

HAKAFA WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2019

Jerry Friedman z"l

We continue to mourn Jerry's loss. A second night of shiva for Jerry Friedman will be held this evening, Wednesday, September 11 from 5:00 to 9:00 PM at Jerry and Elaine's son/daughter-in-law, Matt and Wendy's, residence (730 Heatherdown Way, Buffalo Grove).

Many people have asked for Elaine's address so that they can send notes of condolence. Elaine's address is:

4501 Concord Lane #330
Northbrook, IL 60062.

Wednesday Afternoon Torah Study

Wednesday, September 11, 1:00-2:30 PM

North Shore United Methodist Church (213 Hazel Avenue, Glencoe)

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.

Seeking Volunteers: EDEN Program **(Emergency Department Eldercare Navigators)**

Would you like to become a trusted guide for older adults with dementia in the Emergency Department at Glenbrook or Highland Park Hospitals? Emergency Department visits can be disruptive and take a damaging toll on older adults, especially those with dementia. EDEN volunteers provide a calming influence and improve communication during an Emergency Department visit. As an EDEN Volunteer you will provide the compassion, and we will provide FREE training in all of the following:

- Common health issues among older adults, with an emphasis on Alzheimer's Disease & Related Disorders
- Listening & communicating with patients & medical personnel
- A walking tour of Glenbrook Hospital's Emergency Department
- Stress reduction techniques & applications for persons with Dementia
- Patient advocacy
- Confidentiality and Ethics

Training Date/Time: Thursday, **9/12/19**, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Training Location: Glenbrook Hospital Emergency Department

With questions or to RSVP for the Training: Contact Rachel Lessem at 773-508-1151 or rachel.lessem@cje.net.

Shabbat Service

Friday, September 13, 7:30 PM

Winnetka Community House (620 Lincoln Avenue, Winnetka)

Please join us for our weekly Shabbat Service. As always, an oneg will follow.

Sunday Bagel Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to help with bagels on almost all Sunday mornings this school year. Volunteers spend 45 minutes (11:30 AM-12:15 PM) slicing bagels, putting them on platters, setting out cream cheese, cleaning up, and putting supplies away. If you can help out, please sign up at <http://tinyurl.com/SundayBagels> or contact Laura Glick (lauraglick@gmail.com or 847-644-8746). Thank you!

Volunteers Needed to Bring Sunday Morning Coffee/Snacks

We are looking for volunteers to bring coffee and breakfast snacks for the adults **on all of the Sundays mornings this school year.** If you can help out, please sign up at <http://tinyurl.com/coffee-on-sunday> or contact Julie Tag (julie@julietaghomes.com) or Vicky/Adam Hartstein (vhartstein@gmail.com, adam1740@gmail.com). Please note that Hakafa can reimburse you for a portion of the cost. Thank you!

Religious School

Sunday, September 15, 9:45 AM to noon
Takiff Center (999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe)

Sunday Morning Adult Education Begins THIS SUNDAY

Sunday, September 15, 10:35 AM to 12:00 NOON
Community Room 1 at the Takiff Center (999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe)

All Hakafa adults are invited to join us for our first Sunday Morning Adult Study session of the year when **Richard M. Goldwasser** will discuss **"Israeli Elections and the State of Israel Today."**

***Richard M. Goldwasser** is a partner with the Chicago law firm of Schoenberg Finkel Newman & Rosenberg, LLC. He began his legal career with clerkships with the Hon. Meir Shamgar, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Israel, and the Hon. Dom J. Rizzi, Justice of the Illinois Appellate Court. Richard focuses his practice on complex commercial litigation and civil and criminal appeals. He has presented and argued cases before the Illinois Supreme Court, the Illinois Appellate Court, the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth and Seventh Circuits, and other state appellate and supreme courts throughout the country. From 2011-2017, Richard served on JStreet's national board of directors. He currently serves as chair of JStreet's Chicago chapter.*

Maot Chitim Packing Day

Sunday, September 15, 11:45 AM–12:45 PM
Maot Chitim Warehouse (6211 Monroe Court, Morton Grove)

Hakafa's volunteer participation in the mitzvah of *Maot Chitim* (providing meals to Jewish families in need) is scheduled for **THIS SUNDAY**, in preparation for the High Holidays. Join Hakafa members and others in the Chicago Jewish Community in packing boxes of food and other holiday necessities. **Please contact Hakafa member, Carol Anne Been (cabeen120@gmail.com or 847-309-3677), if you are interested in packing boxes with Hakafa.**

Refugee Families and Mentors Potluck Picnic - THIS SUNDAY

Sunday, September 15, 4:30-6:30 PM

Gillson Park in Wilmette

Over the last few years, Hakafa volunteers have helped to mentor many refugee families who have arrived in this area. The Hakafa June/July newsletter carried an update on each family. Occasionally, we get together to celebrate the accomplishments of these families, and the efforts of our volunteers. Please join us as we reunite with some of the families we have met. **Contact Sylvia Dresser (sylviadresser@gmail.com or 847-945-6095) if you are interested in attending.**

Immigrant Justice in Illinois—Update into Action

Sunday, September 15, 6:30-8:30 PM

Oak Park Temple (1235 Harlem Avenue, Oak Park)

As we approach the New Year, join Reform congregations from across the region to learn about RAC-Illinois' organizing efforts around immigration justice on the state level. Mony Ruiz-Velasco, Executive Director of PASO/West Suburban Action, will give an update on legislation in Illinois and discuss strategies for collective action. To learn more and to register for this event, go to: <https://racrj.wufoo.com/forms/x1wgxwyl0cy4sfk/>

Midrash Class

Tuesday, September 17, 9:00-10:00 AM

North Shore United Methodist Church (213 Hazel Avenue, Glencoe)

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

Siddur Class

Tuesday, September 17, 10:15 AM

North Shore United Methodist Church (213 Hazel Avenue, Glencoe)

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.

Hebrew School - Tuesday, September 17, 4:15-6:00 PM

Takiff Center (999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe)

High Holiday Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, September 17, 7:30-9:30 PM

North Shore United Methodist Church (213 Hazel Avenue, Glencoe)

For more information about our High Holiday choir, please contact Jenny Patterson (jrpatterson2000@gmail.com or 312-217-0724) or Peggy Wise (847-446-2079 or pwise1401@gmail.com).

Tuesday Evening Torah Study

Tuesday, September 17, 7:30-8:45 PM

North Shore United Methodist Church (213 Hazel Avenue, Glencoe)

Join us for weekly Torah Study! Each Tuesday evening, we proceed through the Bible,

verse by verse, discussing its content and various interpretations with Rabbi Elder.

The Fight for Immigrant and Economic Justice in Our Own Backyards

Tuesday, September 17, 7:00 to 8:30 PM

Am Shalom (840 Vernon Avenue, Glencoe)

The Jewish Council on Urban Affairs' North Suburban Organizing Team presents an evening to discuss systemic and economic issues facing immigrant communities in our neighborhoods. We'll make connections between what we see within our community and what we see happening across the state and the country. We'll think together about how to take action to support immigrant communities and move towards economic justice for all in the Northern Suburbs.

We'll be joined by: **Rep. Jennifer Gong-Gershowitz** (17th District), **Susan Shulman** (North Suburban Legal Aid Clinic), and **Hakafa member, Lee Goodman** (Attorney and Activist).

All are encouraged to attend. Light refreshments will be served.

Please RSVP at: <http://bit.ly/jcuasept17>

Student Readers Needed for 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 (847-650-7720 or education@hakafa.org).

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 like a reading, please contact Rona at admin@hakafa.org or 847-242-0687.

Torah Chanters and Readers Meeting – MOVED TO TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Tuesday, September 24, 6:30 PM

North Shore United Methodist Church (213 Hazel Avenue, Glencoe)

Hakafa is inviting members to chant or read Torah at select Erev Shabbat services, beginning after the High Holidays. If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, please join us for an introductory discussion. Please contact Brian Browdy (847-942-7318 or brian.browdy@gmail.com) to R.S.V.P. or if you have any questions/comments.

High Holiday Ticket Requests and Information

High Holiday information and ticket order forms were emailed/mailed in August. **Please fill out the 2-page ticket request form and mail it in ASAP.** The form and packet of information can also be accessed via our website.

Please note that High Holiday tickets are offered to current members of Congregation Hakafa. Tickets will be mailed this week and once your 2019-20 dues commitment form has been received. If you have not already mailed in your Membership Renewal

Materials, you can include your High Holiday Ticket Request Form with your Membership Renewal Materials.

If you prefer to receive a paper copy of the info packet/form in the mail, please contact Rona (admin@hakafa.org or 847-242-0687) ASAP so that it can be mailed to you.

Refugee Support

The newest family that Hakafa supports, the Fioris, arrived from Eritrea in June. **Their 3.5-year-old boy (Essay) and 6-year-old girl (Silvana) need clothes for all seasons.** The family will also need **coats** as they get ready for their first winter. If you are able to help, please contact Allison Stein at ajztein@gmail.com.

Help Identify Job Opportunities for Refugees

Several of the refugee families whom Hakafa volunteers are mentoring are ready to move on from a first (or second) job to something requiring more skills and hopefully with a better salary. It's difficult to assess what might be good places for work opportunities - if anyone in the Congregation has contacts in places like warehouses, factories, or similar places where an employee will be trained and not have to have specific skills, please contact Sylvia Dresser (sylviadresser@gmail.com or 847-945-6095). Keep in mind that most of our families live in Evanston or Rogers Park and take public transportation.

Calling All Hakafa Runners, Walkers, and Eaters

Join us on the afternoon of **October 27** for a **multi-faith relay run, unity walk, and community potluck dinner.**

Two years ago, Hakafa formed a partnership with the Muslim Community Center (MCC) of Morton Grove and the Winnetka Congregational Church (WCC). The three houses of worship traveled to Houston together for a week of repair and rebuild after the severe flooding down there.

In addition, Hakafa member, Fred Miller, came to the congregation with a desire to reach out to other communities in fellowship in light of the morass of our current societal stresses.

These two things - Fred's reaching out and Hakafa's relationship with the mosque and church - coalesced into an idea for an event: A multi-faith relay run and unity walk for understanding.

On October 27, members of Hakafa, the MCC, the WCC, the Baha'i community, and the Sikh Temple of Palatine will come together for a relay run along the northern branch of the Forest Preserve Trail. We will begin the run at Foster Avenue in Chicago and end at the Takiff Center in Glencoe. Relay teams for the 21-mile course will be made up of 5 runners - one from each spiritual community - and we will have as many teams as we have runners. For those who are walkers, we will have a unity walk around the Skokie Lagoons. The event will culminate in a potluck dinner. We will raise funds for *Teaching Tolerance*, a program of the Southern Poverty Law Center that teaches understanding and prejudice-reduction in schools. It will be a casual event - we won't be seeking

permits for the run. And, we won't extend invitations to the event beyond the five communities.

We need runners and walkers! We need eaters! If you are interested in participating, please contact Fred Miller at fmillermd@gmail.com.

Condolences to:

- Elaine Friedman and family on the loss of her husband, Jerry Friedman
- Kate Shapiro and family on the loss of her sister, Marna Coleman

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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.*