

HAKAFA WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 24, 2021

Hanukkah Special Deliveries!

All members should have received, or will soon receive, an email, text, or phone call from your Hanukkah Hauler. Please keep an eye out. They'll be bringing you a Hanukkah gift from Hakafa! Questions? Contact **Barbara Miller** (vicepresident@hakafa.org).

Shabbat – November 26-27

Parshat Vayeishev

Torah Portion: Genesis 37:1-40:23

Haftarah: Amos 2:6-3:8

Shabbat Service - Guest Musician and Speaker: Beth Hamon

VIA ZOOM ONLY

Friday, November 26, 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 **via Zoom** for our weekly Shabbat Service. On this Shabbat, **Beth Hamon** will be our guest musician and speaker. We look forward to having her with us.

The daughter of nightclub musicians, Beth Hamon is a bicycle-riding singer-songwriter, teacher and synagogue musician based in Portland, Oregon. She serves her local community as a synagogue musician and cantorial soloist, and tours the country performing, teaching workshops, and composing songs on commission.

Help Guide the Rabbi Robert J. Marx Fund!

Rabbi Marx laid the foundation for a Fund to support efforts in keeping with his vision for justice; additional members have contributed to create a total fund of \$30,000.

A task force is forming to build the framework for allocation of the fund, both now and in the future. The group will meet ~5 times over the next six months to determine the principles, parameters, and priorities for fund allocations.

Initial meeting dates (via Zoom) are below. To participate and receive the Zoom link information, please contact Heather Ross (hross@rossandzuckerman.com) and Elizabeth Cole (egraettinger@gmail.com).

Initial Meeting Dates:

November 28: 10:30 AM-12:00 PM

December 8: 7:00 PM-8:15 PM

January 5: 7:00 PM-8:15 PM

HANUKKAH

Hanukkah begins this Sunday evening, November 28!

Hanukkah Video

The Reform Movement has put together a special video to celebrate Hanukkah. Click here to access it: <https://youtu.be/D-vAhITZMsQ>.

Nightly Hakafa Hanukkah Candlelighting – OUTDOORS/IN-PERSON AND VIA FACEBOOK LIVE

Join us as we light the Hanukkah candles together outdoors in a different community each night! Bring your *chanukiot* (Hanukkah menorahs) to any or all of our locations. We will light the candles, sing a few songs, and enjoy each other's company for a few minutes. And, if you can't make it in person, we will stream each night on our Facebook page as well.

Share Hanukkah with your congregation and fellow members. Invite your friends and neighbors, too. We hope to see you there.

***Please contact Rona (admin@hakafa.org) if you need addresses.**

Sunday, November 28: Chicago – 5:45 PM

The home of Liz and David Shore

Monday, November 29: Wilmette – 5:45 PM

The home of Missy and Zak Stambor

Tuesday, November 30: Winnetka – 5:45 PM

The home of Stacey Solotorvsky

Wednesday, December 1: Glencoe – 5:45 PM

The home of Cookie and Ned Robertson

Thursday, December 2: Northbrook – 5:45 PM

The home of Heather and Mark Harris

Friday, December 3: During our Shabbat Service - 7:30 PM (NOTE LATER TIME)

Winnetka Community House (620 Lincoln Avenue)

Saturday, December 4: Deerfield – 5:45 PM

The home of Elissa and Andrew Delman

Sunday, December 5: Highland Park – 5:45 PM

The home of Danna and Matt Kriser

Midrash Class – IN-PERSON & VIA ZOOM

Tuesday, November 30, 10:30 AM – NOTE LATER START TIME THIS WEEK

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

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

Meeting ID: 696 226 468

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

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

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

Hebrew School

Tuesday, November 30, 4:15-5:30 PM

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

Tuesday Evening Torah Study – IN-PERSON & VIA ZOOM

Tuesday, November 30, 7:30-8:45 PM

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

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

Meeting ID: 662 730 822

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

Join us either in-person or via Zoom for weekly Torah Study! 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 12:31.*

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

Town Hall: Does My Vote Still Count?

November 29 via Facebook Live ~ 7:00-8:30 PM

PANEL OF EXPERTS:

Dr. Barbara Arnwine, Esq., President and Founder, Transformative Justice Coalition-- Freedom to Vote Act and the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act - Keynote

Frederique Desrosiers, Policy Organizer Chicago Votes—Voting Rights in Prison Bill SB828.

Jay Young, Executive Director of Common Cause—Redistricting Process and Status in Illinois.

Ami Gandhi, Senior Counsel of Chicago Lawyers for Civil Rights—Racial Inequity in Voting.

Lance Gough, Former Executive Director, Chicago Board of Elections for over 30 years— Moderator

LEARN MORE AND REGISTER:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMvd--hpzIoH9Yb78PwCbX8fvJC91ng3F8k>

Webinar made available by NAACP of DuPage County will also be streamed on Facebook live.

SPONSORED BY:

AAUW Naperville*Chicago Women Take Action*IL NOW*League of Women Voters Illinois* LWV Chicago*LWV of Naperville*LWV Southside*NAACP of DuPage County* National Association of University Women-Windy City Branch*NCJW Chicago North Shore*NCJW South Cook*Protest to the Polls*Rainbow PUSH Coalition* SEIU Healthcare IL/ IN/MO/KS* She Votes IL*Women’s March Chicago*Women of the 7th Congressional District*

OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP/VOLUNTEER:

Chesed Survey – A Call for Volunteers

The Hebrew word for loving kindness is *chesed*. The Chesed Committee at Hakafa works to respond to a wide range of situations and events that occur in the lives of our members. We are inviting you to add your name to our volunteer list. Know that we keep growing our list, so you won’t be called on that often. But when you are, you will find it to be a wonderful opportunity to reach out to your fellow Hakafa members. We welcome your participation.

To take this short survey, please go to this link if you have not already done so:

<https://tinyurl.com/HakafaChesedSurvey>

Thank you for your time.

If you have questions or comments, please contact **Camille DeFrank** (camilledefrank@gmail.com or 847-997-8085) or **Beth McCullough** (mikeandbeth_60089@yahoo.com or 847-722-5430).

Refugee Sponsorship

Mentors, Tutors, and Winter Clothes Needed for New Refugee Family

Recently arrived from Zambia, a family of four is looking for **mentors** to help them settle into America. The family consists of a dad (Jean), the mother, (Esther) and two daughters ages 12 and 8. Ester can text in English, and the oldest daughter (Elice) can speak some English. Both girls attend Gale School. The family needs help adjusting to Chicago, learning their way around, and having friends here in the U.S. The family lives on the north side of the city very close to Evanston.

The older daughter would also greatly benefit from a math **tutor** - of any age - who can help her with 7th grade math. Tutoring a refugee can be a great bar/bat mitzvah project.

Both mentoring and tutoring can be done live or via Zoom. If you are interested in learning more about what would be involved in working with this family, please contact Allison Stein (ajzstein@gmail.com) or Bob Turner (Turner.r@comcast.net).

The family also needs winter clothes. If you are able to help, please go to this link to see what is needed and to sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F49A8A82DA2FFC52-hakafa1>.

Refugee Sponsorship – Hakafa Campaign

Our mentor group hopes to raise funds to help the families we sponsor become independent, as well as become a friend and mentor to them. 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>

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.

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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Lori Wilansky, Newsletter Editor: wilanskyl@comcast.net

* 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.*

ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCING – INSTRUCTIONS FOR ACCESSING

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

"Virtual Name Tags" - In order that we might better know each other, please consider logging into Zoom events with your full name.

* 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.