Steps We’re Taking at Hakafa to Prevent the Spread of the Coronavirus

With coronavirus reports so prominent in the news, we wanted to let you know that we are keeping apprised of measures that we can take to prevent its spread and to keep our community safe. The advice to avoid gatherings of people is a difficult one for us, as coming together to worship, study, and help others is central to our existence. For those times when we are together, we urge everyone to follow recommended safety guidelines, as outlined on the Centers for Disease Control website: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/prevention-treatment.html

We are fortunate at Hakafa to have as one of our members Dr. Ron Hershow, an infectious disease epidemiologist at the University of Illinois School of Public Health. His guidance has and will be especially helpful as we move forward. He notes that while things are changing quickly, closures and shutdowns are not yet warranted in Illinois, and that proactive measures (handwashing, use of hand sanitizers, keeping our distance from others, staying home if you feel ill, etc.) are the best steps to follow for now.

Nevertheless, due to heightened concerns voiced by a number of our members, we have decided to postpone or adjust a number of activities coming up in the next two weeks. We are focusing on programs frequented by older adults – those most vulnerable to the coronavirus. These adjustments should give us more time to assess the situation and should also reduce the stress that individuals may feel in deciding whether or not to attend Hakafa gatherings. For those programs that will go on as planned, please feel free to choose to stay home if you feel iffy about attending.

Please know that if it appears prudent, we will take further steps and will keep you informed. Meanwhile, when we’re together, we can hold off on our usual hugs and handshakes, going for elbow bumps or friendly waves from a six-foot distance instead! We’ll all know that we’re looking out for each other’s health. If you have any concerns, please contact our Congregation President, Nancy Goodman (president@hakafa.org or 847-564-3273).

Wednesday Afternoon Torah Study

Wednesday, March 11, 1:00-2:30 PM
Meeting Via Zoom: https://zoom.us/j/164793643?pwd=QTV5a3hLQlRGK0U5SXlCck1laFZiUT09 OR to call in: Dial 646-558-8656 (When prompted for a Meeting ID if you call in, type in: 164 793 643#)

Join us 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 that we will NOT be meeting in person. Instead, we will be meeting via Zoom Video Conferencing. Please see directions below for how to access Zoom.
Zoom Video Conferencing: Instructions for Accessing
For each Zoom gathering, we will provide both a link and a phone number (and a Member 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 Member 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 a regular 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 Member ID number, followed by the # sign. You will be able to hear clearly and participate like everyone else.

Next Kesher Event at Curt’s Café – THIS EVENING
Wednesday, March 11, 7:00-8:30 PM
Curt’s Cafe in Highland Park (1766 Second Street)
Join us this evening for light desserts, coffee/tea, and some great conversation at our next Kesher gathering. Contact Rabbi Elder (rabi@hakafa.org or 847-266-8854) with questions and/or to RSVP.

Many Hakafa members have been living their congregation experience through their children. As their children move away, they are beginning to ask how to engage in our community for themselves. To that end, we have recently kicked off Kesher (Hebrew for "Connection"), an initiative to allow members in this demography to get to know one another, share ideas, and create new and deep relationships. Though geared toward new, recent, or soon-to-be empty nesters and their age group, all Hakafa members are invited to participate.

World Zionist Congress Elections – LAST DAY TO VOTE
Wouldn’t it be great if you could vote in an Israeli election, and that based on the results of that election, key Israeli leaders who share your values could be appointed to head national policy-making institutions and exert influence on public matters such as combatting racism, liberalizing conversion, opening rules on marriage and divorce, religious pluralism, gender rights, equality, economic justice, a two-state solution, and peace?

The 2020 World Zionist Congress elections are here, and your vote is critical. Click here BY TODAY (March 11) to vote:
https://zionistelection.org/election/2a3b7a80-ba00-42ec-957e-c0375167a065
Shabbat in the Home – TO BE RESCHEDULED
Please note that this Friday’s Shabbat in the Home will be rescheduled at a later date TBD. If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Fogel (curlyfogel@yahoo.com or 312-576-6775).

Please Note: There will be NO Shabbat Service at the Winnetka Community House THIS Friday, March 13.

Shabbat Morning Minyan
Saturday, March 14, 8:30 AM
Home of Barbara and Allen Anderson (849 Oak Drive, Glencoe)
Please join us 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 – THIS SATURDAY (NOTE CHANGE IN LOCATION)
Saturday, March 14, 10:30 AM
Community Room 4 at the Takiff Center (999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe)
***PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN LOCATION!!!!
Our Tot Shabbat in January was a lot of fun! Families with children/grandchildren ages five and younger (including parents, siblings, and/or extended family) are invited to join us to sing, dance, hear a story, and pray at Tot Shabbat this Saturday! Our fun, 30-minute service will be followed by a short, kid-friendly Kiddush. Feel free to bring friends!

Request from the Chesed Committee
The Chesed Committee is looking for volunteers to share a Shabbat evening with a congregant who is homebound and watch Hakafa’s Shabbat services together. Your visit would be much appreciated! If you would like to help, please get in touch with Anita Goldberg (anitagoldberg@gmail.com or 847-432-8973) or Ana Bensinger (anabensinger@att.net or 847-926-3223), and they will coordinate your visit.

Volunteers Needed on Sunday Mornings at the Takiff Center

Sunday Morning Bagels:
Every Sunday that we have programming, two volunteers are needed to spend 45 minutes (11:30 am-12:15 pm) slicing bagels (sometimes!), putting them on platters, setting out cream cheese, cleaning up, and putting supplies away. Detailed instructions will be provided. Please sign up here (http://tinyurl.com/SundayBagels) and/or contact Laura Glick (lauraglick@gmail.com / 847-644-8746).

Sunday Coffee/Snacks for Adults:
Congregation members take turns (each Sunday that there programming) providing coffee and breakfast snacks for adults between the morning service and adult education sessions. Volunteers are needed to provide drinks/food (Hakafa can reimburse you for a portion of it.), set it up by 9:45 am, and clean it
up at noon. Please sign up here ([http://tinyurl.com/coffee-on-sunday](http://tinyurl.com/coffee-on-sunday)) and/or contact Vicky Hartstein ([vhartstein@gmail.com](mailto:vhartstein@gmail.com) / 773-259-9943) and/or Adam Hartstein ([adam1740@gmail.com](mailto:adam1740@gmail.com) / 773-259-9981).

**Religious School**

**Sunday, March 15, 9:45 AM – 12:00 NOON**  
**Takiff Center (999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe)**  
This will be our last Sunday session before Spring Break.

**Sunday Morning Adult Education CANCELLED THIS SUNDAY**

Please note that there will be **NO Sunday Morning Adult Education this week**. Our sessions with David Rieser and Jean Rock will be rescheduled.

**Midrash Class**

**Tuesday, March 17, 9:00-10:00 AM**  
**Meeting Via Zoom: [https://zoom.us/j/941786083](https://zoom.us/j/941786083)**  
**OR to call in: Dial 646-558-8656 (When prompted for a Meeting ID if you call in, type in: 941 786 083#)**

Join us to study *midrash* with Rabbi Elder. Midrash is the creative, interpretative process of the rabbis over generations. **Please note that we will NOT be meeting in person. Instead, we will be meeting via Zoom Video Conferencing. Please see directions above for how to access Zoom.**

**Mishneh Torah Class**

**Tuesday, March 17, 10:30 AM**  
**Meeting Via Zoom: [https://zoom.us/j/322151595](https://zoom.us/j/322151595)**  
**OR to call in: Dial 646-558-8656 (When prompted for a Meeting ID if you call in, type in: 322 151 595#)**

Are you interested in studying *Halacha* (Jewish law)? If so, please join us for our next Mishneh Torah class with Rabbi Elder. **Please note that we will NOT be meeting in person. Instead, we will be meeting via Zoom Video Conferencing. Please see directions above for how to access Zoom.**

**Hebrew School**

**Tuesday, March 17, 4:15-6:00 PM**  
**Takiff Center (999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe)**  
This will be our last day of Hebrew School before Spring Break.

**Tuesday Evening Torah Study**

**Tuesday, March 17, 7:30-8:45 PM**  
**Meeting Via Zoom: [https://zoom.us/j/100413284](https://zoom.us/j/100413284)**  
**OR to call in: Dial 646-558-8656 (When prompted for a Meeting ID if you call in, type in: 100 413 284#)**

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**Passover Care Packages for College Students – ORDERS DUE BY MARCH 20**

Send a care package to your undergrad at Passover this year! Members of the Hakafa community will prepare and mail boxes (which will include items like matzah, candy, snacks, etc.). This reminds our college undergrads that they are an important part of our Hakafa family and that we are thinking of them.

**Orders must be placed by March 20.** To order a care package, place your order online at: [https://tinyurl.com/HakafaPassoverBox20](https://tinyurl.com/HakafaPassoverBox20) OR print and fill out this form ([https://images.shulcloud.com/13470/uploads/uploaded_files/pdfs/2020PassoverBoxesForCollegeStudents.pdf](https://images.shulcloud.com/13470/uploads/uploaded_files/pdfs/2020PassoverBoxesForCollegeStudents.pdf)). *Scholarships are available.* If a scholarship is needed, please contact Rabbi Elder ([rabbi@hakafa.org](mailto:rabbi@hakafa.org) or 847-266-8854).

If you have any questions, please contact Hakafa member, Karen Berman ([k.lieberman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:k.lieberman@sbcglobal.net) or 847-251-1339).

**Hakafa Serves Breakfast at The Crib (The Night Ministry) – Volunteers Wanted for March 22**

This year, Hakafa will once again be serving breakfast at The Crib - The Night Ministry’s LGBTQ shelter in Uptown on the following **Sunday mornings:** March 22, April 5, May 3, May 24, June 7 and July 5.

We are looking for three to four volunteers, age 25 and older, to assist in bringing and serving breakfast from **7:00 to 9:00 a.m.** in **Uptown** on these Sundays. Please contact Barb Scott at: ([bams457@gmail.com](mailto:bams457@gmail.com) or 847-707-5795) to sign up to help.

*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/](https://www.thenightministry.org/)*

**Maot Chitim - Pack/Deliver Passover Food for Those in Need**

Hakafa’s volunteer participation in the mitzvah of Maot Chitim (providing meals to Jewish families in need) in preparation for Passover is scheduled for **Sunday, March 22** from **11:45 AM to 12:45 PM** at a **warehouse located at 7080 N. McCormick in Lincolnwood.** Join Hakafa members and others in the Chicago Jewish Community in **packing boxes** of food and other holiday necessities. Volunteers must be 12 or older and wear close-toed shoes.

In addition, volunteers are also invited to **deliver packed boxes** to area Jewish homes on **Sunday morning, March 29.** Box pick-up at the warehouse will be between **9:15 and 10:30 AM.** Come with your car (especially large cars and vans) and families – and make sure to empty out your trunk!

To sign up to pack with Hakafa on 3/22 and/or deliver on 3/29, please contact Rona ([admin@hakafa.org](mailto:admin@hakafa.org) or 847-242-0687).
Congregational Second-Night Seder – RESERVATIONS DUE BY MARCH 26

Celebrate the second night of Passover with Hakafa!

Our congregation will be hosting its annual Second-Night Passover Seder on Thursday, April 9 at 6:00 PM at the Winnetka Community House (620 Lincoln Ave, Winnetka). Members and their guests are cordially invited to attend this very festive and always memorable event. Expect delicious food, lively music, and wonderful companionship.

Reservations are due by March 26. To make your reservation, please sign up online at https://tinyurl.com/HakafaSeder20 OR print and fill out this form (https://images.shulcloud.com/13470/uploads/uploaded_files/pdfs/2020CongregationalSederFlyer.pdf). *Scholarships are available.* If a scholarship is needed, please contact Rabbi Elder (rabbi@hakafa.org or 847-266-8854).

If you have any questions, please contact Hakafa member, Amy Acri (jacri3@comcast.net or 847-875-4976).

Cradles to Crayons Winter Coat Drive

Hakafa is currently collecting CHILDREN’S: COATS * HATS * BOOTS * MITTENS for CRADLES TO CRAYONS. Much of the clothing goes to students in Kindergarten-6th grade who are in the Chicago Public Schools. The collection box is in the lobby of the Takiff Center (999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe) now through March 31. For more information please visit Cradles to Crayons’ website at www.cradlestocrayons.org OR contact Barb Scott: bams457@gmail.com. THANK YOU for your donations!

Robineau Seder - Volunteers Needed

Hakafa will again lead a Passover Seder for the residents of Robineau, a CJE SeniorLife Residence at 7550 N. Kostner Avenue in Skokie. The Robineau Seder will begin promptly at 3:30 PM on Thursday, April 9, and volunteers are needed to help lead it with other Hakafa members. We will end in time for anyone who wants to attend the Hakafa seder to do so. The seniors really appreciate our friendship. If you would like to participate and/or if you have any questions, contact Hakafa members, Don Pollak (donpollak@me.com/847-922-9348) or Lynn Sanders (LSanders0608@gmail.com/847-630-1174).

Hakafa Canoe Trip / Summer Shabbaton – Reservations Requested by April 4

Are you the outdoors type? Do you like to canoe and camp? Have no prior experience but you want to try something new? If so, Hakafa’s summer Shabbaton is for you! Join us for gourmet dining and a community experience on the river July 30-August 2, 2020.

This year we will return to the Pine River Paddle Sports Center (PRPSC) in Wellston, MI where we will establish a base camp. PRPSC is privately owned and extremely well maintained. We have reserved a wooded site that provides ample space for a large group. We have potable water available in the site. A short walk from our campsite are bathrooms equipped with sinks, flush toilets, and hot showers. At our planning meeting(s) we will divvy out meal responsibilities, though we all help with meal preparation and clean-up. Children are welcome, but they must be strong swimmers.
Based on prior trip expenses, the cost per person for the campsite, canoes and gratuities comes to approximately $160. Scholarships are available. Please contact Rabbi Elder if a scholarship is needed.

So that we can pay our deposit to PRPSC, if you'd like to participate, please send a check for $100 per person made out to "John Wolfson" by April 4, 2020 to: John Wolfson, 3232 Maple Leaf Drive, Glenview, IL 60026. Your final payment of $60 per person is due June 1, 2020. We will schedule a planning meeting in early June.

If you have any questions, please contact John Wolfson (johnwolfson1952@gmail.com or 847-344-9323).

SAVE THE DATE – Sunday, May 3
Kadima will be sponsoring a performance by a trio from the Maxwell Street Klezmer Band, featuring our own Bibi Marcell Patt. Put this on your calendar NOW. And, plan to bring children, grandchildren, and friends for this delightful hour of Hebrew and Yiddish music at the Winnetka Community House at 2:00 PM on Sunday, May 3. Join us for lively music, dancing and wonderful food.

Condolences to:
Dave Jacobs and family on the loss of his mother, Willa Jacobs.

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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.