



Shalom from Rabbi Chalom
Why Jewish Culture Matters

by Rabbi Adam Chalom (rabbichalom@KolHadash.com)

The universe knows no calendar. The Earth has no clock.
Humanity does.

There are times when we pause our constant motion, look at the world we have built for ourselves, and wonder: What does it all mean? Is it all worth it? And can I go on? It is those times that our deepest need is renewal.

The world we experience is larger than our values – the sun rises and sets, the tide approaches and recedes indifferent to our needs and desires. The world we experience is also smaller than our values – we could imagine a much better

world, a world where good behavior is always rewarded and bad behavior always receives justice. The natural world and the physical universe have tremendous power, but no ethics. In the end, we are the ones who give meaning to life.

If people learned anew in every generation, we would never progress. Language, culture, and civilization exist because past generations provided experience and wisdom. Our inheritance lifts us beyond nature, beyond the cycle. Winter never learns from Autumn, and Summer knows nothing of Spring. Yet we have learned from our ancestors, as our children will learn from us.

No one tradition, no one people owns the one true understanding of the human experience. As we mark the Jewish New Year, we know that we learn from our people and from many peoples. We support the needs and encourage the dreams of our people and many peoples. We share the human condition: finite, limited, challenging, and therefore all the more preciously beautiful.

We are renewed by what is timeless in human experience: family, love, ideas, and community. We renew each other with our love and support. We renew ourselves with our commitment to core values. We all live in many identities: our individuality, our humanity, our gender, our generation, our Judaism. When we celebrate our deepest selves, we honor them all.

We are the meaning of life. We go on.

[Based on passages from previous High Holidays services...new services coming this Yom Kippur!]

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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)

My column this month was finished before the horror at Charlottesville. But I can't let that go by without recognizing the thoughtful words posted on Facebook by Society for Humanistic Judaism executive director Paul Golin and Rabbi Adam's Shabbat service on August 25, which brought our community together to process those horrific events. I'm grateful that Kol Hadash gives us a way to be part of something bigger than ourselves. —SA



Dear Kol Hadash Family,

One of the things I like most about Kol Hadash is that we keep growing, changing and evolving. Many of these changes – our multi-generational programming, Winers Club and Grandparents Day at Sunday School come to mind – are in response to member input and suggestions.

As a result of our change and progress, over time, our website became outdated. Not any more! I'm proud to officially announce the relaunch of kolhadash.com,

with all-new words, pictures and videos. Please take a look, and be sure to share with your friends and family.

I'd like to thank **Andrea Friedlander** and our executive assistant, **Jeremy Owens**, who worked with me on this version. This is hardly the first website remake. I'd also like to acknowledge **Bobby Jacobs**, **Ken Burk**, **Ron Schwartz** and **Mark Friedman** who walked down this road before us. Thank you all!

Another change is in the works. Recently, members have come forward and expressed a desire for Kol Hadash to take a more active role in social justice issues. In response, we formed an ad hoc committee to take a first stab at establishing guidelines for what that might look like. Their preliminary recommendations include:

- Establishing that we cannot advocate for political candidates, parties, and specific political causes or issues. Not only could it jeopardize our non-profit status, we run the risk of alienating members or potential members. (Plus, it would be difficult, if not impossible, to find a topic that everyone agrees on.)
- Suggesting we introduce a "Community Connections" effort as a way for members to spread the word about non-Kol Hadash events, programs and volunteer opportunities, and to connect with others in the congregation who might be interested in participating with them.

Watch for content in the Values in Action Column (previously titled Community Service Corner) – this month on page 6 of the *Shofar* – and in weekly emails.

There is more work to be done. If you would like to participate in helping shape our social justice position or give input to this subcommittee, please contact scchair@kolhadash.com.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at the High Holidays,
Sue

This Month's Events at Kol Hadash

Meet-the Congregation Shabbat Service: *Learning to Say "I Was Wrong"*

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

The Hebrew month of Elul, leading in to the Jewish New Year, was prescribed as a time of reflection and reconciliation. Before facing cosmic judgment, one should settle one's accounts with one's fellows. Even without a supernatural judge, we need to learn how to repair our relationships. And if not now, when? ***Please invite friends and family who might be interested in learning more about Kol Hadash to this special Meet-the-Congregation service! Our incredible KH Choir will be singing!***

Community Service Day

Sunday, September 10, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM • Deerfield High School Cafeteria

We invite the entire congregation to join us for an all-ages community service project – making sandwiches and assembling bag lunches for PADS shelters. All supplies will be provided by Kol Hadash. Cost is \$15 per family plus \$5 per person for pizza lunch (you're welcome to bring your own lunch). See enclosed flyer for RSVP info and complete details.

Book Club: *This Is How It Always Is*

Wednesday, September 13, 7:30 PM • Kol Hadash Office

Laurie Frankel's *This Is How It Always Is* is a novel about revelations, transformations, fairy tales, and family. And it's about how it always is: Change is always hard and miraculous and hard again, parenting is always a leap into the unknown with crossed fingers and full hearts, children grow but not always according to plan. And families with secrets don't get to keep them forever. All are welcome to join us for Book Club! Questions? Contact Stacey Max (bookclub@KolHadash.com).

High Holidays 2017/5778

Rosh Hashana Evening • Wednesday, September 20, 7:30 PM
Rosh Hashana Morning • Thursday, September 21, 10:00 AM
Rosh Hashana Family Service • Thursday, September 21, 1:00 PM

Storytime for Young Children (High Holidays for Tots):
Sunday, September 24, 10:30 AM, Deerfield High School

Yom Kippur Evening • Friday, September 29, 7:30 PM
Yom Kippur Morning • Saturday, September 30, 10:00 AM
Yom Kippur Family Service • Saturday, September 30, 1:00 PM
Yom Kippur Memorial & Concluding Services • Saturday, September 30, 3:30 PM

*All services held at North Shore Unitarian Church unless otherwise indicated.
For ticket information and other details see the enclosed flyer.*

Kol Hadash Activities Fair!

**Saturday, September 30
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.

**L'Shanah
Tova!**





From the Youth Education Director

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

Where did the summer go? At Kol Hadash, the Sunday School staff, Rabbi Adam and I have been busy planning for the coming school year. Our **first day of classes** for Sunday School (2nd to 10th grades), 6th Grade Hebrew, and 7th Grade Mitzvah Class is September 17, 9:30 AM at Deerfield High School. We'll also have a parents meeting that morning.

But before that, we have two events to kick off our year. On Sunday, August 27, we have our annual **Welcome Back Picnic**, 4:00-6:00 PM at Mitchell Park in Deerfield. This is open to all new and returning families and is a fun, casual event; especially welcome are your family and friends who might be interested in Kol Hadash. See the enclosed flyer for details; RSVP to me by August 25.

On Sunday, September 10, we're sponsoring a **Community Service Day**, making bag lunches for local PADS shelters, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM, at Deerfield High School. This is open to all congregants and is great for

families with children! It's a great way to kick off the school year helping those in need. See the enclosed flyer for details.

We'll continue to offer our holiday storytimes for families with infants and toddlers, in partnership with jBaby Chicago. High Holidays storytimes this month will be held at The Book Bin in Northbrook, the Deerfield Barnes & Noble, and Deerfield High School.

We're restructuring the 6th grade class this year to include Hebrew during the morning. We welcome a new Hebrew teacher to our staff this year, Mara Heichman. Mara has been a Mitzvah tutor since 2000 for a variety of temples in the Chicagoland area and is also an Occupational Therapist in skilled nursing and a Certified Professional Life Coach who works with teens, young adults and families on increasing confidence, decreasing anxiety and improving relationships in families. Mara tutored one of our students for her Bat Mitzvah last spring and we're very pleased to have her on our staff.

For up-to-date information on Sunday School programs and all Kol Hadash events accessible on your computer and mobile device, subscribe to our calendar via the Kol Hadash website at

<https://kolhadash.com/subscribe-to-calendar>. We are not mailing hard copies of the school calendar, so subscribe today! And while you're at it, sign up to receive reminders about school programs via text or email at www.Remind.com (group code @7bbe7) and volunteer to help at school events at www.signupgenius.com; no need to renew if you signed up last year.

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 tova! (Happy New Year!)

Dawn Friedman, Youth Education Director

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 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!*

This Month's Sunday School Schedule: September 17 & 24

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

- Sept. 10: Community Service Day @ DHS (optional, no classes)
- Sept. 17: First Day of School! All-Grades Parents Meeting, 9:30-11:00; Children's Choir Rehearsal, 11:30-12:00 (all ages; 7th graders can join Mitzvah class at 12:00); 6th Grade Parents Hebrew Meeting, 11:30-11:45
Snack: bagels (Pirates Booty available)
- Sept. 24: Youth Education Committee Meeting 9:30-11:00; High Holidays Storytime, 10:30-11:00; Youth Group Meeting, 11:10-12:45; Children's Choir rehearsal 11:30-12:00 (all ages, 7th graders can join Mitzvah class as 12:00); Staff Meeting 11:30-12:45
Snack: apple slices

Sunday School News & Events

Family Community Service Day: Sunday, September 10, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM Deerfield High School

Join us the week before Sunday School begins for an all-ages community service project – making bag lunches for local PADS shelters. We will make sandwiches and assemble forty bag lunches. Kids can also make notes to put in each lunch. Kol Hadash will provide supplies; families are encouraged to donate \$15 per family to cover the costs. We will also provide pizza lunch at \$5 per person, or you can bring your own lunch. Register online by September 8 at <http://tinyurl.com/khcssept17>

We also need a volunteer to take the sandwiches home that day to refrigerate them and then take everything to PADS in Waukegan between 3:00 and 5:00 pm that day. If you can help, contact Dawn Friedman (education@KolHadash.com).

Parents Meeting on First Day of Sunday School: September 17, 9:30-11:00 AM

All school parents are encouraged to join us on the first day for coffee & bagels, to learn about what's coming up this year, and most importantly, get to know each other better and welcome our new families.

6th Grade Parents Meeting: September 17, 11:30-11:45 AM

Hebrew Teacher Mara Heichman will meet briefly with 6th grade parents this morning to introduce herself.

Rehearsals for High Holidays Children's Choir: September 17 & 24, 11:30 AM-12:00 PM

Music Director Ellen Apley will again lead our Children's Choir at this year's High Holidays services. The children will sing during the adult morning services on Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur. The Children's Choir is open to all Sunday School students; rehearsals will be held after school on September 17 and 24. If your child wants to participate, contact Ellen at choir@KolHadash.com

Youth Education Committee (YEC) Meeting: September 24, 9:30-11:00 AM

The YEC is a great way to meet other parents and learn more about what's coming up at Sunday School. 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. Join us for the first meeting of the school year. Meetings are open to all congregants. For more information, contact YEC Chair Ilana Shaffer at YEC@KolHadash.com.

Youth Group Meeting: September 24, 11:10 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! Please come to this first meeting of the year and help decide what the group will do this year. RSVP by September 23 for lunch to Dawn Friedman (education@KolHadash.com).

High Holidays 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>. Here is the schedule for Kol Hadash High Holiday storytimes:

Wednesday, September 13

11:00-11:30 AM
The Book Bin
1151 Church St., Northbrook

Sunday, September 17

3:00-3:30 PM
Deerfield Barnes & Noble
728 North Waukegan

Sunday, September 24

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

Sitters Needed for High Holidays Childcare

Teen sitters are needed to help with childcare during the Rosh Hashanah adult morning service on Thursday, September 21 and during the Yom Kippur adult morning service and the afternoon Memorial Service on Saturday, September 30. Students in 6th grade and higher are welcome. We are also collecting sitter contact information for school families looking for sitters for evening services. Please contact Dawn Friedman (847-997-8931, education@KolHadash.com). Thanks!



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.



Wednesday, September 13

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

Sunday, September 17

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

Sunday, September 24

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

Kol Hadash Humanistic Congregation is a welcoming, thinking community of Humanists who celebrate Jewish traditions together with open minds and hearts. Interfaith/intercultural and LGBTQ families are very welcome. Visit us at www.KolHadash.com.

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.

Values in Action



PADS Volunteering

On Tuesday, July 17, eight Kol Hadash members served dinner and socialized with thirty residents at PADS (Providing Advocacy, Dignity and Shelter), located at the Kingswood Methodist Church in Buffalo Grove. PADS provides dinners and a safe place to stay overnight at this location. Kol Hadash is signed up for another PADS volunteer evening on Tuesday, November 28. If you would like to join us or would like to provide the food for

this evening, please contact Lynn Miller (communityservice@kolhadash.com). Many thanks to the following members, who provided food in July: Sue Addelson, Andrea Friedlander, Joyce Hirsch, Irene Chase & Jeremy Gibson, Stacy Max, and Nan Weiss-Ham. And a big thank you to those who participated at Kingswood Church: Sue Addelson, Emma Kowalenko & Tony Bilotti, Irene & Al Dorfman, Jeremy Gibson, Sue Shuftan and Nan Weiss-Ham.

High Holidays Collection

Once again we will be collecting food and needed items at the High Holidays for A Safe Place, a shelter in Zion, IL, for women and children who have been affected by domestic violence. At Rosh Hashana services, grocery bags will be distributed with a list of needed items. At Yom Kippur, members may return the bags filled with food and other items on the lists. We will need two cars to be parked at the Unitarian Church entrance for bag collection, and drivers to deliver the items to A Safe Place. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Lynn Miller (communityservice@kolhadash.com).

Join the Choir!

Wouldn't you like to sing with these Kol Hadash stars? It's not too late to join the Kol Hadash Choir for this year's High Holidays! Rehearsals are underway, and new members are still able to join; please contact Ellen Apley (choir@KolHadash.com). Everyone high school age and above, in all voice categories, is welcome with no audition necessary. All High Holiday choir

rehearsals and services are held conveniently at the North Shore Unitarian Church (2100 Half Day Road in Deerfield) from 7:00-9:00 PM on August 30 and September 5, 10, 13, 17 & 26. The choir will sing at our Meet-the-Congregation Shabbat Service on September 8 and the four adult High Holidays services in September.





Family Community Service Day

Sunday, September 10, 2017
10:00 AM-12:00 PM (including lunch)
Deerfield High School Cafeteria
1959 Waukegan Road



**Make Bag
Lunches for Local
PADS Shelters**

All ages!

*Friends & family
welcome!*

Join us the week before Sunday School classes begin. We will be making sandwiches and assembling forty bag lunches for PADS. All supplies will be provided by Kol Hadash.

RSVP at <http://tinyurl.com/khcssept17> to volunteer and for pizza lunch.

**\$15 per family suggested donation to cover costs
Plus \$5 per person for pizza lunch (or feel free to bring your own lunch).**

Can you lend an extra hand?

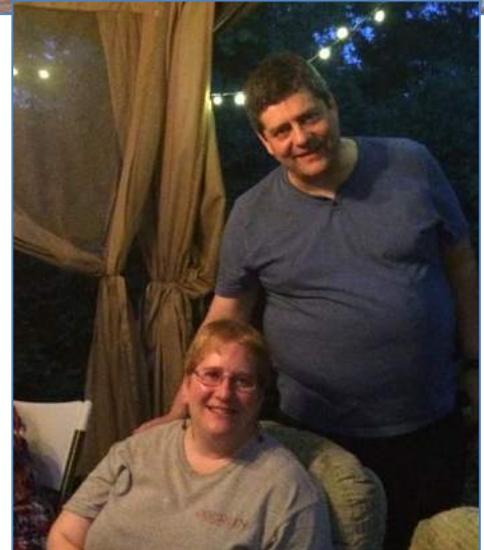
A volunteer is needed to take sandwiches home to refrigerate and then deliver to PADS in Waukegan between 3 & 5 PM.

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

Summer Fun at Kol Hadash

Winers Summer Gathering

The Winers got together at the home of Laura & Ken Burk for singing and sipping (songs provided by Laura Burk, wine by all). As usual, a festive evening was enjoyed by everyone! Many thanks to the Burks for hosting. All members are welcome at every Winers gathering. Watch the *Shofar* for details of our fall Winers and email winers@KolHadash.com if you'd like to find out more about our fun-loving group!



Theatre Club at Lookingglass

On August 13, a big group of Kol Hadashians braved the rough waters at Lookingglass Theatre in Chicago to see their thrilling and unique production of *Moby Dick*.

The Theatre Club chooses 2-3 shows at Chicago-area theaters throughout the year. Want to join us? Get on our email list and help us choose our fall destination! Contact Mark Friedman (theatre@KolHadash.com)!

AN INVINCIBLE NIGHT OF
SUPERHEROES & SUPERVILLAINS...

PROGRESSIVE DINNER 2017!



**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4
BEGINS AT 6:00 PM
COST: \$22 PER PERSON**

Find your inner *Wonder Woman* or *Iron Man* and join us for a *Marvelous* evening! We'll start at *Wayne Manor* (one member's home) for wine and assorted appetizers. Then we'll hop in our *Batmobiles* and drive to other members' homes for small-group, catered dinner parties. Finally, we'll reunite with our sidekicks and nemeses in the *Batcave* (another member's home) for coffee and dessert.

You will *Thor*-oughly enjoy yourself if you join in the adventure, so don't be invisible!
Sign up on *Spider-Man's* website <http://tinyurl.com/KH-PD2017> in a *Flash* or mail the registration form below.
The deadline is October 20. If you miss it...KA-POW!

Your true identity(ies) _____

E-mails: _____ Batphone: _____

Are you a vegetarian? Yes Do you have any food or pet allergies? Yes (We will contact you if you answered yes.)

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

Label your dish with your superhero/villain-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.

Be a *SUPERHERO!* Please consider providing optional, tax-deductible support for the Progressive Dinner:

\$20 to combat the *Forces of Evil* \$80 to thank the *Masterminds* for their hard work \$160 to join the *Justice League*
 I cannot attend, but I still want to save the world, so I'll co-sponsor event with this donation: \$ _____

Guest Admissions: _____ @ \$22 per person = \$ _____ total guest admissions

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

Send check payable to Kol Hadash, to our *Fortress of Solitude*: Kol Hadash, 175 Olde Half Day Road, Suite 123, Lincolnshire, IL 60069.
Or register/pay online at <http://tinyurl.com/KH-PD2017> **RSVP deadline is October 20!**

Meet Kol Hadash!



Meet Lynn & Elliot Miller

More religious folks might call what happened to Lynn and Elliot Miller “a sign from heaven,” but in this case, it was an actual sign – the one on the front lawn of the North Shore Unitarian Church!

When Kol Hadash started renting space at the church, for the first time we had a permanent sign in front of a building. Lynn and Elliot Miller had been members of Reform congregations for 25 years and were seeking a change. They fortuitously saw our sign when they were driving down Half Day Road. As a result, they came to a Friday evening Shabbat service. They immediately liked Rabbi Chalom and found the congregation to be very warm and welcoming. The fact that everyone was wearing nametags made a big

impression on them. They returned for High Holiday services and immediately joined. They have the distinction of being the first (and perhaps still only?) people who joined as a direct result of our sign on Half Day Road.

In the two years since they have been members, the Millers have become very active in the congregation. Lynn is on the Community Service Committee and spearheaded the PADS “feed the hungry” event in July. Elliot serves on the Finance Committee, and this year, Lynn joined the Steering Committee. Together, they attended two years of Rabbi Chalom’s Tuesday evening Adult Education classes, participated in our Progressive Dinners and Winers gatherings, and had a wonderful time on Rabbi Chalom’s recent learning trip to Philadelphia. They are excited to go with Rabbi Chalom on his next learning trip in April to Savannah and Charleston.

Elliot grew up in a Conservative Jewish household in New York City. Lynn grew up in a Reform household in the Beverly neighborhood on the South Side of Chicago and then in Deerfield. As members of Kol Hadash, they appreciate having a rabbi who is easy to talk to and like that the services consist of poetry, meaningful readings, and positive messages. They are especially pleased that both of their non-Jewish sons-in-law feel comfortable at Kol Hadash’s High Holiday celebrations because they can fully understand the services and are comfortable with the philosophy of Humanistic Judaism. Ironically, when their daughter Jaclyn was a student in their Reform congregation’s Confirmation class, she visited our predecessor congregation, Beth Or, and came home and told her parents how much she loved Humanistic Judaism!

The Millers have lived in Lake Bluff for the last 35 years. Elliot is an internal medicine physician in Libertyville, and Lynn is a music teacher at Ravinia Nursery School. Lynn enjoys cooking, singing in a choir that visits senior centers, and reading books to nursery school kids in North Chicago as part of Reading Power. Elliot enjoys gardening, exercising and reading books. Together, they are “foodies” and like going to the theatre and movies. This year will be a busy and exciting one for their family: daughter Jaclyn, 34, who lives in Hinsdale with husband Jeff, is expecting a baby boy in September; and daughter Jamie, 31, who lives in Chicago, is getting married next August.

Three things that few people at Kol Hadash know about Lynn and Elliot:

1. They met at Club Med in Guadalupe.
2. Elliot was at Woodstock.
3. Lynn likes to tap dance.



Shabbat Guest Speaker
Friday, October 6, 7:30 PM • North Shore Unitarian Church
Free Admission • All Are Welcome



Barry Lynn

Americans United for the Separation of Church & State

Since 1992, the Rev. Barry W. Lynn has served as executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State, a Washington, D.C.-based organization dedicated to the preservation of the Constitution's religious liberty provisions. Lynn holds a law degree from Georgetown University, a theology degree from Boston University, and is a member of the Washington, D.C., and U.S. Supreme Court bar. He is also ordained minister in the United Church of Christ, offering him a unique perspective on church-state issues.

An accomplished speaker and lecturer, Lynn has appeared on news programs such as "NewsHour" (PBS), "O'Reilly Factor" (FOX), "Nightline," (ABC), and "60 Minutes" (CBS). His op-eds are published nationally, and his latest book is *God & Government: Twenty-Five Years of Fighting for Equality, Secularism, and Freedom of Conscience* (Prometheus Books), published in 2015.

Lynn is the winner of many national awards, including the Freedom of Worship Award from the Roosevelt Institute, the American Humanist Association's Religious Liberty Award and an award from the Hugh H. Hefner Foundation for his work to protect freedom of speech.



This special event is made possible in part by the Friedman Family Fund, which provides financial support for visiting speakers and performers at Kol Hadash. Members are invited to provide additional funding by becoming event sponsors.

**To sponsor this event, visit <http://tinyurl.com/KHsponsorship>
or call 847-383-5184.**

Kol Hadash News & Announcements

Host an Oneg!

Hosting an Oneg Shabbat is an easy way to help out and get involved in Kol Hadash. Available upcoming dates include December 1 & 15; January 5 & 26; April 6; and May 4. You can also partner with a member to host an oneg. Contact David Hirsch (oneg@KolHadash.com) if you are interested.

Membership Renewals

As a reminder, it's membership-renewal season at Kol Hadash. All members received a renewal notice in July with a link to the online renewal site. If you did not receive your renewal notice, contact Jeremy at the office (info@KolHadash.com). Also as a reminder, this year we have a new dues model for all members. The new model is explained on the renewal site; if you have any questions, feel free to contact Jeremy, Rabbi Chalom, or Steering Committee Chair Sue Addelson. *Thank you* for your continued support of Kol Hadash!

High Holidays Tickets

Additional High Holidays tickets are available to all Kol Hadash members, as well as other guests. Members may request additional tickets when they complete their membership renewals online. Or, contact the KH office (info@KolHadash.com, 847/383-5184) to arrange for additional tickets.

Member Directory

We wish a warm welcome to our new members and will be introducing them to the congregation in upcoming issues of the *Shofar*. Our updated membership directory, *Kol Hadash Connections*, will be distributed later in the fall with all members' updated contact info. If you do not have a member's contact info and want to get in touch, please inquire with Jeremy at the KH office (info@KolHadash.com, 847/383-5184).

Thank You!

- To **Lynn & Elliot Miller** for hosting the Oneg at our August 11 Shabbat service.
- To **Judith Perlman** for hosting the Oneg at our August 25 Shabbat service.

Family News and Announcements

- Mazel tov to **Rick & Marsha Bolnick** on the birth of their first grandchild, Dawson
- Mazel tov to **Laurie & Michael White**, on the birth of their new grandchild, Logan

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 Yahrzeits

The following names will be read at the **September 8 Shabbat service at the North Shore Unitarian Church**. If there is a name missing or if you would like to have a name read at the service, please contact the Kol Hadash office (847-383-5184, administrator@KolHadash.com).

Harold Goldman	Leah Goldman
Mary Gurolnick	Yitzhak Holland
Theodore Horwitz	Lillar Jones
Bernard Kramer	Sidney Krause
Obbie Lakin	Lillian Lieberfarb
Evan Linick	Debra Litwin
Don Litz	Freda Mesirov
Max Rittenberg	Jeremy Samson
Albert Simon	Arnold Wisper

This Month's Birthdays

Samuel Sandler	September 3
Amy Talman	September 4
Happy Stone	September 4
Chris Weaver	September 5
Cara Schwartz	September 9
Ken Burk	September 11
Sheila Sebor	September 13
Andy Jacobs	September 14
Margie Marcus	September 16
Sue Talman	September 19
William Goldman	September 20
Bill Brook	September 24
Jordyn Fishman	September 25

This Month's Anniversaries

Pearl & Larry Cohn	September 1
Betty & Stan Weinberger	September 8
Aileen & Bob Seeley	September 10
Marla & Craig Davishoff	September 25



Save the Date!

Please note these future events.

Oct. 6	GUEST SPEAKER Barry Lynn of Americans United for Separation of Church & State
Oct. 8	Sukkot Celebration & Pot Luck Dinner
Oct. 24	Tuesday Night Adult Education Begins
Oct. 25	Sefer Circle (Book Discussion)
Nov. 4	Progressive Dinner
Dec. 10	School Hanukkah Celebration
Jan. 28	School Tu B'Shevat Seder
Feb. 3	Havdallah Service & Pot Luck Dinner
Mar. 4	Purim Carnival
Mar 23-25	HuJews Youth Conclave (Philadelphia)
Mar. 25	School Passover Seder
Mar. 31	Community Passover Seder
Apr. 29	Sunday School Grandparents' Day & Day of Action
May 11	Confirmation

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.

Trudye & Roger Fischhoff, to the General Fund

Happy Stone & Rick Henriksen, to the Weiss Choir Fund

Rudolph & Jane Lederer, in memory of Marianne Klein Lederer, late mother of Lori Gerberding

Lynn & Elliot Miller, in honor of the birth of Marsha & Rick Bolnick's grandson

Support Kol Hadash on the High Holidays

There are many opportunities to support Kol Hadash during our signature events, our High Holidays celebrations. To help offset event costs and make our services open and accessible to all, we invite our members to consider the following opportunities for additional financial support:

Rosh Hashana Oneg Sponsorship

Provide financial support for space rental, catering staff and food for our three Rosh Hashana onegs. Visit <http://tinyurl.com/KHsponsorship> or call 847-383-5184.

Support the Choir

Our member-volunteer choir is supported by professional soloists and accompanists, and we rent space for rehearsals. Help fund our musical treasure with a donation to the Weiss Choir Fund.

Yom Kippur Memorial

Connect your past to your present by making a Yom Kippur Memorial donation and request that your loved ones' names be read aloud at our Yom Kippur Memorial service.

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: Guest Speaker Barry Lynn (October 6), our Sukkot Celebration & Pot Luck Dinner (October 8), and the Progressive Dinner (November 4). See the flyers in this Shofar for sponsorship information.

We thank the following members for their generous support of Kol Hadash programs:

June FUNdraiser Sponsors

AJ & Rabbi Adam Chalom
Faye Eisenberg
Suzie Garfield
Betty Gordon
Paula & David Harris
Rhonda & Robert Hart
Happy Stone & Rick Henriksen

Joyce & Richard Hirsch
Nina & Michael Lipkin
Susan Wagner & Mike Lippitz
Margie Marcus
Sheila & Ron Sebor
Ilana & Marty Shaffer
The Friedman Family Fund



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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
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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!

September 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	LABOR DAY 4	5 Choir Rehearsal, 7PM @ Unitarian Church	6	7 Steering Committee Mtg., 7:30 PM @ KH Office	8 Meet-the-Congregation Shabbat Service, 7:30 PM @ Unitarian Church: <i>Learning to Say, "I Was Wrong"</i>	9
10 Family Community Service Day ... <i>details TBA soon!</i> Choir Rehearsal, 7PM @ Unitarian Church	11	12	13 Choir Rehearsal, 7PM @ Unitarian Church Book Club, <i>This Is How It Always Is</i> , 7:30 OM @ KH Office	14	15	16
17 First Day of Sunday School, Parents Meeting, 9:30 Children's Choir; 7 th Grade Mitzvah, 11:30 Choir Rehearsal, 7PM @ Unitarian Church	18	19	20 Rosh Hashana Evening Service, 7:30 PM	21 ★ ROSH HASHANA Rosh Hashana Adult Morning Service, 10AM Rosh Hashana Family Service, 1PM <i>NOTE NEW TIME FOR FAMILY SERVICE</i>	22	23
24 Sunday School, YEC Meeting, 9:30 High Holidays for Tots, 10:30 Youth Group, 11:10 Staff Mtg; Children's Choir; 7 th Grade Mitzvah, 11:30	25	26 Choir Rehearsal, 7PM @ Unitarian Church	27	28	29 Yom Kippur Evening (Kol Nidre) Service, 7:30PM	30 ★ YOM KIPPUR Yom Kippur Adult Morning Service, 10AM Yom Kippur Family Service, 1PM <i>NOTE NEW TIME FOR FAMILY SERVICE</i> Yom Kippur Memorial Service, 3:30PM

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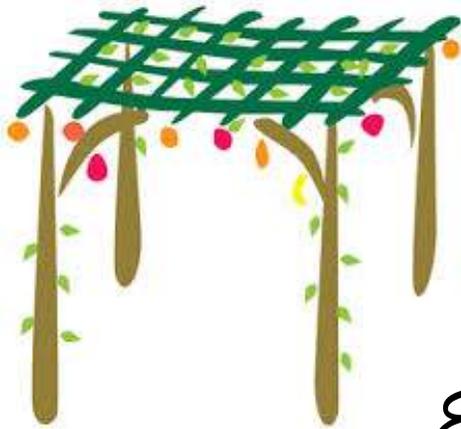
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Sunday School, 9:30 Sukkah Construction, 9:30 Youth Group, 11:30 7 th Grade Mitzvah, 11:30	2	3	4	5 Steering Committee Mtg., 7:30 PM @ KH Office	6 Shabbat Service Guest Speaker Barry Lynn Americans United for Separation of Church & State 7:30 PM @ Unitarian Church	7
8 NO SUNDAY SCHOOL All-Congregation Sukkot Celebration & Pot Luck Dinner, 4:00 PM @ Unitarian Church	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 Sunday School, 9:30 Staff Mtg; 7 th Grade Mitzvah, 11:30	16	17	18	19	20 Shabbat Service, <i>The History and Future of Women Rabbis</i> , 7:30 PM @ Unitarian Church	21
22 Sunday School, YEC Mtg, 9:30 7 th Grade Mitzvah, 11:30	23	24 Adult Ed/Intro. to Jewish History, 7:30 PM @ Unitarian Church	25 Sefer Circle, <i>The History of Love: A Novel</i> , 7:30 PM @ Unitarian Church	☆ 26	27	28
29 Sunday School, 9:30 Adult Ed, <i>How We Think About Being Good</i> , 9:30 Choir Concert, 11:00 7 th Grade Mitzvah, 11:30	30	31	Coming Next Month! ANNUAL PROGRESSIVE DINNER SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4 BEGINS 6:00 PM			





All-Congregation

Sukkot Celebration & Pot Luck Dinner



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8
4:00 PM Service; 5:00 PM Dinner
ALL are welcome! FREE of charge!

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! Join us for our annual **POT LUCK DINNER** indoors, and then **CELEBRATE & SING OUTDOORS IN OUR SUKKAH**.

Families should bring a main dish or hearty side dish for the potluck dinner (please no peanuts, tree nuts of any kind, or sesame seeds). All foods should arrive no later than 4:45. 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 (OCT. 1, 9:30-11:30)
AND TAKE-DOWN (OCT 8 or 15...TBD). 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 those without children in Sunday School to celebrate together!

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

RSVP and SUPPORT

Our Sukkot Celebration is **FREE OF CHARGE** and **OPEN TO ALL!** RSVP to <http://tinyurl.com/KH-sukkot17> and let us know what you're bringing for our Pot Luck Dinner.

Help us keep Sukkot a free event! Become a Sukkot Sponsor and contribute to space rental and other event costs. To sponsor this event, visit <http://tinyurl.com/KHsponsorship> or call 847-383-5184.