

# **HAKAFA WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **WEEK OF JANUARY 13, 2021**

### **Wednesday Afternoon Torah Study**

**Wednesday, January 13, 1:00-2:30 PM**

**Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/813358443>**

**Meeting ID: 813 358 443**

**To Dial-In (no video): 312-626-6799**

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

### **Keshet Event THIS EVENING**

**Wednesday, January 13, 7:00 PM**

**Zoom Link:**

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89511268967?pwd=SDNVMWpWUTJ0dzdGeWR6OEo1Um9udz09>**

**Meeting ID: 895 1126 8967**

**To Dial-In (no video): 312-626-6799**

Join us for the next Keshet event for a **conversation with Essie Shachar-Hill on the ABC's of LGBTQ**. Essie is the outgoing educator at Chicago's office of Keshet, a national organization that works for LGBTQ equality in Jewish life. They will present a primer on, among other topics, understanding language and terms, differentiating between gender and sex, and navigating the complexity of identity. They will also answer questions we have and give us suggestions for supporting members of the LGBTQ community in our circles and beyond. Essie has been with Hakafa on a number of occasions over the past few months. They are a wonderful and open presenter. We hope you will join us.

*\*Keshet (Hebrew for "Connection") is an initiative geared toward new, recent, or soon-to-be empty nesters and their age group who are looking to get to know one another, share ideas, and create new and deep relationships. Though oriented toward this demographic, all Hakafa members are invited to participate.*

### **Lunch & Learn**

**Thursday, January 14, 12:00 Noon**

**Zoom Link:**

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82155402577?pwd=OHR1TjBIYVBzeGh1ZDV5Q0JjaEpZUT09>**

**Meeting ID: 821 5540 2577**

**To Dial-In (no video): 312-626-6799**

Bring your own lunch and join us via Zoom for a lively conversation with Rabbi Elder! New participants are always welcome.

### **Shabbat – January 15-16**

**Parshat Va-eira**

**Torah Portion: Exodus 6:2-9:35**

**Haftarah Portion: Ezekiel 28:25-29:21**

### **Shabbat Service**

**Friday, January 15, 7:30 PM**

**Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/292137266>**

**Meeting ID: 292 137 266**

**To Dial-In (no video): 312-626-6799**

Please join us on Zoom for our weekly Shabbat Service. Our service will be followed by an oneg (BYO).

**Film Group – PLEASE NOTE EARLY START TIME!**

**Saturday, January 16, 6:00 PM**

**Zoom Link:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85182236717?pwd=eEV2MFhxUDBHQ1NYb3VDdC90MkpYUT09>

**Meeting ID: 851 8223 6717**

**To Dial-In (no video): 312-626-6799**

Please join us to watch *Harmonia*. This 2016 Israeli film is a modern-day allegory on the biblical story of Abraham, Sarah, and Hagar. Abraham, the conductor of the orchestra, is married to Sarah, the first chair harpist, when Hagar joins as the third chair French horn player.

Relationships, conflicts, and resolutions between those characters and their children, Ismail and Isaac, reverberate through the film using music to communicate the feelings and personalities of the characters. You can watch the trailer at this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RYNVQ1PANwc>.

**We'll meet on Zoom at 6:00 PM for Havdallah** and an introduction by guest presenters, **Stan Selinger and Marcia Fields**, then watch the film on your own, and reconvene for discussion after the movie is over. **The movie streams on Amazon Prime, Vudu, and Apple TV.**

Feel free to invite friends and bring your favorite nosh (even popcorn!).

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Carol McCardell ([mccardellcarol@gmail.com](mailto:mccardellcarol@gmail.com)). Looking forward to seeing you there (virtually)!

**Religious School**

**Sunday, January 17, 10:00-11:45 AM**

Our 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade Religious School classes will continue meeting this week for 45-minute sessions either from 10:00-10:45 AM or 11:00-11:45 AM. And, the Kindergarten-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade class will continue to meet from 10:00-11:00 AM. **Zoom link information remains constant from week to week.** Please contact Bibi ([education@hakafa.org](mailto:education@hakafa.org)) or Rona ([admin@hakafa.org](mailto:admin@hakafa.org)) with any questions.

**Sunday Morning Adult Education – PLEASE NOTE EARLY START TIME!**

**Sunday, January 17, 10:00 AM**

**Zoom Link:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87130675137?pwd=UE8xbG1uYUpyVWQ1NFNiYUxodHY4QT09>

**Meeting ID: 871 3067 5137**

**To Dial-In (no video): 312-626-6799**

Please join us via Zoom when **Beckee Birger will lead Session I of Hakafa's Anti-Racism Training**. In honor of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, we are kicking off a months-long anti-racism training. The training will involve a few large group gatherings, a number of smaller breakout discussions, and some reading and video assignments. The goal is to help us become aware of our own blind spots with regard to race, address society's blind spots, and learn how we can become effective allies in confronting and dismantling both. We hope you will join us for this first session and through this journey.

**Beckee Birger** is the Director of Education and Movement Building at the Jewish Council on Urban Affairs (JCUA). Her passion for social justice has led her through a variety of jobs, such as special education attorney, AmeriCorp program manager, and career advisor at an education non-profit. She believes engaging people of all ages in political education and activism is critical to our future, and she's proud to celebrate her Judaism through a deep commitment to social justice. In her free time, she's a co-facilitator of Tzedek Lab's Political Educators kabal, and she's an avid board game player.

### **A Community Conversation with author Richard Rothstein**

**Monday, January 18, 7:30 PM**

The Glencoe Clergy Association presents a community conversation with **Richard Rothstein** on his book, **The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How our Government Segregated America** on **Monday, January 18** at **7:30 PM**. Advance registration is required in order to receive the webinar link. Register at [www.nsci.org/ColorofLaw](http://www.nsci.org/ColorofLaw). *The first 100 people to register for the program will receive a free copy of the book.*

### **Mishneh Torah Class**

**Tuesday, January 19, 10:00 AM**

**Zoom Link:** <https://zoom.us/j/997667842>

**Meeting ID: 997 667 842**

**To Dial-In (no video): 312-626-6799**

Are you interested in studying *Halacha* (Jewish law)? If so, please join us via Zoom for our next Mishneh Torah class with Rabbi Elder. *Mishneh Torah Class meets once a month on Tuesday at 10:00 AM.*

### **Hebrew School**

**Tuesday, January 19, 4:00-6:00 PM**

Our Hebrew School classes/pods continue this week for their regularly scheduled 30-minute sessions. Please contact Bibi ([education@hakafa.org](mailto:education@hakafa.org)) or Rona ([admin@hakafa.org](mailto:admin@hakafa.org)) with any questions.

### **Tuesday Evening Torah Study**

**Tuesday, January 19, 7:30-8:45 PM**

**Zoom Link:** <https://zoom.us/j/662730822>

**Meeting ID: 662 730 822**

**To Dial-In (no video): 312-626-6799**

Join us for weekly Torah Study via Zoom! Each Tuesday evening we proceed through the Bible, verse by verse, discussing its content and various interpretations with Rabbi Elder. *We will pick up with II Samuel 1:7.*

### **Coffee Klatch with the Officers**

**Thursday, January 21, 7:00 PM**

**Zoom Link:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84905037092?pwd=YU4yeXVEVU8vVIQwY1o0OTZrajNjZz09>

**Meeting ID: 849 0503 7092**

**To Dial-In (no video): 312-626-6799**

Several of Hakafa's officers will host a casual evening to hear your thoughts about Hakafa, perhaps related to our functioning during the pandemic. Grab a cup of coffee or tea, and bring suggestions you may have for new activities. We hope you will join us for this chance to connect as a community.

## **SAVE THE DATE: Congregation Tu B'Shevat Seder**

The Jewish New Year of the trees, *Tu B'Shevat*\* (pronounced Too BishVAHT), falls on Thursday, January 28 this year. **We will hold a creative, virtual Congregation Tu B'Shevat Seder immediately following the Shabbat Service on Friday, January 29.**

### **On your table you will need:**

#### **- Three different types of fruits as follows:**

1. at least one with a peel or shell that cannot be eaten (i.e. Orange or any other citrus fruit, Banana, Pomegranate, Almonds)
2. at least one that has a pit that cannot be eaten (i.e. Prune, Apricot, Olive, Cherry)
3. at least one that is completely edible containing no pit or seed (i.e. Grapes, Apple, Pear, or any Berries)

**Note: At our past non-Covid seders we had platters of these to share. Have fun, use your imagination, and mix up your platter**

#### **- Beverages as follows:**

- 2 empty glasses
- a bottle of light grape juice or white wine
- a bottle of dark grape juice or red wine

*\*According to the Talmud, the 15th of the Hebrew month of Shevat is designated as the end of the period in which most of Israel's yearly rain has fallen. This marks the time when trees have used up water from the previous year's rainfall and have begun absorbing the water of the New Year. On Tu B'Shevat we honor the cycle of the trees, we sanctify the power of nature through our Tu B'Shevat Seder.*

## **OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP/VOLUNTEER:**

### **Help Provide Sunday Lunch at A Just Harvest**

Due to COVID-19, A Just Harvest now serves a daily boxed lunch to more than 150 people (no seated dinner). No volunteers are permitted in the kitchen, but Hakafa still provides the Sunday lunch on our designated Sundays. **Volunteers are needed to provide the fried chicken entrée, salad, vegetables, fruit, and dessert on the second Sunday morning of the month.** The fried chicken needs to be ordered and picked up at 11:00 AM from the Jewel on Howard and delivered to A Just Harvest. All other items should be left at A Just Harvest's door at 10:00 AM. *Hakafa's tzedakah fund can reimburse you for expenses, if needed.* **To sign up to volunteer, click here (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b49aea92ea3f49-provide>).** Please contact Monique Parsons ([monique.parsons@gmail.com](mailto:monique.parsons@gmail.com)) or Debbie Charen ([debbie.charen@gmail.com](mailto:debbie.charen@gmail.com)) with any questions.

### **"Sponsor" a Virtual Oneg**

Have you wanted to celebrate a special event, commemorate a yahrzeit, or honor someone by providing a Friday night *oneg* but have been unable to do so because of us being on Zoom these past months? Do you have an organization or cause you support that you would like others to support, too? Now you have a chance to do both - by sponsoring a virtual *oneg*. Here's how it works:

- 1) **Choose a Friday night to sponsor, and sign up online at this link** (<http://tinyurl.com/oneg-hosting>) or by contacting Suzanne Shore or Ilene Holt-Turner ([oneg@hakafa.org](mailto:oneg@hakafa.org)).
- 2) **Make a donation to a charity about which you are passionate.**
- 3) **Light the Shabbat candles** that night at services (Sara will lead us all in the blessing, unless you would prefer to recite it yourself.).
- 4) During announcements, you will be able to **tell us about the place to which you donated.**
- 5) **Hakafa will make a donation** to that organization in your honor.
- 6) Even if you cannot be at services that evening, we will tell participants about your cause, and Hakafa make the donation in your honor.

Please contact Suzanne or Ilene with questions. We look forward to learning about and supporting causes that matter to you.

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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](mailto: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](mailto:wilanskyl@comcast.net). Articles must be *submitted by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to the newsletter's publication.*

### **ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCING – INSTRUCTIONS FOR ACCESSING**

**\* Please note that all Hakafa Zoom gatherings are password protected. Contact Rona ([admin@hakafa.org](mailto:admin@hakafa.org)) if you need the password.**

\* If Zoom notifies you that there is an update, it is important that you update your Zoom, following their instructions, so that you continue to be able to use it.

\* For each Zoom gathering, we will provide both a **link** and a **phone number** (and a Meeting ID for use with the phone number). You can choose to either join the gathering via computer/iPad/smartphone OR by telephone. **Please note that each Zoom gathering will have a different Link and Meeting ID.**

**- If you access the link on your computer:** It should open automatically when you click on the link. If it asks you if you want to use the computer's audio, say yes. The same for the video. If your video doesn't come up automatically, you can turn it on by clicking on the video icon at the bottom, left side of your screen.

- **If you access the link on an iPad or smartphone:** When you click on the link, it might ask you to download the Zoom app. If so, after you download it, you should be able to access our gathering by clicking on the link a second time - including the video. If not, **please text or call Rabbi Elder** (847-266-8854).

- **If you call in by phone or don't want to use Zoom:** Just dial the phone number provided. When you hear a recording, it will instruct you to type in the Meeting ID number, followed by the # sign. You will be able to hear clearly and participate like everyone else.

### **Protect Yourself from SPAM Emails Seeming to Come from Hakafa**

Unfortunately, some Hakafa members received "spoofing" emails over the past few weeks - emails that appeared to be from a Hakafa officer or staff member but were, in fact, malicious emails meant to deceive. If you receive a suspicious email, please take the following steps:

\* **Don't click on anything within the suspicious email message, open any attachments, or respond to the email** - particularly ones asking for money or 'help' or ones which state something is needed 'right away' or bad things will happen.

\* **Check the email address on the suspicious email.** It will likely NOT be an [@hakafa.org](mailto:@hakafa.org) or [@hakafamail.org](mailto:@hakafamail.org) address but will be some address you haven't seen before but that is similar. If unfamiliar, it's likely not legitimate.

\* **You can check whether the email is legitimate** by contacting whoever supposedly emailed you - but DON'T click "Reply" (which would connect to the spoofer). Instead, type in a legit email address directly, as it appears in our members' directory. Or feel free to call to confirm.

\* Spammers are expert at creating bogus emails that look like familiar Hakafa communications. If you receive a request for cash donations, credit card donations, or gift cards (e.g., to help the refugee families we work with) **be sure to double check personally via phone or a trusted email with Hakafa to confirm the request is legitimate.** DO NOT necessarily assume the email you got is trustworthy even if it looks like it might be.