

A Message From the Rabbi

The Centrality of Freedom

The Sunday morning adult class I teach at Kadima emphasizes the centrality of freedom in Jewish thought and particularly in the Book of Exodus. I believe that the essential purpose of religion is to foster a free spirit within ourselves that enables us to transcend the projections of authority and the various idols we set up for ourselves that trap us, inhibit us and preclude our realization of our fullest potential.



Judaism emphasizes the centrality of freedom most obviously at Passover, known as “the Season of our Freedom,” but also in the daily liturgy. As the traditional text of the Haggadah states, “in order that you remember the Exodus from Egypt all the days of your life,” our observances and celebrations are intended to instill in us the pursuit of personal freedom continuously.

Much of the political and moral debate in the United States lately relates to individual rights, people’s personal freedoms. Gay marriage is about the freedom of people to follow their hearts in being who they are to the fullest extent possible without restriction, and a growing proportion of the population is in support of according this freedom to exercise their choice of life partner for homosexual people. Such freedom does not impose on those who oppose it.

On the other hand, many Americans strive for their perceived right to own guns and to bring them freely into the public domain. They fight for the continued right to purchase assault weapons with the capacity to massacre large numbers of people very quickly. But these people emphasize their “freedom to” do so, while disregarding the “freedom from” such intimidation and from the fear of being killed that the rest of us are entitled to.

When one’s freedom imposes on another person’s there is a breakdown of civilization. That is why there are laws to protect people from being impacted by another’s willfulness. For example, most municipalities prohibit people from making as much noise in the community as they might like after a certain hour.

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Freedom must be tempered by a concern not to impose on others; at the same time people must be accorded the opportunity to live their lives as they choose. Those who strive so hard to limit others ought to be concerned merely about their own choices as well as being committed to protecting the right of others to choose how to live their own lives.

A joyous and meaningful Passover to you and yours!

David Oler

Rabbi David Oler

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

Would you like to sponsor an Oneg?

Any member can host an Oneg Shabbat. Mark a special occasion such as a birthday, baby naming, anniversary, Bar or Bat Mitzvah, or....just because.

Contact
office@nrck.org



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for hosting January's pot luck supper

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A Message from the Principal

With Passover approaching, our students of all ages are studying the story of the Exodus. The Religious School classes have begun learning the story of Moses. They are also making connections to social conditions that oppress people in our day and the need for people to act like Moses in speaking the truth to power. On March 15 the students will participate in a model Seder in order to learn about its structure, symbolism and blessings. Our teens, with their perennial concern for social justice, are learning about the different forms that slavery takes in the world today and about efforts to end human trafficking and the exploitation of labor. The Adult Education class led by Rabbi Oler on Sunday mornings is studying the Book of Exodus and considering the pursuit of psychological and political freedom.

When we gather for the community Seder on March 26, we will observe the holiday with the enrichment of a month of preparation and reflection. The Passover Seder is designed to teach the Exodus story using all of our senses as well as our intelligence, and Jews of all ages feel united by sharing this annual celebration of freedom. We hope your family will join us for this participatory and intergenerational event.

Shalom,
Mary Oler, Principal



Community Seder Tuesday, March 26, 2013 6:00 p.m.

Join us for a festive and meaningful Seder led by Rabbi Oler at
Demetri's Restaurant, 660 Lake Cook Road, Deerfield

Adults: \$47
Children 4-12: \$22
Children 3 and under: Free

Please send reservations with checks included to
The New Reform Congregation Kadima
1020 Milwaukee Avenue
Suite 310
Deerfield, IL 60015

Reservations must be received by Friday, March 22nd.

Congregational Happenings

Israeli Celebration

April 12

In conjunction with the religious school



Family Shabbat Service and Dinner

April 26

6:45 p.m.



Movie Night

May 11 (Save the date!)

Meet at Phoenicia Restaurant in Highland Park at 5:00 for dinner, then go to Louise and Jack Henkin's for a movie night.

~~ Watch emails for further details as the dates approach ~~

On-going Activities

Adult Education

Sunday Mornings, 10:30-11:30

Kadima Facility

1020 Milwaukee Avenue, Suite 310, Deerfield

Join Kadima's Adult Class studying the story of the Exodus.

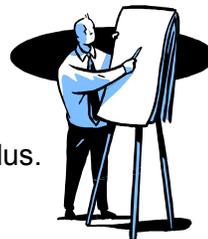
Rabbi Oler will lead us in examining issues including:

The nature of the Jewish God

The struggle for civil rights in the Torah

Finding courage for self-liberation

Appropriating the story in our own lives



Shabbat Services

Every Friday night at 7:30 at the Kadima facility,
1020 Milwaukee Avenue, Suite 310, Deerfield.



Religious School

Every Friday afternoon at 4:30

Spring Break: March 22 and March 29



MARCH-APRIL CALENDAR*

MARCH

Friday, Mar 1	
4:30 p.m.	Religious School
7:30 p.m.	Shabbat Service
Friday, Mar 8	
4:30 p.m.	Religious School
7:30 p.m.	Shabbat Service
Sunday, Mar 10	
10:30 a.m.	Confirmation Class Brunch
Friday, Mar 15	
4:30 p.m.	Religious School
7:30 p.m.	Shabbat Service
Friday, Mar 22	<i>No Religious School</i>
7:30 p.m.	Shabbat Service
Tues, Mar 26	
6:00 p.m.	Community Seder at Demetri's restaurant
Friday, Mar 29	<i>No Religious School</i>
7:30 p.m.	Shabbat Service

APRIL

Friday, Apr 5	
4:30 p.m.	Religious School
7:30 p.m.	Shabbat Service
Sunday, Apr 7	
10:30 a.m.	Confirmation Class Brunch
Friday, Apr 12	
4:30 p.m.	Religious School
7:30 p.m.	Shabbat Service
Friday, Apr 19	
4:30 p.m.	Religious School
7:30 p.m.	Shabbat Service
Friday, Apr 26	
4:30 p.m.	Religious School
6:45 p.m.	Family Shabbat Service and Dinner
Sunday, Apr 28	
10:30 a.m.	Confirmation Class Brunch

***Fund-raising** occurs every Tuesday evening. Volunteers are welcome to join our friendly group of workers!

***B'nai Mitzvah Hebrew Class** meets on Wednesday evenings. Participating families have received the schedule.

*Note: Further details and additional congregational activities are likely to be added.
Watch your e-mail for updates.*