

A Message From the Rabbi

Radical Pluralism

The adjective “radical” when applied to a religious or a political ideology means holding views to an extreme or intense degree. The people involved tend to see only their own perspective and negate that of others. The term can be applied to the right or to the left. One can be radical in one’s liberalism as in one’s conservatism.



Most recently we tend to speak of radicalism within Islam to refer to those fundamentalists who view themselves as the only true believers and everyone else as heretical and therefore unworthy. It is such an ideology that spawned the terrorism of 2001, just as it was behind the recent awful attack at the Boston Marathon. It involves a total disregard for the lives and limbs of those who do not share in their viewpoint. There is concern only for oneself and for one’s own kin. There is no more arrogant, selfish and self serving kind of way of being in the world. Such a perspective is not unique to Islam; radicalism attracts many people from the various religions and nationalities of the world. It stems from a sense of anxiety and insecurity in the world and a desire to be the chosen of God or to otherwise feel superior to others. The Nazis and fundamentalists in every religion have functioned with a disregard for the rights and the views of others, respecting and valuing only their own.

Our congregation is on the opposite end of the ideological spectrum from fundamentalism. At Kadima we are radical in our commitment to pluralism, in our respect for diversity. We welcome everyone who shares in that attitude of respect, regardless of his or her background or ideological perspective. We are working together to build a community of like-minded people.

In a time in which our assumptions about our security in the world are being called into question, in a time of rapid change and the emergence of threatening radicalisms of various kinds, it is so important to have a religious community in which we can share and have common purpose and experience the comfort of mutual understanding.

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Please feel encouraged to invite like minded family members, friends and neighbors to join with us at Kadima and explain to them the radical importance we place on hospitality and inclusiveness.

Best wishes,

David Oler

Rabbi David Oler

Join us for a Shabbat Service and Torah Study
In observance of Shavuot

Friday, May 10 at 7:30 p.m. at our Kadima Facility

Wine and Cheese Reception following the Service

Welcome!
ברוכים הבאים!

New Reform Congregation Kadima's Newest Members:

Todd and Lori Schwartz and
their children, Sophie, Max and Jack

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.

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!

Contact office@nrck.org



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.

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Sustaining: \$4,488
Sustaining Single: \$3,060

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Jack Henkin & Louise Pearson

Dr. Scott & Amy Taxman

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A Message from the Principal

The final weeks of Religious School are passing quickly. On the last two days, the students will have special presentations that will honor our spring B'not Mitzvah, Jenna Silverman, Sammie Taxman and Maddie Thall. Jenna and Sammie will be reading their Torah portions on May 10 and Maddie will read hers on May 17, during the school Shabbat services. Also, on May 17, the final day of Religious School, we are looking forward to the closing celebration of a year of learning together. We hope families will join us following school on that day for a Family Shabbat Service and Dinner at Demetri's.

The highlights of the 2012-13 Religious School year included student dramatic productions for Hannukah and Purim. We have a core of students who love nothing more than putting on a play! Our students also greatly enjoyed a visit from an author (and friend of Board member Linda Frankel) who shared her book and songs. Our congregation's teens met monthly at our home for Sunday brunch, holiday celebrations and discussion with the Rabbi.

The entire congregation has enjoyed seeing our library again, housed at our new center on Milwaukee Avenue; this has provided a warm setting for Sunday Adult Education classes with Rabbi Oler. Adults are welcome to gather there for the Shabbat Service and Torah study for Shavuot this Friday, May 10, followed by a wine and cheese reception.

We are grateful for a wonderful teaching staff and a cozy home at Shepard Middle School. Our students also enjoyed occasional Fridays at our Milwaukee Avenue Facility - it turns out to be a good place to stage a play, and the large conference room made a nice space for our model Seder. We also enjoyed welcoming new students throughout the year.

Please feel welcome to join your children at our school Shabbat services, and do let us know if you have friends or neighbors who may be looking for a synagogue school.

Mary Oler, M. Div.

Family Shabbat Dinner

Friday, May 17, 2013

6:45 p.m.

Please join us at

Demetri's Restaurant, 660 Lake Cook Road, Deerfield

The family-style meal will include salad, leg of lamb, Greek chicken, dolmades, pastitsio, roast potatoes, rice, vegetables and dessert

Adults: \$19.95, Children: \$9.75 (Children's beverages included) plus tax and tip

Please reserve at office@nrck.org by Thursday, May 16, 2013



Congregational Happenings

Adult Social Evening - Saturday, May 11

5:30 p.m. - *Dinner at Phoenicia Restaurant*
1910 First Street, Highland Park
Please plan to order off the menu



- Followed by -

7:30 p.m. - *Movie at the home of Jack Henkin and Louise Pearson*
1520 Oakwood Avenue, Highland Park
The 1980's movie, **Avalon**, is a wonderful story of a Jewish immigrant family assimilating over three generations.
Coffee, cake popcorn and wine will be served.

Please reserve at office@nrck.org.



Family Shabbat Service and Dinner

May 17, 2013 at 6:45 p.m.
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~~ Watch emails for further details as the dates approach ~~

On-going Activities

Adult Education

Sunday Mornings through May 19, 2013, 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 p.m. at the Kadima facility
1020 Milwaukee Avenue, Suite 310, Deerfield.



Religious School

Every Friday afternoon at 4:30 p.m.
Last Day of Class is May 17, 2013



MAY— JUNE CALENDAR

MAY

Friday, May 3

4:30 p.m. Religious School
7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service

Friday, May 10

4:30 p.m. Religious School
7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service and Torah Study for Shavuot
🍷 Wine and Cheese Reception following the Service 🍷

Saturday May 11

5:30 p.m. Adult Social Evening
7:30 p.m. Dinner at Phoenicia Restaurant
Movie at the home of Jack Henkin and Louise Pearson

Friday, May 17

4:30 p.m. Last Day of Religious School
6:45 p.m. Family Shabbat Dinner at Demetri's

Friday, May 24

7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service

Friday, May 31

6:00 p.m. Shabbat Service

JUNE

Friday, June 7

7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service

Friday, June 14

7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service

Friday, June 21

7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service

Friday, June 28

7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service

***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!*
