High Holiday Ticket Requests and Information
High Holiday information and ticket order forms were emailed on August 9. If you have not already done so, we urge you to send in the High Holiday ticket request form (https://images.shulcloud.com/13470/uploads/uploaded_files/pdfs/HighHolidayPacket2023.pdf), along with your Membership Renewal form (https://images.shulcloud.com/13470/uploads/uploaded_files/pdfs/2023-24FinancialCommitmentForm.pdf), as soon as possible and no later than Friday, September 1.

All High Holiday information and copies of the Ticket Request Form can be found on the Hakafa website (www.hakafa.org) under Worship & Ritual > High Holidays 5784. If you prefer, you can fill out your High Holiday Ticket Request Form online at this link (www.tinyurl.com/HakafaHighHolidays2023). But, please be sure to read all of the information in the information packet (https://images.shulcloud.com/13470/uploads/uploaded_files/pdfs/HighHolidayPacket2023.pdf) BEFORE filling out the online ticket request form.

If you prefer to receive a paper copy of the form in the mail, please contact Rona (admin@hakafa.org) ASAP so that it can be mailed to you.

Adult Readers Needed for High Holiday Services
Each year, members of the congregation enhance our High Holiday services in many ways. We would be honored if you would participate as a reader at this year’s services. If you would be willing to read, please contact Rona (admin@hakafa.org).

Student Readers Needed for High Holiday Family Services
We are looking for student volunteers to read during Family Services on both Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. If your child/ren are interested, please contact Bibi Patt (education@hakafa.org).

Shabbat – August 25-26
Shabbat Ki Teitzei
Torah Portion: Deuteronomy 21:10-25:19
Haftarah: Isaiah 54:1-10

Shabbat Service - VIA ZOOM ONLY
Friday, August 25, 7:00 PM
Zoom Link: https://zoom.us/j/292137266
Meeting ID: 292 137 266
To Dial-In (no video): 312-626-6799
Please join us via Zoom for our weekly Shabbat Service.

Please 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.
Kadima Summer Potluck Picnic – **THIS SUNDAY, August 27** – **BE SURE TO RSVP TODAY!**

**Sunday, August 27, 4:00 PM**
**Betsy Hersher’s Deck (1444 Stratford Road, Deerfield)**

Our Kadima Annual Summer Potluck Picnic is back, and we hope you will join us! We'll provide a non-vegetarian main dish and paper goods/utensils. You provide a salad, side dish, dessert, or drinks to share.

Please R.S.V.P. to Betsy Hersher ([betsyhersher@gmail.com](mailto:betsyhersher@gmail.com)) or Sharon Gutan ([gutan627@comcast.net](mailto:gutan627@comcast.net)) and let them know what you will bring and if you need a ride.

Come at 4:00 or be a little late – just COME! And, feel free to bring any guests who may be interested in Congregation Hakafa. We can't wait to get together!

*Kadima* ("forward" in Hebrew) *is a Hakafa initiative formed in the fall of 2013. Primarily made up of "forward" thinking, dynamic, empty-nest members of the congregation, it is open to all interested congregants.*

**RAC-IL Announcing New Priorities for Advocacy Work**
The RAC-IL (Illinois Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism) has gathered input from reform congregations across Illinois (including Congregation Hakafa) about the brokenness of the world and is announcing new priorities for advocacy work on **Sunday, August 27** from **3:00-5:00 PM** at **Congregation Etz Chaim** (1710 S. Highland Avenue, Lombard). Come and learn about the issues community members across the state were most concerned about and how we will work with allies on a campaign to address those issues.

Please register here: [urj.tfaforms.net/901?id=7014u000001Nue8&utm_medium=email&utm_content=2023_8_16](http://urj.tfaforms.net/901?id=7014u000001Nue8&utm_medium=email&utm_content=2023_8_16)

Contact Hakafa member, Donna Fishman ([donnafishman16@gmail.com](mailto:donnafishman16@gmail.com)), with questions.

**Tuesday Evening Tanach Study – VIA ZOOM ONLY**
**Tuesday, August 29, 7:30-8:45 PM**
**North Shore United Methodist Church (213 Hazel Avenue, Glencoe)**

Zoom Link: [https://zoom.us/j/662730822](https://zoom.us/j/662730822)
Meeting ID: 662 730 822

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

**High Holiday Choir Rehearsal**
**Wednesday, August 30, 7:00-9:00 PM**
**North Shore United Methodist Church (213 Hazel Avenue, Glencoe)**

Our third rehearsal will take place this coming **Wednesday, August 30**. The remaining rehearsals will take place on **Tuesday, September 5**, **Tuesday, September 12**, and **Monday, September 18**. For more information, please contact our Choir Director, Tory May ([torymlala@gmail.com](mailto:torymlala@gmail.com)).

**Hakafa Book Club**
All are welcome to join our informal book group dedicated to reading Jewish and Jew-adjacent works of fiction and nonfiction. We will meet on **Sunday, September 10** at **4:15 PM in-person**
at the North Shore United Methodist Church (213 Hazel Avenue, Glencoe) and via Zoom to discuss *The Lake on Fire* by Rosellen Brown (Sarabande Books, 2018).

Hakafa member and librarian, David Levinson, facilitates the book group discussions. Please contact David (delevinson@mac.com) with any questions or if you need the Zoom link.

**Invitation to Emanuel Congregation’s Tikkun Olam Book Club**
Emanuel Congregation has once again generously invited Hakafa members to join their Tikkun Olam Book Club. They meet several times throughout the year to discuss books that cover a variety of relevant topics surrounding social justice and *Tikkun Olam*. They will be meeting next on Wednesday, September 6 at 7:00 PM (Location TBA) to discuss *In the Garden of the Righteous: The Heroes Who Risked Their Lives to Save Jews During the Holocaust* by Richard Hurowitz.

RSVP to Emanuel member, Ellen Caidedo (ellenc221@gmail.com), to let her know you’re planning to join in. And, you can also contact Ellen if you have any questions.

**Yiddish Class Resumes in September**
We’re continuing our popular weekly Yiddish classes beginning September 11 with a potluck at 6:00 PM at Betsy Hersher's home (1444 Stratford Road, Deerfield). We hope to be outdoors, but Betsy has indoor space for us if the weather doesn't cooperate.

We generally meet on Mondays at 7:00 p.m. on the same schedule as the religious school calendar. Meetings are in-person at the home of Henry and Ellen Criz and via Zoom. Our teacher is Dov Steinberg. Dov's father only spoke Yiddish. He was from Warsaw Poland. His mother's family came over 100 years ago and settled in the Boston area. She also spoke a very good Yiddish. Dov's first language was Yiddish. He has made an effort to learn how to read and write in Yiddish. Our class is a wonderful way to keep your mind stimulated all while having fun. Each class is a self-contained unit, and anyone can join at any time and have fun and learn. We encourage last year’s students and new students to join us. Students of all ages are welcome - no prior knowledge of Yiddish is necessary.

This potluck kick-off will give us a chance to meet in person, discuss the Yiddish class, and exchange ideas to make our Yiddish Class even more enjoyable and engaging. Dov has offered to bring a kugel to share, so if we have some cheese and crackers, veggies and dip, fruit, salads and desserts, we can keep the food "milchik" even if it isn't strictly kosher. Feel free to bring a spouse/partner or other family members, but we need to know how many people to expect and what you think you’d like to bring. RSVP to Betsy (betsyhersher@gmail.com), Sharon Gutan (gutan627@comcast.net), or Ellen Criz (hecriz@sbcglobal.net). Call Betsy (Home 847-945-5974, Cell 847-454-5109) or Sharon (Home 847-256-0638, Cell 847-989-4183) with questions.

**New Phone Number for Elaine Friedman:**
Elaine Friedman has a new phone number! It is 847-376-8148.

**OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP/VOLUNTEER:**

**Maot Chitim Packing Volunteers Needed – THIS SUNDAY, August 27**
Please join Hakafa members and others in the Chicagoland Jewish community to help Maot Chitim in packing boxes of Rosh Hashanah food and other holiday necessities for Jewish families and individuals who are struggling with food insecurity. Volunteers are needed on Sunday, August 27 to assemble boxes and to put non-perishable food items.
In them at the Maot Chitim Warehouse (1610 Deerfield Road, Highland Park – at the old Toys R Us). Shifts start at 9:15 am, 10:30 am, and 11:45 am. Volunteers must be at least 12 years old and wear closed toe shoes. Click here to sign up for a packing shift on 8/27. (http://calendly.com/jstoliar/packing-rh23?month=2023-08).

If you have any questions, please contact Maot Chitim at info@maotchitim.org or 847-674-3224.

The mission of Maot Chitim of Greater Chicago (www.maotchitim.org) is to provide food and other necessities at Passover and the High Holidays to members of the Chicagoland Jewish community who are in need so they may observe the holidays in a traditional and dignified manner.

**Volunteers Needed to Help Make Sack Dinners for the Night Ministry – September 10**

Hakafa will once again be donating 100 sack dinners to The Night Ministry to distribute to people experiencing homelessness. **We need volunteers to prepare 10 to 20 meals** for pickup on **Sunday, September 10 before 12:30 PM**. Hakafa’s tzedakah fund can reimburse you for expenses, if needed.

We also need **volunteers to collect them locally and drop them off at the home of Barb Scott** (306 Washington Avenue, Highwood) on September 10 before 12:30 PM.

Contact Barb Scott (bams457@gmail.com) for more details and/or to let her know if you can volunteer.

The Night Ministry (www.thenightministry.org) is a Chicago-based organization whose mission is to provide human connection, housing support, and health care to members of our community who are unhoused or experiencing poverty.

**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 through August!**

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.

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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.