



Congregation Hakafa Newsletter
June/July 2014
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June/July Prayer and Celebration

Hakafa's 30th Anniversary Celebration!



In honor Hakafa's 30th Anniversary, please join us for a special Shabbat Service

Friday, June 13 at 7:00 p.m. (note early start time)

Winnetka Community House (620 Lincoln Avenue, Winnetka)

We will be joined by our founding rabbi, Rabbi Robert J. Marx, and celebratory music will be provided by members of our choir.

In addition, our service will include the installation of our 2014-15 officers.

The evening will conclude with a festive oneg hosted by Hakafa presidents, past and present!

We hope you will come celebrate our encirclement!

Join Hakafa's Choir for the 30th Anniversary Celebration

All adults are invited to join our choir to sing at Hakafa's 30th Anniversary Celebration on June 13!

The choir will be conducted by our new High Holiday director, Lynne Sorkin. If you are interested in singing with the choir, please contact **Rona Elder** (admin@hakafa.org), and plan to attend our two rehearsals on **Thursday, June 5 and Tuesday, June 10 at 7:30 p.m.** at the **North Shore United Methodist Church** (213 Hazel Avenue, Glencoe).

Shavuot Tikkun and Yizkor Service

Shavuot (pronounced shah-voo-OAT) occurs on the sixth day of the Hebrew month of Sivan (on Wednesday, June 4 this year). It is the second of three pilgrimage festivals (Passover and Sukkot are the other two). Shavuot commemorates the day God gave Moses the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai. It also has an agricultural reference, marking a stage in the harvest. One of the customs of Shavuot is to hold a *tikkun*, or Torah-based learning session, late into the night.

Join us as we study with Rabbi Elder on Tuesday evening, June 3 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of **Annette Turow** (727 Roslyn Place, Evanston).

The evening will begin with a short service that will include yizkor and conclude with coffee and nosh. We hope you will join us!

Shabbat Morning Minyanim

Please join us on **Saturdays, June 14, June 28, and July 12** at the home of **Leanne Star** (314 Park Avenue, Wilmette) at **8:30 a.m.** for our June and July Shabbat morning *minyanim*. This hour-long service and study is a wonderful opportunity to enhance your celebration of Shabbat. People of all ages are encouraged and welcome to join us.

July 4th Shabbat Service

July 4 falls on a Friday this year. A short Shabbat service and oneg will be held at **5:00 p.m.** that evening at the home of **Leanne Star** (314 Park Avenue, Wilmette). **There will be no services at our regular time and place.**

Prayer and Celebration (continued)

Friday Night Services

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

June 7 **Shabbat B'haalot'cha**
7:00 p.m. Torah Portion: Numbers 8:1-12:16
 Haftarah: Zechariah 2:14-4:7

Family Service

June 13 **Shabbat Sh'lach L'cha**
7:00 p.m. Torah Portion: Numbers 13:1-15:41
 Haftarah: Joshua 2:1-24

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June 20 **Shabbat Korach**
8:00 p.m. Torah Portion: Numbers 16:1-18:32
 Haftarah: I Samuel 11:14-12:22

Singing Shabbat and Tisch

June 27 **Shabbat Chukat**
8:00 p.m. Torah Portion: Numbers 19:1-22:1
 Haftarah: Judges 11:1-33

July 4 **Shabbat Balak**
5:00 p.m. Torah Portion: Numbers 22:2-25:9
 Haftarah: Michah 5:6-6:8

Services at the home of Leanne Star **Please note early start time*

July 11 **Shabbat Pinchas**
8:00 p.m. Torah Portion: Numbers 25:10-30:1
 Haftarah: I Kings 18:46-19:21

July 18 **Shabbat Matot**
8:00 p.m. Torah Portion: Numbers 30:2-32:34
 Haftarah: Jeremiah 1:1-2:3

Singing Shabbat and Tisch

July 25 **Shabbat Mas'ei**
8:00 p.m. Torah Portion: Numbers 33:1-36:13
 Haftarah: Jeremiah 4:4-28

June Family Shabbat Service

Our next Family Shabbat Service will take place on **Friday, June 6 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. Of course, the service will fit the needs of everyone – no matter what age – and all are welcome and encouraged to attend. An oneg will follow.

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** (847-945-6095).

Singing Shabbat

Join us on **Fridays, June 20 and July 18 at 8:00 p.m.** for our next singing Shabbat services! We will sing new versions of a few of the regular prayers we do and add a few prayers that we have not sung before. If you are interested in familiarizing yourself with the music beforehand (though it is certainly not required), go to **www.hakafa.org/content/music-shabbat**. At this link you will find **transliterations** of the prayers with new melodies along with **recordings** of the tunes to which you can click and listen.

Come and experience new sounds and new harmonies as we usher in Shabbat in a new way!

Come to the Rabbi's Tisch

Join Rabbi Elder for a *tisch** on **Fridays, June 20 and July 18** after services and the oneg. We'll learn a little, schmooze a little, sing a little, and enjoy one another's company.

**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.*

Summer Oneg Hosts Needed

We are looking for Hakafa members to host the following Friday night onegs in June through August. If you are willing and available to host an oneg on one of the dates below, please contact **Leah Feldman** (847-492-1574 or l-feldman@hotmail.com).

June 27, July 18, August 1 (Family Service on the Beach), August 8, August 15, and August 29

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.

Member News

Take Me Out to the Ballgame! Make it a family outing with half-price tickets!

Join Hakafa at our tenth Annual Night at the Ballpark at U.S. Cellular Field to see the **Chicago White Sox take on the Kansas City Royals on Monday, July 21 at 7:00 p.m.** Once again, we will be joined by members of Faith Community Church, a congregation from Chicago's West Side. **Tickets are only \$13.**

For those who are able to join us, we will be tailgating with our friends from the church at a location next to U.S. Cellular Field, beginning at 5:00 p.m. Tickets are limited, and scholarships are available. Contact **Norm Sack** (ns289@aol.com, 847-251-0870) to reserve your tickets.

Join Hakafa at Ravinia on July 3!

Join Hakafa and Faith Community Baptist Church for a night at **Ravinia** to see **Earth Wind and Fire**. Tickets (Lawn) are \$20, and the show begins at **8:00 p.m.** For those who are able to join us, we will be gathering on the lawn for dinner and conversation beginning at **6:00 p.m.** Contact **Nancy Goodman** (nancytgoodman@gmail.com or 847-564-3273) to reserve your tickets!

Worship Committee Meeting: Hakafa Shabbat Evening Services

The Worship Committee will be convening on **Sunday, June 1** from **7:00 to 8:00 p.m.** at the **home of Stacy and David Saef (1624 Sequoia Trail, Glenview)** to discuss Shabbat evening services. Topics will include timing, format, music, and other suggestions. We encourage all congregants to join and collaborate as we seek ways to evolve the service and experience for everyone. Please contact the worship committee (worship@hakafa.org) with questions.

Come to a Kumzits

Kumzits is a compound-word in Hebrew derived from the Yiddish come and sit. The word is used to describe an evening gathering where we come together and sing. Join us on **Saturday, June 14 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Sara Goodman and Dan Meir** (8645 Frontage Road, Skokie) for havdala, Hakafa style! We will sing songs both old and new - Jewish, secular, folk, rock ... you name it! We will schmooze and nosh, too. Bring your guitars, mandolins, ukes, banjos, drums, harmonicas, hands, feet, and voices, and be ready for a wonderful, musical time!

Hakafa Members on Stage

COMMITTEE OF TWO, a lighthearted new musical act about two aging ingenues who have reunited to plan their college reunion features **Hakafa members Joyce Stern Greenberg and Judy Samuelson Kaiser**. This original musical romp, with book and lyrics by Greenberg, is based on their own humorous outlook on aging. Also featured is musical director, Ester Hana, popular cabaret artist.

They will be appearing at the **Oil Lamp Theater** (1723 Glenview Road, Glenview) on **Wednesdays, June 18 & 25 at 1:30 p.m.** Tickets (\$15 - includes wine and cheese) can be purchased at: www.oillamptheater.org or by calling 847-849-9070.

Mazal Tov to

All of the 2013 high school and college graduates and their families.

Eddie Chez, Camille de Frank, and family on the marriage of their son, Adam, to Marisa Rice.

Emma Homer (age 12), whose design was selected as Hakafa's 30th anniversary t-shirt design. Congratulations to all others who submitted outstanding designs as well.

Steve and Jamie Miller and family on the marriage of their daughter, Laura, to Michael Sher.

Leanne Starr and Lee Feigon on the marriage of their daughter, Maia Feigon to Michael Conti.

Kadima Survey

Kadima (Hebrew for "forward") is a new initiative at Hakafa of members of adult-only households reaching out to one another. If you are an adult-only household, you recently received an email with a survey attached. If you received one, and if you have not already done so, please take a moment to complete the survey. Your responses will help us in our future planning.

Please contact **Betsy Hersher** (hersherb@hersher.com) with questions.

Condolences to...

Peter Office and family on the loss of his uncle, Hugh Cohn.

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 (847-266-8854 rabbi@hakafa.org) or **Jill Pam** (mccpam@comcast.net or 847-242-0864).

Mazal Tov to the following B'nai Mitzvah

June 7 – Max Bickers
June 9 – Maya McCauley
June 14 – Rachel Koza

Thank you to...

All Parent Volunteers who helped out with the last day of Religious School 30th Anniversary celebration.

Jewish Community Information

Greater Chicago Jewish Festival

Don't miss this year's Greater Chicago Jewish Festival on **Sunday, June 8** from **11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.** at **St. Paul Woods in Morton Grove**. Held every other year, the Greater Chicago Jewish Festival features music, dance, art, storytelling, and food. This year's headliners are **Peter Himmelman, Maya Johanna Menachem, Yemen Blues,** and **Edon Pinchot** from *America's Got Talent*. The Greater Chicago Jewish Festival is **free and open to the public** and brings together every facet of our hometown Jewish community. For more information, go to www.pocet.org.

Hakafa Teen Corner

Opportunity for Next Year's 8th Graders to Visit Israel!

Next year's 8th graders are invited to participate in *Ta'am Yisrael: A Taste of Israel*, an 8th Grade, one-week Israel experience program of the Community Foundation for Jewish Education (CFJE) and the Jewish United Fund/Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago.

For more information, visit www.taamyisrael.org and plan to attend an **Informational Meeting** on **Thursday, June 12** at **7:00 p.m.** at the **Mayer Kaplan JCC (5050 W. Church Street, Skokie)**.

The CFJE is once again offering the Susan and Marc Sacks Ta'am Yisrael Certificates, good for \$100 toward the program fees of Ta'am Yisrael 2015. And, scholarships (via Rabbi Elder) are available for Hakafa participants.

Hakafa's BBYO Youth Group End-of-Year BBQ and Planning Party

All Hakafa **8th through 12th graders** are invited to an **End-of-Year BBYO Youth Group BBQ and Planning Party** at the **Elder Family's home** (333 Green Bay Road, Highland Park) on **Saturday, June 21, 2014** from **6:30 to 8:30 p.m.**

Please RSVP by June 13 to David Pollak (davidp2020@gmail.com or 847-226-3997).

Adult Study

Mishneh Torah Class

Are you interested in studying Jewish law? Our June and July sessions of Mishneh Torah (Jewish law) class will be held on **Tuesdays, June 10, June 24, July 8, and July 22** 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.

Nosh & Know on the North Shore

"Nosh & Know on the North Shore" will take place on **Thursdays, June 19 and July 17** at **9:00 a.m.** at the **Home of Cookie Robertson** (211 Dennis Lane, Glencoe). Join us for a lively conversation with Rabbi Elder!

Adult Study (continued)

Two Opportunities for Torah Study

If you are interested in learning Torah, we would love for you to join us on either Tuesday evenings and/or Wednesday mornings:

Wednesday Afternoons: 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

The home of Sandy Gelber (1527 Washington Avenue, Wilmette)

PLEASE NOTE: Wednesday Afternoon Torah Study will NOT meet on June 4 and July 16.

Tuesday Evenings: 7:30 to 8:45 p.m.

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

PLEASE NOTE: Tuesday Evening Torah Study will NOT meet on June 3

One Congregation, One Book

Announcing our next congregation-wide book selection: ***Small Gods***, by Terry Pratchett. *Small Gods* is a smart story about people, gods, philosophy, and doing the right thing, and it is one of the best books Rabbi Elder has read in a very long time. Enjoy it as a fun, summer read, and look to the August *Circle* for the September date on which we will discuss it. Please contact **Jonah Orlofsky** (312-566-0455, 847-835-3816 or at jorlofsky@yahoo.com) with questions.

Hebrew Circle

If you are a Hebrew speaker looking to practice your Hebrew with other Hebrew speaking Hakafa members, please join us on **Tuesday, June 10 and July 8 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!

Lunch and Learn in the Loop

Lunch & Learn in the Loop will take place at **noon** on **Thursday, June 5** at the **office of Ned Robertson** (330 N. Wabash Avenue, Suite 1700, Chicago) and on **Thursday, July 10 (location TBA)**. Bring your own lunch and prepare to participate in lively discussions with Rabbi Elder!

A Just Harvest

Are you looking for a fun and meaningful way to spend a Sunday evening over the summer? On the second Sunday of each month, our congregation has the responsibility of providing and serving a meal for approximately 140 men, women, and children at A Just Harvest (formerly Good News Community Kitchen) in Chicago, just north of Howard Street. 12-15 volunteers are needed from 4:15 to 6:30 p.m. each month. Children must be at least 7 years old, with a maximum of four children ages 7-12 at each session. Please note the cost of the food is shared by the volunteer families at about \$100 per family.

We are still in need of volunteers on the following dates: June 8, July 13 and August 10. If you, or anyone you know, are available, please contact **Judy Rose-Epstein** (missyepstein@att.net or 847-501-2856) or **Joan Fishman** (j.fishman@sbcglobal.net or 847-853-1766).

We at A Just Harvest are grateful for the dedication and time shared by Congregation Hakafa, who as our members, join in serving hundreds of patrons at A Just Harvest each month. **But now, we urgently need your help with your state legislator.** Many of the people we serve are in need of supplemental food due to poor wages and job opportunities, financial struggles with childcare and educational expenses, and/or existing or developing medical needs. These families and individuals also depend on state services such as reduced child care, medication and therapy subsidies, in home caretakers and community based services for people with disabilities.

Unfortunately, Illinois legislators are divided on the necessity of funding these services, as the 5% Tax Increase set to expire soon would decimate the state's revenue. We would lose around \$2 billion in revenue in FY15 (and \$5 billion in FY16) if the current 5% state income tax rate is not made permanent. Losing this much revenue would force unprecedented, disastrous program cuts. **Please join Northside P.O.W.E.R. – the organizing and advocacy arm of A Just Harvest – and phone your legislator TODAY to express how important it is to Illinoisans – and to YOU – that Illinois maintain the 5% Income Tax that is due to expire at the end of this year.**

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1 7:00 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting (Home of David & Stacy Saef)	2	3 7:00 p.m. Shavuot Tikun and Yizkor Service (Home of Annette Turow) Erev Shavuot	4 Shavuot	5 12:00 p.m. Lunch & Learn in the Loop (Office of Ned Robertson) 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal (NSUMC)	6 7:00 p.m. Family Shabbat Service (WCH)	7 Bar Mitzvah Service of Max Bickers (AM)
8 Greater Chicago Jewish Festival 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (St. Paul Woods, Morton Grove)	9 Bat Mitzvah Service of Maya McCauley (AM)	10 10:00 a.m. Mishneh Torah (Home of Allison Blakley Davis & Ken Davis) 12:00 p.m. Hebrew Circle (Office of Brad Reiff) 7:30 p.m. Torah Study (NSUMC) 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal (NSUMC)	11 1:00 p.m. Torah Study (Home of Sandy Gelber)	12 Rabbi Marx Honored at JCUA's 50 th Anniversary Celebration	13 7:00 p.m. *NOTE EARLY START TIME Shabbat Service, 30th Anniversary Celebration, and Installation of Officers (WCH)	14 8:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Minyan (Home of Leanne Star) Bat Mitzvah Service of Rachel Koza (AM) 7:00 p.m. Kumzits (Home of Sara Goodman & Dan Meir)
15 Father's Day	16	17 7:30 p.m. Torah Study (NSUMC)	18 1:00 p.m. Torah Study (Home of Sandy Gelber)	19 9:00 a.m. Nosh & Know on the North Shore (Home of Cookie Robertson)	20 8:00 p.m. Shabbat Service – Singing Shabbat (WCH) 9:00 p.m. Rabbi's Tisch (WCH)	21 6:30-8:30 p.m. High School BBYO Youth Group End-of-Year BBQ (Elder Family's Home)
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