



Shalom from Rabbi Chalom
Travel, Learning and Growth

by Rabbi Adam Chalom (rabbichalom@KolHadash.com)

In his fascinating thought experiment, *Religion for Atheists*, Alain de Botton tries to find relevant secular versions of psychologically healthy religious traditions. In one example, he explores “pilgrimage” – a voyage believers take to heal something wrong with their bodies or souls. Sometimes the journey itself provides meaning, and often the destination as well.

By contrast, Botton explains, we go to travel agents and tell them where and when we want to go. Would it work to share our problems and concerns with a therapist/travel agent who could then tell us, “This is where you need to go to work this through.”?

We know from our own experience that travel can be meaningful. Family vacations create shared experience and (hopefully) bring us closer together, and special places take us

outside of our ordinary lives to see the extraordinary. The Jewish tradition of a special journey to the land of Israel is well-known. And many have taken journeys back to “the old country” to see where their ancestors lived before they left for a new life.

But Jewishly meaningful journeys do not require a trans-Atlantic flight. The International Institute for Secular Humanistic Judaism (for which I am the Dean for North America) has recently restarted its Travel and Learn program. The goal is to bring together Secular Humanistic Jews from across North America to experience interesting places with interesting people – shared experience and special places. This spring, we will be visiting Savannah, Georgia, and Charleston, South Carolina, on our “Shalom Y’all” journey into colonial and Civil War-era Jewish and American life. Our previous trip to Philadelphia was a fascinating window into our past, and this one promises the same.

Did you know that two of the oldest synagogues in America are in Savannah (1733) and Charleston (1749)? Savannah also boasts beautiful pre-Civil War architecture (it was not destroyed by Union General William Sherman on his “march from Atlanta to the sea”), picturesque city squares, and a haunting (seriously!) history. We will also be visiting a plantation outside of Charleston to get a flavor of antebellum Southern society at its prettiest (the Big House) and its ugliest (slavery). With stops at Fort Sumter and Charleston’s Old Slave Mart, words and pictures from history books will spring into living experience and memory. And participants are welcome to extend their trips by coming early to Savannah or staying longer in Charleston.

You can find out more from the IISHJ promo elsewhere in this *Shofar*, or by visiting www.iishj.org/shalom-yall. I hope that you will join us for a meaningful experience in a special place.

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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,

Short days. Cold nights. Wind. Snow. Clouds...

None of it shouts, "Let's go out tonight." I know the feeling. However, there are some events that really are worth going out for . . . even after a long day (or week) of work. Even in January. Especially in January!

This month our Book Club, led by **Stacey Max**, is reading *The Children Act* by Ian McEwan. Adults and teens will be drawn to this story that revolves

around a judge who must decide if a 17-year-old Jehovah's Witness with leukemia should be forced to undergo a blood transfusion that is necessary to save his life, but which his religion prohibits.

On a lighter note, **Sarah & Gerald Beatty** are hosting the Winers at their home in Barrington Hills. Not a wine drinker? Not a problem. Several regulars stick to soft drinks, which is great for the rest of us (well, me) because that means I have a designated driver. This bimonthly Winers event is devoted to Spain. Bring a Spanish wine and Spanish-theme appetizer or dessert. And you are welcome to wear your favorite Flamenco outfit or other Spanish garb!

String Theory (formerly our Knitting Club), led by **Victoria Ratnaswamy**, meets twice this month. Knitting and crocheting is a creative outlet that reduces stress and builds community. It's also growing in popularity, especially among 20- and 30-year-olds. (Honest. I know this because I read it on the Internet.) Really, though, whether you've ever knitted/crocheted or never knitted/crocheted, this is a very approachable group that welcomes everyone. All ages.

For the life-long learners among us, **Rabbi Adam's** Adult Education series, Jewish History They Didn't Teach You in Sunday School, picks up on Tuesdays this month. You are welcome to jump in and attend one class or all the classes. You do not have to enroll, and there is no charge.

Three people stopped me at the Hanukkah Party and told me they want to go to Shabbat services, but . . . *But I can't get home, eat dinner and get there by 7:30 . . . But I'm too tired . . . But, I've been away from my kids all week. . . .* I get it. No pressure. No guilt. If you do come out for a Shabbat service, you will be glad you did. The music is soothing; the topics are thought-provoking; the onegs are social and welcoming. The *Shabbat Shaloms* are heartfelt.

I hope to see you all this month!

Shalom,
Sue

This Month's Events at Kol Hadash

Shabbat Service: *The Year in Review*

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

What a year! Political and social fireworks at home and abroad, with conflicts brewing seemingly everywhere. Join us as Rabbi Chalom does his best to make sense of it all, and even to predict what might happen in 2018. *Want to help our Values in Action committee plan 2018 community service events? Come early and join our planning discussion at 7:00 PM...all are welcome!*

Adult Education/Jewish History: *The Priestly Period*

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

Returning from exile in Babylonia, the Jewish state in the Persian Empire is re-established without a new king; it is ruled by priests from a rebuilt Jerusalem Temple. But (surprise!) Jews can't agree on how to practice "true" Judaism – thus the Jewish "joy of sects" in Late Antiquity.

String Theory (Kol Hadash Knitters)...Twice in January!

Thursday, January 11, 7:30 PM: Home of Sue Addelson

Sunday, January 14, 10:30 AM: Deerfield High School

Join us for either or both of these gatherings of newly-named String Theory (formerly Kol Hadash Knitters)! Formed as a group to knit (for ourselves and to donate), get help and advice, and generally *ooh* and *aah*, we welcome those working on all things stringy, yarny, thready. All experience levels welcome! Questions? Contact Victoria Ratnaswamy (knitters@KolHadash.com).

Winers: Saturday, January 13, 7:30 PM • Home of Sarah & Gerald Beatty

Join us for a Spanish *fiesta*! Bring a wine of Spain to sip and share, plus a Spanish-themed appetizer or dessert, and settle in for a fun evening with Kol Hadash friends. All are welcome! Questions? Contact Mike Lippitz (winers@KolHadash.com).

Adult Education/Jewish History: *Greeks and Maccabees*

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

Imagine a Judaism that draws on the best of contemporary philosophy; has deep connections to surrounding non-Jewish culture; and celebrates Judaism in the language everyone already speaks. No, this is not us! Rather, it was Hellenistic Judaism, the variety of Judaism we would have chosen 2,000 years ago . . . and exactly the variety the Maccabees most hated.

Book Club: *The Children Act* by Ian McEwan

Wednesday, January 17, 7:30 PM • Kol Hadash Office

Celebrated British novelist McEwan (*Atonement*) presents a tense story of an atheist British High Court judge who must rule on whether a Jehovah's Witness with leukemia should be forced to undergo a medical procedure that his religion prohibits. Come discuss the book before the film version hits theaters this spring! All are welcome to any bimonthly KH Book Club meeting. Questions? Contact Stacey Max (bookclub@KolHadash.com).

Family Shabbat Service Led by 1st/2nd/3rd Grade Students

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

Each of our Sunday School classes creates and leads a Shabbat service. The first of the year is led by our 1st, 2nd and 3rd grade students, taught by Irene Chase and Robin Kacyn. This is an all-ages Shabbat celebration ... *all* congregants are invited to attend! The class families host the oneg.

Adult Education: *Guest Speaker Ron Aronson, author of We: Reviving Social Hope*

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

Despite the crises that mire society, hope still persists: its philosophical basis can be found underlying all our experience, even if we completely ignore it. It lies in the fact of our social belonging, which can be reactivated into a powerful force, an active we. Join us for a fascinating presentation by author Ron Aronson, Wayne State University Distinguished Professor Emeritus of the History of Ideas and a member of the Birmingham Temple Congregation for Humanistic Judaism in suburban Detroit. *Free of charge; all are invited!*

Adult Education/Jewish History: *The Roman Period*

Tuesday, January 23, 7:30 PM • North Shore Unitarian Church

The window of Jewish political self-determination opened by the Maccabees was slammed shut by the Roman Empire. Some Jews, like King Herod the Great, prospered in cooperation with Rome. Others challenged Roman authority and were destroyed. The wreckage they left, however, would be the building blocks of the Judaism of the Rabbis.

Shabbat Service: *Living in a Secular World*

Friday, January 26, 7:30 PM • North Shore Unitarian Church

The population in Western countries like the United States is becoming more secular, with fewer members of religious organizations and fewer people saying they are personally religious. How will that change our culture and society? And how will religious communities respond to these new circumstances?



From the Youth Education Director

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

This month we begin our cycle of Shabbat services led by Sunday School classes. From January through May, each class creates and leads a service at the Unitarian Church. This is a wonderful way to integrate students and their families into broader congregational life. Even our youngest students have a lot to share with us! Everyone is welcome to join us.

We'll also celebrate Tu B'Shevat this month, with a family seder on January 28 at Deerfield High School. Tu B'Shevat commemorates the new year for trees, the season in which the earliest-blooming trees in the land of Israel emerge from winter and begin a new fruit-bearing cycle. After falling into obscurity after the destruction of the temple in Jerusalem, the holiday has become a Jewish Earth Day. Traditionally, we eat all kinds of tree fruits, especially those

that grow in Israel, and we celebrate the coming of spring (eventually!) It's a delicious holiday celebration and open to all congregants. If you can help purchase food items (either directly or through a donation) or help us on the day, please visit our SignupGenius.com page (see details below). And please bring a non-perishable food or household item for our food pantry collection.

Chag Sameach (Happy Holiday)!
Dawn Friedman

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!*

This Month's Sunday School Schedule:

January 7, 14, 21, 28

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

- Jan. 7: Youth Education Committee meeting 9:30-11:00, Staff Meeting 11:30-12:30. Snack: mini bagels (Pirates Booty available)
- Jan. 14: Grades 6-7-8 Parents Meeting 9:30-10:30; String Theory 10:30-11:30. Snack: apple slices.
- Jan. 21: Confirmation field trip 7:45 AM; Adult Ed 9:30-11:00. Snack: Pirates Booty
- Jan. 28: Tu B'Shevat Seder 10:30-11:30; Youth Group Meeting 11:30-12:30. No Snack (seder)

Family Tu B'Shevat Seder

Sunday, January 28, 10:30-11:30 AM • Deerfield High School

Tu B'Shevat (literally, "the 15th of the Hebrew month of Shevat") celebrates the new year for trees. It was a tithing holiday that fell into obscurity after the destruction of the temple in Jerusalem, was resurrected by the early kabbalists as a celebration of rebirth in the spring, and has been reinvigorated since the creation of the state of Israel and the rise of environmental awareness. Traditionally, we eat all kinds of tree fruits, especially those that grow in Israel, and we celebrate the coming of spring (eventually!). It's a delicious holiday celebration! All are welcome: members, guests, kids of all ages! RSVP by January 24

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



When we eat, we also remember that there are those without enough to eat, so please bring a non-perishable food or household item for our food pantry collection.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! This seder requires volunteers to purchase foods as well as set up, serve, and clean up at the event. Visit: <https://tinyurl.com/TBSKH18> If you can help. We also welcome donations to help us cover costs, either instead of or in addition to purchasing food items: <https://tinyurl.com/KHdonate18>

Sunday School News

Youth Education Committee Meeting: January 7, 9:30-11:00 AM

Want to get more involved in your child's Jewish education and in Kol Hadash? Interested in helping us plan for the future of our school? Already helped at one or more school events? Just want to meet other parents and get a heads up on what's coming up in Sunday School? Come to the meeting! This month, members of the Membership Committee will join us at 10:30 to discuss ways to better serve current members and attract new families. For more information, contact YEC Chair Ilana Shaffer at YEC@KolHadash.com.

6th, 7th, & 8th Grade Parents Meeting: January 14, 9:30-10:30 AM

Our grade-level parents meetings continue with one for middle school families. Light breakfast will be provided. This is a great opportunity for parents to share thoughts and issues of concern to them. There is life after Bar/Bat Mitzvah!

1st/2nd/3rd Grade Class Shabbat Service: Friday, January 19, 7:30 PM • Unitarian Church

Invite your friends & family! This all-ages service is for all congregants. Students should be at the Unitarian Church by 7:00 PM to rehearse. Class families host the oneg; parents will set up the oneg while the students rehearse. Plan on staying after the service to help clean up.

Confirmation Class Field Trip to Willow Creek Community Church, Barrington

January 21, 7:45 AM-12:15 PM

David Hirsch's 9th and 10th graders continue their studies in comparative religion with a visit to this megachurch in Barrington, always a highlight of their studies. Students leave from DHS at 7:45 AM and return at approximately 12:15 PM. Parents and other congregants are welcome to join them; contact Dawn Friedman for more information.

Adult Education: January 21, 9:30-11:00 AM

See page 3 for details.

Youth Group Meeting With Conclave Info for Parents: January 28, 11:30-12:30

After the Tu B'Shevat Seder, parents are invited to attend the beginning of this meeting to learn more about the HuJews Teen Conclave sponsored by the Society for Humanistic Judaism. This year's conclave is March 23 - 25 in Philadelphia. RSVP to Dawn Friedman, education@KolHadash.com, by January 27.

Save the Date: Taste of Kol Hadash, February 11

Cooks needed! RSVP by January 28

A popular Kol Hadash event, A Taste of Kol Hadash returns next month. Congregants prepare a family dish and then offer a taste while explaining the dish and its family connection. *We need foods* in all categories: appetizers or snacks, main dishes, side dishes, and desserts. And all family recipes are welcome, whether or not they have a Jewish origin. This is a great program for congregants *without* kids in Sunday School. Love your family's *kugel* (noodle pudding) recipe? Want to share your grandmother's brisket or honey cake? Have a snack or cookie recipe your family begs you to make? We'd love to you have you cook for us or just come for a nosh and a new recipe! We need cooks to RSVP by January 28; contact Dawn Friedman, education@KolHadash.com, 847-997-8931. See the enclosed flyer for details.



HuJews Teen Conclave in Philadelphia!

Register by February 14

Each year the Society for Humanistic Judaism sponsors a national HuJews Teen Conclave. This year's conclave is March 23 - 25 in Philadelphia. Conclave is open to students in 8th grade and higher; there is also a track for college students. Kol Hadash teens have attended many conclaves throughout the U.S. and it is an experience not to be missed! **The registration deadline is February 14, but please apply as early as possible.** Register online at: <http://www.shj.org/youth-programs/youth-conference/>

Scholarships are available from SHJ; the deadline for scholarship applications is January 31. Kol Hadash also has a limited amount of funding available if needed; contact Dawn Friedman for more information. Other questions? Contact Kate Forest

at katehujews@gmail.com. Email Dawn Friedman (education@KolHadash.com) if your child is attending this year's Conclave so we can coordinate travel as a group.

Hanukkah Party!

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make our Hanukkah Celebration on December 10 a success: Sara Race (coordinator), Ilana Shaffer (coordinator), Ken Burk (sound engineer), Laura Burk (music), Ellen Apley, Alexandra Brook, Karen Jackson, Lisa Landsman, Rachel Samlan, and Leah Sosewitz.

Photos by Mark Friedman



Values in Action

For information about KH community service activities, contact Lynn Miller (communityservice@KolHadash.com)

On November 28 members from our congregation brought food and served the people that attend PADS at the Kingswoods Church in Buffalo Grove (right). Special thanks to volunteers Tony Bilotti, Irene & Al Dofman, Jill Dorfman, Jeremy Gibson, Nan Weiss-Ham, Joyce Hirsch, Emma Kowalenko and Elliot Miller!

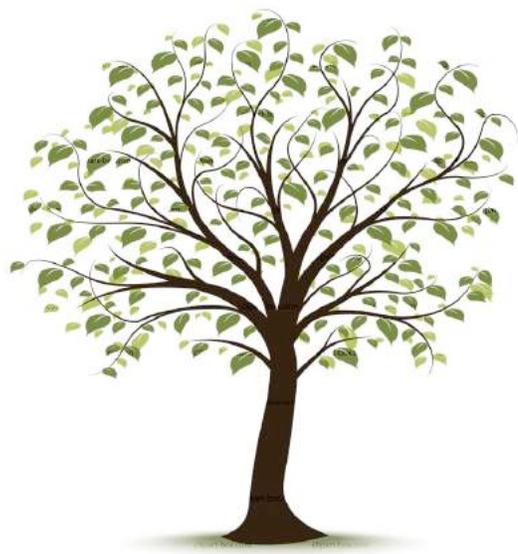
Mark your calendars for **Friday, January 5!** At 7:00 PM, prior to our Shabbat service, the **Community Service Group will meet to plan future activities.** Everyone is welcome ... and be sure to bring new ideas! Let's start 2018 with service projects that are important to our members...and our community! Looking forward to seeing you on the 5th!





A New Year... For Trees!

Tu B'Shevat Storytimes for Young Children



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

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

Sunday, January 28

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

Monday, January 29

11:00-11:30 AM • 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. Register for these programs here: <http://www.juf.org/jbabychicago/jewishholidays101.aspx>

To see the full schedule of classes offered by jBaby partner organizations follow this link: <http://www.juf.org/jbabychicago/partnerClassesList.aspx>.

Questions? Contact info@KolHadash.com



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



SUNDAY SCHOOL TU B'SHEVAT SEDER



Sunday, January 28

10:30—11:30 AM

Deerfield High School
Student Cafeteria
(rear/east entrance)

Note: regular classes meet at 9:30

Please wear clothing showing plants, animals
or nature themes & colors.

We need lots of volunteers to help shop and
serve. Sign up to volunteer at:
<https://tinyurl.com/TBSKH18>. (Note: you
need to register with signupgenius.com...it's
quick and easy.)

Our seder is not just for Sunday School students! Adult members, parents, grandparents, younger siblings,
and guests are more than welcome!

When we eat together, we remember others who do not have enough to eat. We will collect non-perishable
food to donate to a local food pantry. There will be boxes for collecting your donations in the cafeteria.

**RSVP by January 24 to Dawn Friedman, Youth Education Director (847-997-8931,
education@KolHadash.com)**

**Please consider adding a tax-deductible donation to support this and other special programs.
Donors will be listed as co-sponsors in the Shofar newsletter. THANK YOU!**

\$20 POMEGRANATE SPONSOR • \$50 THANK THE ORGANIZERS • \$100 BE AMAZING!

VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO DONATE: <https://tinyurl.com/KHdonate18>



Adult Education Guest Speaker
Sunday, January 21, 9:30 AM
Deerfield High School
Free Admission • All Are Welcome

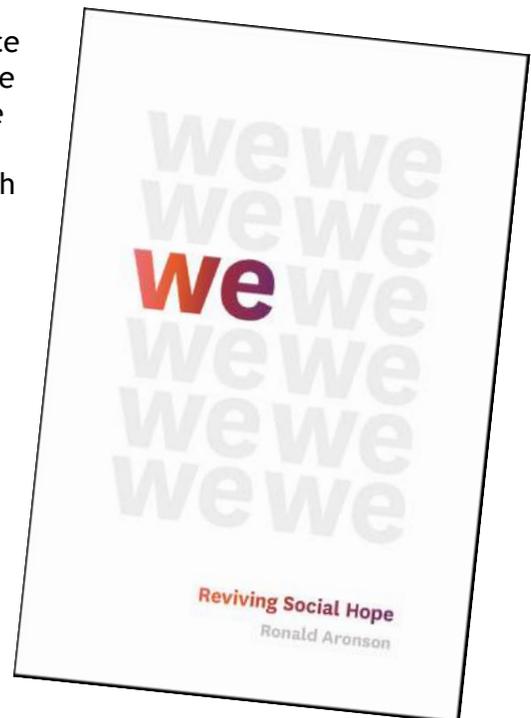
Ron Aronson

Author of

We: Reviving Social Hope

Beneath today's crisis, Aronson examines our heartbreaking story: a century of catastrophic violence and the bewildering ambiguity of progress, which have contributed to the evaporation of social hope. We are now in a time when hope is increasingly privatized, when – despite all the ways we are connected to each other – we feel alone, demoralized by the cynicism that permeates our culture and politics. Yet social hope persists: its philosophical basis can be found underlying all our experience, even if we completely ignore it. It lies in the fact of our social belonging, which can be reactivated into a powerful force, an active we.

Ron Aronson is Wayne State University Distinguished Professor Emeritus of the History of Ideas and a member of the Birmingham Temple Congregation for Humanistic Judaism in suburban Detroit. He is also the author of *Living Without God: New Directions for Atheists, Agnostics, Secularists, and the Undecided* (2008).



Meet Kol Hadash!

Every month we profile a different Kol Hadash family...this month it's a three-generation celebration!



Meet Three Generations of the Hirsch Family

For a number of years, if you looked closely at the back row of our choir on High Holidays, you would see three men, standing side-by-side, wearing the same colorful tie. Three generations of Hirsch men singing in our choir: Rich Hirsch, son David, and grandson Jonah. And the matriarch of this trio, Joyce Hirsch, was singing two rows in front of them.

Rich and Joyce were introduced to Humanistic Judaism when a friend gave Joyce a service booklet from our predecessor congregation, Congregation Beth Or. Joyce says that she was “literally standing on a corner reading it and thrilled by what I read.” Rich, who had a

strong Jewish identity but no interest in organized religion, agreed to give it a try by purchasing High Holidays tickets. After listening to Rabbi Friedman for just ten minutes, Rich turned to Joyce and said, “We’re joining.” And that was forty-two years ago!

As founding members of Kol Hadash, the Hirsches have been involved in all aspects of the congregation. Both were original members of the Steering Committee, and Rich was a member of the Finance Committee. Currently, in addition to singing in the choir, they both serve on the Membership Committee, and Joyce is also involved in community service and Book Club.

Rich loves that Kol Hadash allows him to express his strong Jewish identity without making him uncomfortable with prayer. Joyce loves the “warmth” of the congregation, especially “the special way people welcome each other, without formality or instruction.” She says it’s “lovely to have diversity and different ways of looking at Judaism, and that everyone respects each other.”

Joyce and Rich met at the University of Wisconsin when Joyce was a freshman and Rich was a sophomore, and they married four years later while Rich was in law school. Rich practiced law for seven years, and then he and his brother joined the family business, Gold Eagle, which manufactures and markets consumer products for cars and boats. Joyce started her career as an elementary school teacher in Wilmette, and earned a Masters degree in organizational development in 1979, becoming the manager of training and development at Grainger. In 1999, after personally experiencing the positive affects of Feldenkrais exercise therapy (moving with ease), Joyce took the four-year course to become an instructor, and she has been teaching seniors the Feldenkrais method in her home studio ever since.

The second generation of Hirsches at Kol Hadash is Joyce and Rich’s son, David, and his wife, Glynis, both of whom work at Deerfield High School and are also founding members of Kol Hadash. In addition to serving on myriad committees, David has been our Confirmation Class Sunday School teacher since the beginning and chairs the Development Committee. Glynis has been active in the Community Service committee.

The third generation of Hirsches is David and Glynis’ children, Quinn and Jonah. Both celebrated their B Mitzvahs and confirmations at Kol Hadash, and both worked as aides in our Sunday School after confirmation. Quinn recently earned a Masters in public health and works in Washington, D.C. She says that “it seems like every other day, I am quoting something I learned in Sunday School, whether a historical lesson or an influential individual. And despite being miles away, I still feel connected to the Kol Hadash community and the lifelong friends I made there.” Jonah, who is described by his father as a “serious singer,” was the youngest choir member at the time, “but that didn’t stop him from building meaningful relationships with the other members.” He is on a leave of absence from the choir while attending college at Miami University in Ohio.

Rich and Joyce live in Northbrook and enjoy playing tennis, walking and traveling. Their younger son, Andy, an actor, lives in Los Angeles with his wife Kathy; their granddaughter, Mara, a singer/songwriter, also lives in LA.

Three things that few people at Kol Hadash know about the Hirsches:

1. The multi-generational Hirsch family has a long tradition of traveling together over the winter holidays every year, and they all hang together most of the day while on these trips.
2. Joyce and Rich take piano lessons, and Joyce takes voice lessons, but you will never hear them perform, in public or private.
3. Joyce loves dogs, but the family has not resolved the issue of owning a dog.



A Taste of Kol Hadash

Sunday, February 11

Set up: 9:30 AM

Program: 11:00-11:30 AM

Deerfield High School Cafeteria

We need YOU to cook for us!

Open to ALL members!



Join us for a Sunday School program featuring THE most popular Jewish activity: *eating!* Kol Hadash members are invited to cook their most cherished family recipe—from any generation, from any culture. You then get to serve your dish to our Sunday School students and guests (in bite-sized tasting portions), explain the family history of the recipe, and contribute the recipe so others can make it!



If you have a dish that your family clamors for, this is your chance to pass it along to your second family...Kol Hadash!



Due to severe allergies, **RECIPES CANNOT CONTAIN SESAME SEEDS, PEANUTS, ALMONDS, OR NUTS OF ANY KIND.**



We invite ALL members to participate, even if you do not have children in Sunday School.

Contact Dawn Friedman by January 28
to reserve your spot: education@KolHadash.com
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Kol Hadash News & Announcements

Passover: Save the Date!

It's the dead of winter, but spring is around the corner. Save the date for our Community Passover Seder, Saturday night, March 31. Watch for reservations information in the February issue of *The Shofar*.

Kol Hadash Connections

Our updated membership directory, *Kol Hadash Connections*, was mailed to all members in December.

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.

Thank You!

- Thanks to all of the **very generous members of our Kol Hadash family**, we filled a van with wonderful gifts for the children and families served by Community Alternatives during our **annual gift collection**. Community Alternatives is incredibly appreciative of Kol Hadash for its continuing generosity and support. We provide so many gifts that children and their parents might not get at this special time of year. Thank you to all who donated. It means so much to so many! And thank you to **Glynis Hirsch** for organizing Kol Hadash's collection.
- Thank you to all the **Sunday School parent volunteers** who organized our annual Hanukkah celebration on December 10. See page 5 for a full list of volunteers.
- To **Sue & Roger Addelson** for hosting the Oneg and to **Sheila & Ron Sebor** for being our greeters at the December 1 Shabbat service.
- To **Helga Gruenbauer & Leah Sosewitz** for hosting the Oneg and to **Lynn & Elliot Miller** for being our greeters at the December 15 Shabbat service.

Family News

- Mazel tov to **Alisa & Bruce Klein** on daughter Cassidy's graduation from Washington University in St. Louis in December.

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 Yahrtszeits

The following names will be read at the **January 26** 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).

Sheldon Brottman
Helen Chase
Shepard Kass
Ernest Linick
Esther Linick
Fannie Moses
Marilyn Muroff
Bobbye Sarasohn
Sharon Shepard
Bessie Shlensky
Morris Shlensky
Diane Teich

This Month's Birthdays

Michele Shoolin	January 5
Brad Saks	January 8
Daniel Polonsky	January 10
Ethan Max	January 11
Garrett Cohn	January 13
Bruce Jerris	January 13
Stacey Max	January 14
Sam Kenney	January 15
Jennifer Occhipinti	January 17
Andrea Friedlander	January 18
Toby Fisher	January 19
Whitney Race	January 19
Dan Parker	January 30



Save the Date!

Please note these future events.

Feb. 3	Havdallah Service & Pot Luck Dinner
Feb. 11	Taste of Kol Hadash
Feb. 16	Shabbat Service
Feb. 21	Sefer Circle (Book Discussion)
Mar. 4	Purim Celebration
Mar. 14	Book Club
Mar. 17	Winers
Mar. 23-25	HuJews Youth Conclave (Philadelphia)
Mar. 25	School Passover Seder
Mar. 31	Community Passover Seder
Apr. 1 & 8	Sunday School Spring Break
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

Susan & Roger Addelson, in memory of Mary Anne Wilhelms McCune

Susan & Roger Addelson, in honor of Sheila & Ron Sebor's new grandchild

Andrea & Mark Friedlander, in honor of Sheila & Ron Sebor's new grandchild

Andrea & Mark Friedlander, in honor of Paula & David Harris's new granddaughter

Andrea & Mark Friedlander, in memory of Mary Anne Wilhelms McCune

Joyce & William Goldman, in memory of Ed Chalom

Happy Stone & Rick Henriksen, to the Friedman Family Fund

Joyce & Richard Hirsch, in honor of Paula & David Harris's new granddaughter

Joyce & Richard Hirsch, in memory of Mary Anne Wilhelms McCune

Glynis & David Hirsch, in memory of Mary Anne Wilhelms McCune

Glynis & David Hirsch, in honor of Joyce & Rich Hirsch

Stacey & Ethan Max, to the General Fund

Lynn & Elliot Miller, to the General Fund

Betty & Stanley Weinberger, to the Friedman Family 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 upcoming events such as our Community Passover Seder (March 31). We thank the following members for their generous support of Kol Hadash programs.

Hanukkah Celebration

AJ & Adam Chalom

Faye Eisenberg

Lisa & Jon Landsman



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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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Thank you for your generosity!

January 2018

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	6
7 Sunday School, YEC Mtg, 9:30 7 th Grade Mitzvah, Staff Mtg, 11:30	8	9 Adult Education/Jewish History, <i>The Priestly Period</i> , 7:30 PM @ Unitarian Church	10	11 String Theory, 7:30 PM, Home of Sue Addelson	12	13 Winers, 7:30 PM, Location Home of Sarah & Gerald Beatty
14 Sunday School, 6/7/8 Grades Parents' Mtg, 9:30 String Theory, 10:30 7 th Grade Mitzvah, 11:30	15 MLK DAY	16 Adult Education/Jewish History, <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 1 st /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. (Guest Speaker Ron Aronson), 9:30 7 th Grade Mitzvah, 11:30	22	23 Adult Education/Jewish History, <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 Tu B'Shevat Storytime, 2:30 @ DF Barnes & Noble	29 Tu B'Shevat Storytime, 11:00 AM @ Book Bin, Northbrook	30	31 TU B'SHEVAT			

February 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Steering Committee Mtg., 7:30 PM @ KH Office	2	3 Havdallah Service & Pot Luck Dinner, 5:30PM @ Unitarian Church
4 Sunday School, Confirmation Parents Mtg, 9:30 Youth Group Purim Planning, 11:10 7 th Grade Mitzvah, 11:30	5	6 Adult Education/Jewish History, <i>Rabbinic Period</i> , 7:30 PM @ Unitarian Church	7	8	9	10
11 Sunday School, 9:30 Taste of Kol Hadash, 11AM Youth Group Purim Planning, 11:10 7 th Grade Mitzvah, 11:30 Conf Field Trip, 12 PM	12	13 Adult Education/Jewish History, <i>Islam</i> , 7:30 PM @ Unitarian Church	14	15	16 Shabbat Service, <i>A History of Jewish Love</i> , 7:30 PM @ Unitarian Church	17
18 Sunday School, YEC Mtg, 9:30 Youth Group Purim Planning, 11:10 7 th Grade Mitzvah, 11:30	19	20 Adult Education/Jewish History, <i>Sephardic Jewry</i> , 7:30 PM @ Unitarian Church	21 Sefer Circle, <i>As a Driven Leaf</i> by Milton Steinberg, 7:30 PM @ Unitarian Church	22	23	24
25 Sunday School, Adult Ed, 9:30 Youth Group Purim Planning, 11:10 7 th Grade Mitzvah, 11:30	26	27	28			



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