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Shalom from Rabbi Chalom

A time to keep, and a time to cast away...

by Rabbi Adam Chalom (rabbichalom@KolHadash.com)

In November, I traveled to Michigan for a bittersweet visit. There was great joy as the International Institute for Secular Humanistic Judaism ordained two new rabbis and three new *madrikhim*/leaders, and sadness as we recognized Kol Hadash's former Hebrew tutor David Steiner with an honorary ordination after his untimely death last December. I saw friends who live far away for too little time.

What made it the most bittersweet were a couple of lasts. On the mundane side, I handed off a twelve-year-old car to a teenage family member. It is slow and dented and scratched, the seats are stained, and it creaks and groans. Yet it was the car we bought one month after our daughter was born, and we

know that we get irrationally attached to inanimate objects that do not care about us.

On a larger scale, I spend my last nights at my father's house, the house I grew up in and which has been in our family for almost forty years. In the aftermath of his death, his partner of eighteen years is selling the house to move closer to her daughters, and so my siblings and I have each taken our turns working on packing up, clearing out, cleaning up and reflecting back on decades of life.

There have been pleasant discoveries: old pictures, newspaper articles about us that were saved, remembered books and toys and home movies and the like. There has been and still is a lot to go through and decide what to save, to give away or to discard/recycle. And no skeletons in the closet that I'm aware of! I had almost nothing of my own to take: I have not lived there for almost twenty years, and have lived in a different state since 2004. Yet it is also strange to realize that this street number will no longer be "ours," the home phone number will be lost, the garden will be tended by someone else.

Of course, this is the material aftermath of personal loss. We lose someone we love, and then we gradually have to let the unimportant things fade away so we can keep what is most important. We become attached to objects not for the objects themselves, but rather for the personal connections they recall. That can make it hard to downsize, or to let go of things we no longer need and no one in the family wants. Just as we do with our Jewish inheritance, we have to be heirs and not museum curators. Our inheritance, personal or Jewish, is ours to choose from as we live our own lives.

We say it every Shabbat, and it is always true: *zekher tsaddik livrakha* – the memory of a good person is a blessing. (Proverbs)

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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 Susan Addelson (scchair@KolHadash.com)



Dear Kol Hadash Family,

One of the “benefits” of being chair of the Steering Committee is that I “get” to attend the meetings of all the other committees. I’ve recently had the chance to see the Youth Education and Community Service committees in action. I want to share how impressed I am that so many of our congregants give so much of themselves to Kol Hadash.

Our Youth Education Committee, led by Ilana Shaffer,

is one of the hardest-working volunteer groups I’ve ever seen. They plan all the Sunday School holiday celebrations, including the recent Sukkot potluck dinner and upcoming Hanukkah celebration on December 10. They’ve arranged for two community service projects, one with PADS in September and one at Feed Our Starving Children coming up on December 16. They also organize cultural events for the whole Sunday School like Taste of Kol Hadash.

You do not need to have children in Sunday School to enjoy these holiday and cultural programs. The kids are adorable and these programs are total feel-good experiences.

This committee also identifies improvements to the youth education curriculum. Right now, they are assessing and re-envisioning our entire youth education program and how it ties to family education. You can read more about this in Dawn Friedman’s column in this issue of the *Shofar*.

Lynn Miller has infused new life into our **Community Service Committee** since she took over as chair earlier this year. It’s amazing how much a small group of people can accomplish when they work at it together.

Since August, they organized our very successful High Holiday collection for A Safe Place and our annual holiday collection for Community Alternatives. (It is not too late to contribute. See the flyer for details). They also made and served dinner to the residents of Myers Place, an independent living facility for people with special needs. And, new this year, they volunteered (twice) with PADS in Lake County. It feels so good to help others in such a respectful and meaningful way.

Every member of our congregation is welcome to attend any committee meeting and participate in their programs. It can be a one-time deal, no pressure. Love to have you.

With that, hope to see you soon at one of our December programs.

Shalom,
Sue

This Month's Events at Kol Hadash

Discussion Shabbat Service: Spertus Institute One Book, One Community Discussion: Windy City Blues
Friday, December 1, 7:30 PM • North Shore Unitarian Church

Join us for a discussion of Spertus Institute for Jewish Learning's "One Book, One Community" choice for Jewish Book Month: *Windy City Blues* by Renee Rosen. We welcome discussion facilitator Rachel Kamin, Director of the Joseph and Mae Gray Cultural & Learning Center at North Suburban Synagogue Beth El.

Rabbi Chalom in the Community! *The Many Faces of Israel*

Monday, December 4, 10:30 AM • Highland Park Senior Center

Twenty percent of the population of the Jewish State is not Jewish. The majority of Israeli Jews are not Ashkenazi [East European] Jews. The least productive sectors of the Israeli economy are Arab women and ultra-Orthodox men. Join Rabbi Chalom as he explores Israeli diversity as a fascinating window on its history, society and politics.

Adult Education/Jewish History: *Yahvism – The God of the Hebrews*

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

The God of the Hebrews has a fascinating biography, beginning long before the burning bush. His followers wrote Biblical history, and our task is to discover the truth behind their perspective. And what happened to his wife?

Rabbi Chalom in the Community! *The Real Story of Fiddler on the Roof*

North Shore Senior Center

Wednesday December 6, 10am-11:30am: *Fiddler: The World of Sholem Aleichem*

Wednesday December 13, 10am-11:30am: *Tradition or Change? Fiddler Reconsidered*

A beloved tale of Jewish tradition and family, the real story behind *Fiddler on the Roof* is much more complicated. Originally a series of short stories written at the turn of the 20th century by the Yiddish literary giant Sholem Aleichem, Tevye the Dairyman was transformed by Broadway in 1964 for post-war America. The real stories behind the legend might change how you think about "Tradition" itself!

Adult Education/Jewish History: *Exile and Creation of the Torah*

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

The Babylonian exile in the 6th century BCE inspired crucial transformations in Jewish belief and identity. And it was likely in exile that the first major Jewish work we have today, the Torah, was compiled. How did these changes move toward the Judaism we know today?

Shabbat Service: *Festivals of Lights*

Friday, December 15, 7:30 PM • North Shore Unitarian Church

You may have noticed that Jews are not the only people who light up extra lights at the end of our calendar year. How does Hanukkah relate to other human celebrations of the winter solstice, and how can that common human inheritance enrich our own festival of lights?

Members of ALL AGES! Please join us as we celebrate Hanukkah!

Family Hanukkah Celebration & Lunch

Sunday, December 10 • 11:00 AM-12:30 PM
Deerfield High School Cafeteria



RSVP by December 3 • See enclosed flyer



From the Youth Education Director

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

To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven (Ecclesiastes 3:1)

This seems a fitting introduction to my musings on change. At the turning of the seasons, the earth itself changes, and we have the opportunity to do so as well (and not just clean out the closet and bring out the coats and scarves). After serving as Kol Hadash's Youth Education Director since our founding in 2001, I will be stepping down at the end of the 2018-2019 school year. Next year will mark my 18th year leading our school programs; 18 is a significant number in Judaism, it being represented by the Hebrew letters that also form the word *chai* [life]. (Hence all those \$18 checks at your child's B Mitzvah!) So it seems a fitting time to pass on leadership to the next generation. Because I will be stepping aside at the end of *next* school year, I'm confident we will have ample time to collaborate on a smooth transition.

Our school itself is at a crossroads, with most of the school families from Kol Hadash's early years now adjusting to life with children in college and beyond, myself included. The larger Jewish community is also at a crossroads, with more and more families choosing new models of affiliation and engagement, or none at all. Kol Hadash prides itself in being *proactive* and not just *reactive* to change (witness our new membership and dues model), and so the Youth Education Committee has already been discussing ways to continue to provide meaningful and relevant educational opportunities to families and to attract new families to our congregation. There are a number of successful models to consider. These discussions will continue throughout the school year and into next year as we seek to reimagine our youth education program and leadership.

If you have children in our Sunday School, you are welcome — indeed, *encouraged* — to contribute to this exciting next phase for our school. Please reach out to me or Youth Education Committee Chair Ilana Shaffer (YEC@KolHadash.com) if you'd like to get involved...we look forward to hearing your voices in the conversation.

L'hitraot! (See you soon!)
Dawn Friedman, Youth Education Director

This Month's Sunday School Schedule: December 3 & 10

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

- Dec. 3: Youth Education Committee Meeting 9:30;
Membership Committee joins YEC at 10:30; Staff Meeting
11:30-12:30. Snack: bagels (Pirates Booty available).
- Dec. 10: Family Hanukkah Celebration 11:00. Snack: Apple slices

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 lunches brought to Sunday School and Mitzvah Class, 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 Winter Vacation

There will be no Sunday School or Mitzvah classes on December 17, 24 & 31.

We wish you all a wonderful, relaxing holiday,
and we look forward to seeing you when school resumes on
January 7, 2018!

Sunday School News & Events



All-Congregation Hanukkah Celebration!

Sunday, December 10, 11:00 AM-12:30 PM

RSVP by December 3

Join your Kol Hadash family to celebrate Hanukkah a bit early (the 1st night is December 12) with a celebration after Sunday School classes. Our youngest students will present their Humanorah; we'll eat *latkes* (potato pancakes) and *schmooze* (chat); we'll sing, spin *dreidels*, and play the ever-popular Name Bingo! This is an all-ages event – all congregants are welcome, whether you have kids in our Sunday School or not. Bring your friends and family! And bring your *hannukiah* (Hanukkah menorah) for our Menorah Show & Tell!

Kol Hadash provides the main course, latkes and dessert; families bring a potluck salad or side dish. There is a small fee for food. See the enclosed flyer or register online here: <http://tinyurl.com/kh-hann-2017>

Fees cover food costs, but additional donations are appreciated to help cover our other expenses. We invite you to donate on the registration form online, under Sponsored By, or on our website's Donate page.

Hanukkah Storytimes for Young Children and their Families

These Little Lights of Mine

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

<http://www.juf.org/jbabychicago/jewishholidays101.aspx>

Tuesday, December 5, 11:00-11:30 AM

Deerfield Barnes & Noble
728 North Waukegan Road

Sunday, December 10, 2:30-3:00 PM

The Book Bin
1151 Church Street, Northbrook

Youth Education Committee Meeting: December 3, 9:30-11:00 AM

Membership Committee joins YEC at 10:30 AM

The YEC is a great way to meet other parents, learn more about what's coming up at Sunday School, and contribute your voice to discussions about the future of our school and its leadership. We value feedback from all parents to help us make our school the best that it can be! Our YEC serves as a combination school board and PTO, setting policy and coordinating school events and family programs. During the school year, the monthly meetings are during Sunday School. Especially this year, as we plan for the future of our school, all school parents are encouraged to attend YEC meetings when they can. For more information, contact YEC Chair Ilana Shaffer at YEC@KolHadash.com.

Community Service Day: Saturday, December 16, 4:30 PM

Volunteer at Feed My Starving Children

While we are on winter break, adult and youth (ages 5 and up) volunteers are invited to prepare meals at **Feed My Starving Children** in Libertyville on Saturday, December 16, 4:30 PM. RSVP by December 8 to Dawn Friedman (education@KolHadash.com). Please let us know how many will attend and whether you might want to join the volunteers at a nearby restaurant before or after the service project. Thank you!

Sunday School Snacks

Kol Hadash provides snacks for all students each Sunday. Many thanks to **Upper Crust Bagels** in Deerfield for providing bagels at a substantial discount. Snacks rotate between plain mini bagels, apples slices, and baby carrots. Due to our food allergy restrictions, snacks from home may NOT be brought to Sunday School. All students should bring a water bottle (no juice or soda) to school each week. See the snack schedule on the previous page.

A SUPER Progressive Dinner

A Marvelous time was had by all at this year's Progressive Dinner!

Thank you to superheroes **Mike Lippitz & Susan Wagner** for hosting the entire group for appetizers, and to superhero **Suzie Garfield** for hosting the entire group for dessert.

Thank you to **Marsha & Rick Bolnick, Lori & Scott Gerberding, Helga Gruenbauer & Leah Sosewitz, Dori & Chet Mirman and Happy Stone & Rick Henriksen** for hosting the dinner portion of the evening in their respective Batcaves.

And thank you to the *masterminds* behind the evening, the Progressive Dinner Committee: **Susan Addelson, Andrea Friedlander, Leora Hatchwell, Marsha Milstein and Nancy Soren.**

Congratulations to **Ilana & Marty Schaffer** for winning the prize for most cleverly named appetizer (Mini Super Gyro) and to **Alan Klein** for most cleverly named dessert (Peter Parker's Phenomenal, Prodigious, Perfect Peruvian Pinktoe Spider Pumpkin Pie).

Finally, a special thank you to **Sunset Foods** in Northbrook for their excellent catering on short notice after our former caterer unexpectedly went out of business. The food was delicious, plentiful and reasonably priced, and it was all packaged perfectly with clear instructions.



Values in Action

If you have ideas for community service opportunities or if you want to find out how to get involved, please contact Lynn Miller (communityservice@KolHadash.com).



Organized by KH members Alan (pictured, center) and Irene Dorfman, a dedicated crew of Kol Hadash volunteers recently prepared and served dinner for residents of Myers Place, a residential home for people with disabilities. Many thanks to the following Kol Hadash members who volunteered their time and/or donated food to this important effort: Sue Addelson, Jill Dorfman, Irene & Alan Dorfman, Joyce Hirsch, Lynn Miller and Dori Rosenbloom-Mirman!

Join Us in December!

Our next community service activity will be our annual **Holiday Gift Collection** for Community Alternatives Unlimited. Bring gifts and other household items to donate to our December 10 Hanukkah Celebration – see the enclosed flyer for full details.

Adult and children volunteers are invited to prepare meals at **Feed My Starving Children** in Libertyville on Saturday, December 16, 4:30 PM. RSVP by December 8 to Dawn Friedman (education@KolHadash.com), let us know how many of you are interested, and whether you might want to join the volunteers for a nearby restaurant before or after the service project. Thank you!

Meet Kol Hadash!

As we begin our congregational year, we continue our tradition of using the Meet Kol Hadash feature to introduce new members and to re-introduce returning members.



Betty & Paul Hurder

Betty and Paul are so happy to be back at Kol Hadash. Being with old friends at the beautiful High Holiday services was really special. Living downtown with all its cultural opportunities makes for a happy retirement. When not having fun with the grandkids and the dogs, Paul enjoys taking classes, and Betty is busy with her adult literacy volunteering. They were pen pals for six months before meeting back in the early 1970s. They like to think they were a precursor to the online dating world.

Marcia Cottle

Marcia retired at the end of 2013 in order to become a full-time gattara. She has four married sons and nine grandchildren. She also has several pets, as do her children. Marcia joined Kol Hadash in order to have a more positive Jewish identity. When she was growing up and then when she was raising her children, she did not observe Jewish holidays. She knew she was Jewish but didn't really know what that meant...now she does! The photo was taken last summer in Tuscany. Marcia says she likes to pretend that she is still there.





Celebrate Jewish Book Month with a discussion of the Spertus Institute 2017 selection for One Book | One Community.

Friday, December 1, 7:30 PM
North Shore Unitarian Church

Kol Hadash Shabbat Service & Book Discussion

Windy City Blues
by Renée Rosen

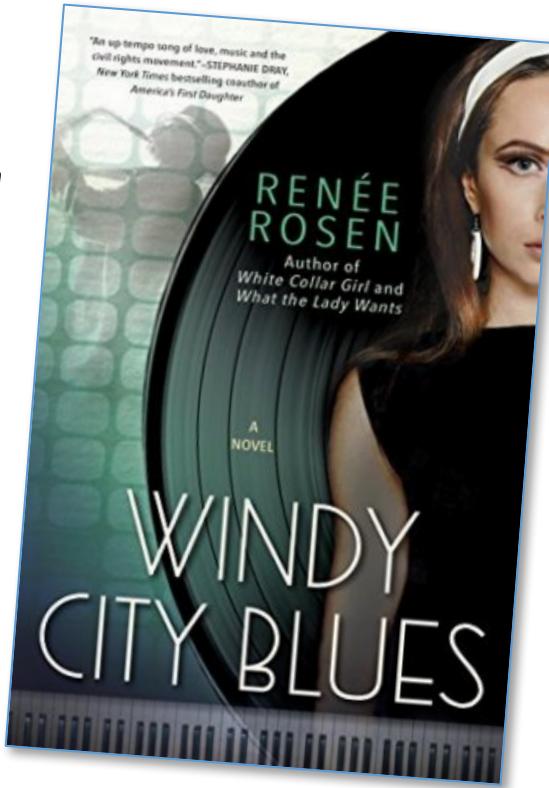
"Captures the heartbeat of Chicago in guitar riffs and harmonica slides."

— Sarah McCoy, author of *The Mapmaker's Children*

"Fast paced and impeccably researched...Kept me reading long into the night."

— Kristina McMorris, author of *The Edge of Lost*

In 1950s Chicago, a young Jewish woman stands in the middle of a musical and social revolution. Leeba Groski lands a job at the legendary Chess Records, where she begins her own songwriting career and meets future icons Muddy Waters, Howlin' Wolf, Etta James and Chuck Berry. But it's blues guitarist Red Dupree who changes her life. With their relationship unwelcome in segregated Chicago and shunned by her Orthodox family, Leeba and Red find themselves drawn into the Civil Rights Movement, where they discover how music can bring people together.



Spertus Institute has selected Kol Hadash as one of five Chicagoland locations for a One Book | One Community discussion. Following a brief Shabbat service, the discussion will be led by Rachel Kamin, Director of the Joseph and Mae Gray Cultural & Learning Center at North Suburban Synagogue Beth El.

***This event is FREE and OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.
ALL ARE WELCOME!***

Kol Hadash News & Announcements

January Book Club Selection

The Book Club has chosen *The Children Act* by Ian McEwan as its selection for their next meeting on January 17, 7:30 PM, at the KH Office conference room. All are welcome to all Book Club meetings! Questions? Contact Stacey Max (bookclub@KolHadash.com).

Kol Hadash Connections

Our updated membership directory, *Kol Hadash Connections*, has been included in the mailing with this edition of the *Shofar*; the directory will be mailed separately to members who have elected to receive the *Shofar* digitally.

We ask our members to remember that our directory and member contact information is provided for the purpose of connecting members to members for Kol Hadash activities. We ask our members to refrain from using Kol Hadash members' contact information for commercial, fundraising or other non-Kol Hadash purposes.

Co-Host an Oneg!

Hosting an Oneg Shabbat is an easy way to help out and get involved in Kol Hadash. Volunteers have already signed up to host all of our Onegs through May 2018, but that just makes it easier for you to volunteer! Just let us know if you want to co-host an Oneg...you can partner with a member who has already signed up. Contact David Hirsch (oneg@KolHadash.com) if you are interested.

Thank You!

- To **Rick Henriksen** for serving as our official greeter at the November 3 Shabbat service.
- To **Sheila & Ron Sebor** for hosting the Oneg at the November 3 Shabbat service.
- To **Joyce & Rich Hirsch** for serving as our official greeters at the November 17 Shabbat service.
- To **Andrea & Mark Friedlander** for hosting the Oneg at the November 17 Shabbat service.

Family News

- Condolences to **Leora Hatchwell & Tom McCune** on the death of Tom's mother, Mary Anne McCune.
- Mazel tov to **Paula & Dave Harris** on the birth of their new granddaughter!

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.

This Month's Yahrtzeits

The following names will be read at the December 15 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).

Slobodan Bozovich	Ruth Braver
Margaret Davis	Milda Dreifuss
Edith Herron	Esther Hirsch
Arlene Horberg	Diane Kaplan
Sonia Kusnetz	Theresa Levoy
William Libman	Hy Muroff
Benjamin Niport	Marshall Soren
Gitel Sosewitz	Rose Wagner
Isidor Wagner	Irene White

This Month's Birthdays

Robin Kass	December
Gabriel Shaffer	December 2
Sabrina Saks	December 2
Sela Weaver	December 3
Dan Simon	December 5
Victoria Ratnaswamy	December 6
Lily Ratnaswamy	December 8
Collin Callahan	December 9
Leah Sosewitz	December 13
Levi Davishoff	December 15
Suzanna Dworsky	December 15
Zack Klein	December 20
Dawn Friedman	December 28

Save the Date!

Please note these future events.

Jan. 11	Knitters
Jan. 13	Winers
Jan. 17	Book Club
Jan. 28	School Tu B'Shevat Seder
Feb. 3	Havdallah Service & Pot Luck Dinner
Mar. 4	Purim Carnival
Mar. 17	Winers
Mar. 23-25	HuJews Youth Conclave (Philadelphia)
Mar. 25	School Passover Seder
Mar. 31	Community Passover Seder
Apr. 29	Sunday School Grandparents/Special Friends Day & Day of Action
May 11	Confirmation Shabbat Service

Tributes, Donations & Gifts

Kol Hadash offers several opportunities for donations:

Annual Appeal *End-of-calendar-year donations to support Kol Hadash activities*

Event Sponsorships *Funding to support specific Kol Hadash events*

Friedman Family Fund *Restricted fund for bringing in external speakers and performers*

General Fund *General support for Kol Hadash operations & activities*

Lippitz/Wagner Jewish Humanistic Ritual Fund *Restricted fund supporting the development, dissemination and practice of Jewish humanistic rituals and music*

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund *Funds available to the rabbi to allocate for charitable purposes*

Tzedakah Fund *Supports organized charitable activities in the name of Kol Hadash*

Weiss Choir Fund *Supports the High Holidays Choir; established by Kol Hadash founding members James & Minerva Weiss*

Yom Kippur Memorial Remembrance *donations during the High Holidays*

Youth Group Fund *Supports special activities for Kol Hadash teens*

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 as of the middle of last month

Marsha & Rick Bolnick, in celebration of Sheila & Ron Sebor's newest granddaughter, Lydia

Daniel Braver, in memory of Shelly Braver...you'll always be loved and remembered

Laura & Ken Burk, in memory of Ed Chalom

Joyce & Richard Hirsch, in honor of the new grandchildren of Susan & Roger Addelson, Lynn & Elliot Miller, and Marsha & Rick Bolnick

Rhita Lippitz, to the Lippitz/Wagner Ritual Fund, wishing a happy 22nd anniversary to Mike & Sue!

Marsha & Mark Milstein, in celebration of the birth of new grandchildren for Susan & Roger Addelson and Paula & David Harris

Judith Perlman, to the Lippitz/Wagner Ritual Fund

Event Sponsorships

Event sponsors' donations help us keep admission fees low and allow us to make events accessible to all. We invite our members to sponsor such upcoming fall events as: our Hanukkah Celebration (December 10) and Community Passover Seder (March 31). We thank the following members for their generous support of Kol Hadash programs.

Progressive Dinner

Susan & Roger Addelson

Andrea & Mark Friedlander

Joyce & William Goldman

Happy Stone & Rick Henriksen

Glynis & David Hirsch

Joyce & Richard Hirsch

Susan Wagner & Mike Lippitz



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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*.

Choose from the following tribute funds:

- ❖ Kol Hadash General Fund – General support for Kol Hadash operations and activities
 - ❖ Kol Hadash Tzedakah Fund – Supports organized charitable activities in the name of Kol Hadash
 - ❖ Kol Hadash Youth Group Fund – Supports special activities for Kol Hadash teens
 - ❖ Friedman Family Fund – Restricted fund for bringing in external speakers and performers
 - ❖ Lippitz/Wagner Jewish Humanistic Ritual Fund – Restricted fund supporting the development, dissemination and practice of Jewish humanistic rituals and music
 - ❖ Rabbi's Discretionary Fund – Funds available to the rabbi to allocate for charitable purposes
 - ❖ Weiss Choir Fund – Supports the High Holidays Choir; established by Kol Hadash founding members James & Minerva Weiss
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Enclosed please find \$_____ for the _____ Fund from:

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

Please send acknowledgement to:

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Recipient's Name

Recipient's Address

Mail completed form and payment to:

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Thank you for your generosity!

December 2017

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					Discussion Shabbat Spertus Institute's One Book One City 2017 Selection: <i>Windy City Blues</i> 7:30 PM @ Unitarian Church	1 2
3 Sunday School, YEC & Membership Mtg, 9:30 7 th Grade Mitzvah, Staff Mtg, 11:30	4 Rabbi Chalom Teaches @ Highland Park Senior Center, <i>The Many Faces of Israel</i> , 10:30 AM	5 Hanukkah Storytime, Deerfield Barnes & Noble, 11:00 AM Adult Ed/Jewish History, <i>Yahvisim—The God of the Hebrews</i> , 7:30 PM @ Unitarian Church	6 Rabbi Chalom Teaches @ North Shore Senior Center, <i>Fiddler: The World of Sholem Aleichem</i> , 10:00- 11:30 AM	7 Steering Committee Mtg., 7:30 PM @ KH Office		8 9
10 EARLY Mitzvah Class, 9AM Sunday School, 9:30 HANUKKAH CELEBRATION, 11AM-12:30 PM Hanukkah Storytime, The Book Bin, 2:30 PM	11 12 Adult Ed/Jewish History, <i>Exile and Creation of the Torah</i> , 7:30 PM @ Unitarian Church Hanukkah Night 1	13 Rabbi Chalom Teaches @ North Shore Senior Center, <i>Tradition or Change? Fiddler Reconsidered</i> , 10:00-11:30 AM Hanukkah Night 2	14 15 Shabbat Service, <i>Why Jewish History Matters – A Human-Focused Hanukkah</i> , 7:30 PM @ Unitarian Church Hanukkah Night 3		16 Community Service: Volunteer at Feed My Starving Children/ Libertyville, 4:30 PM Hanukkah Night 4	17 18 Hanukkah Night 5
17 NO SUNDAY SCHOOL Hanukkah Night 6	18 19 Hanukkah Night 7 Hanukkah Night 8	20	21		22	23
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	NEW YEAR'S DAY 1		2	3	4 Steering Committee Mtg., 7:30 PM @ KH Office	5 Shabbat Service, <i>The Year in Review</i> , 7:30 PM @ Unitarian Church
7 Sunday School, YEC Mtg, 9:30 7 th Grade Mitzvah Staff Mtg, 11:30	8	Adult Education, <i>The Priestly Period</i> , 7:30 PM @ Unitarian Church	9	10	11 String Theory Meeting, 7:30 PM, location TBA	12 Winers, 7:30 PM, Location TBA
14 Sunday School, 6/7/8 Grades Parents' Mtg, 9:30 7 th Grade Mitzvah, 11:30	MLK DAY 15	16 Adult Education, <i>Greeks and Maccabees</i> , 7:30 PM @ Unitarian Church	17 Book Club, <i>The Children Act</i> by Ian McEwen, 7:30 PM @ KH Office	18	19 2 nd /3 rd Grade Shabbat Service, 7:30 PM @ Unitarian Church	20
21 Conf. Class Field Trip Departs 7:45 AM Sunday School, Adult Ed. (<i>The True Believer</i> by Eric Hoffer), 9:30 7 th Grade Mitzvah Staff Mtg, 11:30	22	23 Adult Education, <i>Roman Period</i> , 7:30 PM @ Unitarian Church	24	25	26 Shabbat Service, <i>Living in a Secular World</i> , 7:30 PM @ Unitarian Church	27
28 Sunday School, 9:30 Tu B'Shevat Seder, 10:30 Youth Group Conclave Mtg.; 7 th Grade Mitzvah, 11:30	29	30	TU B'SHEVAT	31		



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HANUKKAH PARTY & LUNCHEON

Sunday, December 10 • 11:00 AM-12:30 PM
Deerfield High School Cafeteria

\$12 per person — ages 13 and older

\$10 per person — ages 3-12

No Charge — children under 3 years old



Bring your family menorah for **MENORAH SHOW & TELL!** (candles provided)

Main courses and desserts are provided. Each family brings a side dish or salad to serve 10-12.
Food may not contain peanuts, tree nuts of any kind, or sesame seeds, due to life-threatening allergies among our students. Thank you for your cooperation!

REGISTER ONLINE AT <http://tinyurl.com/KH-hanukkah2017>

OR return form below and payment by December 3 to Kol Hadash, 175 Olde Half Day Road, Suite 123 Lincolnshire, IL 60069. Questions? Contact Dawn (education@KolHadash.com, 847-997-8931).

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for setup, cleanup, food items, and/or transporting food to food pantry donation. Volunteer signup at: <http://tinyurl.com/KH-hanukkahsignup>

CLIP HERE AND RETURN FORM BELOW WITH PAYMENT

Please list each person's name & children's ages.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

8. _____

We will bring a: side dish salad

Name: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ (Make check payable to Kol Hadash...RSVP by December 6)

Please consider adding a tax-deductible donation to support this and other Sunday School special activities. Donors will be listed as co-sponsors in the Shofar newsletter. THANK YOU! \$12 OFFSET COST OF A MEAL • \$24 OFFSET COST OF 2 MEALS • \$50 THANK THE ORGANIZERS • \$100 BE AMAZING!



Please join us in this year's



Holiday Gift Giving Program

The Kol Hadash Community Service Committee is collecting gifts for needy children by participating in the **Community Alternatives Unlimited** holiday giveaway program.

Community Alternatives Unlimited is a charitable organization that provides assistance to people with developmental and mental disabilities. It serves people who live in poverty in the northern suburbs of Cook and Lake Counties, including children who are indigent and wards of the state. For more information on Community Alternatives Unlimited, please visit their website www.cau.org.

You can drop off your gifts at these Kol Hadash events:

*Progressive Dinner – November 4
Family Hanukkah Luncheon & Party – December 10*

Gifts should be unwrapped or wrapped in neutral paper (no Hanukkah or Christmas paper, please!) and be labeled by gender and age range so that the right child will receive them.



Here are some gift ideas:

- School supplies
- Puzzles, blocks, other educational toys
- Craft items, arts & crafts kits
- Board games, handheld electronic games
- Stuffed animals, dolls
- Paperback books, especially in Spanish
- Hats, mittens, scarves
- Cosmetics, nail polish for pre-teens and teens
- Hair accessories
- Sleepwear, slippers, socks
- Sweaters



For more information, please contact Glynis Hirsch at
847-945-8420 or Ghirsch@dist113.org



These Little Lights of Mine

Hanukkah Storytimes for Young Children

Learn about Hanukkah 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!
Resources for celebrating Hanukkah in your home will be provided.*

Tuesday, December 5
11:00-11:30 AM • Deerfield Barnes & Noble, 728 North Waukegan Road

Sunday, December 10
2:30-3:00 PM • The Book Bin, 1151 Church Street, Northbrook

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 • RSVP at <http://www.juf.org/holidays101>

For information on all jBaby programs, visit: <http://www.juf.org/jbabychicago/partnerClassesList.aspx>



This program is made possible by a grant from jBaby Chicago, a program of the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago.



Jewish History

they didn't teach in Sunday School...

If Abraham is a myth, where did the Jewish people really begin? Was there an Exodus? How has Judaism evolved from Jerusalem cult to international culture? Join us for an **Introduction to Jewish History** adult education course taught by Rabbi Adam Chalom. Classes are held on selected Tuesday evenings, 7:30-8:30 PM at the North Shore Unitarian Church. Feel free to drop in for any topic. **Classes are open to all, free of charge.**

November 7: Origins

November 14:

Monarchy and Divided Kingdom

December 5:

Yahvism – The God of the Hebrews

December 12: Exile and Creation of the Torah

January 9: The Priestly Period

January 16: Greeks and Maccabees

January 23: Roman Period

February 6: Establishing Rabbinic Judaism

February 13: The Islamic Empire

February 20: Sephardic Jewry

March 6: Ashkenazic Jewry

March 13: Kabbalah & Hasidism

March 20: Enlightenment & Emancipation

April 3: Modern Anti-Semitism

April 10: Jewish Nationalism

April 17: Holocaust

May 1: America

May 8: Israel

May 15: Conclusions

*To RSVP, or for any questions about this course, contact Rabbi Chalom
(rabbi@KolHadash.com or 847-383-5184).*

Come find out how we came to be who we are!

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