

HAKAFA WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEK OF AUGUST 21, 2019

Wednesday Afternoon Torah Study

Wednesday, August 21, 1:00-2:30 PM

North Shore United Methodist Church (213 Hazel Avenue, Glencoe)

Join us for weekly Torah Study! Each Wednesday afternoon we proceed through the Bible, verse by verse, discussing its content and various interpretations with Rabbi Elder.

Shabbat Service – Guest Speaker: Rev. Scott S. Himel

Friday, August 23, 7:30 PM

Winnetka Community House (620 Lincoln Avenue, Winnetka)

Please join us for our weekly Shabbat Service. On this Shabbat we welcome as our guest speaker **Reverend Scott S. Himel** of the North Shore United Methodist Church in Glencoe. As always, an oneg will follow our service.

"20 Questions About Judaism" Class – Last Session this Monday!

Join other Hakafa adults for a learning experience with master teacher, **Buddy Schreiber**. *"Is it okay to be angry with God?", "What good does prayer do?", "Do I have to love my neighbor, always?"* Explore these tough-to-answer inquiries through our *Jewish lens!* There will be **one more session this coming Mondays 8/26** from **10:00 to 11:00 AM** at the **North Shore United Methodist Church (213 Hazel Avenue, Glencoe)**.

To register for this class, please contact Rona Elder (admin@hakafa.org or 847-242-0687). All adults are welcome, even if you missed the first two! Please contact Rabbi Elder (rabbi@hakafa.org or 847-266-8854) with questions.

Midrash Class

Tuesday, August 27, 9:00-10:00 AM

North Shore United Methodist Church (213 Hazel Avenue, Glencoe)

Join us to study *midrash* with Rabbi Elder. Midrash is the creative, interpretative process of the rabbis over generations.

Mishneh Torah Class

Tuesday, August 27, 10:30 AM

Home of Allison Blakley Davis & Kenneth Davis (2940 Moon Hill Drive, Northbrook)

Are you interested in studying *Halacha* (Jewish law)? If so, please join us for our next Mishneh Torah class with Rabbi Elder.

High Holiday Choir – Rehearsals Begin This Coming Tuesday

Enthusiastic singers are needed to join our dedicated core for the High Holidays!

To fill the sanctuary with sound, we are counting on several new members to join our forces. Our choir director, Ed Zelnis, is happy to help new members.

Rehearsals will begin this coming Tuesday, August 27 from 7:30 – 9:30 PM at the **North Shore United Methodist Church** (213 Hazel Avenue, Glencoe) and will continue weekly on Tuesday evenings for 5 more weeks. These are the rehearsal dates: **August 27, September 3, September 10, September 17, September 24, October 1**

Again this year -- **prior to the first rehearsal this coming Tuesday (August 27), join Rabbi Elder at 6:15 PM** to get a better understanding of some of the songs/prayers that we sing. BYO Dinner – we will provide drinks/dessert.

Don't hesitate for a minute ... jump right in!

For more information and to have a book of music ready for you, please contact Jenny Patterson (jrpatterson2000@gmail.com or 312-217-0724) or Peggy Wise (847-446-2079 or pwise1401@gmail.com).

Tuesday Evening Torah Study

Tuesday, August 27, 7:30-8:45 PM

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Membership Renewal and School Forms

The 2019-20 Membership Renewal Packets (including the Dues Pledge Form, Religious/Hebrew School Form, and Volunteer Packet) were mailed/emailed mid-July to all current members for the new fiscal year. They can also be found posted on the Hakafa website (<https://hakafa.org/membership/membership-renewal>).

Please download, print, fill out the forms, and return them to the Hakafa office ASAP.

If you know of someone interested in learning more about Hakafa, please contact Rona (admin@hakafa.org or 847-242-0687) or Deborah Brown (vicepresident@hakafa.org or 847-421-3985).

Contact our Dues Treasurer, Heather Harris (dues@hakafa.org or 847-530-5135), with questions about dues.

High Holiday Ticket Requests and Information

High Holiday information and ticket order forms were emailed/mailed this past Monday. **Please fill out the 2-page ticket request form and mail it in by September 8.** The form and packet of information can also be accessed via our website.

Please note that High Holiday tickets are offered to current members of Congregation Hakafa. Tickets will be mailed in September and once your 2019-20 dues commitment form has been received. If you have not already mailed in your Membership Renewal

Materials, you can include your High Holiday Ticket Request Form with your Membership Renewal Materials.

If you prefer to receive a paper copy of the info packet/form in the mail, please contact Rona (admin@hakafa.org or 847-242-0687) ASAP so that it can be mailed to you.

Volunteer at Nuestro Center Homework Club in Highwood

Family Service of Lake County's Nuestro Center (501 Bank Lane, Highwood) is currently accepting applications for volunteers at its afterschool program – Homework Club.

Two Time Frames:

3:15-4:45 PM - Homework Assistance

4:30-5:45 PM - New Reading Program (reading curriculum)

Required Training Dates:

Aug 19 & 26 (10:00-11:00 AM) OR Aug 20 & 27 (5:00-6:00 PM)

Required Reading Program Training Dates (for reading program volunteers only):

Aug 21 & 28 (10:00 AM-12:00 PM) OR Aug 22 & 29 (5:00-7:00 PM)

The volunteer application form can be found at this link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/>

Please contact Hakafa member, Joan Zahnle (joanzahnle@comcast.net or 847-217-6438), or Liz Chavez (lchavez@famservice.org or 847-681-0208).

Refugee Support

The newest family that Hakafa supports, Awot and Weyni from Eritrea, are adjusting well to America. Awot is learning English quickly and will be starting a job at O'Hare shortly. The mom, Weyni, is incredibly hospitable and cooks for us every visit. The older child, Silvana, is celebrating her first birthday in America this week. The family is looking for **a stroller to use for their two children who are 3 and 6**. We are hoping to find one where the older child stands behind the other who is seated. The family would also love a **"balance bike" for the three-year-old** if anyone has one and a **gently-used big screen TV**. Please contact Allison Stein at ajztein@gmail.com if you have any of these items.

Help Identify Job Opportunities for Refugees

Several of the refugee families whom Hakafa volunteers are mentoring are ready to move on from a first (or second) job to something requiring more skills and hopefully with a better salary. It's difficult to assess what might be good places for work opportunities - if anyone in the Congregation has contacts in places like warehouses, factories, or similar places where an employee will be trained and not have to have specific skills, please contact Sylvia Dresser (sylviadresser@gmail.com or 847-945-6095). Keep in mind that most of our families live in Evanston or Rogers Park and take public transportation.

Seeking Volunteers: EDEN Program (Emergency Department Eldercare Navigators)

Would you like to become a trusted guide for older adults with dementia in the Emergency Department at Glenbrook or Highland Park Hospitals? Emergency Department visits can be disruptive and take a damaging toll on older adults, especially those with dementia. EDEN volunteers provide a calming influence and improve communication during an Emergency Department visit. As an EDEN Volunteer you will provide the compassion, and we will provide FREE training in all of the following:

- Common health issues among older adults, with an emphasis on Alzheimer's Disease & Related Disorders
- Listening & communicating with patients & medical personnel
- A walking tour of Glenbrook Hospital's Emergency Department
- Stress reduction techniques & applications for persons with Dementia
- Patient advocacy
- Confidentiality and Ethics

Training Date/Time: Thursday, 9/12/19, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Training Location: Glenbrook Hospital Emergency Department

With questions or to RSVP for the Training: Contact Rachel Lessem at 773-508-1151 or rachel.lessem@cje.net.

Condolences to:

Tammy Bendoff and Marla Koza and family on the loss of their grandmother, Bertha (Berdie) Edelheit

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- If you would like an announcement included in this weekly update, please email your announcement to Rona Elder (admin@hakafa.org) by Tuesday afternoon.
- If you would like an article included in the monthly newsletter, please contact Lori Wilansky, our volunteer newsletter editor at wilanskyl@comcast.net. Articles must be *submitted by the 15th of the month prior to the newsletter's publication.*