

A Message From the Rabbi

A Community of Comfort

We are living in a time of ever increasing stress. The economy continues to falter, we are increasingly disillusioned by our country's politics and are more worried about the future than we used to be. This month the tenth anniversary of the terrible events of September 11th 2001 will be commemorated. What occurred on that day changed the way we live in our own country with a focus on homeland security and resulted in our engaging in two wars.



We are concerned about the plight of the citizens of Israel who face the threat of terrorism daily and who must cope with the worsening political situation for Israel resulting from the "Arab Spring."

It is becoming harder to find respite and to feel a sense of optimism or of equanimity.

A primary purpose of congregational life is to find comfort in community with people whose culture and values we share. In a truly religious community it is appropriate that people care about and nurture one another, not just remain as strangers with others belonging to the same organization. Too many congregations function as anonymous service stations. We want to be different than that at Kadima. As a smaller congregation, focused on personal development and community, we emphasize the importance of people getting to know and care about one another.

Rosh Hashanah will be celebrated at the end of September and our new program year and academic session have begun. I urge you to become involved and connect with your fellow

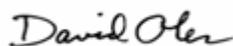
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members of Kadima and also to help our congregation grow by reaching out to friends, neighbors and family who would benefit from our approach to Judaism and to community building at Kadima. Encourage them to contact us or provide our office with their names and contact information. Better yet, invite them to join you at upcoming events and services or to visit our religious school with their children.

With best wishes for the New Year,

L'shana Tova,



Rabbi David Oler

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

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](tel:847-229-9500).

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.

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From the President

Summer is nearly over and it has been a warm summer at Kadima in the best possible way. We've been having Shabbat in people's homes and rather than having a lower turnout, as has often been the case in the summer, we have enjoyed greater attendance. This is entirely the fault of the warm welcome we have been getting in the homes of Jack Henkin and Louise Pearson, Ron and Linda Tomaszewski, Mark Shapiro and Yelena Kalugina, Linda and Dean Frankel and the Olers.

We celebrated the 100th birthday of David Henkin. I would like to have his sharp wit and good humor at 100 but I would rather have it now. I saw Jonathan Dixon give an especially beautiful practice Torah reading before going to celebrate his Bar Mitzvah in Israel and Justin Lew also had a great Bar Mitzvah with a thoughtful discussion about how he integrates science and Torah. Mazel tov to all three of them!

Mark Shapiro and Yelena Kalugina also arranged for an informal gathering to see part of the Maxwell Street Klezmer band perform in Skokie. It was a wonderful experience. In addition to great Klezmer music, the event included a performance of dancing with a wine bottle on the MC's head that was very skilled and group dancing that everyone participated in. I would like to thank Mark and Yelena for thinking of Kadima and putting this together for us!

With summer coming to an end, it is time to sign up for the New Reform Congregation Kadima Religious School. Please return your forms to Mary at principal@nrck.org or office@nrck.org.

Our committees are starting to come together, with Social Action, Membership, Programming and Fundraising planning meetings. If you have not signed up for anything, please consider doing so--we can't do all the great things Kadima does without you!!

In September, we will begin having Shabbat Services and High Holidays in the Patty Turner Center; we look forward to seeing everyone there.

Thank you,

Marc Dubey
President,
New Reform Congregation Kadima

Schedule of High Holiday Services

Services will be held at the
Patty Turner Center in Deerfield



Rosh Hashanah

Wednesday, September 28
7:30 p.m. Evening Service, followed by Reception

Thursday, September 29
10:30 a.m. Morning Service
2:30 p.m. Family Service



Yom Kippur

Friday, October 7
7:30 p.m. Evening Service

Saturday, October 8
10:30 a.m. Morning Service
2:30 p.m. Family Service
4:30 p.m. Concluding Service and Yizkor
(See page 10 for specifying your Yizkor Service Memorials)

High Holiday Services are open to the public without charge, but reservations are necessary. For reservations, please contact us at office@nrck.org or 847-229-9500. Donations are appreciated and may be mailed to: The New Reform Congregation Kadima, P.O. Box 1722, Deerfield, IL 60015.

There will be a Children's Program for ages 3-10 available during evening, morning and concluding (Yizkor) services.

Reserve now to Break the Fast with fellow congregants on Saturday, October 8 following the concluding service of Yom Kippur including the Yizkor memorial observance. We'll gather in a private dining room at Demetri's Restaurant, 660 Lake Cook Road, Deerfield at 6:30 p.m.. Menu choices available; plan to pay the restaurant directly. Make reservations at office@nrck.org.

A Message from the Principal

Recently I was asked to write a piece about the Religious School for our congregation's website in order to give prospective members a sense of our philosophy and program. I thought it would be helpful for our members also as a summary of our guiding values and the programs offered, so I am sharing it here. We are looking forward to welcoming our continuing and new students to the opening of school on September 9!

There is an old Jewish legend about an audacious young man who visits two renowned rabbis asking each of them, "Teach me the Torah while I stand on one foot." The first rabbi sends him away with a scolding, "Impudent youth, it takes a lifetime of study to learn the Torah!" But the second rabbi, Hillel, takes the challenge. While the young man stands precariously on one foot, Hillel explains, "Love your neighbor as yourself – that is the Torah, and everything else is commentary." Thunderstruck by this exceptional answer, the young man becomes his student.

In our Religious School we build on the same understanding of the essence of the Torah. We believe Jewish education is valuable because it teaches us a way of living with sensitive concern for the welfare and happiness of our neighbors, concern that finds expression in empathy for others, courage to stand up for those who are bullied or oppressed and in acts of justice, generosity and peacemaking. We believe religious education helps us grow to our full stature as individuals and to create more caring families and communities.

Our curriculum for grades Kindergarten through 10 includes Hebrew language, Jewish texts ranging from stories of the Torah to contemporary literature, History, Israel, Holidays and Culture, B'nai Mitzvah preparation and Confirmation Class. Throughout their studies, we seek to impart the religious values of Jewish tradition and develop skills to cultivate humanity in our society.

Our core program for grades K-7 takes place from 4:30-6:30 on Friday afternoons, and the final 20-30 minutes is given to a Shabbat Service with our Rabbi in which students actively participate in music, readings and interpreting the lessons of the Torah. Parents and siblings are welcome to join us. Students preparing to become B'nai Mitzvah also have a weekday Hebrew class once a week; they work with a tutor on reading the Torah, and have the freedom to select a portion and mitzvah project that matters to them. Our teens meet in homes twice monthly, sharing Sunday brunch and conversation with the Rabbi; this year we plan to feature several visitors whose lives model Jewish values. Monthly Shabbat dinners and holiday celebrations which draw congregants of all ages together, a summer youth service camp and several cultural, recreational and service activities round out our students' experience of Jewish life in community.

Our small classes provide an intimate and focused learning experience. Students who may be shy in larger groups or who need special support for learning thrive in our classes, as do students who can concentrate better in a quieter setting. We value welcoming Shabbat together, and we make the transition from the school week to Shabbat an experience of relaxation, reflection and celebration in the company of friends.

Shalom,
Mary Oler

September-October Calendar

September

- Friday, September 2**
7:30 p.m. Shabbat Services at the Oler home,
14 Chicory Lane, Riverwoods
- Friday, September 9**
4:30-6:30 p.m. Religious School begins at
Shepard Middle School, 440 Grove Place, Deerfield.
Families are always welcome to join us for school Shabbat
Service at 6:10 p.m..
7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service at Oler home
- Tuesday, September 13**
6:30 p.m. Youth Hebrew Class
at instructor's home
- Wednesday, September 14**
7:00 p.m. Board Meeting, 1020 Milwaukee Ave, Conference Rm. 314,
Deerfield. All members are welcome
- Friday, September 16**
4:30–6:30 p.m. Religious School, Shepard Middle School
7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service at the
Patty Turner Center, 375 Elm Street, Deerfield
- Tuesday, September 20**
6:30 p.m. Hebrew Class
- Friday, September 23**
4:30-6:30 p.m. Religious School High Holiday workshop
7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service, Patty Turner Center
- Tuesday, September 27**
6:30 p.m. Hebrew Class
- Wednesday, September 28**
7:30 p.m. Rosh Hashanah, Patty Turner Center
Evening Service. Reception following
- Thursday, September 29**
10:30 a.m. Rosh Hashanah, Patty Turner Center
Morning Service
2:30 p.m. Family Service
- Friday, September 30**
4:30-6:30 p.m. Religious School, Shepard Middle School
7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service, Oler home

October

Tuesday, October 4 6:30 p.m.	Hebrew Class
Wednesday, October 5 7:00 p.m.	Board Meeting, 1020 Milwaukee Avenue
Friday, October 7 7:30 p.m.	Yom Kippur, Patty Turner Center Evening Service (<i>No Religious School</i>)
Saturday, October 8 10:30 a.m. 2:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Yom Kippur, Patty Turner Center Morning Service Family Service Concluding and Memorial Service Break the Fast Dinner at Demetri's Restaurant, 660 Lake Cook Road, Deerfield,. Reservations required through office@nrck.org .
Tuesday, October 11	<i>No Hebrew Class</i>
Friday, October 14 4:30-6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Religious School begins at 4:30 at Shepard Middle School. Weather permitting, students will go to the Sukkah at the Oler home and be picked up there at 6:30 p.m. Families welcome to join us at 6:10 p.m. Shabbat Service with Oneg in the Sukkah at Oler home
Sunday, October 16 10:00-11:30 a.m.	Confirmation Class Brunch in the Sukkah at Oler home
Tuesday, October 18 6:30 p.m.	Hebrew Class
Friday, October 21 4:30-6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Religious School at Shepard Middle School Shabbat Service at Oler home
Tuesday, October 25 6:30 p.m.	Hebrew Class
Friday, October 28 4:30-6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Religious School at Shepard Middle School Shabbat Service at Oler home

*The New Reform Congregation Kadima takes much pride when those within our family become Bar or Bat Mitzvah. The following comments were recently made by **Justin Walter Lew** on that happy occasion in his life.*



I'd like to thank everyone for being here with me today. It's great to have all my friends and family here. It was my decision to have a Bar Mitzvah service to publicly acknowledge my becoming a Bar Mitzvah. Even though there was a lot of studying and practice involved, it was worth it to me to reach this moment today.

I would like to thank my parents and family for supporting me in everything I do. Mom and Dad, thank you for helping me prepare for today. Now that I am a Bar Mitzvah I am considered an adult in the Jewish community. As I get older I am going to have to take more responsibility for what I do. You have helped me learn how to be responsible and be a better person. I am very lucky to have all my grandparents close in my life. Jessica and Eric, thank you for not bothering me too much when I was studying.

This was the first time I looked at a Torah portion more deeply. I was surprised that the portion can fit with today's knowledge and I found the commentaries interesting. Learning the Tropes was easier than I thought and I enjoyed chanting the portion.

Thank you also to Rabbi Oler and my tutor Joanne Elster.

Thank you again to everybody for being here today.

The portion I will be chanting is Genesis, chapter 1, verses 1 through 10. This part is about the creation of everything, when the universe was dark and unformed, and God created life, plants, sea creatures, animals and then humans. This is known as the 7 days of creation, when the first 6 days God created something and the 7th day was rest. After God creates something he always checks his work. Once he approves of it he goes on to the next thing.

I find this story interesting because I am interested in science, especially physics, chemistry, and astronomy. The first day of creation where God created light from darkness and chaos does match with the scientific theory of the beginning of everything, "the Big Bang" where there was an explosion of bright light that expanded into what the universe is now.

Some of the orders of creation do not match literally with what science says now. The order of life does match with science because both say first there were sea creatures, then birds, then mammals, then people.

I found it interesting that after each day of creation the Torah said there was evening and then there was morning. Not morning then evening. Which is why we start holidays in the evening and end them the following evening. Also, we have a seven day week just like how long it says in the Torah it took God to make the universe. We also rest on the 7th day just like God.

The Zohar, a collection of commentaries to the Torah written during the 2nd and 3rd century, states that reading and understanding the Torah literally is like looking at a person by their clothes. We should look at a person by their inside and get to know them just like we should read and understand the Torah more deeply to understand the true meaning. Maimonides, born 1135 in Córdoba Spain, says that if science and the Torah do not agree one should accept science and look at the Torah to make it match to science.

In my life I can be both a scientist and find meaning in the Torah without having to give up either one. Also I will try to judge people by their character and not how they look, just like I will look deeper into the Torah passages to interpret their true meaning.

To enhance your family's enjoyment of Rosh Hashanah, here is an easy and delicious recipe featuring apples (though no honey). Do you have a favorite holiday recipe to share? Send it to office@nrck.org, along with your name and perhaps some words about the recipe and its associations in your life.

EASY APPLE COFFEE CAKE



"An easy to make cake with a beautiful layer of apples in the middle. This is wonderful served warm with a scoop of ice cream."

Prep Time: 30 Minutes

Cook Time: 1 Hour

Ready In: 2 Hours

Ingredients

- 1 (18.25 ounce) package yellow cake mix
- 1 (3.4 ounce) package instant vanilla pudding mix
- 4 eggs
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 6 apples - peeled, cored and sliced
- 1/2 cup white sugar
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Grease and flour a 10 inch Bundt pan.
2. In a large bowl, stir together the cake mix and instant pudding mix. Add the eggs, sour cream and oil and mix until well blended. In a small bowl combine the sugar, cinnamon and walnuts.
3. Pour half of the batter into the prepared pan, then place a layer of sliced apples over the batter and sprinkle with half of the cinnamon walnut mixture. Pour the remaining batter over the top and repeat with the remaining apples and cinnamon walnut mixture.
4. Bake for 60 to 70 minutes in the preheated oven. Cool for 1/2 hour before removing from pan to cool completely.

Recipe provided by www.Allrecipes.com, submitted by Carol Semenuk.

Yizkor Service Memorials

Our Yizkor memorial service will be held at the end of Yom Kippur, Saturday, October 8 at 4:30 p.m. As all other services, this service is open to the public, and members are welcome to bring extended family and friends. 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:

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to be received by Wednesday, October 5.

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

Sponsor(s): _____

Names of deceased loved ones:

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Additional names may be added.