Youth Group's activities table. Then our celebration continues outside in our sukkah. Bring your own chairs or blankets and a seasonal item (with string attached, please!) to hang in our sukkah. (Please, no dogs.) In case of bad weather, we'll celebrate inside.

Kol Hadash Choir Sings at Sunday School

Sunday, October 30, 11:00 - 11:30

Deerfield High School

Usually only heard at the High Holidays adult services, the Kol Hadash Choir will give a special concert for our Sunday School students and their families on October 30. All congregants and guests are welcome.

Storytimes for Young Children

Kids too little for Sunday School? Looking to meet other parents with young children? We offer holiday-themed storytimes for families with children 0-2 (older children welcome) at local bookstores. These programs are funded by a grant from jBaby Chicago, a program of the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago. To register for those programs, visit <http://www.juf.org/jbabychicago/jewishholidays101.aspx>. To see the full schedule of classes offered by jBaby partner organizations, visit

<http://www.juf.org/jbabychicago/partnerClassesList.aspx>. Upcoming Kol Hadash/jBaby programs:

Storytimes for Young Children

High Holidays

Sunday, October 9: 10:30-11:00 AM
(families can stay to join the Sunday School
for singing 11:10-11:30)
Deerfield High School, 1959 Waukegan Rd.

Sukkot

Wednesday, October 19: 10:30-11:00 AM
Saturday, October 22: 3:30-4:00 PM
North Shore Unitarian Church (in the sukkah; we'll
move inside in case of bad weather)



Kol Hadash

HUMANISTIC  CONGREGATION

2016/5777 High Holidays Schedule

North Shore Unitarian Church, 2100 Half Day Road, Deerfield, IL

Rosh Hashana

Evening Service: Sunday, October 2, 7:30 PM

Day Service: Monday, October 3, 10:00 AM

Family Service: Monday, October 3, 2:00 PM

High Holidays for Tots

(for children ages 0-5)

Sunday, October 9, 10:30 AM

High Holidays for Tots will be held at Deerfield High School.

All other High Holidays programming will be at the North Shore Unitarian Church in Deerfield

Yom Kippur

Evening Service (Kol Nidre): Tuesday, October 11, 7:30 PM

Day Service: Wednesday, October 12, 10:00 AM

Family Service: Wednesday, October 12, 2:00 PM

Memorial & Concluding Services: Wednesday, October 12, 3:30 PM

High Holiday Admission Policies

- Advance reservations are required for all members and guests for Adult Services.
- Each guest admission is \$90 per service or \$250 for all four adult services.
- Family and Concluding Services are free and do not require reservations.
- Adult services are appropriate for children entering 6th grade and older.
- Family Services are appropriate for children age 4 and older.
- FREE childcare is available for children age 4 and older (with advance reservation during Memorial and Morning Services. Contact Dawn Friedman at (847) 997-8931 or education@KolHadash.com).

Questions? Contact 847-383-5184 or e-mail info@KolHadash.com

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This We Believe

Are we “non-believers”? Or do we share conclusions and values beyond encouraging everyone to think for themselves? As our Jewish New Year begins, let us return to our core convictions. This we believe: this world, this life, these hands...and you.

“Why We Believe”

Rosh Hashana Evening

October 2, 2016 7:30 PM

We celebrate what we share rather than argue the unprovable. Our individual beliefs do not always have to agree in order to find community and common ground. Ours is a Jewish tradition of change, diversity and integrity. And, as Humanistic Rabbi Sherwin Wine once wrote, “Believing is better than non-believing.”

“This World”

Rosh Hashana Morning

October 3, 2016 10:00 AM

Our Humanism is a positive emphasis on this world – what we experience, what we need, what we can know. Our Rosh Hashana does not represent divine creation of the world; rather, it encourages us to discover what the universe truly is, and then to create the world we want.

“What Can I do?”

Rosh Hashana Family Service

October 3, 2016 2:00 PM

Part of growing older is discovering what we can do for ourselves, and learning to do more. Realizing how much we have already accomplished is an important part of the journey.

“This Life”

Yom Kippur Evening

October 11, 2016 7:30 PM

The Jewish “Days of Awe” were traditionally a time of judgment – who would live, who would die, and who would earn a portion in the World to Come. We believe in life before death, making the most of our time in this life, the only one we know. Living the best we can while we are here is the best we can do.

“These Hands”

Yom Kippur Morning

October 12, 2016 10:00 AM

We would love it if the righteous were rewarded, the wicked punished, and everything worked out for our benefit. But wishing does not make it so. In the absence of cosmic providence, the work of justice, compassion, forgiveness and self-improvement is up to us.

“What Can We Do?”

Yom Kippur Family Service

October 12, 2016 2:00 PM

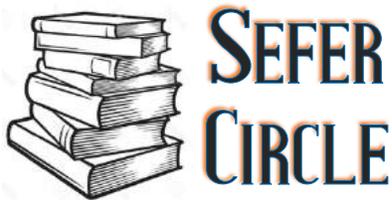
There are times to do things on our own, and there are times we need help. We can do more together that we can separately. One of the shortest and most important poems in English is “Me? We!”

“And You”

Yom Kippur Memorial & Concluding

October 12, 2016 3:30 PM

“If I am not for myself, who will be for me? And if I am for myself alone, what am I?” Rabbi Hillel’s balance between individual and community is expressed in our society, and in our families. If we are connected to more than ourselves, then love and loss are also part of our lives.



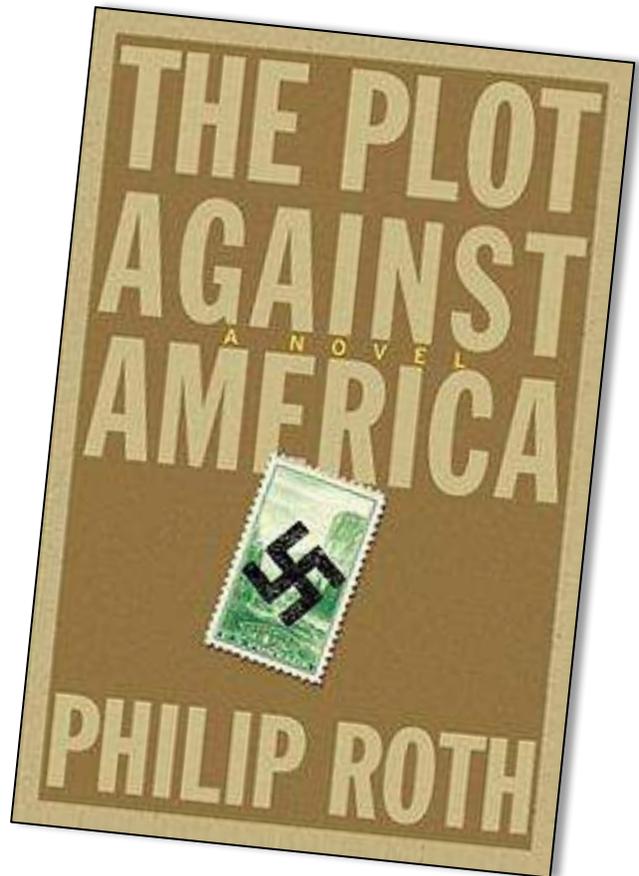
A new opportunity to explore
Jewish books with Rabbi Chalom

The Plot Against America
by Philip Roth

Wednesday, October 19
7:00 PM

NOTE TIME CHANGE TO 7:00

North Shore Unitarian Church
*In the sukkah (weather permitting)
or indoors*



Have you ever wanted to explore the best of Jewish literature and thought with a tour guide? Coming in October, Kol Hadash is launching a new “Sefer Circle” [sefer is Hebrew for “book”], facilitated by Rabbi Chalom. We will meet in alternate months from our well-established, member-led Kol Hadash Book Club.

Join us for the first Sefer Circle on October 19 for a discussion of Philip Roth’s 2004 novel, *The Plot Against America*. Roth’s fascinating counter-history explores what might have happened in America if Charles Lindbergh’s isolationism won the U.S. presidential election in 1940. A dozen years after its publication, how is Roth’s dystopian America relevant, given today’s politics?

Join us on October 19!

***Sefer Circle discussions are FREE and OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.
ALL ARE WELCOME!***

2016-2017 Adult Education with Rabbi Chalom

Humanistic Judaism: **PHILOSOPHY & INTELLECTUAL HISTORY**



Fall 2016 Class Schedule

September 20	Introduction
September 27	Reality & God
November 15	The Nature of People
November 29	Truth
December 6	Ethics
December 13	Politics

All classes meet 7:30-8:30 PM at the North Shore Unitarian Church

There have been secular and cultural Jews for two centuries; what makes Humanistic Judaism unique is our conscious philosophy of Humanism and Judaism. How do we define ourselves by what we do (and not what we do not) believe and practice? And what are our answers to the most important questions of life?

Join Rabbi Chalom for his newly organized study of Humanistic Judaism: Philosophy (September-January) and Intellectual History (February-May). Classes meet 7:30-8:30 PM on select Tuesday evenings at the North Shore Unitarian Church. This course is free of charge and open to all. Members are welcome to drop in on any session . . . attend as many (or as few) classes as you wish!

Questions? Contact Rabbi Chalom (rabbi@KolHadash.com, 847-383-5184)

All are welcome!

NO LAUGH TRACK NEEDED . . .
FOR OUR TV SITCOM-THEMED
PROGRESSIVE
DINNER



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5
BEGINS AT 6:00 PM
COST: \$20 PER PERSON

We start at *Cheers* (one member's home), where we'll toast with *Gilligan's Long Island Iced Tea* and a selection of fine *Redd (Foxy)* and *(Betty) White* wine, and we'll enjoy assorted sitcom-themed appetizers. Then we'll drive to *Mel's Diner* (other members' homes) where *Alice* will serve a small-group catered dinner. Finally, we'll reunite with our *Friends* at *Central Perk* (another member's home) for coffee and assorted sitcom-themed desserts. If you're *Married with Children*, leave *The Rugrats* at home – this is not a *Family Affair*. (But call the Kol Hadash office for a list of Kol Hadash teen babysitters.)

Curb Your Enthusiasm* before you end up in *Night Court!
Sign up online or send in your registration form by October 21 to give us a *Full House*.
Visit <http://tinyurl.com/z94uj6l> for online registration.

Name(s) _____

E-mails: _____ Phone: _____

Do you have any food or pet allergies? Yes No (If yes, we will contact you!)

I/We would like to bring (choose one): Sitcom-inspired appetizer (for 12)
 Sitcom-inspired dessert (for 10)
 I/we are flexible and can bring whichever you ask for the week before

Get Smart and label your dish with your sitcom-inspired name! There will be prizes for cleverest entries!

I/We would like to be a dinner host: Yes No

Note: The entire meal is catered. Dinner hosts only need to pick up the food Saturday afternoon, set their table, and warm the food. Instead of bringing an appetizer or dessert, dinner hosts are asked to provide two bottles of wine for their dinner guests.

Number of guests: _____ @ \$20 per person = \$ _____ total guest admissions

This episode sponsored by . . . OPTIONAL: Please consider providing additional, tax-deductible support for the Progressive Dinner:
 \$20 contribution to offset production costs \$80 contribution to thank the cast & crew for their hard work
 I cannot attend but wish to co-sponsor the event with a fully deductible donation of: \$ _____

Payment Summary: \$ _____ total guest admissions + \$ _____ optional sponsorship = \$ _____ total enclosed

Be part of the *Good Times* and send your checks, payable to Kol Hadash, to *The Office*: Kol Hadash, 175 Olde Half Day Road, Suite 123, Lincolnshire, IL 60069. Or register/pay online at <http://tinyurl.com/z94uj6l>

RSVP deadline is October 21! Seriously, no exceptions!!!

Meet Kol Hadash!



Meet

Paula & David Harris

“She was my 8th grade girlfriend,” says David Harris of his wife Paula. They both grew up in Wilmette, “went steady” in junior high, and were “good friends” in high school at New Trier West. Paula then went off to study at the University of Missouri in Kansas City, while David went off to play drums in a band. After a few years, when he “didn’t become rich and famous,” he joined Paula in Kansas City, studying percussion at the Conservatory of Music at the University of Missouri.

Raised in the same conservative synagogue in Wilmette, Paula and David began to question their Judaism when they were in college. However, after a visit to the Holocaust museum in Israel, they realized that in fact, they *were* Jews, despite how they felt religiously. They didn’t know what to do with that feeling until they moved to Northbrook and met neighbor Betty Hurder, who was then teaching Sunday School at Kol Hadash’s predecessor congregation, Beth Or. Neither David nor Paula had

ever heard of Humanistic Judaism, and when Betty told them about it, they looked at each other amazed that “there are other people like us!” They went to a few family services at Beth Or, and then joined when their daughter was ready for Sunday School.

David and Paula are founding members of Kol Hadash. For many years, David served as the “sound and lights” man at High Holiday services. (Although David claims that he gets a lot of credit for simply turning on the lights!) David has also become the “unofficial” Kol Hadash photographer, taking the annual photo of the choir and recently the large group photo at the congregation’s 15th birthday celebration. Paula sang in the choir for sixteen years. Their favorite thing about Kol Hadash is that they are “able to enjoy and celebrate their ‘Jewishness’ with honesty and integrity, with a community of like-minded wonderful people.”

David has been a professional musician his entire adult life. He continues to play drums in many different types of bands in the Chicago area and teaches drum lessons to students of all ages. Even during the twelve years when he was a commodities trader (just one of the many “day-jobs” he’s had), he still played in one of Chicago’s top society bands at weddings, Bar/Bat Mitzvahs and other events on weekends.

Paula has spent her entire career working in her family’s real estate business, Golub & Company, which was started by her father more than fifty-five years ago. Paula is a principal and senior vice-president, involved in numerous aspects of the business. The company now has three generations of family members working there, including daughter Samantha and son-in-law Josh Patinkin.

Paula and David still live in Northbrook. They enjoy traveling, hiking, skiing and spending time with their 1½-year-old granddaughter, Sienna. David additionally has become an avid photographer and has had several exhibitions of his work.

Three things that few people at Kol Hadash know about Paula and David:

1. Paula, a thirty-year breast cancer survivor, and her sister-in-law, Amy Harris, started the movement (now world-wide) of turning things pink to promote Breast Cancer Awareness. In 1996, they convinced the Merchandise Mart to light the entire top of the building pink, and convinced several other buildings to do the same. They also persuaded retailers, restaurants and landmarks to participate in the “pink” movement, and they even got Dennis Rodman of the Chicago Bulls to turn his hair pink! Since then, numerous iconic structures, including the John Hancock Building, the White House, the Egyptian Pyramids and the Sydney Opera House, have gone pink to promote Breast Cancer Awareness. Paula is currently working on a Wikipedia page to document the history of this trend.
2. The biggest crowd David has performed for was 30,000 people! (That might be a stretch, since it was for the Chicago Marathon and was only about 100 or so runners at a time as they ran past the band.)
3. Paula and David danced to the U.S. Air Force Band in the East Room of the White House at a holiday party in 1995.

Kol Hadash News & Announcements

Movie Club: Coming November 12!

The Kol Hadash Movie Club has made its next selection. We will be viewing *The Farewell Party*, a witty and touching 2014 Israeli film that deals with a group of retirees who attempt to facilitate their terminally ill friend's wish to be self-euthanized. Join us Saturday evening, November 12. Watch the Shofar for location and other details. All are welcome!

Thank You!

- To **David Hirsch** and **Joyce & Rich Hirsch** for hosting the oneg at our September 9 Shabbat service.
- To **Rick Bolnick** for hosting the oneg at our September 23 Shabbat service.
- To **Allan & Irene Dorfman** for organizing the September 22 Community Service project of serving dinner at Myers Place.

Family News & Events

- Condolences to **Marcy & Paul Schumacker** on the recent death of Marcy's mother, Audrey Rothenberg.
- Mazel tov to **Leah Sosewitz & Helga Gruenbauer** on their wedding last month!
- Mazel tov to **Bob Seeley** on his big birthday this month...happy 90th, Bob!
- Mazel tov to **Ami Polonsky** on her new children's novel, *Threads*, to be published by Disney-Hyperion November 1!
- Mazel tov to our executive assistant, **Jeremy Owens**, whose ongoing storytelling troupe, *You're Being Ridiculous!*, had a successful run at Steppenwolf Theatre in September!



Save the Date!

Please note these future events.

November 4	Shabbat Discussion/Guest Speaker Ed Golol
November 5	Bat Mitzvah of Rylie Max
November 5	Progressive Dinner
November 12	Movie Club
November 16	Book Club
November 20	Adult Ed/Guest Speaker Katherine Ozment
December 11	Hanukkah Celebration
December 14	Hanukkah Storytime
December 18	Hanukkah Storytime
January 14	Winers
January 18	Book Club
February 12	Tu B'Shevat Seder
March 12	Purim Carnival
March 24-26	HuJews Conclave, Washington, DC
April 1	Winers
April 11	Community Passover Seder
May 6	Bonfire Singalong & Pot Luck Dinner
May 12	Confirmation

This Month's Yahrzeits

The following names will be read at the October 7 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).

Albert Baer	Anita Edwards
Dorothy Feldman	Wende Fretzin
Melvin Gerberding	Eileen Herron
Lottie Hirsch	Joe Honor
George Jerris	Grace Kelner
Alice Lakin	Leopold Levoy
Frieda Levitt	Katherine Tankel-Lipkin
David Marcus	Ben Matthews
Bonnie Pashkow	Nathan Rothenberg
Alvin Samson	Bertie Sarasohn
Jacob Schechner	Robert Slaw

This Month's Birthdays

Diane Sandler	October 3
Daphne Kass	October 4
Ron Sebor	October 5
Robert Seeley	October 7
Neil Parker	October 8
Ami Polonsky	October 8
Rabbi Adam Chalom	October 8
Micah Finkelman	October 11
Elyse Shaffer	October 11
Evan Katz	October 14
Laura Burk	October 16
Betty Gordon	October 20
Tate Landsman	October 24
Lenore Adler	October 25
Michael Brook	October 25
Jonah Chalom	October 26
Glynis Hirsch	October 29

This Month's Anniversaries

Suzanna & Lawrence Dworsky	October 9
Andi & Tom Kenney	October 10
A.J. & Adam Chalom	October 13
Dawn & Mark Friedman	October 16
Diane & David Sandler	October 18
Alexandra & William Brook	October 23
Bobby & Howard Jacobs	October 23
Louis & Eleanor Altman	October 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.

Tributes, Donations & Gifts

Kol Hadash offers several opportunities for donations:

Kol Hadash General Fund
Friedman Family Fund

Kol Hadash Youth Group Fund
Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Kol Hadash Tzedakah Fund
Weiss Choir 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.

Andrea & Mark Friedlander, in memory of Audrey Rothenberg

Marilyn Golden, to the Weiss Choir Fund

Joyce & William Goldman, to the Friedman Family Fund, in memory of Felice Friedman

Leah Sosewitz & Helga Gruenbauer, with thanks to Rabbi Chalom for performing our wedding ceremony, which was beautiful and meaningful to us!

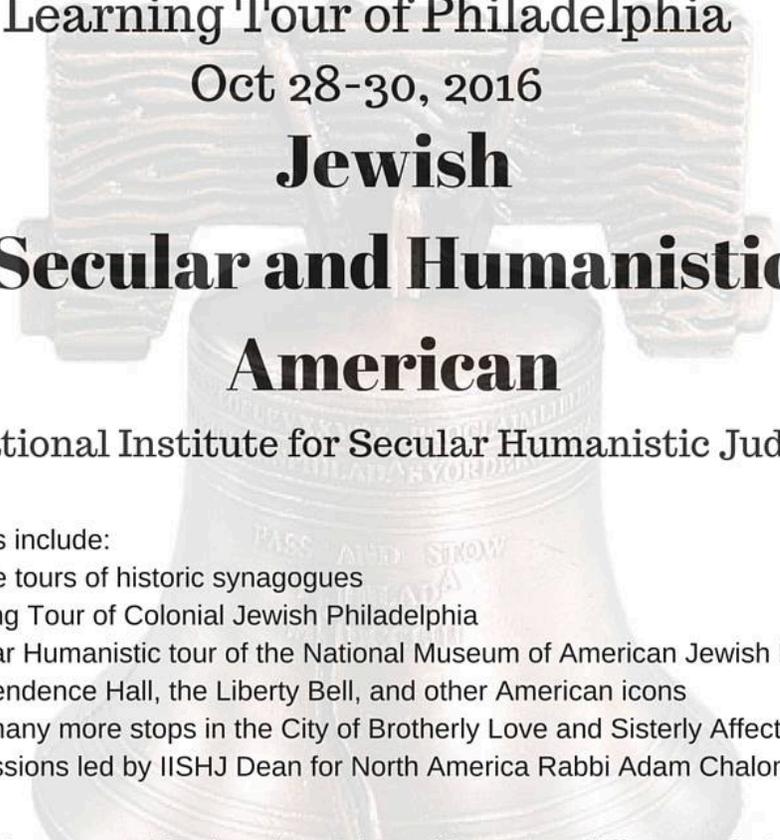
Happy Stone & Rick Henriksen, to the Weiss Choir Fund

Joyce & Richard Hirsch, in memory of Audrey Rothenberg

Susan Wagner & Mike Lippitz, in memory of Audrey Rothenberg

Hope Malis, to the General Fund

Sharon & Stan Noskin, in memory of Felice Friedman



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
- Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell, and other American icons
- Plus many more stops in the City of Brotherly Love and Sisterly Affection
- Discussions led by IISHJ Dean for North America Rabbi Adam Chalom

Complete Itinerary and Registration at <http://learningphilly.eventbrite.com>

For more information contact IISHJ Operations Manager Kate Forest

operations@iishj.org (847) 383-6330

Celebrate and Commemorate through Kol Hadash

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

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

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

- ☆ Kol Hadash General Fund – contributions support all Kol Hadash programs and activities
- ☆ Kol Hadash Tzedakah Fund – contributions to fund Kol Hadash volunteers' assistance with charitable organizations
- ☆ Kol Hadash Youth Group Fund – contributions support Youth Group programs and activities
- ☆ Friedman Family Fund – contributions fund guest speakers and performers at Kol Hadash events
- ☆ Rabbi Chalom's Discretionary Fund – used by Rabbi Chalom for charitable purposes
- ☆ Weiss Choir Fund – contributions support the Kol Hadash Choir and music program

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

Your Name

Your Address & Phone #

Message for *Shofar*/Acknowledgement letter:

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

Please send acknowledgement to:

Please print legibly and include complete address. Thank you!

Recipient's Name

Recipient's Address

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

Thank you for your generosity!

October 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2 Sunday School, 6 th Grade Parents Mtg, 9:30 Hebrew & Mitzvah Classes, 11:45 ROSH HASHANA EVENING SERVICE 7:30 PM, UNITARIAN CHURCH	3 ROSH HASHANA MORNING SERVICE, 10:00 AM ROSH HASHANA FAMILY SERVICE, 2:00 PM UNITARIAN CHURCH	4	5	6 Steering Committee Mtg., 7:30 PM @ KH Office	7 Discussion Shabbat, <i>Agreeing to Disagree</i> , 7:30 PM @ Unitarian Church	8
9 Sunday School w/PreK, PreK-3 Parents Mtg, 9:30 Storytime for Young Children, 10:30 Staff Meeting, Hebrew & Mitzvah Classes, 11:45 Choir Rehearsal, 7PM @ Unitarian Church	10	11 YOM KIPPUR EVENING SERVICE, 7:30 PM UNITARIAN CHURCH	12 YOM KIPPUR MORNING SERVICE, 10:00 AM YOM KIPPUR FAMILY SERVICE, 2:00 PM YOM KIPPUR MEMORIAL & CONCLUDING SERVICES, 3:30 PM UNITARIAN CHURCH	13	14	15
16 Sunday School, Adult Ed <i>America: The Secular Republic</i> , 9:30 Sukkah Construction, 9:45 Youth Group, 11:30 Hebrew & Mitzvah Classes, 11:45	17 Development Committee Mtg, 7:30 PM @ KH Office	18	19 Storytime for Young Children, 10:30 AM @ Unitarian Church <i>Sefer Circle, The Plot Against America</i> by Philip Roth, 7:30 PM @ Unitarian Church	20	21 Bar Mitzvah of Bennett Davishoff, 7:30 PM @ Unitarian Church	22 Storytime for Young Children, 3:30 PM @ Unitarian Church POT LUCK DINNER & SUKKOT CELEBRATION 5PM @ UNITARIAN CHURCH
23 NO SUNDAY SCHOOL Sukkah Take-Down, Time TBA	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 Sunday School w/PreK, 9:30 Choir Concert, 11:00 Hebrew & Mitzvah Classes, 11:45	31					

November 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 Steering Committee Mtg., 7:30 PM @ KH Office	4 Discussion Shabbat, <i>Aid in Dying: The Ultimate Human Right</i> ; Guest Speaker Ed Gogol of Final Options Illinois, 7:30 PM @ Unitarian Church	5 Bat Mitzvah of Rylie Max, 10:30 AM @ Unitarian Church PROGRESSIVE DINNER STARTS @ 6:00 PM LOCATIONS TBA
6 SET CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR! Sunday School w/PreK, YEC+Membership Mtg, Conf Class Field Trip, 9:30 Simchat Torah Service, 11AM Staff Mtg, 11:30 Hebrew & Mitzvah Classes, 11:45	7	8 ELECTION DAY	9 Strategic Planning Committee Mtg, 7:30 PM @ KH Office	10	11 VETERANS DAY	12 Movie Club, <i>The Farewell Party</i> , 6:00 PM @ Home of Leora Hatchwell/Tom McCune
13 Sunday School, 4 th /5 th Grades Parents Mtg, 9:30 Hebrew & Mitzvah Classes, 11:45	14	15 Adult Ed, <i>The Nature of People</i> , 7:30 PM @ Unitarian Church	16 Membership Committee Mtg., 7:30 PM @ KH Office Book Club, 7:30 PM @ KH Office	17	18 Shabbat Service, 2016 Election Review, 7:30 PM @ Unitarian Church	19
20 Sunday School w/PreK, 9:30 Adult Ed/Meet the Author Katherine Ozment (<i>Grace Without God</i>), 9:30 Youth Group, 11:10 Hebrew & Mitzvah Classes, 11:45	21	22	23	24 THANKSGIVING	25	26
27 NO SUNDAY SCHOOL	28	29 Adult Ed, <i>Truth</i> , 7:30 PM @ Unitarian Church	30			



Stories and Songs for a Sweet New Year

Holiday Storytimes for Young Children

Come learn about the Jewish High Holidays with stories, songs, and activities 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! Resources for celebrating the High Holidays will be provided.



Sunday, September 18

2:30-3:00 PM • Deerfield Barnes & Noble, 728 North Waukegan Road

Wednesday, September 21

10:30-11:00 AM • The Book Bin, 1151 Church Street, Northbrook

Sunday, October 9

10:30-11:30 AM • Deerfield High School, 1959 Waukegan Road

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Questions? Contact info@KolHadash.com • RSVP at <http://www.juf.org/holidays101>

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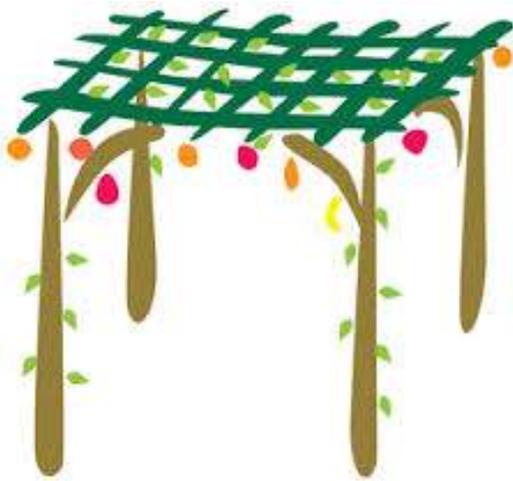


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All-Congregation

Sukkot Celebration & Pot Luck Dinner



**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22
5:00-7:00 PM**

**ALL are welcome!
FREE of charge!**

(Rain or Shine! We'll meet indoors in case of bad weather.)

**NORTH SHORE UNITARIAN CHURCH
2100 HALF DAY ROAD, DEERFIELD**

Enjoy autumn outdoors with us!

What better place to celebrate the Jewish fall harvest holiday than in our congregational sukkah, with your Kol Hadash friends!

NEW THIS YEAR: We will gather on Saturday night for a **POTLUCK DINNER** indoors, and then **CELEBRATE & SING OUTDOORS IN OUR SUKKAH.**

Families should bring a dish for the potluck dinner (please no peanuts, tree nuts of any kind, or sesame seeds). Bring chairs or blankets for the sukkah celebration. Feel free to bring a seasonal item (small pumpkins, gourds, dried corn, etc.) or art to hang in the sukkah. Kids can also make decorations at the Youth Group-sponsored craft table.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SUKKAH CONSTRUCTION AND TAKE-DOWN ON
OCTOBER 15 OR 16 & OCTOBER 23. CONTACT DAWN IF YOU CAN HELP.**

Our Sukkot celebration is intended for **ALL KOL HADASH MEMBERS, FRIENDS, AND GUESTS.** This is a great opportunity for Sunday School families and non-school families to celebrate together!

Questions? Contact Dawn Friedman (education@KolHadash.com, 847-997-8931).

What Is Sukkot?

Sukkot began as one of three major harvest festivals of the ancient Hebrew people. In the spring, farmers harvested winter wheat during *Matzot* (shepherds called it *Pesakh*/ “Passover”). In the summer, the first fruits of the field were collected and celebrated as *Katzir* (“harvest”—also called *Shavuot*/“weeks”). And in the fall, the major wheat harvest was marked by building booths (*sukkot*) in the fields, working by day and eating and sleeping by night. The seven-day Sukkot holiday comes shortly before the rainy season in the land of Israel, and Sukkot was THE major fall festival before the addition of the “High Holidays” of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

Of course, all human culture evolves. Later generations connected the Sukkot harvest holiday to the narrative of the Exodus from Egypt, seeing the *sukkah* as a reminder of forty years of wandering in the desert. However, according to the biblical book of Nehemiah, Sukkot was not celebrated in the land of Israel for centuries after the supposed Exodus. In the biblical calendar, Sukkot and autumn were in the seventh month, though in Judaism today Sukkot begins on the 15th of the first month. At the Jerusalem Temple, the major Sukkot pilgrimage would culminate in a special water ritual, but these were discontinued after the Temple’s destruction 2,000 years ago. Over the centuries, as the Jewish people became more urban and farming became a cultural memory (as it is in suburban Chicago!), symbolic aspects of Sukkot became more important.



Some familiar elements of Sukkot today include:

Building a sukkah: Even if not used for harvesting, a temporary structure of at least three walls with a partially covered roof is traditionally built soon after Yom Kippur. Some Jewish congregations build a common sukkah, while other individual families may have their own. Some even eat or sleep in their sukkah. (Visit www.sukkahcity.com to see some creative sukkah designs.)

Lulav: A combination of branches from willow, myrtle and date palm trees. When shaken, the lulav sounds a bit like the rain hoped for by the ancient farmers.

Etrog: A yellow citron that is not edible but has a sweet, perfumed scent. Once, when a Jerusalem Temple priest disrespected the water ritual, the people pelted him with their *etrogim*!

Guests: It is an old tradition to welcome guests into one’s sukkah. Some imagine famous Biblical figures as participants in their celebration. We have invited you!



SUKKAH STORIES

SONGS BY DAY

STARS BY NIGHT

Storytimes for Young Children in Our Sukkah!

Come learn about the Jewish fall harvest festival of Sukkot with stories, songs, and activities for children ages 0-2 with a parent or caregiver (older children welcome). We will gather in the Kol Hadash *sukkah* at the North Shore Unitarian Church. 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! Resources for celebrating Sukkot will be provided.



Wednesday, October 19

10:30-11:00 AM

Saturday, October 22

3:30-4:00 PM

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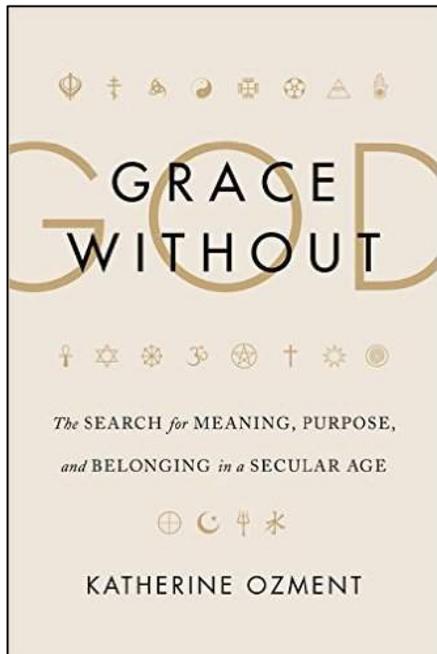
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Sunday Adult Education
November 20, 9:30 AM
Deerfield High School



Meet the Author!

Katherine Ozment
***Grace Without God:
The Search for
Meaning, Purpose,
and Belonging in a
Secular Age***



As more and more of us leave the faith traditions in which we were raised, where do we go to find our people, our rituals, and a true sense of meaning and purpose? Join us as author Katherine Ozment discusses the changing American landscape and what the rising tide of religious disaffiliation means for individuals, families, and communities.

"Grace Without God fundamentally changed the way I will raise my children."

— STEVEN D. LEVITT, bestselling coauthor of *Freakonomics*

"Whether you are atheist, spiritual-but-not-religious, an occasional meditator, or a confused seeker, Grace Without God will help answer life's big questions."

— LAURA FRASER, author of *An Italian Affair*

Katherine Ozment is an award-winning journalist who has worked in publishing for more than twenty-five years, including as a senior editor at National Geographic. Her essays and articles have been widely published in such venues as *National Geographic*, *The New York Times*, and *Salon*. Born in Arkansas, she has lived on both coasts but now resides with her husband and three children in Chicago. You can find her on Facebook (katherineozmentauthor), Twitter (@katherineozment), or her website (www.katherineozment.com).



Shabbat Discussion
Friday, November 4, 7:30 PM
North Shore Unitarian Church

Aid in Dying ***The Ultimate Human Right***

Life is precious, but it is not infinite, and dying is something we all must do. A wise person takes advantage of palliative care at life's end. But even with the best of palliative care, suffering when dying can sometimes be extreme. It can be a very rational choice to hasten one's death, to skip the final –sometimes agonizing – stages of dying.



Join us on November 4 as **guest speaker Ed Gogol, president of Final Options Illinois**, will lead our discussion on the

movement to promote legal change so that mentally competent, terminally ill adults can choose aid in dying, and so that physicians and loved ones can provide assistance. Aid-in-dying is now legal in five U.S. states – California, Oregon, Washington, Vermont and Montana – all across Canada, and in several European countries. According to Final Options Illinois, “No one should ever be encouraged, let alone coerced, to do so, and the legal change we seek includes stringent protections for the vulnerable. But aid-in-dying must become a choice that is available to all mentally competent adults. Anything less is barbarism.”



Ed Gogol is an “accidental activist” in the aid-in-dying cause. He became involved when a dear friend, terminally ill with multiple sclerosis, asked for assistance in hastening her death. A lifelong Chicagoan, Ed is a graduate of the University of Chicago and Northwestern University’s Kellogg School of Management.

Final Options Illinois is a statewide nonprofit, working for legal change to allow terminally ill adults the right to aid-in-dying. Final Options works in coalition with the national group Compassion & Choices. Find out more at www.finaloptionsillinois.org.