

HAKAFA WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEK OF AUGUST 5, 2020

Points on the Circle – Hakafa’s NEW Podcast

We are thrilled to release our third episode of **POINTS ON THE CIRCLE** - Hakafa’s brand new podcast about Hakafa members, for Hakafa members! Each episode, Rabbi Elder sits down with a different member of our encirclement to schmooze, tell stories, and allow the Congregation an opportunity to get to know our guest.

Our guests this week are Josh, Noah, and Eli Elder. To watch the episode, click here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZqOIDN8JOUw>.

And - so that you don’t miss an episode, follow this link (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNvk7uHdip3rXPK4K4m7nFw/>) to our Points on the Circle YouTube Channel page and click on “subscribe.”

Membership Renewal and School Forms

The 2020-21 Membership Renewal materials (including the Dues Pledge Form, School Form, and Volunteer Packet) were mailed/emailed in mid-July to all current members for the new fiscal year. They can also be found posted on the Hakafa website (<https://hakafa.org/membership/membership-renewal>).

Please download, print, fill out the forms, and return them to the Hakafa P.O. Box by August 14.

If you know of someone interested in learning more about Hakafa, please contact Rona Elder (admin@hakafa.org) or Barbara Miller (vicepresident@hakafa.org).

Contact our Dues Treasurer, Jason Glick (dues@hakafa.org), with questions about dues.

Shabbat – August 7-8

Torah Portion: Eikev: Deuteronomy 7:12-11:25

Haftarah Portion: Isaiah 49:14-51:3

Shabbat Service and Oneg via Zoom

Friday, August 7, 7:30 PM Service

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

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

Join us via Zoom for our weekly Shabbat Service. Our service will be followed by a virtual oneg.

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

Opportunity to "Sponsor" a Virtual Oneg, Hakafa Style

Have you wanted to celebrate a special event, commemorate a *yahrzeit*, or honor someone by providing a Friday night *oneg* but have been unable to do so because of us being on Zoom these past months? Do you have an organization or cause you support that you would like others to support, too?

Moving forward, you will have a chance to do both - by sponsoring a virtual *oneg*. Here's how it works:

- 1) Choose a Friday night to sponsor, and sign up by contacting **Suzanne Shore or Ilene Holt-Turner** (oneg@hakafa.org).
- 2) Make a donation to a charity about which you are passionate.
- 3) Light the Shabbat candles that night at services (Sara will lead us all in the blessing, unless you would prefer to recite it yourself.).
- 4) During announcements, you will be able to tell us about the place to which you donated.
- 5) Hakafa will make a donation to that organization in your honor.
- 6) Even if you cannot be at services that evening, we will tell participants about your cause, and Hakafa make the donation in your honor.

Please contact Suzanne or Ilene with questions. We look forward to learning about and supporting causes that matter to you.

Tot Shabbat for Young Children and Grandchildren via Zoom THIS SATURDAY

Saturday, August 8, 11:00 AM

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84742593328?pwd=T2FaMXZyWXJrdUFZNDg0TGgzYmFaZz09>

OR to call in: 312-626-6799 (When prompted for a Meeting ID if you call in, type in: 817 5999 4793#)

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, August 8!** Feel free to invite friends!

Film Group

Saturday, August 8, 7:00 PM

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85182236717?pwd=eEV2MFhxUDBHQ1NYb3VDdC90MkpYUT09>

OR to call in (without the ability to watch the video): 312-626-6799 (When prompted for a Meeting ID if you call in, type in: 851 8223 6717#)

Please join us as we screen ***Blindspotting* (2018)** via Zoom. An innocent night out with his best friend takes a violent turn for a young ex-con who is just days away from the end of his probation. Daveed Diggs (Thomas Jefferson in the original cast of *Hamilton*) collaborated with his best friend Rafael Casal (of HBO's *Def Poetry Jam*) in writing and starring in this intense film which takes a nuanced look at race, class, gentrification of urban neighborhoods, police violence, and the damaging impact of our criminal justice

system on the lives of young black men. Click here to view the trailer (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-9-HBqVbtTo>).

Feel free to bring your favorite nosh (even popcorn!) and click on the link above at 7:00 PM. *Directions for accessing Zoom are found at the end of these announcements.*

We will be streaming the movie using Zoom, but you can also stream it (with rental fee) on your own TV using Amazon Prime video and Netflix.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Carol McCardell (mcsolomon@comcast.net). Looking forward to seeing you there (virtually)!

Congregation Meeting THIS SUNDAY

Sunday, August 9, 10:30 AM

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87610359810?pwd=SIU2SIIOK05md0NBOGsrL202aHgrZz09>

OR to call in: 312-626-6799 (When prompted for a Meeting ID if you call in, type in: 876 1035 9810#)

Please come to our next Congregation Meeting via Zoom. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend and to offer their ideas and opinions. At this meeting we will discuss, among other topics, the decision-making process for Hakafa closing and reopening related to COVID-19. **Contact Rona if you would like a copy of the minutes from our annual meeting in May, an agenda for this meeting, and information about making decisions regarding Hakafa opening.** If you have any questions, please contact Deborah Brown (president@hakafa.org).

Midrash Class – NOTE NEW CLASS TIME

Tuesday, August 11, 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 via Zoom to study *midrash* with Rabbi Elder. Midrash is the creative, interpretative process of the rabbis over generations. ***Please note that Midrash Class will now meet every other Tuesday at 10:00 AM.***

Tuesday Evening Torah Study

Tuesday, August 11, 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#)

Join us for weekly Torah Study via Zoom! Each Tuesday evening we proceed through the Bible, verse by verse, discussing its content and various interpretations with Rabbi Elder.

Volunteers Needed for High Holiday Services

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 online services by pre-recording a reading. If you would like a reading, please contact Rona at admin@hakafa.org.

Children/Teens Invited to Help Lead High Holiday Children's/Family Services

Our High Holiday Children/Family Services will take place via Zoom at 1:00 PM on both Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Students are invited to participate in leading the service in the following ways:

- ❖ Volunteer to lead a reading in English.
- ❖ Help create a video of one of our favorite High Holiday tunes (words/music, etc. will be provided).
- ❖ Sign Up to read or chant a verse of Torah (7th Grade and up).
- ❖ Send Rabbi Elder a video of your child blowing the shofar.

If your child is interested in participating in our High Holiday Children's/Family Services in any of these ways, please sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/FamilyService5781>.

Contact Bibi Patt (education@hakafa.org) with any questions.

Glencoe Houses of Worship read *The Vanishing Half*

Hakafa is joining with the other houses of worship in Glencoe to sponsor a **community-wide book discussion of *The Vanishing Half*, by Brit Bennett**. It tells the story of the Vignes, identical twin sisters who grow up in a small, southern black community and run away at age sixteen. Many years later, one sister lives with her black daughter in the same southern town she once tried to escape. The other secretly passes for white, and her white husband knows nothing of her past. The discussion will take place via Zoom on **Monday, August 24 at 7:00 PM** and is part of the Glencoe Clergy Association's commitment it made at our car rally in June to explore issues of race and identity collectively as a community.

Interfaith Friendship Unites to Do Good

Hakafa member and host at Difference Makers Media, **Lynn Sanders**, recently had a conversation with **Rabbi Elder, Reverend Jeff Braun** (of the Winnetka Congregational Church), and **Asif Masood** (of the Muslim Community Center of Morton Grove) about the unique interfaith friendship they have formed that also involves all three congregations. Please view the podcast at this link (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UURIGZ2HeYA&feature=share&fbclid=IwAR1J-bkdC8jcNH2OjRPX3F5MdIaJgpZCUEfuMMgEpCBdHJqPf9uxylxOgQ8>) to find out what brought them together, their meaningful experiences, and their vision for the future.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Hakafa's Home Cooking: Artists & Residents

We hope you have been enjoying our weekly "Hakafa's Home Cooking: Artists & Residents." Each episode is comprised of a remarkable demonstration of the culinary skill, resourcefulness, and charm of a gifted Hakafa member, as well as a delicious creation that our users/viewers can attempt to replicate in real time on their own. In addition, each episode includes artists -- musicians, painters, performers, sculptors, photographers, and poets willing to create and share a brief video of their work.

We would like to be able to keep the momentum going and continue to share our Hakafa talents each week. In order to do this, we need volunteers! If you would be willing to share one of your favorite recipes with fellow congregants, please contact Rona Elder (admin@hakafa.org). If you are an artist / musician / performer / photographer, etc. and you would be willing to share a brief video of your work, please contact Norm Winer (nwwiner@gmail.com).

If you've missed any episodes and would like to view any cooking videos, recipes, or artistic displays, visit the "Hakafa's Home Cooking: Artists & Residents" page on our website: https://www.hakafa.org/artists_residents.

OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP/VOLUNTEER:

Bakers, Drivers, and/or Friendly People Needed

Hello bakers, drivers, and/or friendly people! We're looking for volunteers to bake, buy, and/or deliver challah to new members after they join. (Hakafa will reimburse costs.) If you'd like to do any of these from time to time, please contact Barbara Miller at vicepresident@hakafa.org.

Opportunity to Work with RAC-IL to Stop Voter Suppression in Wisconsin

Hakafa is offering members an opportunity to work with RAC-IL (Illinois Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism) to stop voter suppression in Wisconsin through a partnership with WISDOM, a grassroots organization. To get involved, you need to complete one virtual phone bank training on any of the dates listed below. **To**

register for a training, please complete this form:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSch4b3V6hn46LKwpQlfo8HqNzgbAxsI6t8VBNZgayA9BU-WDA/viewform>.

Virtual training sessions are being offered on the following dates and times:

- Thursday, August 6 - 1:00-3:00 PM (Central Time)
- Thursday, August 6 - 6:00-8:00 PM (Central Time)
- Tuesday, August 11 - 6:00-8:00 PM (Central Time)
- Thursday, August 13 - 6:00-8:00 PM (Central Time)

Please contact Hakafa member, Donna Fishman (donnafishman16@gmail.com), if you have questions.

Family Promise

Please help provide meals to our Family Promise guests until we can once again welcome them into our congregational homes. You're invited to prepare a home-cooked meal or support our local restaurants and have food delivered to the Day Center in Evanston where they are currently staying. **Click here** (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0e4baea62ba64-family>) **for all of the details and to sign up to help.**

Family Promise (<https://www.familypromisechicagos.org/>) is an interfaith network of congregations that helps families in homeless situations return quickly to permanent housing. The churches and synagogues in the Family Promise network rotate the responsibility of housing and feeding the guest families. Typically, families are housed at each congregation for a week.

If you have any questions, please reach out Hakafa member, Peggy Salamon (peggysalamon@me.com).

A Just Harvest

A Just Harvest has been serving 150 boxed lunches daily and delivering emergency food bags to 30 families weekly. That number grows each week. No volunteers are going into the building, although Hakafa still provides the fried chicken on our designated Sundays. We still need people to **sign up to order and pay for the chicken** on the second Sunday of the month **in the months ahead** (*Hakafa's tzedakah fund can reimburse you for this cost if needed*). A Just Harvest staff will pick the chicken up at the Jewel. **The kitchen also needs staples. To sign up to order and pay for the chicken and/or to provide any of the needed staples, go to:** <http://tinyurl.com/a-just-harvest>. Please contact Monique Parsons (monique.parsons@gmail.com) or Debbie Charen (debbie.charen@gmail.com) with any questions.

Curt's Café

Curt's Café in Highland Park and in Evanston is now open 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM for online and walk-up orders for carry-out or to eat at a couple of outside tables. They are still in need of donations to help them continue to provide job skills, life skills, and hope to at-risk young adults. **Click here** (<https://curtscafe.org/donate/>) **to donate.**

CONDOLENCES TO:

- Barbara Anderson and family on the loss of her brother, Donald Wolfson
- Arthur Haut and family on the loss of his friend, Irving Ackerman
- Carol McCardell and family on the loss of her brother, Stephen McCardell
- Annette Turow and family on the loss of her nephew, Geoffrey Marcus

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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.

ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCING – INSTRUCTIONS FOR ACCESSING

***Please note that all Hakafa Zoom gatherings are now password protected.**

Contact Rona (admin@hakafa.org) if you need the password.

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 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 Meeting ID number, followed by the # sign. You will be able to hear clearly and participate like everyone else.

Protect Yourself from SPAM Emails Seeming to Come from Hakafa

Unfortunately, some Hakafa members received "spoofing" emails over the past few weeks - emails that appeared to be from a Hakafa officer or staff member but were, in fact, malicious emails meant to deceive. If you receive a suspicious email, please take the following steps:

*** Don't click on anything within the suspicious email message, open any attachments, or respond to the email** - particularly ones asking for money or 'help' or ones which state something is needed 'right away' or bad things will happen.

*** Check the email address on the suspicious email.** It will likely NOT be an @hakafa.org or @hakafamail.org address but will be some address you haven't seen before but that is similar. If unfamiliar, it's likely not legitimate.

*** You can check whether the email is legitimate** by contacting whoever supposedly emailed you - but DON'T click "Reply" (which would connect to the spoofer). Instead, type in a legit email address directly, as it appears in our members' directory. Or feel free to call to confirm.

*** Spammers are expert at creating bogus emails that look like familiar Hakafa communications.** If you receive a request for cash donations, credit card donations, or gift cards (e.g., to help the refugee families we work with) **be sure to double check personally via phone or a trusted email with Hakafa to confirm the request is legitimate.** DO NOT necessarily assume the email you got is trustworthy even if it looks like it might be.