

## Hakafa High School Leadership Development Program: Becoming a Jewish Adult

Hakafa's High School Program is designed to help our 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders gain knowledge and skills as community leaders while they grow into Jewish adulthood and become active, voting members of our congregation while having fun along the way.

- Rabbi Elder, Rabbi Calamaro, and our Director of Education, Bibi Patt, along with Joe Greenberg and Rona Elder teach our high school program.
- Each year we have a fun **kick-off event** to build community among all our high school students (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades) and begin the academic program for the year.
- In place of meeting on Sunday mornings, **students in 9<sup>th</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup> grades** meet four times a year on Sunday late afternoons (4:00-6:15 PM). These four sessions incorporate educational/cultural programming and dinner with all 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> grade students together.
- **Our 12th grade program varies slightly as they prepare for Confirmation** at the end of the year with two class sessions and two service prep sessions over the course of the year. They also participate in two workshops that focus on Jewish life after high school.
- Additionally, **ALL** high school students (grades 9-12) meet three times during the year to do **social action and/or community projects/outings**.
- ALL high school students (grades 9-12) have the opportunity to participate in an **educational out-of-town trip** each year. We are excited to announce that this year's trip will be **"Exploring Jewish New York City."**

<u>9<sup>th</sup> Grade</u>	<u>10<sup>th</sup> Grade</u>	<u>11<sup>th</sup> Grade</u>	<u>12<sup>th</sup> Grade</u>
Kick-Off Event			
Teen Service Activities – 3 per year			
Educational Trip out of Town (1 trip per year) + 1 trip prep planning session per year			
4 class sessions			2 Confirmation Class sessions
			2 Confirmation Service Prep Meetings
			2 Senior-Specific Workshops regarding Jewish life after high school

**AGAIN THIS YEAR: You can register students for our High School Program online at [www.tinyurl.com/HakafaSchool23-24](http://www.tinyurl.com/HakafaSchool23-24).**

## **2023-2024 High School Program Details and Dates**

### **Kick-Off Event:**

All 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students will spend a fun Sunday afternoon/evening together building community and kicking off our high school academic program for the year.

**2023-24 Kick-Off Event Date:** Sunday, October 1, 2023 (afternoon/evening time TBA)

### **9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Sessions:**

Students will meet at the North Shore United Methodist Church **4 times** throughout the year **on Sunday afternoons** from **4:00-6:15 PM** for class sessions with our staff. Classes will be taught by Rabbi Elder, Rabbi Calamaro, Bibi Patt, Joe Greenberg, and Rona Elder. **Dinner (and dessert) is always included.**

#### **2023-24 Class Sessions (9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> Grades):**

October 15, 2023

December 3, 2023

February 11, 2024

April 7, 2024

### **Service Projects:**

All (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades) Hakafa high school students will come together three times throughout the year to do social action projects and community work within our Hakafa community as well as in the greater Chicago area. Specific times (TBA) will vary depending on the project.

#### **2023-24 Dates:**

Sunday, November 12, 2023

Saturday, January 28, 2024

Sunday, March 17, 2024

### **Educational Trip / Jewish Roots Exploration:**

Each year, all (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades) high school students have the opportunity to participate in an educational, out-of-town trip (trips are partially subsidized) with our staff. *The trip is available to those who have attended classes and participated in the service projects.*

#### **2023-24:**

February 11, 2024: Trip Prep Session for Students (5:30-6:15 PM)

February 22-25, 2024: Exploring Jewish New York City

**Future Trips:** 2024-25: Civil Rights through a Jewish Lens Journey to the South (Exact dates TBD)

2025-26: The Czech Republic and Poland (Exact dates TBD)

2026-27: L'Taken Social Justice Seminar in Washington, D.C. (Exact dates TBD)

## **High School Seniors – Confirmation Students:**

Our seniors are invited to join our other Hakafa high school students for the kick-off event, three Service Projects, and our Educational Trip. In addition, our 12<sup>th</sup> Grade program consists of participation in two (2) Confirmation Classes, two (2) Confirmation Service Prep Sessions, and two (2) senior-specific workshops.

### **Confirmation Classes and Service Prep Sessions:**

Our 12<sup>th</sup> graders are confirmed at the end of their senior year. Students will have two Confirmation Class sessions with Rabbi Elder and two meetings to prepare for the Confirmation Ceremony. A parent/student meeting to plan for Confirmation will take place during first of the two meetings.

### **Senior Workshops:**

We recognize that the senior year is a time of transition. As such, 12<sup>th</sup> graders will also participate in the following two senior-specific workshops with Rabbi Elder and Bibi Patt:

#### **Workshop I: What does it mean to be Jewish post high school?**

We will have a program/ discussion with a few Hakafa current undergrads. Some of the topics to be covered include: As a Jewish student, what should I look for in a college? Are there meaningful Jewish gap-year opportunities? How do I take what I have experienced at Hakafa beyond our congregational “walls”?

#### **Workshop II: Jewish Life on a College Campus**

We will have a program/ discussion with a few Hakafa current undergrads. Some of the topics to be covered include: Jewish life on campus; being confronted with Anti-Semitism on campus; the difference between Anti-Zionism and Anti-Semitism on campus and in our current society.

### **2023-24 Confirmation (12<sup>th</sup> Grade) Class Dates:**

Sunday, November 5, 2023 (2:45-4:00 PM) – Sr Wkshp 1: What does it mean to be Jewish post high school?

Sunday, February 4, 2024 (2:00-3:30 PM) – Confirmation Class 1

Sunday, March 10, 2024 (2:00-3:30 PM) – Confirmation Class 2

Sunday, April 21, 2024 (3:00-4:00 PM) – Parent/Student Meeting (3-3:30) & Conf Service Prep 1 (3:30-4)

Sunday, May 5, 2024 (1:00-3:00 PM) – Sr Wkshp 2: Jewish Life on a College Campus

Sunday, May 19, 2024 (4:00-6:30 PM) – Confirmation Service Prep 2 & Dinner w/Rabbi Elder

Friday, May 24, 2024 (7:30 PM) – Confirmation Service/Ceremony and oneg hosted by Confirmation Families

**Please Note: The expectation is full participation throughout the year as a requisite for Confirmation.**

# Congregation Hakafa High School

## Program Calendar 2023-24



UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMMING TAKES PLACE AT THE  
NORTH SHORE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (NSUMC), 213 HAZEL AVE, GLENCOE

**PLEASE NOTE:** All dates/times are subject to change. We will notify all high school students and their parents in advance of any changes.

### **OCTOBER 2023**

Sunday	October 1	afternoon/evening time TBA	High School Program Kick-Off Event (Grades 9-12)
Sunday	October 15	4:00-6:15 PM	9 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup> Grade Class Session 1

### **NOVEMBER 2023**

Sunday	November 5	2:45-4:00 PM	12 <sup>th</sup> Grade (Confirmation) Workshop
Sunday	November 12	afternoon/evening time TBA	9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> Grade Service Project 1

### **DECEMBER 2023**

Sunday	December 3	4:00-6:15 PM	9 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup> Grade Class Session 2
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### **JANUARY 2024**

Sunday	January 28	afternoon/evening time TBA	9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> Grade Service Project 2
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### **FEBRUARY 2024**

Sunday	February 4	2:00-3:30 PM	12 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Class 1
Sunday	February 11	4:00-5:30 PM	9 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup> Grade Class Session 3
		5:30-6:15 PM	9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> Grade NY Trip Prep Session
Thurs-Sun	February 22-25		9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> Grade Trip to Jewish New York

### **MARCH 2024**

Sunday	March 10	2:00-3:30 PM	12 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Class 2
Sunday	March 17	afternoon/evening time TBA	9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> Grade Service Project 3

### **APRIL 2024**

Sunday	April 7	4:00-6:15 PM	9 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup> Grade Class Session 4
Sunday	April 21	3:00-4:00 PM	12 <sup>th</sup> Grade Parent/Student Meeting (3-3:30) & Confirmation Service Prep 1 (3:30-4)

### **MAY 2024**

Sunday	May 5	1:00-3:00 PM	12 <sup>th</sup> Grade (Confirmation) Workshop
Sunday	May 19	4:00-6:30 PM	12 <sup>th</sup> Grade Conf Service Prep 2 + Dinner w/Rabbi Elder
Friday	May 24	7:30 PM	Shabbat Service and Confirmation Ceremony

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