

HAKAFA WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEK OF OCTOBER 14, 2020

New Episode of Points on the Circle (Hakafa's Podcast)

We are thrilled to release our eleventh episode of **POINTS ON THE CIRCLE** - Hakafa's new podcast about Hakafa members, for Hakafa members! Each episode, Rabbi Elder sits down with a different member of our encirclement to schmooze, tell stories, and allow the Congregation an opportunity to get to know our guest.

Our guest this week is Allison Blakley Davis. To watch the episode, click here:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4S7Y6niTyAI>

And - so that you don't miss an episode, follow this link to our Points on the Circle YouTube Channel page (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNvk7uHdip3rXPK4K4m7nFw/>) and click on "subscribe."

Wednesday Afternoon Torah Study

Wednesday, October 14, 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.

Shabbat – October 16-17

Parshat B'reishit

Torah Portion: Genesis 1:1-6:8

Haftarah Portion: Isaiah 42:5-43:10

Shabbat Service and Oneg via Zoom

Friday, October 16, 7:30 PM Service

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

Meeting ID: 292 137 266

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

Join us via Zoom for our weekly Shabbat Service. Our service will be followed by a virtual oneg.

Film Group

Saturday, October 17, 7:00 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 this Saturday evening as we screen ***Fiddler: A Miracle of Miracles (2019)***. This documentary explores the origins of one of Broadway's most beloved musicals and how it became a worldwide cultural landmark. *Fiddler on the Roof* portrays an imperiled community struggling to maintain its fraying traditions, its members about to become refugees.

Generational tensions and the roles of women ready to take control of their lives are additional themes. Directed by Max Lewkowicz, the film features interviews with *Fiddler* creators such

as Jerry Bock, Sheldon Harnick, Joseph Stein, and Harold Prince, as well as scholars, actors, and other musical theatre figures such as Stephen Sondheim and Lin-Manuel Miranda.

Thanks to Hakafa member Charley Gross, **the author of the authoritative book on *Fiddler*, Alisa Solomon, will join us** for our discussion via Zoom from New York. Her fascinating book is called *Wonder of Wonders: A Cultural History of Fiddler on the Roof*. In addition, to enhance your enjoyment of this film we encourage you to re-watch the 1971 film of *Fiddler*.

We'll meet on Zoom at 7:00 PM for an introduction, then watch the film on your own, and reconvene for discussion after the movie is over. The movie streams at no charge from Kanopy (You'll need to register with your library card.) and on Amazon Prime Video for \$4.99.

You can watch the trailer at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YsAXHDowVaU>.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Carol McCardell (mccardellcarol@gmail.com).

Religious School

Sunday, October 18, 10:00-11:45 AM

Our Religious School classes will begin meeting this week for 45-minute sessions either from 10:00-10:45 AM or 11:00-11:45 AM. **Parents should check the email they received this past Monday with their child's specific schedule and Zoom link information.** Please contact Bibi (education@hakafa.org) or Rona (admin@hakafa.org) with any questions.

Congregation Meeting THIS SUNDAY – NOTE SPECIAL TIME

Sunday, October 18, 4:00 PM

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87610359810?pwd=SIU2SIIOK05md0NB0GsrL202aHgrZz09>

Meeting ID: 876 1035 9810

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

Please come to our next Congregation Meeting via Zoom. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend and to offer their ideas and opinions. If you have any questions, please contact Deborah Brown (president@hakafa.org).

High School Program – Class I for 9th-11th Grades

Sunday, October 18, 4:00-5:30 PM

Zoom Link:

<https://zoom.us/j/99258692136?pwd=blhhd21GVDQzd0M0clo5RjhVZW45QT09>

Meeting ID: 992 5869 2136

All 9th-11th Graders should join us via Zoom for our first class session of the school year. *Don't forget that we will be delivering your pre-ordered dinner between 2:00 and 3:30 PM.* Looking forward to seeing you then!

Midrash Class

Tuesday, October 20, 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. *Midrash Class meets every other Tuesday at 10:00 AM.*

Hebrew School

Tuesday, October 20, 4:00-6:00 PM

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

Tuesday Evening Torah Study

Tuesday, October 20, 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 Tuesday we will pick up at I Samuel 18:1.***

Enroll Your Child in SKIP NOW and Invest in Your Child's Jewish Future

The SEND-A-KID-TO-ISRAEL PARTNERSHIP (SKIP) program is a special savings plan that helps Chicago area Jewish youth visit Israel as an integral part of their Jewish education. Young people who participate in the program for the full seven years (grades 3 through 9) will have approximately \$2,000, including interest, saved to help meet the cost of an Israel Experience program. SKIP funds can be used beginning the summer after 9th grade through age 26. Furthermore, SKIP contributions, plus interest, are FULLY REFUNDABLE at any time should your child not participate on an Israel Experience program.

SKIP GOAL - an Israel Experience program as part of each child's Jewish education. SKIP funds can be used for your family's choice of a wide variety of approved high school or college Israel Experience programs.

SKIP PARTNERS - your family, your congregation, and the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago each contribute to the SKIP savings plan.

SKIP ENROLLMENT - enroll in school grades 3-6 and continue to make contributions through 9th grade.

SKIP FACTS - Thousands of participants are currently enrolled in SKIP through more than 50 participating congregations, and many teens and young adults have used their SKIP funds to help them participate on an Israel Experience program.

SKIP INFORMATION - for more information on the SKIP program or enrollment in SKIP, contact Jenny Patterson at 312-217-0724 or jrpatterson2000@gmail.com.

Promote the Vote IL

The November 3rd election is only 20 days away. Congregation Hakafa has joined Promote the Vote Illinois, a non-partisan coalition of 501(c)3 organizations, to get the message out on voter registration and vote by mail. We all know how important this election is. Your vote is your voice. **Please help get the word out by downloading the pdf at this link**

(<https://www.facebook.com/CongregationHakafa/photos/a.158228324361840/1466101336907859/>) to your Facebook, Instagram and Twitter accounts and ask your friends to share your posts. Let's help others exercise their right to vote! If you have any questions, please contact Hakafa member, Laura Prohov (lprohov@aol.com).

OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP/VOLUNTEER:

Relief for Victims of the Fires in Oregon

As the fires in the West have continued, the needs of the people who were displaced by them have grown. There are a number of organizations accepting donations that will benefit the victims of the fires. Here are three that are local, grassroots, and helping residents of Oregon:

The Rogue Valley Relief Fund: <https://www.mrgfoundation.org/rogue-valley-relief-fund1/>
Unete's Immigrant Fire Relief Fund: <http://uneteoregon.org/>
OHRA - Options for Helping Residents of Ashland: <https://helpingashland.org>

Please help, if you are able.

Donate Your Bikes!

On behalf of Congregation Hakafa, Sara Hoffman and Barb Scott will again be collecting new AND used bikes in ANY condition for WorkingBikes.org. However, this year, because of the pandemic, Sara and Barb are asking donors to do a contactless drop off at Barb's home on **Sunday, October 25** between **11:00 AM- 2:00 PM**. For more information, please email Barb at bams457@gmail.com to arrange a drop off. Thank you, in advance, for your donation!

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) or Debbie Charen (debbie.charen@gmail.com) with any questions.

Opportunity to "Sponsor" a Virtual Oneg, Hakafa Style

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?

Moving forward, you will 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).
- 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.

Bakers, Drivers, and/or Friendly People Needed

Hello bakers, drivers, and/or friendly people! We're looking for volunteers to bake, buy, and/or deliver challah to new members after they join. (Hakafa will reimburse costs.) If you'd like to do any of these from time to time, please contact Barbara Miller at vicepresident@hakafa.org.

CONDOLENCES TO:

Calvin McGinn and family on the loss of his mother, Patricia McGinn

HAKAFA CONTACT INFORMATION:

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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.*

ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCING – INSTRUCTIONS FOR ACCESSING

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

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 or @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.