

HAKAFA WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEK OF MARCH 25, 2020

Hakafa and COVID-19

We have created a special page on Hakafa's website (www.hakafa.org) to keep you updated on our response to COVID-19 and for up-to-date details about congregation events / cancellations / changes, etc. ***Please visit it for the most current information.***

An important consideration during this pandemic is how we will care for each other. Our staff is checking in with each congregation member every 7-10 days. But, in the meantime, if you or anyone in our Hakafa community is isolated and in need of assistance, please contact Rabbi Elder (rabbi@hakafa.org or 847-266-8854).

PASSOVER:

As you know, we had to cancel Hakafa's Second-Night Seder. **If you are looking for a virtual seder to attend, or if you are willing to open to your virtual seder to other Hakafa members, please let Rabbi Elder know – rabbi@hakafa.org or 847-266-8854.**

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.

Wednesday Afternoon Torah Study via Zoom

Wednesday, March 25, 1:00-2:30 PM

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

OR to call in: 312-626-6799 (When prompted for a Meeting ID if you call in, type in: 813 358 443#)

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.

Kumzits via Zoom

Thursday, March 26, 4:00 PM

Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/713691365>

QR to call in: 312-626-6799 (When prompted for a Meeting ID if you call in, type in: 713 691 365#)

Join us for a Virtual Kumzits this Thursday! Bring your musical instruments and your voices, and sing and play along with us. We will play a mixture of Jewish and folk songs, and we'll even take requests. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

"Kumzits" is a compound-word in Hebrew derived from the Yiddish words "kum" (come) and "zits" (sit). The word is used to describe a gathering where we come together and sing.

Shabbat Service Online

Friday, March 27, 7:30 PM

Livestream Via Facebook Live: <https://www.hakafa.org/worship-ritual/livestream-facebook-live>

Join us for our weekly Shabbat Service via livestream. To participate, click on the link above and follow the instructions. **Click here for a copy of Hakafa's Shabbat Service Prayer Book for Home:**

https://images.shulcloud.com/13470/uploads/uploaded_files/pdfs/ShabbatServiceforHome.pdf

Oneg via Zoom

Friday, March 27, 8:15 PM (or when Services end)

Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/292137266>

QR to call in: 312-626-6799 (When prompted for a Meeting ID if you call in, type in: 292 137 266#)

After our Shabbat Service (see details above), join us for a virtual Oneg on Zoom - BYO oneg snacks!

Tot Shabbat for Young Children and Grandchildren via Zoom

Saturday, March 28, 10:00 AM

Zoom Link:

<https://zoom.us/j/272214774?pwd=OmxleGpzcVI4aldFUWZiME4zRW5tUT09>

QR to call in: 312-626-6799 (When prompted for a Meeting ID if you call in, type in: 272 214 774#)

Families with children/grandchildren ages five and younger (including parents, siblings, and/or extended family) are invited to join us via Zoom for 30-minutes to sing, dance, hear a story, and pray at our interactive Shabbat experience **this Saturday!** Feel free to invite friends!

Sip and Schmooze on Zoom

Monday, March 30, 4:00 PM

Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/341184400>

OR to call in: 312-626-6799 (When prompted for a Meeting ID if you call in, type in: 341 184 400#)

Grab a cup of coffee or tea and join us online to hang out and chat with other Hakafa members!

Midrash Class via Zoom

Tuesday, March 31, 9:00-10:00 AM

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

OR to call in: 312-626-6799 (When prompted for a Meeting ID if you call in, type in: 696 226 468#)

Join us to study *midrash* with Rabbi Elder. Midrash is the creative, interpretative process of the rabbis over generations.

Siddur Class via Zoom

Tuesday, March 31, 10:15-11:15 AM

Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/779951720>

OR to call in: 312-626-6799 (When prompted for a Meeting ID if you call in, type in: 779 951 720#)

Join us for this class as we explore the Jewish prayer book with Rabbi Elder. During each class, we look at prayers in Hebrew, translate them together, discuss their theology, and parse what they might mean for us today.

Tuesday Evening Torah Study via Zoom

Tuesday, March 31, 7:30-8:45 PM

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

OR to call in: 312-626-6799 (When prompted for a Meeting ID if you call in, type in: 662 730 822#)

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Please Come to our Next Congregational Meeting VIA ZOOM

Sunday, April 5, 9:30 AM – NOTE NEW DATE/TIME

Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/527890241>

OR to call in: 312-626-6799 (When prompted for a Meeting ID if you call in, type in: 527 890 241#)

Our next congregational meeting will be held on Sunday morning, April 5 via Zoom. All members are welcome, as we each have a voice in how our congregation is run. An agenda for this meeting and minutes from the February 9 meeting will be attached to next Wednesday's (April 1) email announcements. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Goodman (president@hakafa.org or 847-564-3273).

Memoir Writing Class

Join **Carole Mark Gingiss** and **members of North Shore Congregation Israel (NSCI)** to write the stories of your life. If you don't write your stories, no one will, and they will be lost to future generations. Write two pages or less at home and read your

memoir aloud in class to only positive comments. Privacy is paramount in this class. We will begin **via Zoom** on **Monday, April 13** for **12 weeks** from **9:30-11:00 AM**. There is no charge for this class, but registration is required. **To register, contact Debbie Heywood (debbieh@nsci.org)**. Be sure to indicate you are a Hakafa member. Questions? Email Carole Mark Gingiss at cmgingiss@att.net.

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).

OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP:

Babies on the Way!

We have two babies expected in early fall in our refugee/asylum seeker community. If you are interested in sewing or knitting for these little ones, please contact Sylvia Dresser (sylviadresser@gmail.com or 847-945-6095) for more information and let her know what you would like to make.

Matching Grant Opportunity to Donate to A Just Harvest AND Family Promise

Many people are experiencing financial difficulty as a result of COVID-19. Two nonprofits that we support as a congregation are in need of urgent financial help to ensure their services continue uninterrupted. **Family Promise** provides temporary housing for families via a network of churches and nonprofits who house the families. Additionally, life development skills are provided to help

families find employment. **A Just Harvest** is a long-running soup kitchen on the north side of Chicago that is presently handing out boxed meals to those desperately in need of food. Hakafa serves meals at A Just Harvest each month.

The Law Office of Alex Kaplan, in conjunction with North Shore United Methodist Church and Congregation Hakafa, are offering a **matching grant of \$1,500** for this fundraiser; so, every dollar you give becomes \$2! **Please consider making a contribution to these life-changing nonprofits by clicking here:** https://northshoreumc.breezechms.com/give/online?fund_id=853990. You can give via credit card or bank transfer.

Curt's Café

As a result of COVID-19, Curt's Café is in need of donations (<https://curtscafe.org/donate/>) to help them continue to provide job skills, life skills, and hope to at-risk young adults. You can also help support them by ordering carry-out with curbside pick-up.

OTHER NEWS/CHANGES:

NO April Newsletter

Please note that because of the constantly changing of plans as a result of the coronavirus pandemic, we have decided not to publish an April 2020 newsletter. At this point, it is hard to predict what events will or will not be taking place, or what their format will be. Rather than print a newsletter with information that will likely be changed in some way, we will keep everyone updated via our weekly email announcements and our website. *For those who do not have email, we will be sending via snail mail a print-out of our weekly email announcements.*

Hakafa's Double-Chai Celebration Cancelled

We are sorry to report that Hakafa's Double-Chai celebration on April 24 will need to be cancelled, but our usual Shabbat Service will, of course, go on as usual. For now, let's all enjoy the fact that Hakafa is 36 years old, and we can look forward to a great party on our 40th birthday!

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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.*