

## *A Message From the Rabbi*

### **Being of Service and Building Community**

Congregation Kadima has a particular mission. We provide a spiritual home for people who are free thinkers, open minded about religious ideas and flexible about observance. Kadima is committed to diversity, welcoming everyone and the varied perspectives they bring. No one is expected to have a particular theological perspective or to follow a specific pattern of observance. Yet we want to learn and to grow spiritually, and we want the same for our children.



As a small congregation we have the opportunity to know and to be known by one another and, thereby, to build and foster a real sense of community as we function together.

My purpose in reiterating these thoughts is to remind us of why we are part of Kadima and to indicate that if we truly value what our congregation is about, we need to give of our time to build it up in substance and in numbers. Much has been accomplished since March of 2010 when Kadima was founded with the hard work and support of many of our members, each being of service in his or her own way in the building of our fledgling community. People's talents and interests are diverse, and the congregation benefits from the various efforts that people make.

Some people have been working especially hard meeting the varied challenges and fulfilling many different tasks, and we are most appreciative. But we would like to involve every one of our members to volunteer in some way, providing some measure of relief to those working especially hard and providing them with a sense of support. We want the tasks to be shared in a fair and equitable manner. So please respond positively to invitations to help out.

Building community involves interconnecting with one another in dealing with the tasks that need to be done on behalf of all of us, being of service rather than merely a consumer of services offered by others. Being among those who are engaged in efforts on behalf of one another is what it means to be fully present as a member of Kadima, having a personal stake in the congregation's success.

If you truly believe in the importance of what Kadima stands for as a free thinking, progressive, Reform congregation, please help us in any way that you are able to grow in

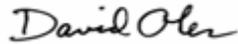
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numbers and to continue to develop what it is that we offer to those who join with us.

We are all truly grateful to those who have been working so hard, giving of themselves with such generosity of spirit to build our community. Please join in with them and do whatever you can to help.

Thank you very much,



Rabbi David Oler

## Thanks

to

**Linda and Dean Frankel  
Louise Pearson and Jack Henkin  
Shana Mallin and Sam Basin**

for hosting the Progressive Dinner in October

Thanks also to those involved in making Kadima's new facility a reality:

**Howard and Miriam Lipsky** for renovation work  
Architect **Victor Lew** for lay-out design  
and all those who helped with the move itself:  
**Pam Blumenthal and Joe and Max Handwerker;  
Linda and Chase Frankel;  
Alan and Carol Gold;  
Alexis and Steven Gunn;  
Howard Lipsky;  
Randy McCool;  
David, Mary, Ann and Jesse Oler;  
Cliff, JoEllen and Jenna Silverman**

See page 7 for pictures of our new "digs"



## Get Well Wishes

The congregation sends best wishes to  
**Mary Crockett,**  
Mary Oler's mother

## Patrons and Sustaining Members

Patrons and Sustaining Members generously choose to pay special dues that make it possible for the congregation to assist members who find it difficult to pay full dues or school fees.

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 Members:*

**Scott Warren**



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

Hi Kadima Members,

Not only have we had a lot going on since we opened our New Kadima facility—which included visits from Brad Schneider and Robert Dold, both of whom discovered an active and thoughtful community who did not let them rest on their slogans—but we've been busy putting together great events and opportunities since then and will be doing even more!

### **Progressive Dinner**

A raucous group of us showed up like a mob of hungry Vikings but **Dean and Linda Frankel** set the mood of the evening very well by overwhelming us with appetizers, wine and great conversation. We then went to **Jack Henkin and Louise Pearson's** home where Louise clearly mistook the event for an Iron Chef competition. She and Jack made a wonderful ossobuco, a roast, and two casseroles and more; Louise has got my vote for the Next Iron Chef America! **Shana Mallin and Sam Basin** served a similarly wide series of home made desserts and then Sam went and played the piano, reminding all that he's a double threat of talents! This was a wonderful evening, a great way to interact with everyone. I'd like to thank the programming committee and all the volunteers for opening their homes and putting together an exceptional evening. That's one to two inches on my waist I won't ever regret!

### **Food Drive this past Sunday!**

We had our Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive, starting at the **Taxman's** home. Collected items will be donated to the West Deerfield Township Food Pantry. The long recession has distressed food pantries throughout nation, including the one in Deerfield. We need to do all we can to make sure people can eat and be clean; the food drive was an excellent opportunity to take some of the burden off the less fortunate as the holiday season approaches. That can of soup we take off the shelf to donate may not only be the easiest good deed a person can perform this year, it may well be the most important and effectual act anyone can muster. Thanks to the Taxman's for making their home the center of this event and to all the people who went out and collected donations and made this a success. No one should underestimate the positive ripples such good deeds do for others.

### **End of year way to support Kadima:**

"Don't ask what taxes your government can cut for you, cut your own." Either Ayn Rand or Jack Kemp wrote that but I could be mistaken! Thanks to **Al Levine**, we have a great win-win way to donate to Kadima and lower your tax burden at the same time.

### **Donate Appreciated Stock**

Appreciated shares in publicly traded stock can be donated to Kadima and you can deduct the appreciated value of the stock and avoid the payment of income tax on the capital gains. Kadima can then sell the stock and use the full proceeds in its operations. You must have owned the stock for more than one year, otherwise you can only deduct your basis, not the current fair market value. The value of the contribution is the average of the high

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and low prices of the publicly traded stock on the day of the transfer. Your annual limitation of deducted stock is 30% of adjusted gross income, but amounts you cannot use in the current year can be carried forward to future years.

While this is not an unusual strategy, we do recommend you consult with your tax advisor.

Please contact Al Levine with questions at [ahlevine@earthlink.net](mailto:ahlevine@earthlink.net)

### **Committees**

All of our committees are meeting to plan out the rest of year. Finance met this past weekend. A Fundraising committee just met and needs your help. Programming just met and has lots of ambitious projects to announce. Social Action and Membership are going to meet soon. We're a small congregation but we do great things—but we can only do great things with your participation. It's fun, even when it's a mitzvah!

### **Facebook**

Carol Gold is now taking the helm of our Kadima Facebook page, which you can find at: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/The-New-Reform-Congregation-Kadima/146546208721456>. Please help us out by stopping by the page and “liking” it and “friending” it; doing so will help promote the congregation and tell the world what you already know – Kadima is a great place!

Marc Dubey  
President

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**Save the Date**

## **Hannukah Celebration**

**December 14  
6:30 p.m.**



## NOVEMBER-DECEMBER CALENDAR\*

### NOVEMBER

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| <b>Friday, Nov 2</b><br>4:30 p.m.<br>7:30 p.m.  | Religious School<br>Shabbat Service                                      |
| <b>Sunday, Nov 4</b><br>10:00 a.m.              | <b>Thanksgiving Food Drive</b><br>Gather at Scott and Amy Taxman's house |
| <b>Friday, Nov 9</b><br>4:30 p.m.<br>7:30 p.m.  | Religious School<br>Shabbat Service                                      |
| <b>Friday, Nov 16</b><br>4:30 p.m.<br>7:30 p.m. | Religious School<br>Shabbat Service                                      |
| <b>Sunday, Nov 18</b><br>10:30 a.m.             | Confirmation Class Brunch  |
| <b>Friday, Nov 23</b><br>7:30 p.m.              | <i>No Religious School</i><br>Shabbat Service                            |
| <b>Friday, Nov 30</b><br>4:30 p.m.<br>7:30 p.m. | Religious School<br>Shabbat Service                                      |

### DECEMBER

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| <b>Friday, Dec 7</b><br>4:30 p.m.<br>7:30 p.m.         | Religious School<br>Shabbat Service  |
| <b>Sunday, Dec 9</b><br>10:30 a.m.                     | Confirmation Class Brunch  |
| <b>Friday, Dec 14</b><br>4:30 - 6:00 p.m.<br>6:30 p.m. | Religious School<br><b>Hannukah Service, Dinner and Celebration</b><br>at Chevy Chase Country Club |
| <b>Friday, Dec 21</b><br>7:30 p.m.                     | <i>No Religious School</i><br>Shabbat Service  |
| <b>Friday, Dec 28</b><br>7:30 p.m.                     | <i>No Religious School</i><br>Shabbat Service  |

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\***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.*

## B'nai Mitzvah

**Mia Fulkerson Kellman** became Bat Mitzvah in September.

*The New Reform Congregation Kadima feels great pride when those within our congregation reach this happy, significant milestone and offer congratulations to Mia and her family!*



Mia lived in Chicago, in the Lakeview neighborhood, until she was five, when our family moved to Wilmette. Mia went to elementary school at Central School in Wilmette, and then attended Highcrest Middle School. Now she is an 8<sup>th</sup> grader at Wilmette Junior High.

Mia has been dancing since the age of three, and currently dances 18 hours a week in the Joffrey Ballet pre-professional program. She dances in the Joffrey's production of the Nutcracker, as well as student productions of the Joffrey school.

Mia also loves to travel and has been to many wonderful places, her favorite being Costa Rica. Mia would perhaps like to become a ballerina, but her family insists that she go to college!

*Mia made the following comments during the course of her Bat Mitzvah service:*

To me, being a Bat Mitzvah means becoming more mature as an adult in the Jewish world. What does this mean? Good question!

I have always been a pretty responsible kid – I get my homework done; I pay attention at school and at dance; I even put my laundry away. But being an adult means more than being responsible for getting things done. It means understanding that I am part of a family, community, a global environment, and that what I do has an impact on others; other people, other species, in other places. When I make a decision, I should think about how it will affect not just me, but also my family, my friends, my community, the environment, maybe even other kids in other places.

To me being an adult means not being afraid of other people or other places, and trying to appreciate the differences between them and me, home and away. More importantly, it means trying to understand what they are experiencing, and feeling compassion for them.

Compassion literally means “with passion.” It just means that you care about someone or something, that you want to take care of them somehow. Here in Wilmette, we have a lot of good things--peace, enough money, and good health. Being an adult means appreciating what we have and trying to help people who are sick or poor or just sad. It can be difficult to visit people who are sick but after you do it you feel better about yourself that you made someone else feel better; you also make a difference in their lives.

My project was volunteering for a pet organization called PAWS, which stands for “Pets Are Worth Saving.” I worked at a pet food bank--a place that hands out pet food to owners of pets who cannot afford to buy enough food for their pets to eat. It was really hard when I saw all of the pets in their cages without homes, but I knew that I was doing the right thing and that I was going to help them get homes. I am glad that I chose this as my service project because I had a lot of fun doing it, and I helped pet owners keep their pets' homes.

Many people have helped me with the process of my Bat Mitzvah. I would like to recognize them now. The first person I would like to thank is one of my Hebrew tutors, Maor Yonovich. Maor has helped me for about 2 years and has pretty much taught me how to read Hebrew. Maor also taught me how to write, and sing my Torah portion. The next person I would like to thank would be Leora Eidenberg, who helped me perfect my Torah portion. In addition, I would like to thank my parents because they have helped me so much, and supported me along the way. And I would like to thank all of my teachers at Hebrew school, especially Rabbi Oler and Mary Oler, who have taught me what it means to be a Jew, and all about the high holidays and their meanings. They have taught me tons of prayers and songs, and about Jewish history. Lastly, I would like to thank congregation Kadima as a whole for welcoming my family into the congregation. They gave me and my brother an accepting environment to learn in. Those of you who know me from school know that I have presentation fright and I hate presenting anything that I made myself. I would like to thank Ms. Megan Phillips and Ms. Marcella Ducsay. They have helped me throughout the course of the year to mentally build up my courage. Not only my courage in dance, but they have given me the courage to stand up here today. I don't think they know this, but they have definitely helped me. I want to thank all of my friends and family from out of town who have helped me celebrate this special day. Thank you.

## We've got a new home!

As of October 1, the New Reform Congregation Kadima has a sparkling new facility in which to hold Shabbat services, conduct committee meetings, house our library, have special celebrations, etc. It's located at 1020 Milwaukee Avenue, Suite 310, Deerfield.

Praised is the Eternal our God, who has granted us life, sustained us and enabled us to reach this joyous occasion.

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Come join with fellow congregants in the many activities that will be taking place there!

*Photos by Callie Dixon*