

HAKAFA WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2020

High Holiday Zoom Link Information

Zoom links for our Rosh Hashanah services will be emailed in the next day to all members from whom we have received a dues pledge. The links will not be listed publicly, except for the link to our Children's/Family Service which will be posted on our website.

All other details about this year's High Holidays (schedule, etc.) were emailed out at the beginning of August and can also be found in the September newsletter and on the Hakafa website under "Worship."

If you are a prospective member who is interested in attending our High Holiday services this year, please contact our High Holiday Coordinators, Jay Hesdorffer and Don Pollak at highholidays@hakafa.org.

New Episode of Points on the Circle (Hakafa's Podcast)

We are thrilled to release our seventh episode of **POINTS ON THE CIRCLE** - Hakafa's 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 guest this week is Stephen Schwartz. To watch the episode, go to:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ciD23yLhTDA&t=2s>

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 (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNvk7uHdip3rXPK4K4m7nFw/>) and click on "subscribe."

Wednesday Afternoon Torah Study

Wednesday, September 9, 1:00-2:30 PM

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

Meeting ID: 813 358 443

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

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

Hebrew Circle

Thursday, September 10, 10:30 AM

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87188018556?pwd=emJLbHpUYnpsR25nRkNOcTVtbnpJZz09>

Meeting ID: 871 8801 8556

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

If you are a Hebrew speaker (beginners welcome!) looking to practice your Hebrew with other Hebrew speaking Hakafa members, please join us via Zoom for an hour of Hebrew conversation with Rabbi Elder! New participants are always welcome.

Lunch & Learn

Thursday, September 10, 12:00 Noon

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82155402577?pwd=OHR1TjBIYVBzeGh1ZDV5Q0JjaEpZUT09>

Meeting ID: 821 5540 2577

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

Bring your own lunch and join us via Zoom for a lively conversation with Rabbi Elder! New participants are always welcome.

Shabbat – September 11-12

Torah Portion: Nitzavim/Vayeilech: Deuteronomy 29:9-31:30

Haftarah Portion: Isaiah 61:10-63:9

Shabbat Service and Oneg via Zoom

Friday, September 11, 7:30 PM Service

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

Meeting ID: 292 137 266

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

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

Sunrise Minyan

Saturday, September 12, 5:45 AM

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84782160504?pwd=QmpHQ09mS2FUYjFVNE52U1lRam5JUT09>

Meeting ID: 847 8216 0504

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

Are you an early riser? Are you looking for a different way to welcome both the morning sun and the High Holiday season? Join us via Zoom at an outdoor (or indoor) location of your choice as we gather virtually at dawn to pray, sing, and watch the sunrise "together." We will conclude by 6:30 AM when the sun rises.

Tot Shabbat

Saturday, September 12, 11:00 AM

Zoom Link:

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

Meeting ID: 847 4259 3328

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

Families with children/grandchildren ages five and younger (including parents, siblings, and/or extended family) are invited to join us via Zoom to sing, dance, hear a story, and pray at Tot Shabbat! Feel free to invite friends!

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 online at this link** (<http://tinyurl.com/oneg-hosting>) or 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.

Selichot THIS SATURDAY – Study led by Rabbi Susan Silverman **Saturday, September 12, 8:00 PM**

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85852229002?pwd=SEp5NEJmODgranRXZXU5MU5UVC95UT09>

Meeting ID: 858 5222 9002

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

The Saturday evening prior to Rosh Hashanah is the time to officially welcome the High Holiday season. We do so through communal study and the recitation of penitential prayers (known as selichot). This year, Selichot falls on this Saturday, September 12. Join us via Zoom for havdallah, learning, and a short service during which we will hear the shofar blast for the first time. Our study will be led by **Rabbi Susan Silverman** whose UPDATED topic will be "**The Candle and the Mirror: God, Humanity and Expanding Light.**"

In 1997, Rabbi Silverman and her husband wrote the bestselling Jewish Family & Life: Traditions Holidays and Values for Today's Parents and Children, which launched a Jewish multimedia enterprise, JewishFamily.com. She also wrote Casting Lots: Creating a Family in a Beautiful, Broken World. Susan's current rabbinic work includes activism on behalf of asylum seekers in Israel, advocating for liberal Judaism, and promoting adoption. She is a founder of KAMOCHA: A Jewish Response to Refugees, on the Board of Directors of Women of the Wall, on the International Council of The New Israel Fund, and the Founding Director of Second Nurture: Every Child Deserves a Family – And a Community. She is also a fair-trade chocolate activist. She and her husband, Yosef Abramowitz, have five children by both birth and adoption. They made aliya in 2006 and live in Jerusalem.

Religious School – FIRST DAY IS THIS SUNDAY

Sunday, September 13

10:00-11:00 AM – All-School Family Program (Online)

12:00-1:00 PM – Sunday Afternoon in the Park(ing) Lot with Ice Cream

This Sunday we will kick off Religious School for the year as one group! We have planned a fun first-day morning program via Zoom for all of our **K-8 Religious School families**. Then, what

would a first day of Hakafa Religious School be without ice cream?! All K-8 families should join us in the back parking lot of the Takiff Center from 12:00-1:00 PM to pick up (contactless) ice cream and some special supplies.

The Zoom link for this Sunday's first day morning program will arrive in a separate email to Religious School families later this week. If you have any questions, please contact Bibi (education@hakafa.org) or Rona (admin@hakafa.org).

Sunday Morning Adult Education Resumes THIS SUNDAY

Sunday, September 13, 10:30 AM

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87130675137?pwd=UE8xbG1uYUpyVWQ1NFNiYUxodHY4QT09>

Meeting ID: 871 3067 5137

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

Please join us via Zoom for **Teshuva as Metamorphosis. Jane Shapiro and Judith Joseph** will present a program of text study from Jewish wisdom and poetry. The program also includes a presentation of compelling contemporary visual art, and artistic prompts. The goal is to explore spirituality and amplify your experience of preparing for the High Holy Days.

Jane Shapiro is passionate about all aspects of Jewish teaching and learning. She has been a teacher to many over the last thirty years, in classes ranging from weekly Torah study to Jewish thought, history and literature. As Associate Director of the Florence Melton School she worked with teachers across North America and Israel to develop good pedagogic practices. She has consulted with organizations ranging from the American Jewish Committee, The Jewish Theological Seminary, Camp Ramah, Spertus Institute, and Jewish Federations of North America. She is a graduate of Princeton University, studied at Columbia University, and received her doctorate from the Jewish Theological Seminary in 2016. She is a graduate of the Mandel Teacher Educators Institute and Visions of Jewish Education projects. In 2017 Jane received an Educators Award from the Covenant Foundation. In 2018 she was featured in an Eli talk on "The Torah of Bubbiehood."

Artist Judith Joseph's paintings, woodblock prints and calligraphy (ketubot) are in numerous public and private collections. She exhibits widely nationally and internationally, Judith's work has been featured in several books about art and many newspaper and magazine articles, academic journals, zines and radio features. She has received numerous awards, including the Illinois Arts Council Artists' Fellowship Award (1998 and 2004) and a 3Arts Grant in 2020. She is on the art faculty at the Chicago Botanic Garden and the Art Center, Highland Park and she co-teaches the Artists' Beit Midrash at NSS-Beth El with Jane Shapiro. She is co-curator of the Jewish Art Salon's international Open Studios online series. She is passionate about helping people explore and express their Jewish heritage through art. She is a member of Hakafa.

High School Kick-Off Program THIS SUNDAY

Sunday, September 13, 4:00-5:00 PM

We will kick off our High School Program with a fun event (via Zoom) this Sunday afternoon! All high school students who have registered for the program should join us using the Zoom link that was emailed out separately. If you have any questions, please contact Bibi (education@hakafa.org) or Rona (admin@hakafa.org).

Midrash Class

Tuesday, September 15, 10:00 AM

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

Meeting ID: 696 226 468

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

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 now meets every other Tuesday at 10:00 AM.**

Hebrew School – FIRST DAY IS THIS TUESDAY

Tuesday, September 15, 4:45-5:15

This Tuesday we will kick off Hebrew School for the year as one group! Our first day will be at a special time (4:45-5:15 PM) and **includes parents**. We will start our year off together, introduce our teachers, and give details about how classes/pods will work via Zoom. **The Zoom link for this Tuesday's first day will arrive in a separate email to Hebrew School families later this week.** If you have any questions, please contact Bibi (education@hakafa.org) or Rona (admin@hakafa.org).

Tuesday Evening Torah Study

Tuesday, September 15, 7:30-8:45 PM

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

Meeting ID: 662 730 822

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

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.

HAKAFA VOTING INITIATIVES:

Help Nalani Wean, a Hakafa Young Adult, Reach Your 18-26-Year-Old Children and Grandchildren about Voting

Did you know that turnout among voters age 18 to 26 is *always* the lowest of any age group in U.S. elections? As young people continue to fight for systemic change through direct action, mutual aid, and more, voting is an equally positive way to make our voices heard.

Hi, My name is **Nalani Wean**, and I am a senior at Denison University in Ohio. I grew up at Hakafa, and the upcoming election is important to me. I am overseeing our congregation's attempt to facilitate voting for young adults in my age demographic. I would like to reach out to young adults aged 18-26 in your life who are trying to navigate this year's voting maze. Perhaps your child or grandchild is registered to vote at college in another state but is currently living at home, taking classes here, and is unsure about which state they should vote in. Perhaps they are confused about mail-in ballots. Maybe they just need a reminder or some encouragement to vote. I would like to let them know I am here to help. **Please help me reach them by sending their names and contact information to me at wean_n1@denison.edu or by texting me at 847-910-4310.** Thank you.

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. We are working with our partner, WISDOM, to call Wisconsin voters and help them register to vote and remind them to vote. Phone banking will continue until just before the election. We are also offering

postcards for you to customize. If you want to get postcards or participate in phone bank training, contact Donna Fishman (donnafishman16@gmail.com).

Promote the Vote IL

The November 3rd election is only 75 days away. Congregation Hakafa has joined Promote the Vote Illinois, a non-partisan coalition of 501(c)3 organizations, to get the message out on voter registration and vote by mail. We all know how important this election is. Your vote is your voice. **Please help get the word out by downloading the pdf at this link**

(<https://www.facebook.com/CongregationHakafa/photos/a.158228324361840/1466101336907859/>) to your Facebook, Instagram and Twitter accounts and ask your friends to share your posts. Let's help others exercise their right to vote! If you have any questions, please contact Hakafa member, Laura Prohov (lrprohov@aol.com).

OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP/VOLUNTEER:

Laptop Needed

One of the refugees Hakafa is sponsoring is in need of a laptop. George (18) graduated from Evanston High School this past spring and has just been accepted to Oakton Community College. He also works part-time at the Presbyterian Home. **If you have a working laptop that you'd like to donate, please contact Bob Turner (turner.r@comcast.net).**

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.

Help Provide Sunday Lunch at A Just Harvest

Due to COVID-19, A Just Harvest now serves a daily boxed lunch to more than 150 people (no seated dinner). No volunteers are permitted in the kitchen, but Hakafa still provides the Sunday lunch on our designated Sundays. **Volunteers are needed to provide the fried chicken entrée, salad, vegetables, fruit, and dessert on the second Sunday morning of the month.** The fried chicken needs to be ordered and picked up at 11:00 AM from the Jewel on Howard and delivered to A Just Harvest. All other items should be left at A Just Harvest's door at 10:00 AM. *Hakafa's tzedakah fund can reimburse you for expenses, if needed.* **To sign up to volunteer, 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.**

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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 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.