

HAKAFA WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEK OF OCTOBER 13, 2021

NEW Mussar Class begins TODAY – VIA ZOOM

Wednesday, October 13, 10:00 AM

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/242631590?pwd=a25iT0tuZzZiR1I1cTNGcU4xKzIzUT09>

Meeting ID: 242 631 590

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

Please join Rabbi Elder via Zoom for our NEW Mussar Class that meets on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 AM (except for the last week of the month).

Mussar is a long-standing tradition of exploring Jewish ethics with a particular focus on character formation. Join Rabbi Elder to delve into selections from the Mussar tradition, in text and in practice. The goal of the class is to not only take a more academic approach to Jewish ethics and ethical literature, but also to use some of the techniques of the Mussar Movement (*chavruta* study, personal reflection time, and others) to deepen our own understanding of ourselves and push to live up to the best that is within each one of us.

Contact Rabbi Elder (rabbi@hakafa.org) with questions.

Wednesday Afternoon Torah Study - VIA ZOOM

Wednesday, October 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.

Nosh & Know – VIA ZOOM

Thursday, October 14, 9:00 AM

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86327205788?pwd=bURoVjNXRWJ6NGIUMjBwRDdWTTErZz09>

Meeting ID: 863 2720 5788

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

Please join us via Zoom for a lively conversation with Rabbi Elder! New participants are always welcome.

Hebrew Circle – VIA ZOOM

Thursday, October 14, 10:30 AM

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87188018556?pwd=emJLbHpUYnpsR25nRkNOcTVtbnpJZz09>

Meeting ID: 871 8801 8556

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

If you are a Hebrew speaker (beginners welcome!) looking to practice your Hebrew with other Hebrew speaking Hakafa members, please join us via Zoom for an hour of Hebrew conversation with Rabbi Elder! New participants are welcome.

Shabbat – October 15-16

Parshat Lech L'cha

Torah Portion: Genesis 12:1–17:27

Haftarah: Isaiah 40:27-41:16

Shabbat Service – IN-PERSON AND VIA ZOOM

Friday, October 15, 7:30 PM

Room 101 at the Winnetka Community House (620 Lincoln Avenue, Winnetka)

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

Meeting ID: 292 137 266

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

Please join us for our weekly Shabbat Service. We are now holding our Friday Evening Kabbalat Shabbat Services **in-person at the Winnetka Community House AND via Zoom**, except for the last Friday of the month which will be held via Zoom only.

Please Note: You must be fully vaccinated to attend in-person services. In addition, masks will be required and social-distancing will be observed.

Oneg Sponsorship – Organization Information

Last week's oneg was sponsored by Logan Wylie and his family. He made a donation to **Orphans of the Storm (www.orphansofthestorm.org)** in honor of his becoming a bar mitzvah.

In addition, Logan is holding a fundraiser for this important organization. If you are interested, you can make a donation to Orphans of the Storm through his fundraiser at this link:

https://www.facebook.com/donate/549414479623235/?fundraiser_source=external_url

If you are interested in "hosting" an oneg by making a donation to an organization important to you, see details on how to do this below.

Shabbat Morning Minyan – VIA ZOOM

Saturday, October 16, 9:00 AM

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84782160504?pwd=QmpHQ09mS2FUYjFVNE52U1lRam5JUT09>

Meeting ID: 847 8216 0504

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

Please join us via Zoom for this hour-long service and study. It is a wonderful opportunity to enhance your celebration of Shabbat. People of all ages are encouraged and welcome to attend.

Shabbat Shechina: Drag Queen Story Hour

Saturday, October 16, 11:00 AM

Camp Shelter at Sunset Woods Park (1801 Sunset Road, Highland Park)

Please join us **outdoors and in-person** for a morning of Shabbat stories and songs led by a special guest from Drag Queen Story Hour! **This program is aimed at children ages 0-8 and their caregivers, but families of all ages are welcome.**

For more information, go to: <https://forms.gle/NHr8DH7cUQhiGEC49>.

Directions to the Camp Shelter: Sunset Woods Park is located at 1801 Sunset Road in Highland Park. The picnic shelter that we will be using (The Camp Shelter) is located at the northwest corner of the park. If you follow the path that leads from the north end of the parking lot, it will take you directly to our picnic shelter. It will take a couple of minutes to get from the parking lot to the shelter.

COVID Safety: Masks are required for all attendees ages 2 and over, regardless of vaccination status. Social distancing is expected.

Drag Queen Story Hour celebrates reading through the glamorous art of drag. Drag Queen Story Hour helps children develop empathy, learn about gender diversity and difference, and tap into their own creativity. It can also be life-changing and ultimately life-saving for LGBTQ kids and teens, kids with LGBTQ parents or family members, and anyone who feels different because of their identity or interests or who may not otherwise see themselves reflected in the broader culture.

Religious School

Sunday, October 17, 10:00-11:30 AM

Religious School classes will continue meeting this Sunday – masked, in-person, and outdoors. Please contact Bibi (education@hakafa.org) or Rona (admin@hakafa.org) with any questions.

Congregation Meeting – VIA ZOOM ONLY

Sunday, October 17, 10:30 AM

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85034963619?pwd=VUZqMVlpd093ZW83NHpTWfVNOXV1Zz09>

Meeting ID: 850 3496 3619

To Dial-In: 312-626-6799

All Hakafa members are invited to join us via Zoom for this Sunday's Congregation Meeting. All members are invited to attend and participate in the decisions of the congregation. Please contact our President, Deborah Brown (president@hakafa.org), if you have any questions about the meeting.

Midrash Class - VIA ZOOM

Tuesday, October 19, 10:00 AM

Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/696226468>

Meeting ID: 696 226 468

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

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

Hebrew School

Tuesday, October 19, 4:15-5:30 PM

Hebrew School classes will continue meeting this Tuesday – masked, in-person, and outdoors. Please contact Bibi (education@hakafa.org) or Rona (admin@hakafa.org) with any questions.

Tuesday Evening Torah Study – VIA ZOOM

Tuesday, October 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. *This week we will pick up at I Kings 11:1.*

OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP/VOLUNTEER:

Refugee Sponsorship – Winter Items Needed

We at Hakafa are sponsoring another family seeking refuge in America! This particular family of four Palestinian adults has lived the last 8 years in Thailand after decades in Iraq and some time in Cyprus. Hakafa has again partnered with RefugeeOne, a non-profit resettlement agency, for this mission.

The family desperately needs warm things for the winter. Please sign up at this link (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f49a8a82da2ffc52-hakafa>) if you are able to help. Gently used items and gift cards are welcome.

Our mentor group also hopes to raise funds to help the family become independent, as well as become a friend and mentor to the family. Using this co-settlement approach, 95% of refugees working with RefugeeOne and co-sponsoring families are self-reliant within 12 months or less. **Please follow this link to support our sponsorship:**
<https://www.classy.org/campaign/co-sponsorship-hakafa/c366551>

Working Computer or Laptop Needed for Refugee Family

One of the refugee families that Hakafa helps to support could use a working computer or laptop. If you are able to assist us, please contact Allison Stein (ajzstein@gmail.com) or Bob Turner (Turner.r@comcast.net).

Volunteers Needed to 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/or 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) with any questions.

Volunteer Co-Coordinator Needed for A Just Harvest

We are in need of a second co-coordinator for Hakafa's work at A Just Harvest. Please contact Deborah Brown (president@hakafa.org) to volunteer or with any questions.

Chesed Volunteers Needed

Chesed is our congregation's attempt to reach out to one another. **If you would like to provide a dinner for someone in our congregation** who is in crisis from an illness, death in the family, or personal stress, please contact **Camille DeFrank** (camilledefrank@gmail.com) or **Beth McCullough** (mikeandbeth_60089@yahoo.com) to sign up to be on our list of volunteers.

Please Note: We are trying to make sure our list of volunteers is up-to-date. **Please contact Camille or Beth, even if you have volunteered in the past, to make sure you are included as a volunteer.**

Hosts Needed to "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 and Gayle Inbinder (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 Gayle 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) by Tuesday afternoon.

* If you would like an article included in the monthly newsletter, please contact Lori Wilansky (wilanskyl@comcast.net), our volunteer newsletter editor. Articles must be *submitted by the 15th of the month prior to the newsletter's publication.*