

HAKAFA WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEK OF DECEMBER 1, 2021

Hanukkah Special Deliveries

We hear from the Hanukkah Haulers that they are having as much fun delivering the Hanukkah treats as our members are having receiving them! It's all part of our Hakafa circle. If you haven't gotten your treats yet, please contact Barbara Miller (vicepresident@hakafa.org). A big thank you to our 30 Haulers, to Betsy Hersher for organizing, and especially to Dave Millman for assembling the goodies.

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 are streaming 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.

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

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

Mussar Class – VIA ZOOM

Wednesday, December 1, 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 Mussar Class. 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.

Wednesday Afternoon Torah Study – IN-PERSON & VIA ZOOM

Wednesday, December 1, 1:00-2:30 PM

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

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

Meeting ID: 813 358 443

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

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

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.

Shabbat – December 3-4

Parshat Mikeitz

Torah Portion: Genesis 41:1–44:17

Haftarah: Zechariah 4:1-7

Shabbat Service and Hanukkah Community Candlelighting

IN-PERSON & VIA ZOOM

Friday, December 3, 7:30 PM

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 either in-person or via Zoom for our weekly Shabbat Service. During our service we will also light the *chanukiah* together for the 6th night of Hanukkah.

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 Judy Rose-Epstein and Van Epstein. They made a donation to **Emma's Torch** (www.emmastorch.org) in honor of Judy's family and all the immigrants welcomed into the US by Emma Lazarus' poem. This link is being made available for those who would like to learn more about this important organization.

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 – IN-PERSON & VIA ZOOM

Saturday, December 4, 9:00 AM

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

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 either in-person or 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.

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

Religious School

Sunday, December 5, 10:00-11:30 AM

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

Sunday Morning Adult Education – VIA ZOOM

Sunday, December 5, 10:30 AM

Zoom Link:

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

Meeting ID: 871 3067 5137

To Dial-In: 312-626-6799

Join us via Zoom this Sunday when **Cameron Joseph** returns to discuss **the politics of this year**. Have your questions ready.

Cameron Joseph is Senior political reporter at Vice News, where he covers the Republican Party, elections and voting rights. He's a contributing writer on The Almanac of American Politics, and a veteran of Talking Points Memo, the New York Daily News, Mashable, The Hill and National Journal. He is from Northbrook, Illinois and his parents are members of Hakafa, where he attended religious school and had his bar mitzvah.

All Hakafa adults are invited to participate in our Sunday Morning Adult Education classes led by both congregational and community scholars who will delve into a variety of topics of special interest and expertise. Feel free to come for one session or for all of them!

B'nai Mitzvah Workshops

Sunday, December 5, Community Rm 3 at the Takiff Ctr (999 Green Bay Rd, Glencoe)

1:00 PM for families planning morning services

2:00 PM for families planning afternoon/evening services

Students (and their parents) whose b'nai mitzvah celebrations will be taking place in the next 12-18 months are encouraged to join Rabbi Elder in-person this Sunday (masked and distanced) for our second of four b'nai mitzvah workshops. During each workshop 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, and attendance is strongly encouraged. If you have any questions, please contact Rabbi Elder (rabbi@hakafa.org).

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

Sunday, December 5, 4:00-6:15 PM

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

All 9th-11th Graders should join us for our second class session of the school year. Looking forward to seeing you then!

Midrash Class – IN-PERSON & VIA ZOOM

Tuesday, December 7, 10:00 AM

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, December 7, 4:15-5:30 PM

Hebrew School classes will continue to meet 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, December 7, 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.

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.

Our initial meeting took place via Zoom on November 28. Upcoming meeting dates via Zoom are below. To participate and receive Zoom link information, please contact Heather Ross (hross@rossandzuckerman.com) and Elizabeth Cole (egraettinger@gmail.com).

Upcoming Initial Meeting Dates:

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

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

OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP/VOLUNTEER:

The Night Ministry – Winter Clothing Items Needed

We are grateful that Hakafa member, **Janet Lubetkin**, will now be helping out Barb Scott with Hakafa's in-kind-donation collections for The Night Ministry!

The Night Ministry is looking for new and gently used donations of the specific items of **MENS winter clothing** listed below. **Large and extra-large sizes** are needed. A box will be placed in the **Takiff Center lobby** (999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe) from 12/1/21 through 1/31/22. THANK YOU! in advance for your donations!

***Because of space limitations, ONLY the items listed below will be accepted.**

Large and Extra-Large Sizes are needed for MEN:

- Hats
 - Scarves
 - Gloves
 - Thermal socks
 - Thermal long underwear
- ALSO NEEDED: Hand and toe warmers

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact Janet Lubetkin (janetlubetkin@gmail.com).

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:

www.thenightministry.org.

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 **Beth McCullough** (mikeandbeth_60089@yahoo.com).

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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* 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.