

HAKAFA WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 1, 2023

For Hakafa's COVID Protocols, please see the end of these announcements.

Hakafa is Going to the Border March 9-13

Join us as we return to Brownsville, TX to provide support for asylum seekers as they enter the country. Team Brownsville has a Welcome Center for asylum seekers. We will be giving out meals and distributing hygiene kits, clothing, shoes, and whatever other needs we can help meet. We will also help make the toiletries bags we give out. There will also be opportunities to go into Matamoros to distribute supplies in the newly forming encampment. We might even go to Reynosa to work at Casa Lulu, a shelter supporting people waiting to cross the border.

Please contact Rabbi Elder (rabbi@hakafa.org) ASAP if you are interested in coming. Details of the trip are in formation, and plane tickets are being purchased this week.

Musar Class – VIA ZOOM ONLY

Wednesday, February 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 Musar Class. Musar 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 Musar 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 Musar 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 Tanach Study – IN-PERSON & VIA ZOOM

Wednesday, February 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 Tanach Study! Each Wednesday afternoon we proceed through the Bible, verse by verse, discussing its content and various interpretations.

Shabbat – February 3-4

Shabbat Shira: Parshat B'shalach

Torah Portion: Exodus 13:17-17:16

Haftarah: Judges 4:4-5:31

Shabbat Service & Tu B'Shevat Seder – VIA ZOOM ONLY

Friday, February 3, 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 either in-person or via Zoom for a shortened Shabbat Service which will be immediately followed by our annual Congregational Tu B'Shevat Seder. Help us usher in nature's New Year at this short, special celebration in which we will taste various fruits and sip four different kinds of juice.

For those participating via Zoom, go to this link for a copy of our **Friday Evening Siddur (prayer book)**: https://images.shulcloud.com/13470/uploads/uploaded_files/pdfs/Shabbatserviceforhome1.pdf. You should either print it out ahead of time or have it up on another screen during our service.

If you will be participating in the seder via Zoom, on you table you will need:

***Three different types of fruits as follows:**

1. At least one with a peel or shell that cannot be eaten (i.e. orange or any other citrus fruit, banana, pomegranate, almonds)
2. At least one that has a pit that cannot be eaten (i.e. prune, apricot, olive, cherry)
3. At least one that is completely edible containing no pit or seed (i.e. grapes, apple, pear, or any berries)

***Beverages as follows:**

- Two empty glasses
- A bottle of light grape juice or white wine
- A bottle of dark grape juice or red wine

The Jewish New Year of Trees, Tu B'Shevat (pronounced Too BishVAHT), falls on Monday, February 6 this year. According to the Talmud, the fifteenth of the Hebrew month of Shevat (Tu in Hebrew means "fifteen") is the day designated as the end of the period in which most of Israel's yearly rain has fallen and marks the time when trees have used up water from the previous year's rainfall and have begun absorbing the water of the New Year. On Tu B'Shevat, by honoring the cycle of our trees, we sanctify the power of nature through a Tu B'Shevat Seder.

Shabbat Morning Minyan – IN-PERSON & VIA ZOOM

Saturday, January 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

Our Shabbat Morning Minyan is a wonderful opportunity to enhance your celebration of Shabbat. Please join us either in-person or via Zoom for this hour-long service and study. People of all ages are encouraged and welcome to attend.

NSUMC Stitching Friends Group

A new small group is forming among members of the **North Shore United Methodist Church** (213 Hazel Avenue, Glencoe) who have a love of knitting, crocheting, and/or stitching, and Hakafa members have been invited to join them. They will have a welcoming meeting on **February 4 at 10:00 AM** in front of the fireplace in **Barbee Hall** (upstairs at the church). If you are interested, please bring a project you are working on and a friend who likes to stitch. They will brew a pot of tea and/or coffee and see what ideas people have for making this a year-round

monthly meeting. If you don't know how to knit, but would like to learn, call Marjorie Kemp (847-308-1947) or Marj Passini (630-802-7339), and they can provide materials.

Religious School

Sunday, February 5, 10:00-11:45 AM

Religious School continues this Sunday. Please contact Bibi (education@hakafa.org) or Rona (admin@hakafa.org) with any questions.

Sunday Morning Adult Education – VIA ZOOM ONLY

Sunday, February 5, 10:15-11:45 AM

Zoom Link:

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

Meeting ID: 871 3067 5137

To Dial-In: 312-626-6799

Please join us via Zoom for Sunday Morning Adult Education. This week, **Professor Yohanan Petrovsky-Shtern** will present the second of two sessions on an **Update on Ukraine**. This Sunday's topic will be **Ukrainian Responses to Invasion and Occupation**.

Yohanan Petrovsky-Shtern (Ph.D., Brandeis University, 2001, Ph.D. Moscow University, 1988) is the Crown Family Professor of Jewish Studies and a Professor of Jewish History in History Department at Northwestern University. For his teaching, Petrovsky-Shtern won a Northwestern University Distinguished Teaching Award. He has been a visiting professor at the universities in Toronto, Paris, Kyiv, Lviv, Warsaw, Krakow, Munich, and Jerusalem. He has been appointed a Fulbright Specialist on Eastern Europe; a Fellow at the Harvard Ukrainian Research Institute; a Visiting Professor at the Free Ukrainian University in Munich; and, an honorary doctor of the National University Kyiv Mohyla academy in Kyiv. He has published more than a hundred articles and six books, including most recently The Golden Age Shtetl: A New History of Jewish Life in East Europe that appeared in paperback with Princeton University Press, 2015.

***Recording of January 29 Session with Professor Yohanan Petrovsky-Shtern:**

If you missed last Sunday's first Adult Education session with Professor Yohanan Petrovsky-Shtern and would like to watch the recording of the session, please click here:

https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/qeFkkgPkY2VwMoK5FSxdo6AzpDHVMiBNFn4svppUEN_KGGNv7IP2tK39WYHi_4rn.sc9ibOgkmYJRkUer

B'nai Mitzvah Workshops - IN-PERSON

Sunday, February 5

12:00 PM for families planning morning services

1:00 PM for families planning afternoon/evening services

Takiff Center (999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe)

Rabbi Elder's "Walk through the Shabbat Service" b'nai mitzvah workshop series will continue with our third session this Sunday. This series is designed for families of students whose b'nai mitzvah celebrations will be taking place in the next 12-18 months. Students and their parents should attend. All b'nai mitzvah candidates & families are welcome, even if you missed the first two. **Please RSVP to Rona at admin@hakafa.org if you are planning to attend.**

Endowment Fund Trustees Meeting - VIA ZOOM ONLY

Sunday, February 5, 4:30 PM

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83260853221?pwd=aUIzRFhQMVhPNG1LdjVkcTC9OblmIPQT09>

Meeting ID: 832 6085 3221

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

Hakafa maintains an endowment fund that we use to support new programs and activities that aren't covered by our annual budgeting process. Congregants are welcome to offer suggestions and proposals for such programs and activities.

The Endowment Trustees will be meeting to consider new requests. This meeting is open to all congregants. Please attend the meeting or contact the trustees with your ideas/questions. Our three trustees are **Sally Nador** (nadorsally@gmail.com), **David Weinstein** (dweinstein@taftlaw.com), and **Barbara Miller** (president@hakafa.org). And please remember, financial contributions to the Endowment Fund are always welcome—any time of the year.

Yiddish Class – IN-PERSON & VIA ZOOM

Monday, February 6, 7:00 PM

Home of Ellen and Henry Criz (545 Green Bay Road, Highland Park)

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86364215324?pwd=RIR6MjBGQm1VRXp3QWxDRnR4ZmNyUT09>

Meeting ID: 863 6421 5324

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

Our Yiddish class continues this Monday in-person and via Zoom. It's not too late to join the class! Please contact Betsy Hersher (betsyhersher@gmail.com) or Sharon Gutan (gutan627@comcast.net) with questions or for more information.

Midrash Class – IN-PERSON & VIA ZOOM

Tuesday, February 7, 10:00 AM

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

Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/696226486>

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.

Hebrew School

Tuesday, February 7, 4:15-5:30 PM

Hebrew School continues this Tuesday. Please contact Bibi (education@hakafa.org) or Rona (admin@hakafa.org) with any questions.

Tuesday Evening Tanach Study – IN-PERSON AND VIA ZOOM

Tuesday, February 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 Tanach Study! Each Tuesday evening, we proceed through the Bible, verse by verse, discussing its content and various interpretations with Rabbi Elder.

Please Note: Class on the first Tuesday of each month (THIS Tuesday, February 7 this month) will now meet in-person IN ADDITION TO via Zoom. All other Tuesdays each month will meet via Zoom only.

Nominating Committee Meeting - VIA ZOOM ONLY

Wednesday, February 8, 7:30 PM

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82165982074?pwd=QmIza20xeDJ1WkN1TUxHUIJMQ2E0QT09>

Meeting ID: 821 6598 2074

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

Hakafa's Nominating Committee will meet to establish the slate of officers for the 2023-2024 year. While our officers traditionally serve for two years, our bylaws require that we re-elect them for the second year. As well, per the bylaws, "Any member of the Congregation may serve on this committee by advising the Chairperson in writing, prior to the Nominating Committee meeting, of a desire to do so." **Please contact chair, Deborah Brown, by email (dmb9476@gmail.com) prior to the meeting** to indicate that you will participate or for more information.

Supporting Foster Families – Comfort Cases Kick-Off Event

Sunday, February 12, 1:30-3:30 PM

Temple Jeremiah (937 Happ Road, Northfield)

Last year there were about 16,000 children in the Illinois foster care system. Many of these children went to foster homes without items they could call their own. Any personal items they did own, went with them in a garbage bag.

Join Congregation Hakafa, Temple Jeremiah, and JCFS Chicago as we kick-off our work with Second Nurture in Chicagoland and pack Comfort Cases. Come learn more about the work of Comfort Cases (www.comfortcases.org) and Second Nurture (www.2nurture.org). We are planning to build 250 Comfort Cases filled with basic necessities for infants through 17-year-old teens. These cases will have toiletries, books, PJ's and other items along with special individualized notes from us. All of these cases will be distributed to agencies in our area to use as children enter the foster care system. All ages are welcome to help!

If you are interested in helping, please feel free to reach out to Hakafa member, Beth McCullough (847-722-5430 or mikeandbeth_60089@yahoo.com) OR you can go to Second Nurture's website (www.2nurture.org). Once on their website you can look for our event on the Upcoming Events List and click to RSVP.

Hakafa Book Club - VIA ZOOM ONLY

February's read is *Making History* by Stephen Fry.

A few Hakafa members have started an informal book group dedicated to reading Jewish and Jew-adjacent works of fiction and nonfiction. Hakafa member and librarian, **Rose Waldman**, facilitates the discussions, and the group meets on the **second Sunday of each month via Zoom, at 4:15 PM**. Anyone who is interested is welcome to reach out to Rose (roza37@gmail.com) to be added to the email list.

Budget & Finance Committee Meeting

Wednesday, February 22, 7:00 PM

Home of Mike and Beth McCullough (890 Dorncliff Lane, Buffalo Grove)

This will be the first Budget & Finance Committee meeting of the current fiscal year. At the meeting we will review Hakafa's actual performance vs. budget for this year as well as begin discussions on the budget for the next fiscal year. Any congregant interested in guiding the financial future of Hakafa is welcome to join the meeting which will be in-person only.

Rabbi Robert J. Marx Social Justice Fund Applications Available

Applications are now available for YOUR social justice projects through the Rabbi Robert J. Marx Social Justice Fund (<https://www.hakafa.org/rabbi-robert-j.-marx-social-justice-fund.html#>). We are funding projects that include active involvement from Hakafa member(s), that work towards authentic justice, that build shared and sustained justice, and that engage members of the Congregation in volunteering, advocacy, or education. More information and the application are available on the web page for the Rabbi Robert J. Marx Social Justice Fund at this link (<https://www.hakafa.org/rabbi-robert-j.-marx-social-justice-fund.html#>). Applications are accepted on a rolling basis (by February 28). Reach out to the Trustees with questions at rjmfund@hakafa.org.

OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP/VOLUNTEER:

Tutoring for Citizenship Exam

Are you interested in helping immigrants prepare to take their citizenship exam? A volunteer who has experience tutoring many applicants towards this goal is willing to speak to a group of us from Hakafa to give us guidance if there is interest. This is a chance to make a real difference in people's lives. It can be done remotely. **If interested, please contact Barbara Anderson** (caabaa16@gmail.com).

A Just Harvest – Help Feed People Who Are Hungry

Continuing our commitment for more than 20 years, on the **2nd Sunday of every month**, Hakafa members bring and serve lunch to more than 150 people at A Just Harvest's Community Kitchen (7649 N. Paulina St, Chicago).

Volunteers are needed to sign up to help! You can sign up to drop off food by 11:00 AM on Sunday or sign up to help serve from 11:00 AM to 2:30 PM (ages 12 and up only). *Hakafa's tzedakah fund can reimburse you for expenses, if needed.*

Click here for more details and/or to sign up to volunteer: <http://tinyurl.com/a-just-harvest>.

A Just Harvest's (www.ajustharvest.org) mission is to fight poverty and hunger in the Rogers Park and greater Chicago community by providing nutritious meals daily while cultivating community and economic development and organizing across racial, cultural and socioeconomic lines in order to create a more just society.

Contact Hakafa member, Monique Parsons (monique.parsons@gmail.com), with questions.

The Night Ministry – Winter Clothing Items Needed

Please donate warm clothing and hand and toe warmers to The Night Ministry (www.thenightministry.org), an organization that serves people experiencing poverty, isolation, and homelessness. The Night Ministry is looking only for the items listed below. You can place the items in the clearly marked bins that are in the **main lobby of the Takiff Center** (999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe). The bins will remain in there through February.

The Night Ministry is looking only for the following items:

- Hats in adult sizes (NEW ONLY)
- Gloves in adult sizes (NEW ONLY)
- Scarves in adult sizes (NEW ONLY)

- Thermal Socks in adult sizes
- Men's Coats in Size L to XXL--water repellent preferred
- Men's Boots, Sizes 10-13+
- Women's Boots, Sizes 8-10
- Hand and Toe Warmers
- Rain Ponchos

THANK YOU, in advance, for your donations!

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

Oneg Hosts Needed for Friday Evening Shabbat Services

Hosting a Friday evening Oneg Shabbat is a wonderful way to honor the memory of a loved one on his/her **yahrzeit** or to celebrate a **b'nai mitzvah, birthday, anniversary, or other special occasion** with the congregation. **Volunteers are needed to host our weekly Onegs now through May!**

Click here for all of the details/instructions needed to host:

www.tinyurl.com/HakafaOnegInstructions

To volunteer to host, sign up online at this link (<http://tinyurl.com/oneg-hosting>) or by contacting Gayle Inbinder and Jill Mihailovic-Sternberg (oneg@hakafa.org). You can also contact Gayle and Jill for more details.

Seeking Zoom-Competent Folks for Occasional Help

If you know how to run a Zoom meeting, including screen-sharing, and would be willing to help out occasionally with a service or meeting, please contact Barbara Miller (president@hakafa.org).

HAKAFA CONTACT INFORMATION:

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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.

Hakafa's Current COVID-19 Protocols:

Please note these updated COVID-19 protocols adopted at the Congregation Annual Meeting on May 15, 2022. As of June 1:

- **Everyone age 5 and older must be fully up-to-date on their COVID-19 vaccination to attend in-person services/classes/events.** Hakafa's vaccination requirement is the CDC's definition of "up to date" on COVID-19 vaccination. This means that an individual must have the full initial vaccination (one dose of J&J or two doses of Pfizer or Moderna) and one booster.
- **Hakafa is now mask optional for indoor and outdoor events, including Friday Evening Shabbat Services.**
 - Specific Hakafa groups/classes may require additional COVID mitigation efforts as decided by that group and its leaders.
 - For any events that are hosted at a member's home, that member can establish the COVID mitigation rules for attendance (but at a minimum everyone must be fully vaccinated as described above).
 - Service officiants, Hakafa's President, the Task Force chair, and/or the Administrator (individually or collectively) are authorized to make changes as necessary for a specific Service or event.