

HAKAFA WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 18, 2020

Please note that these announcements are ALSO posted on the homepage of our website (www.hakafa.org). New announcements are posted each Wednesday. In addition, details and current information about all events listed in these announcements can be found on the website calendar and on various website pages.

Resources from this Past Sunday's (11/15/20) Adult Study Program

Our speakers, Mayor Harriet Rosenthal of Deerfield, Mayor Nancy Rotering of Highland Park, Glencoe Trustee, Barbara Miller, of Glencoe, and Northbrook Trustee, Heather Ross, shared some resources with us. Here are links and info:

- Domestic Violence Help Disguised as Banana Bread Recipe: <https://guides.vapld.info/c.php?g=1083630&p=7899014>
- 8 Can't Wait Anti-Brutality Measures for Police Departments: <https://8cantwait.org/>
- City of Highland Park Diversity and Inclusion Resource Index: https://www.cityhpil.com/government/diversity_and_inclusion/index.php
- Book about the history of racial housing conflicts in Deerfield: But Not Next Door by Harry Rosen (**ISBN-13:** 978-0839210078; **ISBN-10:** 0839210078)
- Book explaining the racial divide of the suburbs: The Color of Law by Richard Rothstein.

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

We are thrilled to release the next episode of **POINTS ON THE CIRCLE** - Hakafa's 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 guests this week are Gayle and Ralph Kipnis. To watch the episode, click here:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cWZ3IskePTc>.

To visit and/or to subscribe to our Points on the Circle YouTube Channel page, click here:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=40NqKUuBqN8>

Wednesday Afternoon Torah Study

Wednesday, November 18, 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.

Hakafa Coffee Klatch TOMORROW

Thursday, November 19, 4:00 PM

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84905037092?pwd=YU4yeXVEVU8vVlQwY1o0OTZrajNjZz09>

Meeting ID: 849 0503 7092

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

One thing we have learned over the past seven months is how important it is for us to have opportunities to check in with one another. Join us tomorrow afternoon for a chance to connect

with other Hakafa members. Bring a cup of coffee, tea, or whatever you might be drinking. We will sit, schmooze, and enjoy being with one another.

Shabbat – November 20-21

Parshat Toledot

Torah Portion: Genesis 25:19-28:9

Haftarah Portion: Malachi 1:1-2:7

Shabbat Service and Oneg via Zoom – Guest Speaker: Essie Shachar-Hill

Friday, November 20, 7:30 PM

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

Meeting ID: 292 137 266

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

Join us for our weekly Shabbat Service via Zoom. On this Shabbat, we will be joined by **Essie Shachar-Hill** as our guest speaker. November 20 is Trans Day of Remembrance. To commemorate the day, we have invited Essie, Chicago's first full-time trainer and educator at Keshet, to speak at services that evening. Essie will discuss the devastating impact of 2020 on the Trans community in America.

*A licensed social worker, **Essie Shachar-Hill** earned their B.A. in English and Judaic studies from the University of Michigan, an MSW with a concentration in interpersonal practice with communities and social systems, and a Certificate in Jewish Communal Leadership from University of Michigan School of Social Work. At Keshet, leveraging their vast experience facilitating bystander intervention, bias prevention training, and working with students on empowerment and health education awareness, Essie helps drive institutional change within Jewish organizations to include LGBTQ-inclusive policy, programming, culture and leadership in the Chicago area.*

Keshet is a national organization that works for LGBTQ equality in Jewish life.

Our service will be followed by an oneg (BYO).

Shabbat Morning Minyan

Saturday, November 21, 9:00 AM

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84782160504?pwd=QmpHQ09mS2FUYjFVNE52U1IRam5JUT09>

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.

Tot Shabbat for Young Children and Grandchildren

Saturday, November 21, 11:00 AM

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84742593328?pwd=T2FaMXZyWXJrdUFZNDg0TGgzYmFaZz09>

Meeting ID: 847 4259 3328

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

Families with children/grandchildren ages five and younger (including parents, siblings, and/or extended family) are invited to join us via Zoom to sing, dance, hear a story, and pray at Tot Shabbat! Feel free to invite friends!

Film Group

Saturday, November 21, 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 to watch *The Cakemaker (2018)*. In this Israeli-German movie: Oren, a married Israeli man, and Thomas, a young German baker, are having a clandestine affair. When Oren suddenly dies, Thomas moves to Jerusalem and slowly enters the life of Oren's widow. The film won seven Ophirs in 2018, including Best Film, Best Director, and Best Actress. The film is a gentle and touching meditation on grief, loneliness, and love. You can watch the trailer at this link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9XxLHyzsB_Q.

We'll meet on Zoom at 7:00 PM for Havdallah and an introduction, then watch the film on your own, and reconvene for discussion after the movie is over. The movie streams on Netflix, Amazon Prime, YouTube, and Vudu.

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). Looking forward to seeing you there (virtually)!

Religious School

Sunday, November 22, 10:00-11:45 AM

Our 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. **Zoom link information remains constant from week to week.** Please contact Bibi (education@hakafa.org) or Rona (admin@hakafa.org) with any questions.

Sunday Morning Adult Education

Sunday, November 22, 10:30 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 as we welcome **Cameron Joseph** back this year to hear his insights on the election from his unique position of being on the road as a reporter with the presidential candidates.

Cameron Joseph is Senior political reporter at Vice News, covering the 2020 election. For this work, he was awarded the 2020 National Press Club Award for Excellence in Political Journalism for "stories on a variety of topics that were well reported, well written and creative." He is a contributor @The_Almanac of American Politics. Radio and TV appearances include Bylined & large. Previous publications include Talking Points Memo, New York Daily News, Mashable, The Hill, and National Journal. Cameron has appeared on numerous radio and TV news programs, including a recent interview on MSNBC's "All In with Chris Hayes." Cameron is from Northbrook,

and is the son of Hakafa members, Ted and Judith Joseph. He attended Hakafa's Religious School and became a bar mitzvah with Hakafa.

B'nai Mitzvah Workshop

Sunday, November 22, 1:00 PM

Zoom Link:

<https://zoom.us/j/98221057897?pwd=NHJKZTNSMkREaS94V1czMzA2OHhsUT09>

Meeting ID: 982 2105 7897

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

Rabbi Elder will be holding a series of four workshops that will take the families of students whose b'nai mitzvah celebrations will be taking place in the year after May 2020 through the Shabbat service. Beginning this Sunday and continuing periodically throughout the year, Rabbi Elder will break down a section of the Shabbat service, explain its themes and its language, and provide an opportunity for families to look through various books and publications in order to begin thinking about how to personalize the service. By the end of the series, each family will have the tools to complete the Shabbat service for their upcoming celebration. **The workshop series is geared toward students and their parents.** If you have any questions, please contact Rabbi Elder (rabbi@hakafa.org).

Siddur Class

Tuesday, November 24, 10:00 AM

Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/242631590>

Meeting ID: 242 631 590

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

Join us via Zoom as we explore the Jewish prayer book with Rabbi Elder. During each class, we look at prayers in Hebrew, translate them together, discuss their theology, and parse what they might mean for us today. *Siddur Class meets once a month on Tuesday morning.*

NO Hebrew School

Please note that there will be NO Hebrew School this Tuesday, November 24. Hebrew classes will resume on Tuesday, December 1.

OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP/VOLUNTEER:

Volunteers Needed to Help with Hakafa's Hanukkah Celebration

Want to help with Hakafa's Hanukkah celebration? We're looking for drivers to deliver goody bags (contact-free) to Hakafa families in your area on Tuesday 12/8 or Wednesday 12/9. Please contact Barbara Miller (vicepresident@hakafa.org) if you're interested.

Winter Clothing Needed for Refugee Children

One of the refugee families that Hakafa helps to support could use a few children's winter coats and accessories. If you are able to help, please sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0D4AA4A72FA57-refugee>.

Winter Clothing and Sleeping Bag Drive

The Night Ministry is looking for donations of **sleeping bags** for people who are experiencing homelessness and living on the streets. Additionally, they need **warm gloves, hats, and parka-type jackets in adult sizes, especially large sizes.**

Donations must be clean, gently used, or new.

If you have a donation this November or December, please contact **Barb Scott** (bams457@gmail.com) and she will arrange a pick-up OR you can use this **Amazon link**

(https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/30LJZSR5Z9JWZ?leftNavSection=Reorder&ref=abls_invr) to purchase and ship directly to the Night Ministry. Thank you, in advance, for your donation!

The Night Ministry is a Chicago-based organization that works to provide housing, health care, and human connection to members of the Chicago community struggling with poverty or homelessness. Here is the link to the Night Ministry's website:
<https://www.thenightministry.org/>

Relief for Victims of the Fires in Oregon

As the fires in the West have continued, the needs of the people who have been displaced by them have grown. A number of organizations are accepting donations that will benefit the victims of the fires. Here are three that are local, grassroots, and benefiting 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.

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.

"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?

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:

- Van Epstein and family on the loss of his mother, Sandra Epstein
- Aaron Kaiser-Chen and family on the loss of his father, Paul Chen
- Michael Yellen and family on the loss of his father, Nathan Yellen

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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.