

## *A Message From the Rabbi*

### **Going Forward with Kadima**

Marc Dubey, president of Kadima, recently suggested that the membership and program committees be combined, in order that each committee help the other in letting people know about our congregation and in developing further programs to integrate new people with our existing members. Todd Schwartz and David Coleman are now chairing the combined committee, and perhaps you have seen the new poster the committee created together, inviting people to inquire about us. Amy Taxman brought it to beautiful artistic fruition with the support of the entire committee.



We need everyone in the congregation to help Kadima grow in a number of ways, including by placing copies of the poster on bulletin boards wherever they shop or other public places they frequent. If you need access to copies please contact [office@nrck.org](mailto:office@nrck.org).

Most importantly, the committee and the board believe that the best way to grow is by recommendation from existing members. A membership coffee is planned at the home of Amy and Scott Taxman on Sunday evening August 4th at 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. I will share about what we offer at Kadima and invite questions. The committee will be present to welcome prospective members. We need for you to recommend your family, friends and neighbors. Please contact the office at the same email address or at 847-229-9500 with your suggested names or have people make contact directly, so that we may know to expect them. They can also learn more about us at [www.nrck.org](http://www.nrck.org).

The congregation is now in its fourth year, and we are making plans to further enrich our offerings and to be responsive to the needs and interests of our people. We are planning to encourage all of the adults to join with the religious school to welcome Shabbat at 6:10 p.m. on Fridays at Shepard Middle School and will be continuing our monthly Shabbat family services and dinners with a more child friendly menu. We will be having a men's and a women's friendship group fostering growth and connection as well as social action.

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There will be Torah study on Shabbat mornings. The membership/program committee is planning an increasing number of adult as well as family social programs.

I hope you will get more involved and help us to grow!

Best wishes,

*David Oler*

Rabbi David Oler

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### Join us for Break the Fast after Yom Kippur

Friday, September 14 at 6:15 p.m. at  
Biaggi's Ristorante Italiano

711 Deerfield Road (corner of Waukegan Road)  
Please RSVP to [office@nrck.org](mailto:office@nrck.org) in advance.



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### When someone is sick



Rabbi Oler requests that if you are being hospitalized or know of someone in the congregation who is going to be, please contact him at:

[davidoler@nrck.org](mailto:davidoler@nrck.org)

or call the Kadima office at 847-229-9500.

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### Shabbat Oneg

Would you like to sponsor a Shabbat Oneg?

Any member can host an Shabbat Oneg.

Mark a special occasion such as a birthday, baby naming, anniversary, Bar or Bat Mitzvah, or...just because!



## Donations

### Patrons and Sustaining Members

Patrons and Sustaining Members choose to pay special dues which allows the congregation to continue its mission of providing a sense of community and stability for its members. Please consider becoming a Patron or Sustaining Member.

Patron: \$6,120  
Sustaining: \$4,488  
Sustaining Single: \$3,060

*Patrons:*

**Al & Bobbie Levine**

**Jack Henkin & Louise Pearson**

**Dr. Scott & Amy Taxman**

*Sustaining Member:*

**Scott Warren**



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## ***A Message from the President***

Dear Fellow Congregants,

I am thrilled and grateful to be re-elected! I want to thank the Congregation for re-electing me for a third term as President. I welcome enthusiastically the new Board and look forward to keeping pace with their unbridled enthusiasm and having a productive year! This year we are going to focus on growing our congregation, having more programming activities and more Social Action!

I want to personally thank the outgoing board, many of whom have decided to remain on the current board. Over the last year, and with the vision and assistance of Rabbi Oler, we now have a 24/7 facility for meetings and services. We also managed to get a great fundraising activity off the ground which is proving to be very successful thanks to some really hard work by our Congregants, board members and with the generosity of Scott Taxman, Howard Lipsky, Jack Henkin and Louise Pearson. And Louise's legal judo for good causes is never to be underestimated!

### **Our New Membership-Programming Committee**

The combined committee is going to be very dynamic. The Membership-Programming Committee will showcase that we are a great congregation, we have meaningful and fun social programs, a great school, an amazing Rabbi, and that the congregation is neither addicted to ritual, nor an indoctrination factory. The Committee's mission is community, modern Jewish values and spiritual growth. We are a growing institution and it is time tell your friends about us! If you've mentioned us or know people what are looking for a Reform Congregation in North Shore or Northwest Suburbs, let David Coleman or Todd Schwartz know and they'll have the Committee make friendly calls. We have plenty of activities that will be ideal for bringing a guest, such as a special coffee get together will be held on August 4th. Keep an eye on <http://nrck.org/events>.

### **Fundraising**

Kadima's Fundraising initiative has come into full blossom for summer - thanks to Scott Taxman, Linda Frankel, Becky Thall, Miriam Lipsky and Howard Lipsky and some of our new volunteers! We still have slots we need to fill, but we only need two hours a month of your time. Please contact Linda Frankel or Howard Lipsky to sign up today or write to [office@nrck.org](mailto:office@nrck.org). They deserve your support! Our fundraising activity keeps the costs to Congregants lower, while allowing Kadima to be more ambitious in providing services to ourselves and the community. Outside of some wonderful generosity, we are 100% Congregant funded. Volunteering for fundraising activities mitigates the pressure of supporting the congregation on all of us! Just as importantly, this volunteering opportunity is a blast - it's closer to fun-raising than fundraising!

## **A Picture Says a Thousand Words!**

We need people with cameras and phone cameras to take pictures of all of our activities and send them to [content@nrck.org](mailto:content@nrck.org) so we can use them for our website and Kol Kadima Newsletter.

## **Updating the Kadima Website**

We are tweaking the Kadima website, there will soon be a new section dedicated to the school so parents can keep track of and support what is being learned in our religious school classes, our kids have a point of reference and this section will provide Kadima a chance to share with the world what a great school we have!

## **Men's and Women's Friendship Groups**

Rabbi Oler is going to announce the formation of a Men's and a Women's Friendship Group at Kadima! Our Board and Committees are very excited about this development!

## **Testify!**

Send us a testimonial, in just one or two sentences, about why you joined or why you like The New Reform Congregation Kadima for our website. We can attribute these testimonials to a full name and city, a first name and city or an age, gender and a city or to your preference. Please send your testimonials to [content@nrck.org](mailto:content@nrck.org) or [office@nrck.org](mailto:office@nrck.org).

## **The Rabbi's Blog**

There will be a new Rabbi's blog which will be a place where Rabbi Oler can either expound about whatever seems topical, supplement a sermon but he's most interested in answering your questions! You can email the Rabbi Oler at [rabbi@nrck.org](mailto:rabbi@nrck.org) with any questions you may have!

## **Online Donations**

You can now make dues payments or donations online at <http://nrck.org/donate> with a credit card or your PayPal account.

## **Facebook**

Come by and like us at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-New-Reform-Congregation-Kadima/146546208721456> .

Thank you for making the New Reform Congregation Kadima a great community!

Sincerely,

Marc

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President, New Reform Congregation  
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## ***Educator's Message***

The High Holidays are coming soon, with Rosh Hashanah beginning on the evening of September 4. We hope our students will attend the holiday services with their parents. This year we are planning to integrate our youth into our regular services with some programming that will be appropriate for adults and children. Our youth choir will sing throughout the holidays under the direction of Religious School teacher and soloist, Yana Fayn.

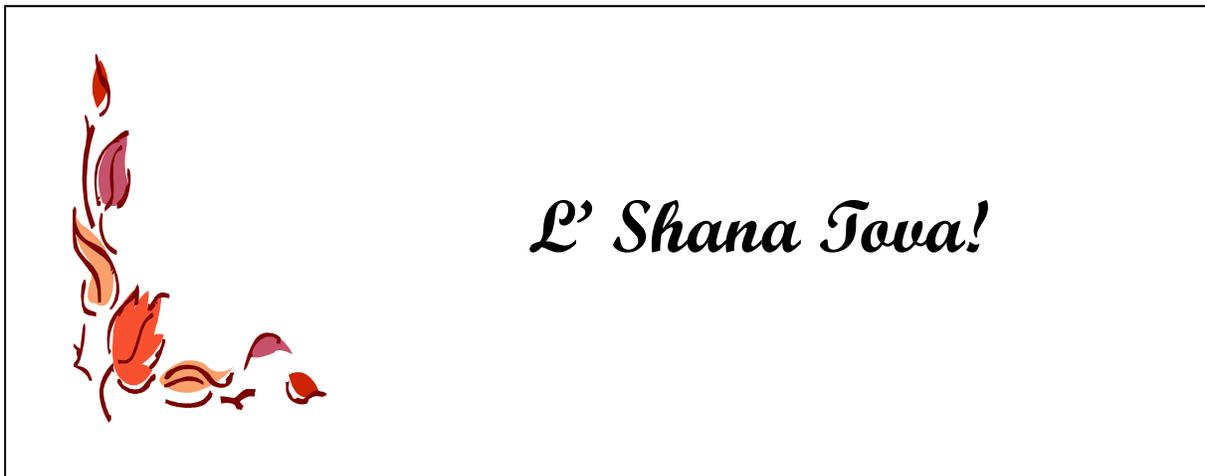
At any point, younger children may borrow a book from the large basket in the back of the sanctuary and read quietly. There will be a basket of toys in the lobby for children who need a break. Please walk your child out and stay with him/her, as children may not be unsupervised in the building.

Religious School will begin on September 6 with holiday lessons. We want to invite congregants of all ages, whether or not they have children in the school, and most certainly parents, to join our weekly Shabbat services at 6:10 p.m. in the library of Shepard Middle School when Religious School is in session. While these services are child-friendly, we are planning to focus on themes that inspire adult reflection as well. Once a month, these services will be followed by a Family Shabbat Dinner for our intergenerational community.

Participating in the congregation in various ways enriches what students learn in the classroom. Beginning with the Family Picnic on Sunday, August 25, there will be numerous opportunities for children and teens to engage in the educational, social and community service activities of Kadima. We hope all of our families will be active and engaged in the New Year.

Shalom,

Mary Oler, M. Div.



## High Holiday Schedule

### Rosh Hashanah

Wednesday, September 4, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 5, 10:30 a.m.

### Yom Kippur

Friday, September 13, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 14, 10:30 a.m.

Concluding service at 4:30 p.m.



Services at the Patty Turner Center

375 Elm Street  
Deerfield, Illinois 60015



There is no cost or reservations required for paid in full members of the congregation for the High Holiday Services. There is also no charge for students.

For non-members, reservations must be made in advance at [office@nrck.org](mailto:office@nrck.org). Tickets may be purchased for \$100 per adult.

### Break the Fast

There will be a Break the Fast Dinner at Biaggi's Ristorante Italiano.

Where: 711 Deerfield Road (corner of Waukegan Road)

When: 6:15 p.m.

R.S.V.P: [office@nrck.org](mailto:office@nrck.org) in advance.

Everyone will order individually off the menu.



## Yizkor Service Memorials

Our Yizkor memorial service will be held at the end of Yom Kippur, Wednesday, September 14, 4:30 p.m. A booklet will be prepared with names of deceased loved ones, and these names will be read by the Rabbi during the service.

If you have names you would like included, please fill in the form below and mail to:

The New Reform Congregation Kadima  
P.O. Box 1722  
Deerfield, Illinois 60015  
to be received by Saturday, September 12.

A donation of a minimum of \$18 per name would be appreciated.

Sponsor(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Names of deceased loved ones:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_
8. \_\_\_\_\_
9. \_\_\_\_\_
10. \_\_\_\_\_

Additional names may be added.



## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

**The New School Year is Beginning!**

### Religious School

Friday, September 6 at 4:30 p.m.  
Shepard Middle School, Deerfield

The Shabbat Service will begin at 6:10 that evening.

### Hebrew Class

Wednesday, September 18 at 6:30 p.m.

Participating families have received the schedule.



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## CONGREGATION HAPPENINGS

Keep an eye on <http://nrck.org/events>!

### Shabbat Services

Friday evenings at 7:30 p.m.  
Kadima Facility  
1020 Milwaukee Avenue, Suite 310, Deerfield



### Fund-raising

Every Tuesday evening. Volunteers are welcome to join our friendly group of workers! Please contact Linda Frankel or Howard Lipsky to sign up today or send an email to [office@nrck.org](mailto:office@nrck.org).

### Coffee Get Together

Sunday, August 4 at 7:00 p.m. to 9:00  
Amy and Scott Taxman's House - *more details to follow!*

### Family Picnic

Sunday, August 25 - *details to follow!*

*Note: Further details and additional congregational activities are likely to be sent out in additional emails*

THE NEW REFORM CONGREGATION KADIMA  
RELIGIOUS SCHOOL  
REGISTRATION FORM 2013-2104

Child enrolled: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Child enrolled: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Child enrolled: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' Names:

Parent 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Address (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Needs - Please share any information regarding allergies, medical conditions, medications, learning disabilities or behavioral issues that we should know in order to keep your child safe and to ensure a successful learning experience. Please include any helpful teaching tips:

Student Interests and Talents - Please let us know of any special interest areas or if your child has talents he/she would enjoy sharing at Religious School:

Parent Volunteers - May we call on you to help with special events? Do you have skills or talents you would like to share with us?

Please do not include payment with registration; you will be billed for tuition and fees along with your dues.



## ***B'nai Mitzvah***

***Sammie Taxman***

***Mazel Tov to Sammie and her Family!***

The New Reform Congregation Kadima feels great pride when those within our family become Bar or Bat Mitzvah. Sammie Taxman celebrated that happy occasion earlier this year.

### *From Sammie's Parents:*

We are so proud of Sammie and the young woman she is becoming. She did an excellent job reading from the Torah and explaining the portion that she read. We are also proud of her volunteer work in our community. One of Sammie's mitzvah projects was volunteering at a place called Horsefeathers, a therapeutic riding center for kids with disabilities. Sammie originally decided to volunteer there because of her love of horses and horseback riding, however, after working there a couple of times, she realized it was not just about working with the horses that she enjoyed but also the kids. Sammie really have enjoyed seeing the kids' progress each week and working with the Horsefeathers staff members and volunteers and being part of the team.

### *Sammie Gave the Following Speech:*

Shabbat Shalom. The Torah portion that I will read this morning is from Leviticus 23 which is from this week's portion of Emor. One theme in my Torah portion is about giving back. In today's Torah portion it says that when the Israelite farmers harvested their crops they should not harvest all the way to the edges of their fields, so the less fortunate could use some of their crops to eat. I think it's important to give back to those that are less fortunate than us. This reading reminds me how fortunate I am to have all the things that I do. One of the values my parents have instilled upon me is to help those who are in need and I have done my best to follow this principal and help others.

Another part of today's Torah portion talks about traditions. It talks about the counting of the Omer which is the 49 days between Passover and Shavuot. Both Passover and Shavuot are pilgrimage festivals which connect with the major agricultural events in Israel such as the spring harvest. Passover is the holiday that celebrates the Israelites freedom from Egypt and Shavuot is the holiday that marks the giving of the Torah to the Israelites. In addition, Passover is a holiday that celebrates becoming physically free, while Shavuot commemorates being spiritually free by receiving the Torah. The seven weeks of the counting of the Omer is also a period of mourning for the 24,000 students of Rabbi Akiva.

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Rabbi Akiva taught about 2,000 year ago when the Romans invaded Israel. The Romans refused to let the Jewish people study or teach Torah. Rabbi Akiva told his students to bring bows and arrows, and pretend to hunt. But, Rabbi Akiva would secretly meet them and have them study Torah and Jewish tradition. This teaches us to never give up studying the Torah, even if the law says so. The 33rd day of Omer is called Lag Ba'omer. People light bonfires on Lag Ba'omer to remember Rabbi Shimon. He and his son hid in a cave for 12 years so they could study Torah. They had no food or water, but a miracle happened and a tree grew along with a pond of water. In addition, Lag Ba'omer is a time for weddings and celebrations. During the entire agricultural year, the Israelites would give a portion of their harvest to the priests and the poor and needy. Even though most of us are no longer farmers, we are still inspired to help the needy.

