The Shofar

KOL HADASH HUMANISTIC CONGREGATION

FOUNDED IN 2001

April/May 2019

Shalom from Rabbi Adam Chalom

"Jewish Life, Jewish Learning"

Jewish life has always depended on Jewish learning. The description of our mythical Exodus in the Torah includes a prediction that children will ask what happened and parents will answer. One of the songs often chosen for our B Mitzvah services is Oyfn Pripechuk, which imagines a rabbi teaching children their first letter of the Hebrew Aleph-Bet. The very title "rabbi" implies students and teachers, a "genealogy of wisdom" as historian Fania Oz-Salzberger and her father novelist Amos Oz describe in their book *Jews and Words*.

Of course, it takes more than a rabbi to create Jewish learning. It takes students and their parents, and in our modern Jewish learning environment it takes teachers, and curriculum, and class materials, and classrooms, and holiday celebrations, and much more. And, like any project with lots of moving parts, it helps to have someone to pull it all together.

When I first started working at Kol Hadash in 2004, Dawn Friedman was already our Youth Education Director. And how fortunate I was! Under her leadership and unparalleled organizational skills, we have run classes, celebrated B Mitzvahs and Confirmations, undertaken Strategic Planning, created a masterful curriculum map across all of our grades, and, most important, created meaningful experiences for a generation of our children. She has been consistently professional, committed, and caring, and we are better for what she has given to Kol Hadash.

And she has led by example. Knowing that her work would be enhanced by her own learning, Dawn attended the Florence Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning through the broader Chicagoland Jewish community (including their follow-up trip to Israel over a summer), and she also was in Kol Hadash's first Adult B Mitzvah cohort that inaugurated our regular Tuesday evening adult education classes in Jewish history, Jewish culture, and Humanistic Jewish philosophy. It was especially moving to learn that she and her daughter were both practicing their Torah Hebrew readings at the same time.

In the Talmud (Taanit 7a), Rabbi Hanina says, "I have learned much from my teachers, more from my colleagues, and the most from my students." Having taught, worked with, and learned from Dawn over the past fifteen years, I can confirm that this is definitely true.

We will be in good hands with Dawn's successor Ilana Shaffer and our new B Mitzvah Coordinator Leah Sosewitz, but this transition in our congregation's life deserves recognition. This May 5, on the last day of Sunday School at 11:00am, we will host a special celebration of Dawn Friedman - and also for Leora Hatchwell, who is retiring after eighteen (!) straight years of teaching. Everyone connected to the congregation, including our Sunday School alumni, are encouraged to come and celebrate with us! As we celebrate Dawn and Leora, also know that we are celebrating our congregation's commitment to a venerable Jewish tradition: life-long learning.

Values in Action Committee Update

by Lynn Miller (valuesinaction@KolHadash.com)

Do you see "Values In Action," and wonder what this committee is all about? Come and join one of our activities to find out! Choose an activity that sparks your interest and meet some really interesting, caring, kind and generous members. These people young and old donate their time and energy for the benefit of others in "Tikkun Olam," repairing the world.

This year we have participated in: our High Holiday collection for A Safe Place, A Women's Shelter; Book Collection and working at Bernie's Book Bank, which distributes quality children's books to children throughout Chicagoland; PADS dinner for the homeless located in Buffalo Grove, where we provided food, help set up and served dinner to the homeless residents that make Kingswood United Church their Tuesday home and the Sunday School children made sandwiches for the PADS residents; We collected December holiday gifts for the Unlimited Holiday Gift Collection; Feed My Starving Children brought out 30 members including their children to pack meals specially formulated for malnourished children in the world and our March collection of towels and blankets kept the animals of Orphans of the Storm warm!

It is not too late to join us!!!!!!! Coming soon . . .

Saturday April 13th is Mitzvah Day!! We have been asked to join with the Unitarian Church to participate in their 2nd Mitzvah Day experience. At least 8 different events will be available for you to choose from. Most of the events are in the morning and are about 2 hours of your time. Information and sign up are in this issue of the Shofar. Donate some of your time, ask a family member to join you or bring a friend and participate!

We have a fun run, a health fair and the St James dinner which you will find more about in the next Shofar!!!

Please join us, and bring your family! I personally have met and feel so fortunate to have participated in these events. Not only have I met wonderful friends but by experiencing these events have enriched my life! If you have any questions or any suggestions please always feel free to call me or send me an email!

SHJ Update

by Victoria Ratnaswamy (shjrepresentative@KolHadash.com)

Greetings from your Kol Hadash representative to the Society for Humanistic Judaism (SHJ). The SHJ is engaged in so much exciting work, from Jews for a Secular Democracy (check them out online!), to supporting and serving our communities as well as our independent members from all over North America, our developing B Mitzvah program, and coming up soon, SHJ@50 - the celebration and summit you've been hearing so much about. I'm hoping to provide some regular SHJ reporting, but I'd like to begin this month by letting you know of Kol Hadash members actively involved in SHJ work, and to share our excitement about SHJ@50.

Kol Hadashians Andrea Friedlander (former Board President), Sheila Sebor, and I serve on the SHJ Board. We thank Roger Addelson, who recently retired after several years of service on this Board! This is a very active, engaged working board. It's inspiring, and a true growth experience to work, exchange ideas, and celebrate with SHJ members far and wide. The IISHJ (International Institute for Secular Humanistic Judaism) is headed by our own Rabbi Adam Chalom, and Irene Chase and Chip Kass are Board members. The Institute is involved in training rabbis and community leaders. Two Kol Hadash members, Ellen Shepard and Marla Davishoff, are participating in the new IISHJ Officiant Program. More on that later.

The April 26-28 SHJ@50 summit in Michigan will include speakers, workshops, celebrations, and service - celebrating our accomplishments and looking toward future growth and ideas. I encourage everyone to look at the SHJ@50 website to see the truly incredible lineup. Speakers will include Greg Epstein, Humanist Chaplain of Harvard and MIT, Rachel Laser, President and CEO of Americans United for the Separation of Church and State, an amazing panel of Humanist Rabbis and movement leaders, Sarah Levin of the Secular Coalition of America, and Daniel Libenson of the podcast "Judaism Unbound." Workshops will explore building diversity, telling your story, Jews in rock n roll, sexual ethics for today, community organizing, science, and more. We will share shabbat, meals, awards, experience an "adoption" ceremony, and immerse ourselves in general merrymaking. As your Kol Hadash String Theory Chair I would be remiss if I didn't mention the Tikkun O'Yarn project, which will provide knitted blankets to Freedom House Detroit. If this doesn't sound interesting, then I should be henceforth banned from writing for The Shofar.

Winers: March Madness Edition

The 7th annual KH Winers "March Madness" competition drew almost a dozen worthy competitors. Bottles are placed in paper bags to prevent bias in judging. To keep track of the winners and losers, the bags are cleverly labeled with wine puns by hosts Andrea and Mark Friedlander. This year, they riffed (in good taste) on political themes: e.g., "Withdrawing the Troops from Syrah," "Small Hands, Small Pinot," "The Fight over Bordeaux Security." In each round, seven volunteer tasters compare wines two at a time and vote, with the winner moving on to the next round and the loser taken out of the paper bag (to be drunk immediately!).

Consistent with the anti-elitist sentiment moving through the developed world, this year's winning wine—a $6 bottle with the generic name "Red Blend Portugal" brought by Alan Klein—beat wines costing almost ten times as much. So no one should feel intimidated about participating next year! (The pot luck food at Winers gathering is also top notch, so come join us even if you don't drink.)

SHJ@50

Join Fellow Kol Hadashians for a Once in a Generation Opportunity!

April 26-28
The Birmingham Temple, Farmington Hills, MI

To mark 50 years of the Society for Humanistic Judaism, Humanistic Jews from around the U.S. and Canada are coming together for a weekend of joyous activities, dynamic speakers, and meaningful sharing & learning. Come celebrate, create new friendships, and help generate the next big ideas to shape the Jewish future. The weekend features Keynote Speaker Greg Epstein, the best selling author of "Good Without God" and the Humanist Chaplain at Harvard and MIT.

Registration is still open. Don't miss out! For more information on other presenters and the wide-range of interesting topics to be discussed, please visit **SHJ@50** or contact Victoria Ratnaswamy (**shjrepresentative@KolHadash.com**).

Upcoming Social Activities

Mitzvah Day
Saturday, April 13
Join us for a day of volunteering co-sponsored by NSUC.
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Community Passover Seder
Saturday, April 20
Celebrate Passover at Bluegrass Restaurant in Highland Park.
RSVP @ KolHadash.com

Movie Club: Life of Brian
Sunday, April 21
Revisit this classic on the big screen with us. Tickets now available online!
movies@KolHadash.com

EmpoweRun 5K For A Safe Place
Saturday, May 4
Walk or run with the Kol Hadash team in support of A Safe Place.
valuesinaction@KolHadash.com

Winers Gathering: Kentucky Derby Edition
Saturday, May 4
Join the wine group as we toast the Kentucky Derby!
RSVP: winers@KolHadash.com

Dawn Friedman Retirement Celebration
Sunday, May 5
Join us on the last day of Sunday School as we celebrate Dawn Friedman. youthed@KolHadash.com

Book Club: *Carolina's Twins* by Ronald Balson
Wednesday, May 15
All are welcome to join Book Club!
(bookclub@KolHadash.com)

Upcoming Events at Kol Hadash

All adult programs held at North Shore Unitarian Church 2100 Half Day Road, Deerfield, unless other location listed.

All Sunday events held at **Deerfield High School 1959 Waukegan Road, Deerfield.** (park in east lot, around back of school) unless other location listed.

Shabbat Services

North Shore Unitarian Church
7:30-9:00pm

April 5

Secular Israel: Past and Future

As Israel prepares for a momentous national election, and we prepare for an IISHJ tour of "Secular Israel" in October/ November 2019, what remains of Israel's founders' visions?

April 12

Discussion Shabbat Service: The World's Worst Torah Portion

This week's Torah portion is on of the least popular for B Mitzvah students because of its subject matter. Curious to find out what it is and discuss it? Join us!

May 3

8th Grade Shabbat Service

The 8th grade class has been studying the Holocaust this year. Join us as they lead our Shabbat Service and welcome special guest speaker Judi Kolb, who was born in the Jewish Ghetto in Shanghai during World War II.

May 10

Confirmation Shabbat Service

Join us as we celebrate the next generation of Humanistic Judaism at this special service led by David Hirsch's confirmation class.

May 17

Discussion Shabbat Service: Celebrating the Life Cycle

The International Institute for Secular Humanistic Judaism recently created a new program to train professional life cycle ceremony officiants to celebrate weddings, funerals, and other life events. Join us as Kol Hadash members Marla Davishoff and Ellen Shepard share their thoughts on why they find this work meaningful.

Adult Education

North Shore Unitarian Church
7:30-8:30pm

Tuesday, April 9

Movies

Cinema has been a fruitful medium to explore and express Jewish issues for over 100 years. Jewish visual and musical creativity have always been integral elements in Jewish culture. What are your favorite Jewish works of art?

Tuesday, April 16

Music & Art

Rabbinic Judaism privileged the written word and verbal expression, but Jewish visual and musical creativity have always been integral elements in Jewish culture. Their explosion in the last century is testimony to their importance then and now.

Tuesday, April 23

Lifestyle

Jewish culture is not only the high culture of synagogues and sermons, but also the everyday lives of ordinary people. What do they eat and wear, how do they earn a living and interact with their neighbors, how are women, men and children treated differently — these questions expose entirely new aspects of Jewish history and identity.

Tuesday, May 7

Languages

Jewish life balances acculturation with distinct identity: learning the languages of the people around us while writing in our ancient alphabet and our distinctive vocabulary. It's much deeper than Yiddish curse words!

Tuesday, May, 14

Varieties of Jewish Cultures

What do the many varieties of Jewish cultures from around the globe have in common? Where do they diverge? How have various climates, surrounding cultures, and unique histories created internal Jewish diversity?

Youth Education and Family Events

Contact Dawn Friedman, education@KolHadash.com, 847-997-8931 or Ilana Shaffer, youthed@KolHadash.com, 773-209-8266

Further details can be found on our calendar at KolHadash.com

Sunday School Passover Seder

Sunday, April 14
10:30-11:30 AM

- Rabbi Adam, along with students, will lead a family seder, includes many traditional songs and customs from a Humanistic perspective
- Explore the connection of this ancient story to our world today

All Gender/Handicap Accessible Bathroom

At our Sunday School, we now have access to an all gender and handicap accessible bathroom at Deerfield High School. It is north of the men's and women's bathrooms we have been using (near our entrance). An all gender bathroom is single-person and open to anyone of any gender, or to anyone who wants extra privacy. To learn more, read this NY Times article: In All Gender Restrooms, the Signs Reflect the Times. For questions contact Ilana Shaffer (773-209-8266 or youthed@KolHadash.com).

Last Day of School Celebration

May 5

Everyone Come! An all-congregation event!

- 4th/5th Grade Hero Museum — student presentations on their selected heroes
- Open House — interested families can learn about our education program
- All-School Party — watch yearbook photos slideshow & enjoy cupcakes
- Dawn Friedman Retirement Celebration — ALL join to honor her dedication for 18 years!

Preschool Jewish Discovery

April 7
10:45-11:30am

Passover

- Free monthly enrichment class open to everyone
- Children will decorate afikomen bags & matzah covers

8th Grade Class Shabbat

May 3, 7:30 PM

These students, led by Leora Hatchwell, have been studying the Holocaust. They will create and lead their Shabbat Service with this theme. We are glad to have a guest speaker: Judi Kolb, who was born in the Jewish Ghetto in Shanghai during World War II, will share her experience.

Confirmation Shabbat Service

May 10, 7:30 PM

Join us as we celebrate the next generation of Humanistic Judaism at this special service led by David Hirsch's 9th/10th Grade Class.

Get To Know Us: see if we're right for your family

Free Events—Open to Everyone • Further details can be found on our calendar at KolHadash.com

Questions? Ilana Shaffer at youthed@KolHadash.com or 773-209-8266

Storytimes for Young Children

Passover

Saturday, April 6
The Book Bin, Northbrook
11:00-11:30 AM

Sunday, April 7
Barnes & Noble, Vernon Hills
3:00-3:30 PM

Monday, April 8
Barnes & Noble, Deerfield
11:00-11:30 AM

Learn about the Jewish Holidays with stories, songs, and activities for children ages 0-2. Older children welcome.

Preschool Jewish Discovery

Passover

Sunday, April 7
10:45-11:30 AM

- Free monthly enrichment class for 2-6 year olds with a grownup
- Each month's class explores a Jewish holiday or cultural value
- Children enjoy books, songs and hands-on activities
- Craft projects to create their own ritual objects for holidays
- Snack and time for parents to socialize

B Mitzvah FAQ Session for Parents

Thursday, April 11

Panera Bread, Northbrook
7:00-8:00 PM

* For parents with children up to 6th grade
* Are you debating how (or whether) to have a Bar or Bat Mitzvah for your child?
* Is 'how it's supposed to be' and 'how it's always been done' not a good fit for your family?
* Are you concerned non-Jewish family members will not be allowed to participate?
* Explore your options for a personal, meaningful and custom service that fits with your busy schedules and is within your financial means

Sunday School 'Try Out'

Sundays

9:30-11:30 AM

- School-age children can join their grade's weekly class for a day
- Expose students to Jewish history, literature and culture through a well-defined curriculum
- Encourage children to value their Jewish identity and think for themselves
- Monthly family programs celebrate Jewish holidays and culture

Sunday School

Our Sunday School students learn about Jewish holidays and our cultural values as they explore what it means to both 'be' and 'do' Jewish. A few photos of our Kol Hadash families as they enjoy learning and celebrating together! Recent events included: Taste of Kol Hadash, Jewish Music Family Education, Tu B'Shevat Seder and a special Shabbat Puppet Program featuring puppeteer Marilyn Price sponsored by the JUF.

WHAT GOOD DEED WILL YOU CHOOSE?

We need volunteers Saturday, April 13

Sign-up for the April 13th Mitzvah Day (Good Deed Day) has begun. We are partnering with North Shore Unitarian Church for our first ever Mitzvah Day.

Mitzvah Day is a concerted effort, on a single day, to bring of our Congregation and NSUC together to spend one day volunteering with social justice projects/activities in the community. We have at least 7 projects to choose from along with a short joint service with our Rabbi Adam and Rev. Lucas Hergert of NSUC. We will also hold a joint potluck lunch to celebrate our good deeds. Pick from large variety of projects that cater to diverse interests, capabilities, and ages. Some of the projects you can do at NSUC are the ever popular tied fleece blankets, fill bags with goodies for homeless youth and more. All ages welcome! Other projects are outside projects (Northern Illinois Food Bank, Bernie's Book Bank, habitat restoration;etc.) Check the Mitzvah Day bulletin boards in Fellowship Hall at NSUC on the South wall to sign up for a project or projects or follow this link to register online: https://tinyurl.com/KHMitzvahDay

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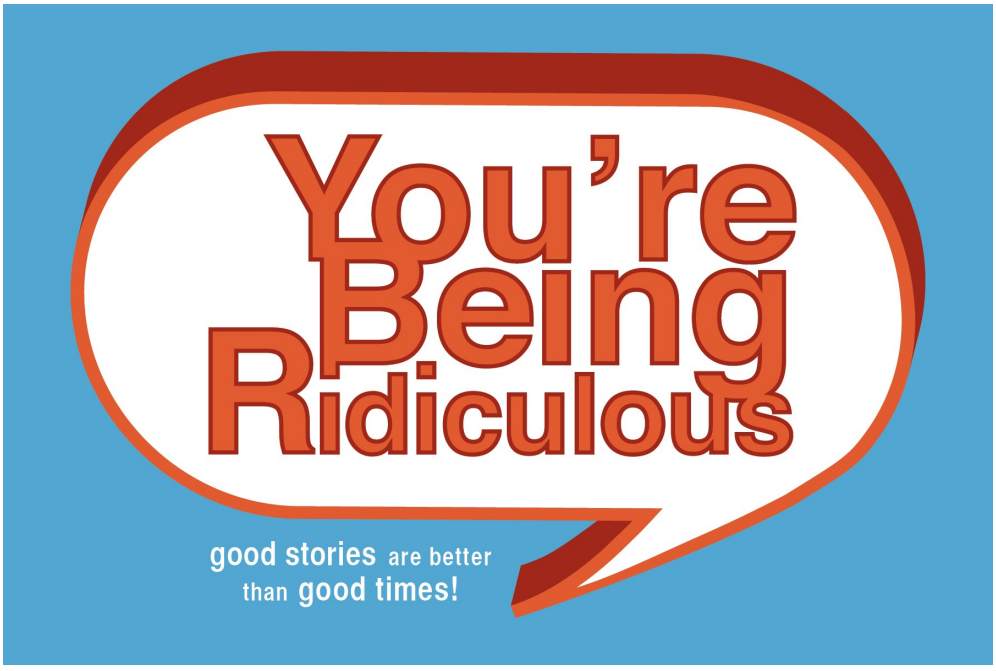
Kol Hadash FUNdraiser 2019 Sunday, June 23



Join us at Bella Via Ristorante in Highland Park for an evening with the popular storytelling show You're Being Ridiculous. Created, produced, and hosted by our very own Administrator, Jeremy Owens. For this special evening supporting Kol Hadash, You're Being Ridiculous will feature a few of our talented (and brave) members sharing true and personal stories from their lives.

Featured storytellers for this performance include: Rick Bolnick, Emma Kowalenko & Anthony Bilotti, Garrett Cohn, Casey Coppess, Eva Friedman, Suzie Garfield, Adrienne Gunn, Robin Kacyn, and Jeremy Owens.

This event will reprise the spirit of last year's Kol Hadash Choir concert. It is also a great opportunity to introduce your friends and prospective members to the Kol Hadash community!

RSVP by June 7! **Register and donate online:** https://tinyurl.com/FUNdraiser19

Meet Dawn Friedman
Retiring as Education Director after 18 Years

This spring, Dawn Friedman will finish her 18th year as the head of Kol Hadash's education program. Since the number 18 is "*chai*" in Hebrew, Dawn jokes that it's "*chai* time" for her to retire and for new leadership to take the reigns.

Dawn's journey to Education Director at Kol Hadash is the result of several unexpected twists in the road. She grew up in a small town in Mississippi, one of only two Jewish families. Her mother left Orthodox Judaism as a young adult, and her father became Southern Baptist when Dawn was a teenager. It was important to Dawn's mother that Dawn and her brother be Jewish, but there was no synagogue or opportunity for formal Jewish education in their town. When Dawn was an undergraduate at Northwestern University, she looked for a Jewish connection at Hillel, but her search ended after she couldn't understand anything at Hillel's Conservative High Holiday services.

After she graduated from college, Dawn met Mark Friedman, the son of our Rabbi Emeritus Dan Friedman. Mark told her about Humanistic Judaism, and she promptly found in the Chicago Public Library the book *Humanistic Judaism*, which is published by the Society for Humanistic Judaism. She read it and thought, "This fits with my world view -- I can do this." Three months later she and Mark got engaged.

When their daughter, Eva, was three months old, they moved to Connecticut for Mark's job. They joined a Humanistic Jewish congregation there and became very involved. Dawn taught 2nd & 3rd grade and helped with the administration of the school. When they moved back five years later, they spent one year at Beth Or and then became founding members of Kol Hadash.

As Kol Hadash was forming, Dawn saw that the new congregation had enough teachers, but needed someone to organize the school. Based on her administrative experience in the Connecticut congregation and her background in arts education (she ran public school dance residencies), she felt she could best contribute by chairing the Youth Education Committee. When the congregation decided that it needed more consistency in governing the school than an ever-changing committee, Dawn stepped into the role of volunteer Education Director. After several years as a volunteer and taking numerous classes in Jewish education, she became our first formal Education Director.

The best part of the job for Dawn has been watching the Kol Hadash kids grow up, in many cases from infants and toddlers to confirmants and beyond. At High Holiday services this past year, she loved seeing a group of Sunday school alums chatting and enjoying each other's company. Her goal was always to make Kol Hadash a wonderful place for them and everyone else, and she hopes that someday these former students will bring their own children to Kol Hadash.

When asked about her proudest achievement as Education Director, Dawn insists that running the school "takes a village," but she is particularly pleased about the recurring Art Institute field trip and the annual Taste of Kol Hadash. She is grateful for having had the wonderful teachers and thinks that the school has done a great job of nurturing new leadership – getting parents to join the YEC and take charge of events. This is exemplified in Ilana Shaffer, who will become the next Youth Education Director this fall, after several years as an actively involved Sunday School parent and Chair of the Youth Education Committee.

While Dawn still has her full-time job teaching Pilates, she is looking forward to finally having some free time to read for pleasure and to having one day off every week!

The three things that few people at Kol Hadash know about Dawn:

1. Dawn was a professional dancer and dance teacher in Chicago, performing with modern dance companies and choreographers, and teaching at private studios and at Columbia College Chicago.

2. Dawn met Mikhail Baryshnikov when she was 14 years-old. He was performing in Jackson, Mississippi, and Dawn got to talk with him on stage during his rehearsal. It was the thrill of a lifetime for a young ballet dancer!

3. Dawn celebrated her Bat Mitzvah at Kol Hadash in 1998, the same year her daughter Eva did. (Dawn did not have a Bat Mitzvah as a teen, and she was in Rabbi Chalom's first adult education class, which culminated in a group mitzvah ceremony.)

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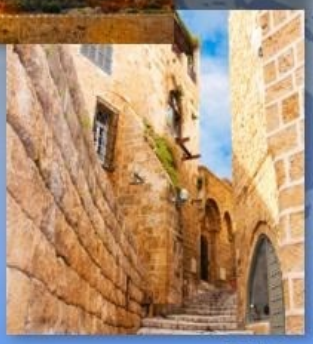

Tel Aviv

Rabbi Adam Chalom is Dean for North America of the International Institute for Secular Humanistic Judaism, and also Rabbi of Kol Hadash Humanistic Congregation in suburban Chicago. Rabbi Chalom was raised as a Humanistic Jew at the Birmingham Temple in suburban Detroit, Michigan, and studied under Rabbi Sherwin Wine, founder of Humanistic Judaism. He earned a B.A. from Yale University in Judaic Studies, Rabbinic ordination from the IISHJ, and his Ph.D. at the University of Michigan in Near Eastern Studies.

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In Loving Memory

If there is a name missing or if you would like to have a name read at a yahrtzeit [death anniversary] service, please contact the Kol Hadash office (847-383-5184, administrator@KolHadash.com).

April Yahrtzeits

*The following names will be read at the **April 5** Shabbat service.*

Bernice Aaron
Rose Adler
Edward Dorfman
Richard Dreifuss
Nathan Eichner
Cyma Hefter
Rae Holtzberg
TylerGrant Juneau
Bill Korr
Leo Krouse
Morris Lambert
Belle Marks
Louis J. Moses
Rita Muroff
Mary Winandy Parker
Aaron Pashkow
Evelyn Rosen
Theodosia Sebor
Leonard Shepard
Roslyn Simon
Philip Sitrick
Miriam Sitrick
Sheldon Sitrick
Louis Sonshine
Molly Yoelin

May Yahrzeits

*The names being read at **the May 17** Shabbat service*

William Addelson
Sol Adler
Rose Villi Bilotti
Dorian Chalom
Richard Cohn
Caryl Cole
David Davis
Gertrude Edelstein
Henry Feldman
Edward Fisher
Nathan Goldberg
Franz J. Gruenbauer
Gertrude Hart
Michael Hatchwell
Ellen Holmes
Miriam Kopelman Kopelman
Eugenia Podrobnik Kowalenko
Rose Lambert
Edythe Miller
Sy Passen
Barry Raben
Ethel Rittenberg
Irving Rittenberg
Carl Sabath
Mary Sheck
Philip Shoolin
Sidney Smiley
Max Sosewitz

Tributes, Donations & Gifts

To donate to any of our funds, please make 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. You may also donate with a credit card online at www.KolHadash.com.

Susan & Roger Addelson, in celebration of Sheila & Ron Sebor's new grandchild, General Fund
Loren Deutsch, Event Sponsorship (Tu B'Shevat Seder)
Happy Stone & Rick Henriksen, Annual Appeal
Happy Stone & Rick Henriksen, Rabbi's Discretionary Fund
Glynis & David Hirsch, in memory of Elizabeth Tompkins, Annual Appeal Fund
Joyce & Richard Hirsch, in memory of Bill Brinkman, General Fund
Joyce & Richard Hirsch, in memory of Elizabeth Tompkins, General Fund
Sally Rosen & Rich Kleinman, Event Sponsorship (Tu B'Shevat Seder)
Lisa & Jon Landsman, Event Sponsorship (Tu B'Shevat Seder)
Rhita Lippitz, Lippitz/Wagner Fund
Jennifer Occhipinti & Rachel Samlan, Event Sponsorship (Tu B'Shevat Seder)

Kol Hadash News and Announcements

Family News

- Mazel Tov to Kathy Schoenbrod on the birth of her granddaughter, Isla Renee Kalus, in January!
- Mazel Tov to Sheila and Ron Sebor on the birth of their new grandson
- Thank you to our recent oneg hosts Marcie Cottle (January 18), Susan & Roger Addelson (February 8), Marsha & Rick Bolnick (February 22), and Marla & Craig Davishoff (March8)

Thank You

- To our Sunday School parents for their participation and feedback at our Youth Education Committee Meeting.
- To Ellen Apley for an interesting and informative Jewish Music Family Education program.
- For a great Tu B'Shevat Family Seder… Thank you to our Sunday School families for your contributions and bringing seder items. To our setup volunteers: Ellen Apley, A.J. Chalom, Chris Jackson, Terry Kass, Neal Katz, Grayson Landsman, Lisa Landsman, Stacey Max, Jenny Occhipinti, Victoria Ratnaswamy, and Sally Rosen. To our cleanup volunteers: Amy Cohan, Jason Cohan, and Terry Kass. To Karen Jackson for taking food donations to a local food pantry.
- For a wonderful and delicious Taste of Kol Hadash event… Thank you to our recipe volunteers: Sue Addelson, Ariana Aristodemo, Alex Brook, Marcie Cottle, Dawn Friedman, Helga Gruenbauer, Karen Jackson, Neal Katz, Rachel Keating, Abbie Kopelman, Stacey Max, Lynn Miller, Jenny Occhipinti, Bill Race, Abby Sayegh, Marty Shaffer, Asher Solomon and family, and Nancy Soren. To Lisa Landsman for help with setup and Stacey Max for event coordination and extra help with cleanup.
- To our Sunday School teachers for their continued energy, dedication and time in making their weekly class as well as the Class Shabbat Services interesting and worthwhile.
- To our Sunday School room parents for their help in organizing the Class Shabbat Dinners. To Sara and Bill Race for 2nd/3rd grade, Karen and Rick Juneau for 4th/5th grade and Dan and Ami Polonsky for 6th/7th grade.

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April 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Women's Group: Canasta Game 1:30 PM	2 Women's Group: Walk Botanic Garden 9:30 AM	3	4 Steering Committee Meeting Kol Hadash Office 7:30 PM	5 Shabbat Service Secular Israel: Past & Future Unitarian Church 7:30 PM	6 Story Time for Young Children: Passover 11:00 AM
7 Sunday School 9:30 AM YEC Meeting 9:30 AM Preschool Jewish Discovery 10:45 AM Hebrew & Mitzvah Classes 11:10 AM Story Time for Young Children: Passover 3PM	8 Story Time for Young Children: Passover 11:00 AM Women's Group: Canasta Game 1:30 PM	9 Women's Group: Walk Botanic Garden 9:30 AM Adult Education: Movies Unitarian Church 7:30 PM	10 Lunch & Learn: Judaism Off the Beaten Path Kol Hadash Office 12:00 PM	11 B Mitzvah FAQ Session for Parents Panera, Northbrook 7:00 PM	12 Discussion Shabbat Service: The World's Worst Torah Portion Unitarian Church 7:30 PM	13 Mitzvah Day Co-sponsored by NSUC 8:00 AM
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21 NO SUNDAY SCHOOL Movie Club: Life of Brian 3:30 PM	22 Women's Group: Canasta Game 1:30 PM	23 Women's Group: Walk Botanic Garden 9:30 AM Adult Education: Lifestyle Unitarian Church 7:30 PM	24 Lunch & Learn: Judaism Off the Beaten Path Kol Hadash Office 12:00 PM	25	26 SHJ@50 Birmingham Temple, MI	27 SHJ@50 Birmingham Temple, MI
28 SHJ@50, Birmingham Temple, MI 8th Grade Field Trip: Holocaust Museum 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM Hebrew & Mitzvah Classes 11:10 AM	29 Women's Group: Canasta Game 1:30 PM	30 Women's Group: Walk Botanic Garden 9:30 AM				

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Steering Committee Meeting Kol Hadash Office 7:30 PM	3 8th Grade Shabbat Service Unitarian Church 7:30 PM	4 Values in Action: EmpoweRUN5K for A Safe Place 9:00 AM Winers Gathering: Kentucky Derby Edition 5:00 PM
5 Last Day of Sunday School 9:30 AM Sunday School Open House 9:30 AM 4th/5th Grade Hero Museum 10:00 AM Dawn Friedman Retirement Celebration 11:00 AM	6 Women's Group: Canasta Game 1:30 PM	7 Women's Group: Walk Botanic Garden 9:30 AM Adult Education: Languages Unitarian Church 7:30 PM	8	9	10 Confirmation Shabbat Service: Unitarian Church 7:30 PM	11
12	13 Women's Group: Canasta Game 1:30 PM Development Committee Meeting 7:30 PM	14 Women's Group: Walk Botanic Garden 9:30 AM Adult Education: Varieties of Jewish Cultures Unitarian Church, 7:30PM	15 Book Club: Carolina's Twins by Ronald Balson 7:30 PM	16	17 Discussion Shabbat Service: Celebrating the Life Cycle Unitarian Church 7:30 PM	18 Vernon Township Mental Health Fair 10:00 AM
19	20 Women's Group: Canasta Game 1:30 PM	21 Women's Group: Walk Botanic Garden 9:30 AM	22	23	24	25
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Have a Matzah Ball...It's Passover!

Holiday Storytimes for Young Children

Come learn about Passover with stories, songs, and activities especially for children ages 0-2; 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 Passover in your home will be provided.

Saturday, April 6
11:00-11:30 AM
The Book Bin
1151 Church Street, Northbrook

Sunday, April 7
3:00-3:30 PM
Barnes & Noble, Vernon Hills
901 N. Milwaukee

Monday, April 8
11:00-11:30 PM
Barnes & Noble, Deerfield
728 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 LGBT families are very welcome. Visit us at www.KolHadash.com.

Questions? Contact info@KolHadash.com
RSVP at http://www.juf.org/jbabychicago/jewishholidays101.aspx

jBaby Chicago

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Is a B Mitzvah Right for Your Family?

Are you debating how (or whether) to seek a Bar or Bat Mitzvah for your child?

Are you feeling pressure because "how it's supposed to be" and "how it's always been done" isn't a good fit for your family?

Are you concerned that non-Jewish family members might not be allowed to participate fully?

Are you looking for a custom celebration that will be both personal and meaningful, balancing Jewish traditions and your unique family heritage?

Thursday, April 11th @ 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Panera Bread

772 Skokie Boulevard, Northbrook

Intended for parents
of children up to 6th grade

Explore your options during this free, informal FAQ session with Rabbi Adam Chalom, our Assistant Youth Education Director, and our B Mitzvah Coordinator.

Can a Bar or Bat Mitzvah work with your busy schedules, be within your financial means, *and* be meaningful? Yes, yes, and yes!

RSVP and Questions to Ilana Shaffer, youthed@kolhadash.com or 773-209-8266

Walk-ins welcome! No charge, no commitment, just useful information!

Members determine their own financial commitment, including "trial memberships"
Jewish and Interfaith families fully participate

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Community Passover Seder

Second Night of Passover: Saturday, April 20

TWO SEATINGS THIS YEAR!
First Seating: 3:30 PM Seder Begins • 4:30 PM Meal Begins
Second Seating: 6:30 PM Seder Begins • 7:30 PM Meal Begins

Bluegrass Restaurant

1636 Old Deerfield Road, Highland Park

Why Is Our Seder Different from Other Seders?

1. We celebrate the values and symbols we cherish with words we believe (and understand).
2. We know that freedom comes from human empathy and action. Even if historically we were never "slaves in Egypt," we can still learn the same lesson!
3. We have great food, fellowship and fun WITHOUT dirty dishes!
4. We start dinner at a reasonable time!

Space is limited … reserve early. Reservation deadline is April 10.
Reserve online! Visit https://tinyurl.com/Passover-with-KH and complete your reservation today.
***OR* Complete and mail the reservation form below.**

----------Clip here and return the form below with your payment----------

PLEASE: List the names of your guests on the back of the reply form.

Reservation for: ___ **Seating 1 (begins 3:30 PM)** ___ **Seating 2 (begins 6:30 PM)**

Number of seats	**Cost per seat**	**Total**
____ Adults & children ages 13+	$50	$_____
____ Children 12 and under *(Children under 3: no charge)*	$15	$_____
Additional Sponsorship Donation (see below)		$_____
	Total Payment Enclosed	$_____

Reservation deadline is April 10

Name: _____ E-mail _____

Make checks payable to Kol Hadash Humanistic Congregation.
Mail this form with your payment to: Kol Hadash, 175 Olde Half Day Road, Suite 123, Lincolnshire, IL 60069

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!
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Tikkun O'Yarn

Knit ♥ Crochet ♥ Any Color ♥ Any Pattern ♥ 8x8" squares ♥ Washable

Contribute to the loving creation of Welcome Blankets to be donated to **Freedom House Detroit**, a temporary home for survivors of persecution from around the world who are seeking asylum in the United States and Canada.

-Welcome Blankets-

During the **SHJ@50** celebratory weekend Apr. 26-28, Tikkun O'Yarn will occupy a corner of the Birmingham Temple with yarns, knitting needles, crochet hooks, samples, and directions. **You can:**

- ➢ Take a break to knit or crochet an 8 inch square which will then be added to a warm, colorful Welcome Blanket. All skill levels can participate!
- ➢ Complete a welcome message to attach to our finished blankets, offering a greeting from you and the Society for Humanistic Judaism.
- ➢ Drop off 8 x 8 inch squares that you bring from your community.

How else can you participate?

- ➢ Give your squares to someone in your community who is attending SHJ@50.
- ➢ Create a local yarn-a-thon event to knit and crochet squares or Welcome Blankets.
- ➢ Mail your squares/blankets in advance of Apr. 26 to Birmingham Temple, 28611 W. Twelve Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 48334 % Audrey Pleasant
- ➢ Questions? Email Sheila Malcolm at: smalcolm280@gmail.com

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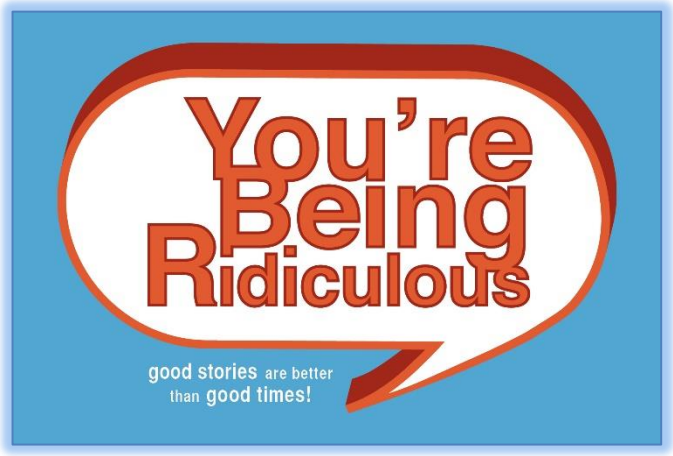
2019 FUNdraiser

An Evening of Stories and Laughter

Sunday, June 23
5:00 PM Cocktails and Dinner
7:00 PM *You're Being Ridiculous* Performance

Join us at Bella Via Ristorante in Highland Park for an evening with the popular storytelling show You're Being Ridiculous, created, produced, and hosted by our very own Administrator, Jeremy Owens. For this special evening supporting Kol Hadash, You're Being Ridiculous will feature a few of our talented (and brave) members sharing true and personal stories from their lives. Featured storytellers for this performance include: Anthony Bilotti, Rick Bolnick, Garrett Cohn, Eva Friedman, Suzie Garfield, Robin Kacyn, and Emma Kowalenko along with acting professionals Jeremy Owens, Casey Coppess and Adrienne Gunn.



This event is a great opportunity to introduce your friends and prospective members to the Kol Hadash community!

Pricing

Show and Dinner: $150 per person
Minimum $55 for dinner

Show and Dessert
$36 Adult, $18 under 18 years old

Raffle Tickets:
- 1 for $5
- 5 for $20
- 15 for $50

Raffle Items Include:
23 and me DNA kit with 10 hours professional genealogist services • $100 Kol Cash • 2 Tickets to Ravinia • $100 Bluegrass Restaurant Gift Card • College Essay or Resume/Cover Letter Consultation • One Week Pasadena Vacation Home Rental • Interior Design Services • *And more!*

RSVP by June 7
Register and donate online: https://tinyurl.com/FUNdraiser19