
Shalom from Rabbi Adam Chalom *“Inclusion and Exclusion”*



What is the right balance of inclusion and exclusion?

Kol Hadash prides itself on being an inclusive congregation. We welcome families and individuals of every variety: young and old, straight and LGBTQ, multi-heritage/intermarried and single, born Jewish and “Jews-by-choice”, and any location now that our programming is online! One of the reasons we created our Contributing Membership was to eliminate the economic exclusion of rigid membership dues.

We also celebrate the Jewish pluralism of individual choice. Some of our members choose to fast on Yom Kippur, while others do not. We create Values in Action community service events as opportunities rather than guilty obligations or mandatory participation. Some host family seders, others only celebrate Passover with Kol Hadash if at all. We had and will have no formal dress codes for in-person services or required (or prohibited) ritual clothing. And we try to include a variety of elements in our shared services: English balanced with Hebrew and other Jewish languages, prose and poetry, music and silent reflection.

But there is a limit to our inclusivity, because we do have shared core values as a congregation of Humanistic Judaism; we are not just a social club of our members. If someone insisted on having the congregation gender-segregated or reciting traditional Jewish prayer liturgy, it would be right and proper for us to respond, “You are welcome to find communities that practice their Judaism like that, but that is not who we are.” If we do not stand for something and never say no, then we do not stand for anything.

It may feel contradictory, but both of these statements are true for us:

- Individuals are free and encouraged to make up their own mind about their beliefs and Jewish practice.
- Some of those beliefs and practices may not be consistent with Humanistic Judaism.

We have no Inquisition; we have no interest in pursuing “thoughtcrimes” or enforcing a new secularist orthodoxy on anyone. We have some members who, in their homes, choose to use both Humanistic and traditional Hanukkah candle blessings because of nostalgia, emotional attachment or Jewish literacy; and other members only use Humanistic blessings because of their desire for integrity and consistency. We have many varieties of theological belief that call our community home. When we celebrate together, we meet on the shared ground of Humanistic Judaism: an exclusive focus on this world and this life and what we can do together to understand and improve it, and a celebration of Jewish culture as the creation and re-creation of people over the centuries.

For some, it takes getting used to, balancing acceptance of pluralism with maintaining self-definition. But most of us would not have our community any other way.

Help is Available

As you may or may not know, Rabbi Chalom has access to a Rabbi’s Discretionary Fund to provide confidential financial assistance to those in need. Funds donated may only be used for charitable purposes, which can include paying utility, medical or rent bills for those in need. If you or someone you know is in need of a little help, please contact Rabbi Chalom at rabbi@kolhadash.com. Help us to help others!

Values in Action/Helping Hands

(valuesinaction@KolHadash.com)

Welcome (back) to HELPING HANDS!

Values in Action has resurrected this important service! Right now if you need an important errand done like picking something up at the food store or pharmacy, etc. we can lend a helping hand. Post Covid, we will be happy to do more of what Helping Hands did in the past, such as help if you're not feeling well, require a ride to the doctor or need help setting up for a post-funeral *shiva*.

Let us know if you have a *Simcha* [joy] or a *Tsuris* [challenge or loss] so that we can help celebrate or acknowledge them. Please contact us at valuesinaction@KolHadash.com.

Become a Helping Hand!

If you're available to help out a congregant in need, please also email valuesinaction@KolHadash.com.

We look forward to hearing from you!
Rhonda Pawlan and Lynn Miller



Women's Group

Joyce Hirsch (WE@KolHadash.com)

An update and invitation to the Ladies Group (WE). We need some March ideas!

The Women's Group (WE) is evolving. We originally met weekly. As a result of our get-togethers we have developed new friendships. The more we visited, the more opportunities for all kinds of learning seems possible. We started with canasta: with some playing and some of us watching & learning. We took time to chat and check in with each other. Since Covid, visiting is more important than ever. We share challenges and successes. Lately a couple of ladies made soup together. We are ready to explore, learn and create new ways of having meaningful projects & hobbies. This winter we started Feldenkrais.

What is Feldenkrais and why do it?

The Feldenkrais Method helps you improve posture and breathing. You learn to reduce stress, tension and fatigue. You learn to ease pain and stiffness. And you learn to develop efficient and flexible movements. You can do Feldenkrais sitting in a chair, lying on the floor or standing. You learn to walk and move safely even when it's snowy and icy.

Dr. Moshe Feldenkrais (1904-1984) developed the method in the late 40's. He had degrees in mechanical engineering and physics, worked nuclear research and was a black belt in Judo. After suffering a crippling injury Feldenkrais taught himself to walk again without pain. This breakthrough led to his innovative contribution in showing how the body through movement influences mental processes. Among his famous students were Margaret Mead, David Ben-Gurion, Yehudi Menuhin, Helen Hayes and Julius Erving. Today Feldenkrais is practiced all over the world

Why is Feldenkrais amazing? Personally, I experienced the wonder of this method after three surgeries: a double knee replacement in 1999, a lower back surgery in 2011 and a shoulder replacement in '18. I am now able to continue enjoying tennis (doubles now), biking and walking after taking the four year Feldenkrais program and becoming a certified practitioner. The method gave me the opportunity to teach as well as heal myself. Now I can lead the life I want. To this day I practice Feldenkrais every day.

All are welcome to join us on! Please contact me with questions at WE@KolHadash.com.



Women's Group Soup-A-Thon

Like most things since last March, our annual Soup-a-Thon looked very different this year. Participants enrolled in a virtual class through the Gorton Center on "How to Make French Onion Soup." It was a very snowy day – a perfect day for making soup. The class ended up being a private class, since only Leora Hatchwell and Sue Addelson joined the teacher on Zoom for a mid-morning lesson. The batches of soup cooked all morning, and our families enjoyed a great meal.

Values in Action Blanket Collection for Chai Lifeline

Back in January, Values in Action held a blanket making class so members could make blankets to be donated to Chai Lifeline. Chai Lifeline is a leading international children's health support network, providing social, emotional, and financial assistance to children with life-threatening and lifelong illnesses and their families through a variety of year-round programs and services. Thank you to everyone who participated in this fun activity to benefit Chai Lifeline: Faye Eisenberg, Toby Fisher, Nan Weiss-Ham, Joyce Hirsch, Rachel Keating, Lynn Miller, Rhonda Pawlan and our very special youth Asher Solomon! What a great group!!



Development Committee

David Hirsch (development@KolHadash.com)



When you donate on the [congregation's website](#), you're given a choice of funds. **The General Fund** provides money for the day-to-day operations of the congregation, while the other funds support specific Kol Hadash activities. In addition to sponsorships for events, this lets you decide how your contribution will be put to work.

The Youth Group Fund is used by the Sunday school for special projects, helping students attend the annual Youth Conclave, and family and other education programs.

The Weiss Choir Fund was established by founding members James and Minerva Weiss, whose family foundation continues to contribute. This fund helps cover the costs of the High Holidays Choir.

The Friedman Family Fund provides funding to bring in external speakers and performers. *(It is a restricted fund meaning that donor approval is required.)*

The Tzedakah Fund is used for projects of the Values in Action Committee, which provides support for people in need in our local community or may be donated to non-profit organizations providing that support.

The Lippitz-Wagner Humanistic Ritual Fund (restricted) funds the development, dissemination and practice of Jewish humanistic rituals and music.

The Rabbi's Discretionary Fund goes into a separate account from which the Rabbi may provide direct support to members in need (such as paying utility or medical bills for someone who lost their job) or make donations to charitable organizations.

The Annual Appeal Fund is a yearly fund that focuses on different areas each year.

No matter which one you choose, it makes a difference, and we greatly appreciate it! If you're interested in setting up a fund with a focus or to support other congregational activities, contact David Hirsch (development@kolhadash.com).

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Annual Appeal Fund, which will remain open until February 28.

The Congregation is invited

Kol Hadash Twentieth Anniversary Celebration

Online Celebration: Saturday, June 26 (evening)

Outdoor Distanced Gathering: Sunday, June 27 (afternoon)

More info coming soon!

Donor-Advised Funds, IRAs and KH Membership

Several Kol Hadash members have set up a [Donor-Advised fund](#) (DAF). A DAF allows the donor to take a tax deduction at the time of donation and then decide later which charities to designate as recipients—including Kol Hadash!

A member expressed concern to us that attributing a DAF payment to Kol Hadash membership would not be allowed, since donors are not permitted to receive any personal benefits from a donation. In fact, several KH members make their dues payments out of their DAF. The IRS grants religious organizations a special status, whereby membership dues are considered an "intangible religious benefit." (See page 6 of [IRS Publication 1771](#).) Unlike membership in certain clubs, participation in congregational activities is not a commercial transaction. And as one may participate fully in KH as a Contributing Member at any dollar level, in effect all membership pledges are voluntary donations. (Kol Hadash Sunday school fees, however, are not voluntary and could be construed to confer the tangible benefit of a child's education. As with all tax matters, check with your tax advisor if unsure.)

Further, for members over the age of 70½, donations may be made directly to Kol Hadash out of an Individual Retirement Account without having to pay income tax on the distribution, and such a gift counts towards one's annual required minimum distribution. (See page 13 of [IRS Publication 590-B](#).)

However you choose to support Kol Hadash, we thank you for your generosity through challenging times!

Shabbat Services

Shabbat Service: Jewish Diversity in Community

Friday, March 12, 6:30pm

What ties together Jews with roots in Russia, Syria, Azerbaijan and Ethiopia? How can we create one Jewish community, even a self-defined Secular Humanistic Jewish congregation, from the wide range of Jewish experiences, attachments, cultures and beliefs? Perhaps what might drive us apart can also bring us together. Celebrated with Kahal Braira in Boston - 6:30pm, [register here](#).

Music Shabbat Service: A Woman of Valor – Helen Suzman (Yahrteit Service)

Friday, March 19, 7:30pm

Each year, the national Society for Humanistic Judaism chooses a [Role Model](#) whose life and work exemplifies our shared values. For 2020-2021, South African anti-apartheid human rights activist Helen Suzman is especially fitting. Join us to learn more about her life and courageous work for racial justice.

Shabbat Service: Israeli Election Aftermath

Friday, April 2, 7:30pm

After its fourth national election in four years, has Israel found governmental stability? Will Netanyahu survive? What do the results suggest for war and peace, recognition of non-Orthodox Judaism and Jews, and us as the American branch of the Jewish family?

Music Shabbat Service: Jews and Money (Yahrteit Service)

Friday, April 16, 7:30pm

As tax season closes in America, we will explore a challenging subject - the relationship of Jews and money. Antisemites have demonized Jewish moneylenders and capitalists for centuries, and rabbis themselves have grappled with balancing the “haves” and the “have-nots” within the Jewish community. What can we learn from this history, and what needs to change? (pun intended!)

Shabbat Service: Counting the Omer - the Legacy of Bar Kochba

Friday, April 30, 7:30pm

In 132 BCE, after the Great Revolt against Rome had destroyed the Jerusalem Temple in 70 CE and launched Rabbinic Judaism, another Jewish revolt exploded and was eventually crushed. In Jewish life the Bar Kochba revolt is remembered on Lag B'Omer, the 33rd day after Passover. What impacts do we still feel from this tragedy?

Adult Education

Modern Anti-Semitism

Tuesday, March 2, 7:30pm

The 19th century saw great Jewish success: new industries and new social and cultural openness provided many doors through which Jews could enter without conversion. But the dislocations and upheavals of industrial and political revolution also created the grounds for blame and suspicion, and - ultimately - hatred.

Jewish Nationalism

Tuesday, March 9, 7:30pm

In response to continued exclusion by 19th century European Nationalism, Jews evolved their own national movements. One celebrated Yiddish culture with a political program to improve society where Jews lived, while the other imagined creating a new state in the land of Israel around a revived Hebrew language.

Rediscovering Jewish Diversity

Saturday, March 13, 9:00am – 4:00pm

Sunday, March 14, 9:30am – 11:30am

An adult Online Learning Weekend hosted by International Institute for Secular Humanistic Judaism and Kahal Braira Congregation for Humanistic Judaism (Boston). The real Jewish experience is more diverse than we ever imagined. How can the histories of diverse Jewish communities transform the Jewish present? \$9 PER LEARNING SESSION - More information and registration at https://iishj.org/rediscovering_jewish_diversity/

Holocaust

Tuesday, March 16, 7:30pm

No event in Jewish history was more transformative demographically... culturally or theologically than the Holocaust. The loss of one-third of the world's Jews, and the decimation of the Yiddish heartland in Eastern Europe, still echoes through our own experience. What can we understand, and what must be witnessed in silence?

The American Jewish Experience

Tuesday, March 30, 7:30pm

Jews have never been as “at home” as they are in the United States. From their first arrival as Sephardic refugees from the South American Inquisition, to the waves of German and East European Jews in the 19th and 20th centuries, to Holocaust refugees and survivors, to recent Russians and even Israelis, Jewish immigrants have each added their layer to today's American Jewish community.

Israel

Tuesday, April 20, 7:30pm

The founding of the modern state of Israel was the achievement of secular Jews. A place for a new, modern and often secular Hebrew Jewish culture, a refuge from anti-Jewish oppression, and a source of pride for Jews outside of Israel, Israel has in recent years faced particularly thorny challenges. What does it mean to be a Jewish state, and what does that mean for non-Jews who live here? And is there a path to peace?

Conclusions

Tuesday, April 27, 7:30pm

Predicting the future course of Jewish civilization is notoriously difficult - Judaism from one period may be unrecognizable to the next. Knowing the truth about the Jewish past, however, is the first step to gaining a place for oneself in the Jewish present and perhaps the Jewish future.

Activities

Steering Committee Meetings

Thursday, March 4, 7:30pm
Thursday, April 1, 7:30pm

In the Zoom age, it's now easy to check out the work of Kol Hadash's committees. The Steering Committee meets monthly and all members are very welcome to attend. There's no commitment to join the committee or attend future meetings! Contact Chair, Mike Lippitz if you have questions or wish to attend. scchair@kolhadash.com.

Women's Chat Group

March 8, 22, and April 5, 19 at 1:30pm

The Women's Group gets together to socialize and suggest cultural things to do during quarantine. WE@KolHadash.com

Women's Group: Feldenkrais Class

March 1, 15, 29, and April 12, 26, at 1:30pm

Join us for a Feldenkrais class taught by Joyce Hirsch. Feldenkrais is a method that improves each person's awareness for moving with ease and thus reducing stress and anxiety. WE@KolHadash.com

A Year in Quarantine: Happy Hour

Friday, March 5, 7:30pm

What new habits will we keep and what will we toss as we reflect on this past year. Join us virtually for a drink as we toast to ourselves, our resilience, and our strength.

HuJews Teen Cyber Conclave

Friday, March 12 and Saturday, March 13

The HuJews Conclave, an annual teen and college conference, welcomes youth from all over North America for a weekend of social service and connection. [Click here for more information and to register](#). Registration Deadline: Monday, March 1. Contact Anna Goldberg, HuJews Conclave Coordinator, with questions at: anna.huajews@gmail.com.

Citizen Science

Sunday, March 21, 3:30pm

How can we, as normal citizens, work to enlighten our friends, family, and co-workers to become more accepting of science and think critically? This presentation will try to address these questions by looking within and beyond science into how politics and philosophy can play a role in making our society more scientifically-literate. [Click here to register](#).

SciFi Book Club: Stories of Your Life by Ted Chiang

Thursday, March 25, 7:30pm

This month's book is *Stories of Your Life* by Ted Chiang. All are welcome to join us! Contact David Hirsch with questions scifibookclub@KolHadash.com.

Chametz Happy Hour

Friday, March 26, 7:30pm

Join us virtually for cocktails and chametz (leavened food) as we kibbutz about how we are preparing for the Seder.

Online Community Passover Seder

Sunday, March 28, 5:30-6:30pm

The Kol Hadash second night Passover Seder will be online on Sunday, March 28, starting at 5:30pm. We will use The Liberated Haggadah by Rabbi Peter Schweitzer - Seder passages will be posted on the Zoom video conference, or purchase your own PDF of The Liberated Haggadah [here](#). There is no charge for our online Seder, though donations/sponsorships are always welcome.

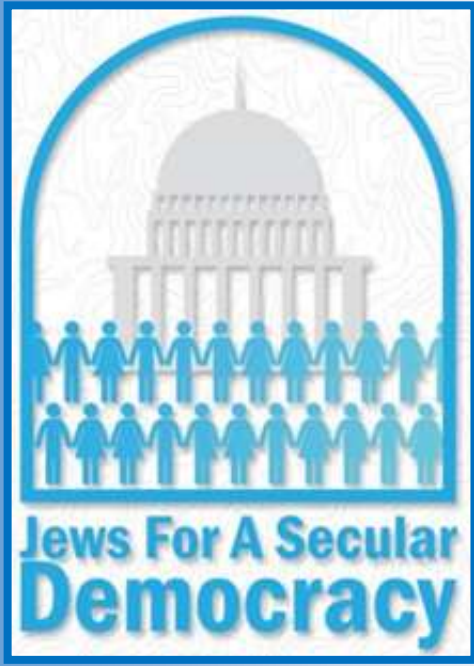
[Click here to register today!](#)

Shabbat Get Together

Friday, April 9, 7:30pm

Join your Kol Hadash friends to mark Shabbat online together. Stay tuned to the weekly email for updates.





Citizen Science

Sunday March 21, 2021

3pm-4pm Central Time

The Illinois Chapter of Jews for a Secular Democracy invites you to join in a presentation and discussion of the current state of science education and its place in public policy.

Given the events of the past year, we don't have to look far to see the consequences of science-illiteracy. But the problems posed by a lack of scientific understanding and related critical thinking are nothing new. Whether it is creationism, rejection of nuclear power, denial of climate science, anti-vaccination, etc., humanity has a long, complicated history with science.

So how can we, as normal citizens, work to enlighten our friends, family, and co-workers to become more accepting of science and think critically? This presentation will try to address these questions by looking within and beyond science into how politics and philosophy can play a role in making our society more scientifically-literate.

Registration and event information:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcqf-ipqTMtHtDqn-GAllzz2IzcuBW7WTt3>

(click link to register)



Guest speaker Matthew Lowry is a gifted science high school and college educator, having also taught mathematics and astronomy in his 22 year career. Outside of his formal teaching career, he has long been a public advocate for science literacy and critical thinking, participating in numerous talks, lectures, and panel discussions on the topic over the years. He has also at times gotten into the trenches of these fights, from battling creationist attempts to take over local school boards to helping with research on pro-vaccination messaging. Recently, he also finished a degree in philosophy (because, why not?) and this has helped to broaden his approach to these topics.

This program is hosted by Jews for a Secular Democracy - Illinois.

Community Passover Seder

Second Night of Passover
Sunday, March 28, 5:30pm

The Kol Hadash second night Passover Seder will be online on Sunday, March 28, starting at 5:30pm. We will use The Liberated Haggadah by Rabbi Peter Schweitzer - Seder passages will be posted on the Zoom video conference, or purchase your own PDF of The Liberated Haggadah (and support City Congregation for Humanistic Judaism) [here](#).

There is no charge for our online Seder, though donations/sponsorships are always welcome.

[Click this link to register](#)

Passover Dinner from Bluegrass Restaurant

Bluegrass Restaurant in Highland Park is putting together a special Passover carryout menu for us!



Bluegrass Restaurant
1636 Old Deerfield Road
Highland Park

Phone orders only (847) 831-0595

Please call before 3pm to place an order.
Final Order Wednesday, March 24

Guests Pickup time: Sunday, March 28 (between noon and 2 pm)

Seder Plate Kit in a Box

\$15 (serves 4)

Includes: 8 oz haroset, 4 boiled eggs, 3 oz horseradish, ½ clementine orange, lamb bone, and ceremonial matzah, lettuce, and parsley. (Does not include Plate)

Seder Dinner

\$40/person

Includes: Matza ball soup and salad; choice of entree (Wild Salmon with a Dill Beurre Blanc Sauce or Smoked BBQ Brisket); two sides (Roasted Potatoes, Green Beans, or Roasted Eggplant Timbale); dessert (one truffle and one cheesecake square with raspberry sauce).

Vegetarian Seder Dinner

\$40/person

Includes: Matza ball soup and salad; larger portions of Roasted Potatoes, Green Beans, AND Roasted Eggplant Timbale; dessert (one truffle and one cheesecake square with raspberry sauce).

Wine

\$15/bottle (multiples available)

Choice of: Primarius Pinot Noir, Oregon, Chemistry Pinot Gris, Oregon, Calipaso Cabernet Sauvignon, Paso Robles, CA, The Chardonnay Project, CA

You will need to provide your own eating matzah and gefilte fish (for those who want it).
Looking forward to "seeing" you for Passover again this year!

Values in Action: Operation Gratitude

**Drop off your donations on May 2
at Sunday School or
North Shore Unitarian Church (from 3:00-3:30pm)**



During the months of February, March and April Kol Hadash will have the chance to show support for:

- Deployed Troops
- Veterans
- Recruits
- Wounded heroes and Caregivers
- Military Families
- Health Care Workers
- First Responders
- National Guardsmen

Projects you can work on include:

- ◆ Knitting or crocheting scarves: They must be no wider than 4"- 6", no longer than 48" - 50", and of 4 medium worsted yarn weight in muted colors that will match troops uniforms. Attach a letter too!
- ◆ Handmade stationery for people to write home to their families.
- ◆ Write personal letters to the people that were mentioned. Please put to whom the letters can be directed to on the envelope.
- ◆ Paracord bracelets. Please go to the Operation Gratitude website to order a kit for 5 bracelets for \$10.00.

During these winter months fill up your days with supporting Operation Gratitude. We will have a drop off on May 2nd at Sunday School or from 3:00 - 3:30 at the church parking lot!

Questions? Please call Lynn Miller (847) 234-2599

Youth Education

Preschool Jewish Discovery

please register on our website calendar

Free monthly enrichment class! Open to everyone!

March 7: Passover

April 11: Shabbat

Children ages 2-6 with a grown-up join Rabbi Adam Chalom and veteran preschool teacher Lynn Miller as they explore a Jewish holiday or cultural value along with interactive songs, books, and hands-on activities. There is time for the children and parents to socialize, too. At-home resources will also be provided.

HuJews Cyber Conclave

March 12 & 13

HuJews is the Humanistic Judaism youth movement for teens and college students. HuJews provides resources for Humanistic Jewish youth groups, college students, and campus havurot (small groups). The HuJews Conclave, an annual teen and college conference, welcomes youth from all over North America for a weekend of social service and connection. Contact Anna Goldberg, with questions at: anna.hujews@gmail.com

Youth Education Committee Meeting

Sunday, March 7, 9:30am

Sunday, April 18, 9:30am

Kol Hadash's Youth Education Committee (YEC) is like a PTO for our Youth Education program. We meet about every six weeks during Sunday School while our children are in class. Come to one or all the meetings -- and, get to know other parents, too.

Family Passover Celebration: Beyond the Seder

Sunday, March 14, 10:30am

The foods and symbols of the seder may be the most memorable parts of Passover, but there is a lot more to the Jewish spring festival. This year, we'll explore new aspects of Passover as we enter our second distanced spring together.

Please be sure to check your weekly email for scheduling changes due to coronavirus protocol.

Youth Education and Family Events: Contact Ilana Shaffer, youthed@KolHadash.com, 773-209-8266

B Mitzvah FAQ Session

Thursday, April 22, 7:30pm

Sunday, April 25, 9:30 am

Members and interested families can learn about our unique B Mitzvah. Get all your questions answered by Rabbi Adam Chalom, Youth Education Director Ilana Shaffer, and B Mitzvah Coordinator Leah Sosewitz!

4th/5th Grade

Shabbat Service (online)

Friday, April 23, 7:30pm

Each Sunday School class creates and leads a Kol Hadash Shabbat Service focused on the theme of their curriculum. Everyone is welcome to attend this special service!

Spring Break

March 21

March 28

April 4

No Sunday School

jBaby - Baby's First (or Second) Passover

March 16, 10:30-11:15am

March 17, 2:00-2:45pm

While the subtleties of the Haggadah will be lost on children ages 0-2, they can still have positive Passover experiences! In addition to sharing some toddler Passover books, we'll explore how the youngest celebrants can enjoy parts of the seder!

Meet A Member

Dori Rosenbloom & Chet Mirman

Dori is a retired French teacher and now a psychotherapist. Chet is a clinical psychologist and a recently retired professor of psychology. They live in Highland Park and miss their two sons, who are in medical schools on opposite ends of the country. Dori enjoys reading French novels, jazz, hiking, and travel. Chet enjoys listening to jazz, playing piano and percussion, biking, discussing politics and philosophy, and taking long walks with Dori. Mostly, they enjoy spending time with friends and family.

Twenty-three years ago, after decades of wandering in a spiritual desert, Dori and Chet found Humanistic Judaism. They were delighted to join Kol Hadash in 2008. Rabbi Adam has been a much-appreciated gift in their lives. His wisdom, sensitivity, knowledge and humor have been inspirational and have helped to bring Judaism into their lives in a way they can embrace.



Rhonda Pawlan

Rhonda rejoined Kol Hadash in 2020, after an eight year hiatus. "Pandemic spirituality emerged," she said. Rhonda jumped in with both feet —she's attended the Women's Chat group, volunteered to help with our 20th anniversary celebration and has taken part in a variety of other interesting activities. Most of all she enjoys the kindness of the members and is starting to feel like she's part of a community.

Rhonda is married and lives in Northbrook. She has two married children, her son lives in Illinois, and her daughter in California. And she has Lexi, her faithful, furry cockapoo.

Her hobby is creating mosaics, working with glass, stone, shells and unique objects. She also enjoys photography. During "normal times" she loves attending musical concerts and plays. She is a retired life coach, writer, piano teacher and songwriter—but not all at the same time!



The Congregation is invited

Bat Mitzvah of Lia Koski

Daughter of Miriam Fisch

Saturday, March 6, 5:30pm on Zoom

Email Info@KolHadash.com for live-stream access

The Congregation is invited

Bar Mitzvah of Jonah Chalom

Son of AJ & Rabbi Adam Chalom

Saturday, April 10, 10:00am on Zoom

Email Info@KolHadash.com for live-stream access

March Yahrtzeits

The following names will be read at the **March 19** Shabbat service.

Dorothy Bernstein	Bess Cohn	Gussie Eichner	George Leichenko	Michael Pollack	Frank Sebor	Harvey Wexler
Joseph Bilotti	Sylvia Cottle	Rose Fisher	Max Lubotsky	Ida Rothenberg	Sol Simon	Joseph Wolens
Phil Bum	William Cottle	Sandy Granroth	Sam Merkin	Nathan Sarasohn	Marsha Small	
Stuart Chase	Bob Davis	Larry Jacobs	Louise Milstein	Joseph Sayegh	Alberta Stambouly	
Bernard Cohn	Lois Edwards	Kathy Lederer	Betsy Olson	Leon Schwartz	Anna Tenenbaum	

April Yahrtzeits

The following names will be read at the **April 16** Shabbat service.

Bernice Aaron	Nathan Eichner	Cyma Hefter	Bill Korr	Belle Marks	Aaron Pashkow	Philip Sitrick
Dorian Chalom	Joanne Friedlander	Rae Holtzberg	William Korr	Louis J. Moses	Evelyn Rosen	Miriam Sitrick
Edward Dorfman	William Goldberg	Tyler Grant Juneau	Robert Kramer	Rita Muroff	Theodosia Sebor	Sheldon Sitrick
Richard Dreifuss	Rella Harris	Robert Kass	Morris Lambert	Mary Winandy Parker	Roslyn Simon	Louis Sonshine
						Molly Yoelin

Tributes

Susan & Roger Addelson, General Fund, in memory of Ruby Jones

Susan & Roger Addelson, General Fund, in memory of Jacqueline Schechner

Sandra Schechner & Bill Brinkman, Rabbi's Discretionary Fund, In memory of Jacqueline Schechner and in thanks for the care Adam has provided

Andrea & Mark Friedlander, Annual Appeal Fund

Andrea & Mark Friedlander, General Fund, in memory of Jacqueline Schechner

Leah Sosewitz & Helga Gruenbauer, Annual Appeal Fund, in memory of Betty Soren

Leah Sosewitz & Helga Gruenbauer, Event Sponsorship: Holocaust Museum Virtual Tour

Leah Sosewitz & Helga Gruenbauer, in memory of Ruby Jones

Nan Weiss-Ham & Eldon Ham, Event Sponsorship: Values in Action Blanket Making Class

Happy Stone & Rick Henriksen, Choir Fund, in memory of Jacqueline Schechner

Happy Stone & Rick Henriksen, Rabbi's Discretionary Fund, in memory of Doris Libman

Happy Stone & Rick Henriksen, Friedman Family Fund, in honor of Happy's continuing recovery from surgery

Glynis & David Hirsch, Annual Appeal Fund, in memory of Jacqueline Schechner

Glynis & David Hirsch, Annual Appeal Fund, in memory of Dorothy Libman

Glynis & David Hirsch, Annual Appeal Fund, in memory of Ruby Jones

Joyce & Rich Hirsch, General Fund, in memory of Jacqueline Schechner

Joyce & Rich Hirsch, General Fund, Best wishes to Mitch Apley for a full recovery. Our thoughts are with you and your family.

Terry & Geoff Kass, Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Judy & Steve Rosenzweig, Rabbi's Discretionary Fund, in memory of Jacqueline Schechner

Susan Wagner & Mike Lippitz, Annual Appeal Fund

Susan Wagner & Mike Lippitz, Event Sponsorship: Holocaust Museum Virtual Tour

Lynn & Elliot Miller, General Fund, in memory of Jacqueline Schechner

Judith Perlman, Annual Appeal Fund, in memory of Ruby Jones

Sheila & Ron Sebor, General Fund

Nancy Sohn & Mike Simon, Event Sponsorship: Holocaust Museum Virtual Tour

Karlyn Rosenstiel & Chad Solomon, Event Sponsorship: Values in Action Blanket Making Class

Family News & Thank You

- Wishing Happy Stone a swift recovery from recent medical treatment
- Deep condolences to Kol Hadash Administrator Jeremy Owens on the recent loss of his grandmother Ruby Jones.
- Deep condolences to Sandra Schechner and William Brinkman on the recent loss of Sandra's mother Jacqueline Schechner
- Deep condolences to Andrew and Susie Kramer on the loss of Susie's mother Doris Libman
- Wishing Roger Addelson a swift recovery from recent surgery.
- Congratulations to the students (and parents) of our 2nd/3rd Grade Class for preparing and leading a wonderful Shabbat Service. A special 'thank you' to their teacher, Karen Jackson!

March 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Women's Group: Feldenkrais Class 1:30pm	2 Adult Education: Modern Anti-Semitism 7:30pm	3	4 Steering Committee 7:30pm	5 Happy Hour: A Year in Quarantine 7:30pm	6 Lia Koski Bat Mitzvah 5:30pm
7 Sunday School 9:30am Youth Education Committee 9:30am Preschool Jewish Discovery: Passover 10:00am	8 Women's Chat Group 1:30pm	9 Adult Education: Jewish Nationalism 7:30pm	10	11	12 Shabbat Service: Jewish Diversity in Community 6:30pm (note early start time)	13 Adult Education: Rediscovering Jewish Diversity 9:00-4:00
14 Sunday School 9:30am Adult Education: Rediscovering Jewish Diversity 9:30am-11:30am Family Passover Seder 10:30am	15 Women's Group: Feldenkrais Class 1:30pm	16 jBaby Parent-Tot Class Your First Family Passover 10:30am Adult Education: Holocaust 7:30pm	17 jBaby Parent-Tot Class Your First Family Passover 2:00pm	18	19 Music Shabbat Service: A Woman of Valor – Helen Suzman (Yahrtzeit Service) 7:30pm	20
21 Spring Break - No Sunday School Citizen Science 3:00pm	22 Women's Chat Group: 1:30pm Development Committee Meeting 4:30pm	23	24	25 SciFi Book Club: Stories of Your Life by Ted Chiang 7:30pm	26 Chametz Happy Hour 7:30pm	27
28 Spring Break - No Sunday School Online Community Passover Seder 5:30pm	29 Women's Group: Feldenkrais Class 1:30pm	30 Adult Education: The American Jewish Experience 7:30pm	31			

April 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Steering Committee 7:30pm	2 Shabbat Service: Israeli Election Aftermath 7:30pm	3
4 Spring Break - No Sunday School	5 Women's Chat Group 1:30pm	6	7	8 Yom HaShoah	9 Shabbat Get Together 7:30pm	10 Jonah Chalom Bar Mitzvah 10:00am
11 Sunday School 9:30am Preschool Jewish Discovery: Shabbat 10:00am	12 Women's Group: Feldenkrais Class 1:30pm	13	14	15	16 Music Shabbat Service: Jews and Money (Yahrtzeit Service) 7:30pm	17
18 Sunday School 9:30am Youth Education Committee 9:30am	19 Women's Chat Group: 1:30pm	20 Adult Education: Israel 7:30pm	21	22 B Mitzvah FAQ Session 7:30pm	23 4th/5th Grade Class Shabbat Service 7:30pm	24
25 Sunday School 9:30am Sunday School Try Out 9:30am B Mitzvah FAQ Session 9:30am	26 Women's Group: Feldenkrais Class 1:30pm	27 Adult Education: Conclusions 7:30pm	28	29	30 Shabbat Service: Counting the Omer – The Legacy of Bar Kochba 7:30pm	



B Mitzvah FAQ Session

For parents of students up to 6th grade

Thursday, April 22, 7:30pm

Sunday, April 25, 9:30 am

Open to everyone!

- Are you debating how (or whether) to have 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?

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

You may also schedule a one-on-one information session by Zoom, by phone or email with Rabbi Chalom, our Youth Education director, or our B Mitzvah Coordinator

Sunday School Try Out

For families interested in our education program from preschool through confirmation, your child can join their grade's class for the day.

There is no expectation of a commitment by attending.

Questions to Ilana Shaffer at youthed@kolhadash.com or 773-209-8266

Members choose financial commitment – Trial Memberships offered – Jewish and Interfaith families fully participate



How is Our B Mitzvah Different from All Other B Mitzvahs?

The Kol Hadash B Mitzvah program (gender-neutral, non-binary term for “Bar Mitzvah” and/or “Bat Mitzvah”) is unique, meaningful, and personal to the student in many ways:

1. Our B Mitzvah preparation fits into the busy lives of today's middle-schoolers and their families. Students learn Hebrew through one-on-one tutoring sessions.
2. Our Hebrew curriculum balances the need for Hebrew reading skills with an understanding of Hebrew as a modern, living language.
3. Rather than be automatically assigned the Torah or Haftorah portion coinciding with their B Mitzvah service date, our students choose their own Torah portion, whichever one they find to be most inspirational or meaningful.
4. Students have the choice to read from other Jewish literature or do a Jewish-related research project instead of reading from the Torah.
5. All the readings and music celebrate the milestone of becoming a B Mitzvah. The B Mitzvah is the only reason for the gathering.
6. Every B Mitzvah service is devoted to only one student.
7. Families can customize their B Mitzvah celebration service by choosing their favorite readings and music from an array of options.
8. All parents of B Mitzvah students participate fully in our ceremonies. We are fully welcoming and inclusive of modern families in all their diversity.
9. Following the B Mitzvah presentation, the parents have the opportunity to share their feelings about the occasion in a short but meaningful address to their child.
10. Families may honor other family members and friends by having them read selections from the service, hold the Torah, or light candles on our congregational menorah.
11. Service readings are in English and sensitive to a diverse audience, enabling all family members (of all ethnic and religious backgrounds) to equally and meaningfully participate.
12. Our families almost always get their first choice of date. Ceremonies can be held on a Friday evening, Saturday morning or Saturday evening.