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D'varim

Sticks and Stones

The pope is called a Marxist, because he disagrees with trickle-down economics.

Ted Cruz is called a fascist, because he promotes a conservative agenda in the Senate.

The president is called a socialist/Muslim/Kenyan with derision, as if any of those is bad, simply because he is the president, and many Americans wish he were not.

I have been called many names; we all have, I would imagine. And, if I were honest with myself, I would admit that I have thrown out more than a disparaging comment or two about others over the years, much to my disappointment and chagrin.

Reality television and shock jock commentary on twenty-four hour news channels have accustomed us to what has been simmering beneath our veneer of cultural civility; name calling is now socially accepted behavior. Social media allows us to send and receive vitriol with reckless abandon; after all, what more can you really say about anybody but “Marxist,” “fascist,” “socialist,” or the like when you have only 160 characters to say it?

But, that is the problem:

We shouldn't be saying anything about anybody in the first place.

Did we not learn anything in grade school? We instruct our children not to name call or talk behind people's backs, even as they hear it on our televisions and at our dinner tables. We tell them not to speak badly of others, even as they hear us doing it while talking to family and friends.

Rabbi Marx continues to teach, through his example, to speak to ideas, not personalities. Fight against oppression; do not demean those whom you deem to be the oppressors. Speak out against racism and homelessness, not against racists and slumlords. Stand up to power, but do not debase yourself by belittling individuals in power; the strength of your convictions that led you to stand there in the first place should be compelling enough to carry you, no matter how much those individuals with whom you disagree might incense or enrage you. Demonization through derogation is a sign of weakness and not strength. Too many of us, then, too often speak from weakness. And, much of what we say probably should not be said at all...

... which is why our sages implore us to speak words of Torah *alone*, for words of Torah are more than mere words. They are a call to action – to pursue justice, to alleviate people's suffering, to work toward a balanced world, and to live lives worthy of being reflections of the Divine Image as our text insists we are. They are a call to speak less with our mouths and more with our feet, for our feet say more and speak louder than our words ever can.

So, say what you want about the pope, Sen. Cruz, President Obama, or anyone else, for that matter. What you say says more about you than about them. But, what you do in and for this world says even more, for it speaks to the type of Divine emanation you seek to be.

Death and life are in the power of the tongue.¹

Amen.

-Rabbi Bruce Elder

¹ Proverbs 18:21

Prayer and Celebration

Friday Night Services

The congregation is cordially invited to attend services at the Winnetka Community House (unless noted) on the following evenings:

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| January 3
7:00 p.m. | Shabbat Bo
Torah Portion: Exodus 10:1-13:16
Haftarah: Jeremiah 46:13-28

Family Service |
| January 10
8:00 p.m. | Shabbat B'shalach
Torah Portion: Exodus 13:17-17:16
Haftarah: Judges 4:4-5:31 |
| January 17
8:00 p.m. | Shabbat Yitro
Torah Portion: Exodus 18:1-20:23
Haftarah: Isaiah 6:1-7:6

Shabbat Service
Rev. Marilyn Pagan Banks to speak
Congregational Tu B'Shevat Seder |
| January 24
8:00 p.m. | Shabbat Mishpatim
Torah Portion: Exodus 21:1-24:18
Haftarah: Jeremiah 34:8-22

Scholar-in-Residence: Rabbi Amy Scheinerman |
| January 31
8:00 p.m. | Shabbat T'rumah
Torah Portion: Exodus 25:1-27:19
Haftarah: Isaiah 66:1-13 |

January Family Shabbat Service

Our next Family Shabbat Service will take place on **Friday, January 3 at 7:00 p.m.** at the **Winnetka Community House** (620 Lincoln Avenue, Winnetka). Our Family Service is shorter than our regular services and is held an hour earlier so that families with children are able to attend. All are welcome. An oneg will follow.

Come to the Rabbi's Tisch

A rabbi's *tisch* (Yiddish for "table") is a chance to sit around after Shabbat services, relax, sing *niggunim* (wordless melodies), and study the weekly torah portion. Join Rabbi Elder for a *tisch* on **Friday, January 31** after services and the oneg. We'll learn a little, schmooze a little, sing a little, and enjoy one another's company.

Shabbat Morning Minyan

Please join us on **January 18 and 25 at 8:30 a.m.** at the home of **Barbara and Allen Anderson (849 Oak Drive, Glencoe)** for our January Shabbat morning *minyanim*. This hour-long service and study is a wonderful opportunity to enhance your celebration of Shabbat.

Our Scholar-in-Residence will be joining us for the January 25 *minyan*. People of all ages are encouraged and welcome to join us.

Share Your Holidays

On occasion, there are Hakafa members who would like to share holidays with fellow congregants and do not have the opportunity to do so.

If you would like to host a fellow congregant for a holiday meal, or if you need or want a place to go for the holidays, please contact **Sylvia Dresser** at 847-945-6095.

Reverend Marilyn Pagan-Banks to Speak at Shabbat Services on January 17

Please join us at **8:00 p.m.** for Shabbat Services on **Friday, January 17** at the **Winnetka Community House** (620 Lincoln Avenue, Winnetka), as we welcome **Reverend Marilyn Pagan-Banks** as our guest speaker.

Reverend Pagan-Banks is the Executive Director of A Just Harvest (formerly the Good News Community Kitchen), a dynamic speaker, and a forceful voice for positive change in Chicago. We hope you will join us in welcoming her.

Prayer and Celebration (continued)

Congregation Tu B'Shevat Seder



The Jewish New Year of Trees, Tu B'Shevat (pronounced Too Bish-VAHT), falls on Thursday, January 16 this year. According to the Talmud, the fifteenth of the Hebrew month of Shevat (Tu in Hebrew means "fifteen") is the day designated as the end of the period in which most of Israel's yearly rain has fallen. It also marks the time when trees have used up water from the previous year's rainfall and have begun absorbing the water of the New Year. On Tu B'Shevat, by honoring the cycle of our trees, we sanctify the power of nature, our most precious resource. We do so through a Tu B'Shevat Seder.

Our congregational seder will take place on **Friday, January 17** at **8:45 p.m.** immediately following services. We will sit down for a short, special celebration in which we will taste various fruits and sip from four different kinds of wine/juice. Help us usher in nature's New Year!

Please contact Rabbi Elder (rabbi@hakafa.org or 847-266-8854) with any questions.

Oneg Hosts Needed

We are looking for hosts for Friday evening onegs throughout the winter.

Hosting a Friday evening oneg is a wonderful way to help support Hakafa and is also a nice way to celebrate a bar/bat mitzvah, birthday, anniversary, or other special occasion with the congregation. Many people have traditionally honored the memory of a loved one on his/her *yahrzeit* by hosting an oneg.

If you would like to host an oneg, please contact **Lynn Sanders (847-501-2768 or LSanders0608@gmail.com)** to reserve a date.

Member News

Condolences to...

David Millman and family, on the loss of his aunt, Ruth Kaplan.

Thank you to...

The Bickers Family and Nancy Goodman for helping to coordinate our Congregational Hanukkah Celebration.

Shabbat in the Home - Hosts Needed

Make February 28 a special Shabbat for your Hakafa community, your family, and you!

On Friday evening, **February 28**, our congregation will again celebrate Shabbat dinner together. Every congregation member will be invited to dine and share the evening at another member's home. We hope you will join us as we sing Shabbat songs, light Shabbat candles, share a delicious meal, enjoy interesting conversation, meet new friends, and reconnect with old ones. Help make Hakafa the encirclement that it is! There will be no services at the Winnetka Community House that evening.

In order for "Shabbat in the Home" to succeed, many families are still needed to open up their homes for this pot-luck event. If you are willing to open up your home to other Hakafa members for dinner on Friday, February 28, please contact Debbie Fogel (curlyfogel@yahoo.com or 312-576-6775) as soon as possible.

Member News (continued)

Chesed

Chesed is our congregation's attempt to reach out to one another. If you know of anyone in our congregation who is in crisis from an illness, death in the family, or personal stress, who could benefit from support, such as a visit, delivery and/or preparation of meals, or a ride to a health care appointment, please contact Rabbi Elder (rabbi@hakafa.org or 847-266-8854).

You can also contact **Jill Pam** (mccpam@comcast.net or 847-242-0864) to volunteer.

Furniture Needed

We are in the process of turning Rabbi Elder's office at the North Shore United Methodist Church into a lounge, library, and meeting space for the congregation. We are in need of the following items:

9' x 18' rug 3' high bookshelves (up to 8' in length)
couch 4 lounging chairs

If you have any of these items lying around your house and in need of a new home, please contact our president, Peter Office (peter.office1@gmail.com) with questions or with your furniture.

Congregation Directory

The 2013-2014 Congregation Hakafa Directory is in the process of being updated and will be delivered this month. Please contact **Rona** (admin@hakafa.org or 847-242-0687) with any changes and/or updates.



Congregation Trip to India

Hakafa is exploring the possibility of visiting the Jewish communities of India in the spring of 2015. All are invited to join us for an informational meeting to gauge interest and to discuss various trip options on **Sunday, January 26 at 12:30 p.m.** at the **Takiff Center** (999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe).

For more information, please contact **Marietta Hesdorffer** (hesdor@aol.com or 847-441-0114).



Reaching Out

Congregation Member Services and Skills Resource Guide: The congregation has assembled a resource guide of members' services and skills in order to support one another. Please contact **Betsy Hersher** (847-272-4050 or HersherB@hersher.com) for more information.

Career Counseling: As a career counselor, Betsy is offering her services *at no cost* to Hakafa members who are currently unemployed.

Partnerships with Community Employment Support Systems: Hakafa is in partnership with the following community agencies:

1. **Jewish Employment Network** (JEN – contact Laurie Rosen (847-568-5154 or www.jvschicago.org)
2. **Career Resource Center** (CRC – contact Jan Cline Leahy (847-295-5626 or www.careerresourcecenter.org)
3. **parnossahworkschicago.org**- allows individuals to search for jobs online and provides employers with qualified candidates for their job openings.

Teen Events

JCUA's Or Tzedek:

Jewish Teen Summer Institute for Social Justice

The Jewish Council on Urban Affairs' (JCUA) Or Tzedek Institute is a week-long summer experience for Jewish high school students looking to address urban issues such as poverty, inadequate housing, access to health care, etc. Through hands-on service, teen-led social action projects, and education about Jewish values and social justice, teens learn about challenges facing Chicago's diverse communities and take action to combat them. They will engage with Jewish text studies rooted in social justice issues, and share a unique Or Tzedek Shabbat through new eyes with new friends.

For more information, contact **Rebecca Katz**, Teen Programs Manager, at JCUA (312-663-0960 or rebecca@jcua.org).

Save The Date for Hakafa's Next High School Youth Group Event!

All Hakafa high school students are invited to join us for:

Ice Skating and a Meeting
Sunday, January 26, 2014
2:00 To 4:00 P.M.

Glencoe Watts Center
 (305 Randolph Ave, Glencoe)

Watch your email for more details to come soon! We hope you will put this date on your calendars now and plan to join us for some fun! Contact **Bibi** at (education@hakafa.org) with questions.

Hakafa's Eighth Annual Adult Retreat: April 25-27 in Saugatuck

The Program

Hakafa's Annual Adult Retreat is a chance for adult congregants (including high schoolers) to study and relax together in a warm and informal atmosphere. The program is conducted by Hakafa's Rabbi Emeritus, **Rabbi Robert Marx**, in beautiful Saugatuck, Michigan, where Rabbi Marx and his wife, Ruth, live. The purpose of the retreat is to engage in moderate amounts of study and worship, along with copious amounts of great conversation and fun, in a vacation type atmosphere. **The theme for the study sessions will be "Two Unforgettable Farewells: The Deaths of Moses and Socrates and how they changed the course of human history."**

Retreaters go to Saugatuck, which is about 3 hours from Chicago, on Friday afternoon, and meet at Rabbi and Ruth Marx's house for Shabbat dinner and an evening study program. We all stay together at the historic **Rosemont Inn** (www.rosemontinn.com), which is located on a bluff overlooking Lake Michigan. We have breakfast at the Inn Saturday morning, followed by a morning study program. Saturday lunch and Saturday afternoon will be open for exploration of the Saugatuck area. On Saturday night, we'll have a joint dinner at a local restaurant, followed by an evening study program and short *havdallah* service at the Inn. Retreaters can return to Chicago on Sunday morning.

The Cost

The Rosemont Inn (www.rosemontinn.com) has 14 rooms, with an average rate of approximately \$175 per night, although final rates have not yet been determined. The room charge includes breakfast on both Saturday and Sunday. The total estimated cost is about \$350 per person for couples (about \$500 for a single, because the room price is the same), which includes the room for two nights, dinner Friday and Saturday, and breakfast on Saturday and Sunday.

If You Want To Go

There are only 14 rooms available, and they will be reserved on a first come first serve basis. If you would like to attend the retreat, or have any questions, please contact our volunteer retreat organizer, **Jonah Orlofsky** (312-566-0455, 847-835-3816, or at jorlofsky@yahoo.com).

Scholar-in-Residence Weekend

Please join Hakafa as we welcome **Rabbi Amy Scheinerman** as our Scholar-in-Residence. Rabbi Scheinerman is the hospice rabbi in Howard County, Maryland, and teaches in a variety of venues. She is currently president of both the Baltimore Board of Rabbis and the Greater Carolinas Association of Rabbis. She has served Conservative, Reform, and unaffiliated congregations. She is a member of the Responsa Committee of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, and serves as editor of the Torah Commentary column of the CCAR newsletter. She is a regular columnist for the Carroll County Times.

Rabbi Scheinerman is an energetic and engaging speaker and teacher. Her style of teaching is interactive, and she specializes in teaching Talmudic texts that respond to universal human concerns with uniquely Jewish insights. She brings the Oral Tradition to life so that all can experience its vibrancy and wisdom.

Rabbi Scheinerman will be speaking and teaching throughout the weekend. We look forward to having her with us and hope you will be able to join us at one or all of the following events:

Friday, January 24, 8:00 p.m.

Winnetka Community House (620 Lincoln Avenue, Winnetka)

During Shabbat Services, Rabbi Scheinerman will speak on ***Ancient Wisdom for Modern Living: Building a Better Us***. Talmud is the foundation of the Judaism we practice. We draw on the Babylonian Talmud for wisdom and values, yet many of us have not been introduced to it: What does it look like? What's in it? How do you study it? We'll take our first dip into this ancient and remarkable well of ancient-yet-modern advice on the deepest and thorniest problems we face.

Saturday, January 25, 8:30 a.m.

Home of Allen and Barbara Anderson (849 Oak Drive, Glencoe)

Rabbi Scheinerman will speak during Shabbat Morning Minyan on ***Abraham: Loyal servant of God or religious fanatic?*** Fanaticism is the plague of religion. Most religions laud moderation, humility, and peace, yet they spawn fanatical elements that engage in violence, savagery, and deception—all in the name of God. That risk exists even in our own tradition, and the Rabbis recognized long ago what lies at the core.

Saturday, January 25, 7:00 p.m.

Home of Carol Anne Been and Dan Freedman (562 Oakdale Ave., Glencoe)

Rabbi Scheinerman will speak on ***The Strange Case of Rabbi Shimon ben Yochai***. Sometimes we think that the question of how to live fully in a host society while maintaining our distinctive identity is a modern concern. Jews have been doing the dance of living with a foot in each of two worlds for at least 2,000 years with mixed results, but lessons learned and wisdom gleaned.

Sunday, January 26, 10:30 a.m. to noon

Takiff Center (999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe)

Rabbi Scheinerman will teach the Sunday Morning Adult Study class on the topic of ***Can anyone balance work and home life?*** Striking a balance between work and home life, marriage and career is not a new struggle. For the Rabbis, balancing their obligation to study Torah, with their marital obligations to their wives, generated challenges, inspired fanaticism, and stirred up conflict not unlike what we experience today.

Chadashot

Hakafa School News
January 2014

Note from the Director of Education

Welcome back! I hope everyone is renewed and refreshed!

We hop right back into the swing of things with Hebrew school resuming on January 7th. At Hebrew School we will begin a new schedule whereby all grades will be together each Tuesday for our evening service. Each grade, beginning with the 7th grade, will have an opportunity to lead services for a month. It is a wonderful way to have the students engaged in the service and also feel a sense of ownership as leaders. Please know that parents and siblings who would like to join us at Tuesday evening services are welcome anytime from 5:10 to 5:30 p.m.

We resume Religious School on Sunday, January 12th. On Sunday, January 19, students will participate in our annual Tu B'Shvat seders. We will be sampling various fruits and celebrating the birthday of the trees!

On January 26th, our 5th graders and their parents will be having a very special Family Education program.

We have a very full month planned - great energy and much learning! Enjoy!

L'shalom,
Bibi



Special Religious School Schedule in January

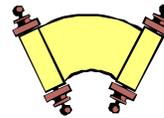
Please note that our schedule for the month of January is different than most months. Because winter break extends through January 5, we will follow this schedule:

- **HEBREW SCHOOL WILL RESUME ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 7.**
- **RELIGIOUS SCHOOL WILL RESUME ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 12.**
- **THERE WILL BE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL ON THE LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH, JANUARY 26!**

Tu B'Shvat at Religious School!



Tu B'Shvat, the Jewish New Year of the Trees, is coming this month! In celebration of Tu B'Shvat, we will have Religious School Tu B'Shvat Seders on Sunday, January 19 for our pre-kindergarten through sixth grade students.



B'nai Mitzvah Workshop Services

As part of the B'nai Mitzvah Workshop series that Rabbi Elder is teaching this year, students and families whose b'nai mitzvah celebrations will be taking place in the year after May 2014 are encouraged to attend the second of four Shabbat morning services on Saturday, January 18 at the North Shore United Methodist Church (213 Hazel Avenue, Glencoe). This service is designed to give b'nai mitzvah candidates and their families the opportunity to have hands-on practice and experience with all that is learned in the workshops. It will also help the students to become familiar and comfortable with the service. There will be two services: The 10:30 a.m. service is for those who are having morning ceremonies. The 11:45 a.m. service is for those who are having evening ceremonies. The setting will be informal and educational. Please contact Rabbi Elder (847-266-8854 or rabbi@hakafa.org) or with any questions.

3rd and 4th Grade Shabbat Service and Oneg



The Third and Fourth Grade Religious School classes are helping to lead family services on the evening of Friday, February 7 at 7:00 p.m. at the Winnetka Community House (620 Lincoln Avenue, Winnetka). All Hakafa members are cordially invited to welcome Shabbat together at our Family Shabbat Service.

Adult Study

Lunch and Learn in the Loop

Lunch & Learn in the Loop will take place at **noon** on **Thursday, January 9** at the **office of Bob Rifkin** (125 S. Wacker, Suite 1500, Chicago). Bring your own lunch and prepare to participate in a lively discussion with Rabbi Elder! New participants are always welcome.

Nosh and Know on the North Shore

"Nosh & Know on the North Shore" will take place on **Thursday, January 16** at **9:00 a.m.** at the **Home of Cookie Robertson** (211 Dennis Lane, Glencoe). Join us for a lively conversation with Rabbi Elder! New participants are always welcome.

Hebrew Circle

If you are a Hebrew speaker (beginners welcome!) looking to practice your Hebrew with other Hebrew speaking Hakafa members, please join us on **Thursday, January 23** at **noon** at the **office of Brad Reiff** (332 S. Michigan Avenue, 13th floor, 312-322-0290) for an hour of lunch and conversation – all in Hebrew!

Film Group

Hakafa's film group will meet on **Saturday, January 18** at **7:00 p.m.** at our offices at the North Shore United Methodist Church (213 Hazel Avenue, Glencoe) to screen *The Attack*. This compelling drama is about a respected Israeli Arab physician who, while attending to the victims of a suicide bombing, learns that the bomber was his own wife.

We will be ordering pizza if you would like to join us for dinner at **5:45 p.m.** at our offices at the church. Please contact **Mike Solomon** (847-835-2040 or mcsolomon@comcast.net) by **Saturday morning** to let him know if you will be joining us for dinner so that we order enough pizza. Or, come at 7:00 p.m. just for the movie. Everyone is invited! Feel free to bring friends, family, and a nosh if you like.

Two Opportunities for Torah Study

If you are interested in learning Torah, we would love for you to join us on **Wednesdays** at the **home of Sandy Gelber** (1527 Washington Avenue, Wilmette) from **1:00 to 2:30 p.m.** **PLEASE NOTE THAT WE WILL NOT MEET ON JANUARY 1.**

Torah study is offered as well on **Tuesday evenings** from **7:30 to 8:45 p.m.** at our **offices at the North Shore United Methodist Church** (213 Hazel Avenue, Glencoe).

Please contact Rabbi Elder (847-266-8854 or rabbi@hakafa.org) with questions.

Mishneh Torah

Are you interested in studying Jewish law? Our January sessions of Mishneh Torah (Jewish law) class will be held on **Tuesdays, January 7 and 21** at **10:00 a.m.** at the **home of Allison Blakley Davis and Kenneth Davis** (2940 Moon Hill Drive, Northbrook). Come join us and Rabbi Elder to learn more about what *halacha* has to say on almost every aspect of life.

One Congregation, One Book

Announcing our first Congregation-wide book selection: **The Family, Three Journeys into the Heart of the Twentieth Century**, by David Laskin. An epic tale tracing the true story of the three branches of the author's family, one moving from a Russian shtetl to the U.S., another to Israel, and one trapped in Europe during WWII. The following activities will focus on the book, although those who have not had a chance to read it are welcome:

February 15: The Saturday evening movie group will show a movie with a similar theme.

February 23: We will have a Sunday morning discussion of the book, 10:30 to 12:00 (at the Takiff Center).

March 14: The Shabbat service will include a sermon based on the book's themes.

Please contact **Jonah Orlofsky** (312-566-0455, 847-835-3816, or at jorlofsky@yahoo.com) with questions.

January Sunday Morning Adult Programming

10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Takiff Center
(999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe)

NEW TO SUNDAY MORNINGS:

JOIN US FOR COFFEE, SNACKS, AND CONVERSATION

For the first few months of 2014, a few congregation members will be taking turns providing coffee and breakfast snacks for the adults, in between the morning service and adult study sessions. Please join us for some good drinks, food, and conversation! If you'd like to sign up for a month, contact **Jennifer Hirsch** (224-392-5608 or jhirsch683@gmail.com).

JANUARY 12:

Adult Study: David Rieser

Hakafa member, **David Rieser**, will teach this first of two classes (the second class will take place on January 19) on ***Rashi: His life and times***. Over the two sessions, this class will look at Rashi's life in the context of medieval Jews. It will include a discussion of what he wrote about in general and in the context of the authors of the Talmud, what writing meant pre-printing press, and how his discussions rose to such prominence.

Jewish Culture: Israeli Dancing with Penny Brichta

Penny is Chicago's Israeli dancing maven. She has taught dancing at numerous congregations and has been with the Northwestern Israeli Dance group for more than twenty years. Penny teaches both traditional and modern Israeli dance and gives both an education and a workout. Join us in the **Takiff Center Community Hall** for fun and a great workout.

JANUARY 19:

Adult Study: David Rieser

Hakafa member, **David Rieser**, will teach this second of two classes today on ***Rashi: His life and times***.

Back to the *Beis-ics* with Rabbi Elder

In this session, Rabbi Elder will discuss ***Marking meaningful moments: Jewish life cycle rituals old and new***. If you would like to know the symbolism and meaning of *brit mila*, namings, *b'nei mitzvah*, weddings, funerals, and other life event ceremonies, this class is for you.

Jewish Culture: Cooking with Linda Harth

Learn to make Jewish Penicillin – AKA chicken soup - and *knaidlach* (matzah balls) with Linda! Linda has taught Jewish cooking to a plethora of groups over many decades and will share new information, tricks, and recipes. Because the **Takiff Center kitchen** is small and we need to know how much of each ingredient to purchase, **you must RSVP for this class by January 12**. To RSVP, please contact Rona (admin@hakafa.org or 847-242-0687).

JANUARY 26:

Scholar-in-Residence: Rabbi Amy Scheinerman

Rabbi Scheinerman will teach on the topic of: ***Can anyone balance work and home life?*** Striking a balance between work and home life, marriage and career is not a new struggle. For the Rabbis, balancing their obligation to study Torah, with their marital obligations to their wives, generated challenges, inspired fanaticism, and stirred up conflict not unlike what we experience today.

A full schedule on the year's Sunday Adult Learning Opportunities can be found on our website (www.hakafa.org).

Social Action

Inequality for All



A movie that honors Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday and legacy

Please join Congregation Hakafa's **Education Justice Committee** on **Sunday, January 19 at 3:00 p.m.** at our offices at the North Shore United Methodist Church (213 Hazel Avenue, Glencoe) to screen this new documentary that examines how the middle class has been systematically oppressed for the past 35 years. The film offers a hopeful outlook for the future – if we act now to restore justice and the economy, which go hand-in-hand.

Contact **Sherry Medwin** (medwinSL@sbcglobal.net or 847-251-7670) or **Mark Weisbard** (mweisbard@dykema.com or 847-256-0270) with questions.

"I have a dream... of equality of opportunity, of privilege and property widely distributed, a dream of a land where men will not take necessities from the many to give luxuries to the few."

Sexual Exploitation in Chicago

Please join **The Justice for Women Group of Congregation Hakafa** and **The National Council of Jewish Women** as we welcome **Kaethe Morris Hoffer**, Executive and Legal Director at Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation for A Program on **Sunday, January 12 at 7:00 p.m. at Wilmette Public Library** (1242 Wilmette Ave., Wilmette). Discussion topics will include:

- Realities Of The Sex Trade, Prostitution, And Sex Trafficking In The Chicago-Area
- Demand: The Root Of All Prostitution
- Actions We Can Take To Help Combat Sexual Exploitation
- The "End Demand" Campaign

Please R.S.V.P. to Womensjustice@Hakafa.org. Contact **Beth Gordon** (bbgordon1@gmail.com) or **Heather Ross** (hross@rossandzuckerman.com) with questions.

A Just Harvest: Feeding People who are Hungry and Working to Reduce Hunger

Hakafa is committed to providing and serving food at "A Just Harvest" on the second Sunday of every month all year long. The kitchen is located on the far north side of Chicago, and each month four families from Hakafa share this meaningful experience. **If you are available to help on Sunday, January 12, please contact Judy Rose-Epstein (missyepstein@att.net or 847-501-2856) ASAP.**

In addition to January 12, this year's volunteer roster still has many other openings. Even if you won't be available to serve at the kitchen, you can participate by purchasing food or simply by contributing financially, a critical need. If you would like to help, please contact Judy.

KIVA

Kiva is a non-profit organization that helps to alleviate poverty through a worldwide network of microfinance institutions. Hakafa started a Kiva account with gifts from the confirmation classes of 2007 and 2008. Since then, Rabbi Elder has been selecting loan recipients and, over the past 6 years, over \$25,000 has been loaned and reloaned to microfinance 253 different businesses around the globe! Hakafa's Kiva account is now open to everyone. By visiting team "**Congregation Hakafa**," team members can make loans and see the impact of loans being made by the team as a whole.

TO JOIN THE TEAM:

1. Go to www.kiva.org, select "Communities," and then search for "Congregation Hakafa."
2. Click on "Join Team," and log into an existing Kiva account or create a new one.
3. Follow prompts to make a loan.
4. At checkout, make sure Team "Congregation Hakafa" is indicated before completing the transaction.

Contact **Sara Kurensky** (kurloon@sbcglobal.net or 847-251-1925) with questions.

Congregation Hakafa Calendar

January 2014 – Tevet / Sh'vat 5774

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 New Year's Day	2	3 7:00 p.m. Family Shabbat Service (WCH)	4
5 3:30 p.m. Hakafa's Entering Life's Third Stage Group Meeting (Home of Betsy Hersher)	6	7 10:00 a.m. Mishneh Torah 4:15-6:00 p.m. Hebrew School Resumes (TC) 7:30 p.m. Torah Study (NSUMC)	8 1:00 p.m. Torah Study	9 12:00 p.m. Lunch & Learn in the Loop (Office of Bob Rifkin)	10 10 th Grade L'Taken trip to Washington, D.C. 8:00 p.m. Shabbat Service (WCH)	11 10 th Grade L'Taken trip to Washington, D.C.
12 10 th Grade L'Taken trip to Washington, D.C. 9:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Religious School Resumes (TC) 10:15 a.m. Sunday Morning Coffee for Adults (TC) 10:30 am-12:00 pm (TC) Adult Study – David Rieser Israeli Dancing for Adults 7:00-8:30 p.m. Justice for Women Group Program (Wilmette Public Library)	13 10 th Grade L'Taken trip to Washington, D.C.	14 4:15-6:00 p.m. Hebrew School (TC) 7:30 p.m. Torah Study (NSUMC)	15 Newsletter Articles Due 1:00 p.m. Torah Study Erev Tu B'Shevat	16 Tu B'Shevat 9:00 a.m. Nosh & Know on the North Shore	17 8:00 p.m. Shabbat Service & Tu B'Shevat Seder Guest Speaker: Rev. Marilyn Pagan Banks (WCH)	18 8:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Minyan 10:30 a.m. OR 11:45 a.m. Second B'nai Mitzvah Workshop Service (NSUMC) 7:00 p.m. Movie Group (NSUMC)
19 9:45 am-12:00 pm Religious School (TC) 10:15 a.m. Sunday Morning Coffee for Adults (TC) 10:30 am-12:00 pm (TC) Adult Study – David Rieser Back to Beis-ics with Rabbi Elder Jewish Cooking for Adults 3:00 p.m. Screening of "Inequality for All" (NSUMC)	20 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	21 10:00 a.m. Mishneh Torah 4:15-6:00 p.m. Hebrew School (TC) 7:30 p.m. Torah Study (NSUMC)	22 1:00 p.m. Torah Study	23 12:00 p.m. Hebrew Circle	24 8:00 p.m. Shabbat Service – Scholar-in-Residence to Speak (WCH)	25 8:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Minyan (Scholar-in-Residence to Speak) 7:00 p.m. Scholar-in-Residence Program
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