



Congregation Hakafaewsletter
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D'varim

High Holidays at the Winnetka Congregational Church

The North Shore United Methodist Church (NSUMC) has been wonderful to us. Since before I joined Hakafa, its members have welcomed us with open arms, and its leadership has been generous in the space they have rented us and the willingness with which they have accommodated our ever-changing needs. I have enjoyed getting to know the various clergy they have employed over the years and have appreciated how easily our congregations have worked together on projects such as Family Promise. We have held Torah study there, as well as Shabbat morning services, confirmation classes, movie nights, Hebrew classes, choir practice, and countless meetings. They have done so much to make us feel comfortable and at home.

And, yet ...

I was raised with the idea that Jews should not worship in Christian houses of prayer. It was just one of those things that “we don’t do.” To be sure, *halacha* (Jewish Law) expressly forbids it; the Talmud prohibits Jews from even entering a church (Avodah Zara 17a). I did not grow up Orthodox, however, and I did not learn Jewish law and Talmud in my youth. Perhaps, the teachers at the Conservative *shul* I attended were worried we *would* feel comfortable in a church were we ever to visit one. Perhaps, they worried about *ma’arit ayin* – about how it would look if Jews were seen entering or exiting a non-Jewish house of worship. Perhaps, many of my teachers being Holocaust survivors, the force of history imposed upon them a distrust of Christians and their institutions. Perhaps, it was something else. Whatever the reason, those of us who grew up at Temple El Emeth in Youngstown, Ohio knew that we shouldn’t go to church, ever. I would imagine it was the same at most Conservative and many Reform congregations in the latter half of the twentieth century.

And so, despite the classes, the services, and the meetings we hold at the NSUMC; despite the office I keep there; and probably, if I were honest with myself, *because* of how warm and welcoming they have been to us, I, to this day, am not completely comfortable in a church. I reflexively react to the cross above the main entrance of the NSUMC *every time* I walk into their building. In many ways, the NSUMC still feels foreign to me.

When the costs of holding the High Holidays at Wilmette Junior High School became a hardship for us, Peter Office, John Thomason, and others did an extensive search of potential spaces to which we could possibly move. They reached out to me when the Winnetka Congregational Church (WCC) became a viable option.

How can we hold High Holiday services in a church? – I thought. Won’t it blur too many lines? Won’t it make too many of us uncomfortable? Shouldn’t the holiest days of our calendar be held, if not in a specifically Jewish designated space, in a religiously neutral one?

But, of the fundamental lessons Hakafa has taught me over the years, two immediately came to mind:

- 1) We create our own sense of sacred space wherever and whenever we gather together.
- 2) We should try something once to see if it makes sense for us. If it works, great; if not, at least we tried.

Truthfully, our experiences worshipping, learning, and gathering at the NSUMC have been wonderful. They have felt holy, and the fact that they are in space designated for sacred occasions, even for rites different than our own, has made them feel even more so at times. The discomfort percolating within me for being in a church has been trumped, more times than I can count, by our mere being together.

If it is true at the NSUMC, then it could be true at the WCC as well. It has a beautifully simple sanctuary. We have had a long history of working together on a variety of issues. And like at the NSUMC, their staff and members have been open and welcoming to us. We will see if we can create our sense of sacred space within it.

Maybe, it will not work; maybe it won’t. We won’t know until we try.

–Rabbi Bruce Elder

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:

May 6 **Shabbat K'doshim**
7:30 p.m. Torah Portion: Leviticus 19:1-20:27
 Haftarah: Amos 9:7-15

Singing Shabbat

May 13 **Shabbat Emor**
7:30 p.m. Torah Portion: Leviticus 21:1-24:23
 Haftarah: Ezekiel 44:15-31

Congregational Yom HaAtzma'ut Celebration

May 20 **Shabbat B'har**
7:30 p.m. Torah Portion: Leviticus 25:1-26:2
 Haftarah: Jeremiah 32:6-27

May 27 **Shabbat B'chukotai**
7:30 p.m. Torah Portion: Leviticus 26:3-27:34
 Haftarah: Jeremiah 16:9-17:14

Oneg Hosts Needed

We are looking for hosts for Friday evening onegs on May 20, May 27, and various other dates through the summer.

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 be willing to host an oneg, please contact our Volunteer Oneg Coordinator, **Sally Nador** (nadorsally@gmail.com or 847-727-4357), to reserve a date.

Singing Shabbat

Join us on **Friday, May 6 at 7:30 p.m.** at the **Winnetka Community House** (620 Lincoln Avenue, Winnetka) for our next singing Shabbat service! If you are interested in familiarizing yourself with the music beforehand (though it is 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.

Shabbat Morning Minyan

Please join us at **8:30 a.m.** on **Saturdays, May 7 and 21** at the **home of Leanne Star (314 Park Avenue, Wilmette)** for our May 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.

Yom HaShoah Commemoration and Service

In observance of Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day, North Suburban Synagogue Beth El is hosting "**Out of the Shadows**" - an Erev Yom HaShoah Commemoration and Service in partnership with the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center on **Wednesday, May 4 at 7:00 p.m.** at **North Suburban Synagogue Beth El** (1174 Sheridan Road, Highland Park).

The evening will include a Mincha/Maariv service, a short commemoration including the lighting of candles, and the address of **keynote speaker, Rabbi Slomo Koves of Budapest, Hungary**. Rabbi Slomo Koves is the Executive Rabbi of the Unified Hungarian Jewish Community and was the first Orthodox Rabbi ordained in Hungary since the Holocaust. He will be discussing his own story, as well as the current state of affairs in Hungary and throughout Central Europe. Please R.S.V.P. to **Ana Igornov** (847-432-8900 X222 or aigornov@nssbethel.org).

Live Streaming of Shabbat Services

If you are unable to make it to Friday night services, but would like to participate from your home, you may now live stream them through our website. Go to hakafa.org and click on the listen now icon on the left side of the screen for instructions. You may also view archived events using this link.

Please note: For optimal audio output, you must have the volume turned up on both your computer and on the live stream screen itself.

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).

Prayer and Celebration (continued)

Join Us for Our Annual Lag BaOmer Bonfire

On **Wednesday evening, May 25**, beginning at **6:30 p.m.** we will gather at **Crow Island Woods Park (1140 Willow Road, Winnetka)** for Hakafa's annual Lag Ba'Omer bonfire! **You bring dinner, we'll provide the s'mores!**

We are commanded by the Torah to count forty-nine days starting from the second day of Passover. On the fiftieth day, we celebrate the festival of Shavuot, commemorating the giving of the Torah. This 50-day period is called "Counting the Omer." The Omer was a barley offering brought to the Temple on the day we start counting, the second day of Passover. "Lag Ba'Omer" is the thirty-third day of counting the Omer. The word "Lag" means 33 because it is comprised of the letters "lamud" and "gimmel," corresponding to the numerical values of "30" and "3." In the time of Rabbi Akiva, who witnessed the destruction of the Second Temple and who was the greatest Torah Sage of his generation, 24,000 of his disciples died in an epidemic during the counting of the Omer. Since the epidemic was suspended on the 33rd day, Lag BaOmer has become a joyous day of celebration, complete with bonfires – especially in Israel.

So, come join us around the fire for dinner (BYO), singing, and dessert!

Crow Island Woods lies directly west of Crow Island School on Willow Road in Winnetka. Parking is available in the center of the park via a gravel road off of Willow Road. A picnic shelter with restrooms and stone fellowship circle/fire pit is located just south of the parking area.

Hakafa B'nai Mitzvah Celebration

Come one, come all to celebrate as
Ahava Atar, Jasper Bickers, and Elle Harris
are called to the Torah as B'nai Mitzvah
Saturday, May 14
10:30 a.m.

Winnetka Community House Garden Rooms
(620 Lincoln Avenue, Winnetka)
Kiddush nosh to follow

This is our congregation's first communal, youth B'nai Mitzvah service, and everyone is invited to join in this simcha!

In lieu of gifts, please consider a donation to the Chicago Food Depository.

Ross/Lambert Bat Mitzvah in Lostice, Czech Republic

The Ross/Lambert family warmly invites you to join us as our daughter, Morissa Lambert, becomes a Bat Mitzvah in Lostice, Czech Republic on August 6, 2016. We, along with Rabbi Elder and Rona, will be traveling with Hakafa's Czech Torah to the Torah's original town and synagogue for the service and celebration.

We welcome anyone interested in joining us for this special occasion. We will be touring Lostice and neighboring towns as well. If you are interested in joining us or would like more information, please contact Rabbi Elder (rabi@hakafa.org).

Member News

Mazal Tov to the Following B'nai Mitzvah

May 7 – Jenna
McCullough

May 14 – Ahava Atar,
Jasper Bickers,
Elle Harris

May 28 – Zachary
Yousha

Thank You to...

Amy Acri for, once again, coordinating our beautiful congregational Passover seder.

Karen Berman for, once again, coordinating and packing Passover packages for our Hakafa undergrads.

Betsy Hersher, Jonah Orlofsky, and all of those who contributed so meaningfully to our Art Fest.

Lynn Sanders and Don Pollak for coordinating and leading our Passover Seder at the Robineau Residence.

Peggy Salamon and all of the generous volunteers who helped to host Family Promise.

Member News (continued)

Annual Congregation Meeting

Please join Hakafa for our Annual Congregation Meeting on **Sunday, May 22 at 10:35 a.m.**, immediately following the Family Service at the **Takiff Center** (999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe). The following slate of officers will be voted on at this meeting:

President: John Thomason
 Vice President: Nancy Goodman
 Operations Treasurer: David Saef
 Dues Treasurer: Greg Braun
 Secretary: Heather Harris
 Endowment Trustees: Scott Lowtwait and Sy Rothstein

The installation of officers will take place at our Shabbat Service on **Friday, June 3 at 7:30 p.m.** at the **Winnetka Community House** (620 Lincoln Avenue, Winnetka).



Hakafa Annual Canoe Trip

July 28-31, 2016

2nd Planning Meeting May 15 - 7:00 p.m.

Join us this **July 28-31** for our annual Canoe Trip! This year's canoe trip has generated huge interest, based on our change of venue, a confirmed campsite, flush toilets and hot showers, and the opportunity to canoe three different rivers. The plan is to establish a base camp at the Pine River Paddle Sports Center (PRPSC) in Wellston, MI. PRPSC is privately owned and extremely well maintained. We have reserved a wooded site that provides ample space for a large group. We will have potable water available in the site. A short walk from our campsite are bathrooms equipped with sinks, flush toilets, and hot showers. We will float and paddle during the day and enjoy a fire at night. The company will be great, the food gourmet, and the swimming will be refreshing! The trip is kid friendly for those that are good swimmers.

Our next **planning meeting** will be **May 15 at 7:00 p.m.** in the chapel at the **North Shore United Methodist Church** (213 Hazel Avenue, Glencoe). **We are required to make a deposit to the PRPSC and request that you send a check for \$100/person, written to John Wolfson (3232 Maple Leaf Drive, Glenview, IL 60026).**

Contact **John Wolfson** (johnwolfson1952@gmail.com or 847-344-9323) or **Rick Prohov** (rprohov@paalaw.com or 312-924-5444) with ideas or questions.

High School Senior Dinner with Rabbi Elder

All high school seniors are invited to join Rabbi Elder for a special End-of-the-Year Dinner at **Mizrahi Grill** (215 Skokie Valley Road, Highland Park – in the Crossroads Shopping Center – the same shopping center with LA Fitness) on **Wednesday, June 1 at 6:00 p.m.** Please R.S.V.P. by May 25 to Rona (admin@hakafa.org or 847-242-0687).

Chevra Kadisha: Hakafa Green Burial Option

Hakafa has a section for green burial at Willow Lawn Memorial Park in Vernon Hills, where almost 50 plots have been purchased by our members for environmentally friendly burial in a wooded area with mulched paths. We own an additional 11 plots that are available to buy at the price for which they were purchased two years ago. When these plots are sold, additional plots will be more expensive.

If you are interested in learning more about green burial, either for body burial or the burial of cremation ashes, please contact **Deborah Brown** (dmb9476@gmail.com). She would be happy to take anyone out to see this area on Sunday **May 15** at a time to be arranged.

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

On Facebook

Go to https://www.facebook.com/CongregationHakafa?ref_type=bookmark and click "Like". The Facebook page allows us to communicate with you. We use it to update you on information about the congregation, to give you announcements on events that are new and immediate to the calendar, and to show off a bit with pictures of some of the places we have been, the events we have had, and the people that we are.

Member News (continued)

Accessibility at Hakafa

If you become aware of any accessibility issues within the congregation, we hope you will share them with us by speaking confidentially with one of our Chesed Committee Chairs, **Jill Pam** (mccpam@comcast.net or 847-242-0864) or **Audrey Pam** (arpam@yahoo.com or 847-374-9887). We thank you for your help in making our congregation welcoming and accessible to all.

Hakafa Location Accessibility Guide

The information provided below is designed to give general information about accessibility at the locations where we hold services, classes, programs, and events. For specific questions, please contact our office (admin@hakafa.org or 847-242-0687) or the actual location.

A Just Harvest (<http://www.ajustharvest.org/>): Accessible building with street parking.

Anderson Household (caabaa@sbcglobal.net): Ranch House with no steps.

Crow Island Short walk on grass to building with a fire pit.

Davis Household (ablakleydavis@gmail.com): Ranch House with no steps.

DeFrank/Chez Household (camilledefrank@gmail.com): Fully accessible ranch house with no steps. There is a ramp at the back of the house with parking nearby.

North Shore United Methodist Church (<http://nsumcglencoe.org/>): No steps into the building; two-step stairway inside building for Torah study (ramp available); elevator available (with help for the door) to second floor for movie night.

Office of Brad Reiff (breiff@compasslexecon.com): 13th floor of accessible building.

Robertson Household (mrobertson595@gmail.com): No steps into the house.

Star Household: Two, short steps into an accessible main floor.

Takiff Center (<http://www.glencoeoparkdistrict.com/Facilities/Takiff-Center>): Accessible building; programs that take place on the second floor accessible by elevator – a short walk on the second level to classrooms.

Winnetka Community House (<http://www.winnetkacommunityhouse.org/>): Ramp into building.

Winnetka Public Library (<http://www.winnetkalibrary.org/>): accessible building.

Adult Education

Mishneh Torah Class

Our May session of Mishneh Torah (Jewish law) class will be held on **Tuesday, May 10 at 10:00 a.m.** at the home of **Allison and Ken 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.

Lunch and Learn in the Loop

Lunch & Learn in the Loop will take place at **noon** on **Thursday, May 5** at the **office of Brad Reiff** (332 S. Michigan Avenue, 13th floor, Chicago). Bring your own lunch and prepare to participate in a lively discussion with Rabbi Elder!

Nosh & Know on the North Shore

“Nosh & Know on the North Shore” will take place on **Thursday, May 19 at 9:00 a.m.** at the **Home of Cookie Robertson** (211 Dennis Lane, Glencoe). Join us for lively conversations with Rabbi Elder!

Adult Education (continued)

Sunday Morning Learning: Takiff Center (999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe), 10:35 a.m. to Noon

May 1

Discussion – JCARES Partnership for Safer Synagogues: Dynamics of Abuse Panel Presentation
(Activity/Bagel Room)

Join us for an educational presentation addressing the dynamics, myths, and facts about abuse across the lifespan, and how it may affect members of the Hakafa community. Speakers from Shalva, Response Center, and CJE SeniorLife will offer perspective on how issues related to domestic violence, teen dating violence, elder abuse, and abuse of adults with disabilities may be identified and addressed in a supportive way within the congregation.

Study – “Minhag America” Part I with Dr. Claire Sufrin (Community Room 1)

Join us as we discuss "minhag America," the American way of being Jewish. We will begin by looking at the development of Reform Judaism in America in the 19th century. We will focus in particular on Rabbi Isaac Meyer Wise, who founded Hebrew Union College and other important institutions of Reform Jewish life.

Dr. Claire Sufrin is a Lecturer in Jewish Studies and Religious Studies at Northwestern University. A graduate of Yale University and Stanford University, her research and teaching interests include modern Jewish thought, religion and literature, post-Holocaust theology, and more. For more information, see clairesufrin.com.

May 15

Discussion – JCARES Partnership for Safer Synagogues: Substance Abuse (Activity/Bagel Room)

Dr. Beth Fishman, Director of the Jewish Center for Addictions, will present an educational session which explores ways to recognize addiction in congregants or family members, suggestions for responding appropriately and spiritually, and creating a congregation that is a welcoming place for people in Recovery. Effective strategies will be identified that congregations can employ to support people impacted by harmful and hazardous substance use. This session will also include discussion of community resources for members of the Hakafa community who may seek outside support in relation to substance use or misuse.

Study – “Minhag America” Part II with Dr. Claire Sufrin (Community Room 1)

We continue our discussion “minhag America” by focusing this session on the rise of Conservative Judaism in 20th-century America and the objections of Rabbi Mordecai Kaplan, who ultimately founded Reconstructionist Judaism. We will focus on Kaplan's claim that we must consciously attach new meanings to the core concepts of Judaism if Judaism is going to remain relevant.

Three Opportunities for Torah Study

Wednesday Afternoons: 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.
Home of Camille DeFrank (574 Woodlawn Avenue, Glencoe)

Tuesday Evening Torah Class: 7:30 to 8:45 p.m.
North Shore United Methodist Church (213 Hazel Avenue, Glencoe)
Please Note: Class will NOT meet on Tuesday, May 24.

Weekly Parshanut: Friday mornings, 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
Community Room at the Winnetka Public Library (768 Oak Street, Winnetka)
Get a taste of the weekly Torah portion in time for Shabbat! We will discuss themes of the week's portion using *midrash* (rabbinic parables) and rabbinic commentary.
Please Note: Our May 13 class will be held at the Hakafa offices at the North Shore United Methodist Church (213 Hazel Avenue, Glencoe).

Chadashot

Hakafa Youth News
May 2016

Note from the Director of Education

It seems like we just began the school year and now it is time to end another! We have three Sundays left for Religious School and three more Tuesdays for Hebrew School.

On Tuesday May 10th we will be having Hebrew School Graduation for our Hey class (7th grade). *Mazal Tov* to our graduates! Tuesday May 17th will be our last session of Hebrew School for this year. Our last day of Sunday School is on May 22nd. It will include our annual Teacher Appreciation and Friendship Circle to end the school year. And finally, on Friday night June 10th, we will be having a special Shabbat Service for our Confirmation class. *Mazal Tov* to our confirmands!

This year has been an amazing one! Our students have had a full year of Jewish learning and experiences. Thank you to our many volunteers including Kiva (**Noah Elder** and **Rose Jacobs**) and our **Kadima members**. A special thank you goes out to **Betsy Hersher** for providing readers and speakers for our various classes. Thank you, also, for all those who have spoken on a Sunday morning to share their "Jewish Story." We have learned so much from you!! Thank you, also, to **Ana Bensinger** and **Ada Samoilovich** for speaking to our 6th grade class and sharing your experiences.

I am always amazed by our wonderful staff. **A big *Todah Rabah* is extended to all of our staff, including our assistants.** What a great year! Looking forward to next year already!!

I would like to wish all of our families a restful summer break! Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

L'shalom,
Bibi



Hebrew School Graduation

Our Seventh Grade Hebrew School students will graduate on Tuesday, May 10. They will lead the Tuesday evening service that will include their graduation. All Hakafa families are invited to join the seventh grade Hebrew students for this special service at 4:45 p.m. at the Takiff Center. A celebration for the 7th graders and their families will follow. We congratulate our Hebrew School Graduates and their families:

**Ahava Atar, Jasper Bickers, Jenna McCullough,
Dina Saef, Nicole Schindler, Zachary Yousha**



Sunday Bagels Thank-You

Todah Rabah (thank you very much) to all of the families who set-up and cleaned-up the Sunday bagels throughout this school year and to **Jennifer Braun** for so seamlessly coordinating them. This generous offer of time means so much to all Hakafa families!

As the 2015-16 school year comes to a close, please plan to join us on the last day of Religious School at **11:30 a.m.** as we honor our teachers at our yearly

Teacher Appreciation Ceremony,

say l'hitraot for the summer at our annual

Hakafa Friendship Circle,

and celebrate with an

End-of-Year Treat!

Adult Education (continued)

Adult Hebrew Class

Our Adult Hebrew class will continue to meet this month on **Wednesday May 4, 18, and 25** from **4:30 to 5:30 p.m.** at the **Hakafa offices at the North Shore United Methodist Church** (213 Hazel Avenue, Glencoe). New participants and beginners are welcome to join in. Our wonderful instructor, Helen Melnick, is happy to catch up new students. If interested, please contact Rona Elder (admin@hakafa.org or 847-242-0687).

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 **Tuesday, May 17** at **noon** at the **office of Brad Reiff** (332 S. Michigan Avenue, 13th floor, Chicago) for an hour of lunch and conversation – all in Hebrew!

Film Group: *The Jewish Cardinal*

Join us when we screen *The Jewish Cardinal* on **Saturday, May 21, at 7:00 p.m.** at our **offices at the North Shore United Methodist Church** (213 Hazel Avenue, Glencoe). The film tells the true story of Jean Marie Lustiger, the son of Polish Jewish immigrants to France, who maintained his cultural identity as a Jew even after converting to Catholicism. Pope John Paul II appointed him Archbishop of Paris in 1981 and Cardinal of Paris in 1983. Yet when Carmelite nuns planned to build a convent within the walls of Auschwitz, he felt the need to choose sides.

Join us for dinner at 6:00 p.m. at our offices. We'll be ordering pizza from Little Red Hen, so please contact **Carol** (847-727-0029 or mcsolomon@comcast.net) by **noon on the 20th** to R.S.V.P. for dinner (\$5 per person). Or, simply come for the movie at 7:00. Feel free to bring friends, family, beverages, or a nosh.

Support for Families of People with Mental Illness

A support group for people with family members with mental illness will be held at our office at the **North Shore United Methodist Church** (213 Hazel Avenue, Glencoe) on **four consecutive Thursdays from 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. beginning May 12**. The sessions will be facilitated by Rosalie Greenberger of Jewish Child and Family Services. There will be no charge for these four sessions, though we ask that you attend all of them.

Please contact Rabbi Elder (rabbi@hakafa.org or 847-266-8854) with questions and/or if you are interested in participating.

Social Action

Hakafa Justice for Women Group and JCAST Present A Documentary and Talkback: **Sex Trafficking: It's Happening in Plain Sight**

Join Hakafa's Justice for Women Group on **Thursday, May 12** at **7:00 p.m.** at the **Takiff Center** (999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe) for a documentary and talkback. JCAST presents the documentary film *In Plain Sight: Stories of Hope and Freedom* with a talkback immediately following the film.

This film focuses on hope and the powerful steps that six ordinary women have taken to bring healing to the lives of survivors. Sex trafficking...it's happening in plain sight and you probably don't realize it.

Caleb Probst, from CAASE, Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation, will facilitate a post-show discussion and speak about the innovative ways CAASE is working to reduce the demand for purchased sex.

Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at:
<http://www.jcastchicago.org/in-plain-sight/>

Volunteers Needed at 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. The kitchen is located on the far north side of Chicago, and each month four families from Hakafa share this meaningful experience. **The volunteer roster still has many openings over the summer.** 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 Rose-Epstein** (missyepstein@att.net or 847-501-2856) or **Joan Fishman** (847-853-1766 or j.fishman@sbcglobal.net).

Social Action (continued)

Vase Drive

Random Acts of Flowers (RAF) needs vases! Each week, RAF volunteers repurpose donated flowers and deliver 500+ flower arrangements to people in healthcare facilities in Chicagoland. Vases are also donated, and RAF is in constant need. Please bring vases to the box in the **Takiff Center Lobby** (999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe) on **Sunday May 1 and May 15 between 9:30 a.m. and noon**. Hakafa member, **Laurie Rubin**, is also happy to accept vases on her doorstep (1512 Scott Avenue, Winnetka). Contact Laurie with questions (lrubin56@gmail.com or 847-441-0432).

Jewish Community Resources

The greater Chicago area Jewish community has many organizations to which you can turn should you need support. Here are a few of them:

CJE Senior Life (cje.net, 773.508.1000) – Since 1972, CJE SeniorLife has enhanced the lives of older adults and their families through a comprehensive network that includes housing, health care, community services, health and wellness education, life enrichment programs and applied research.

Jewish Center for Addiction (jcfs.org/Jewish-addiction, 847-745-5422) The Jewish Center for Addiction (a program of Jewish Child and Family Service) was created to build a caring community that is aware of and responsive to the problem of addiction and to support individuals and families who struggle with addiction.

Jewish Child and Family Service (jcfs.org, 855-275-5237) - Jewish Child & Family Services (JCFS) provides caring and healing services to children, teens, adults, older adults and families for help with autism, support with advanced illness, special education, individual and family counseling, and more.

Jewish Healing Network (847.745.5404) – A program of JCFS, the Network's staff provides information about social services, medical resources, and spiritual resources for people who are ill, grieving, or serving as care-givers to help in their difficult times.

Support the Work of Our 8th Grade

The 8th grade of our religious school has asked us to support three causes about which they care deeply. Please remember:

Fill your composting container with food waste, **return** it to the Takiff Center **on May 1 by 10:15 a.m.**, and **take** another container at noon to fill for the next time we gather at Religious School.

Bring books for adults for donation to The Boulevard, a facility that provides shelter to people who are homeless and in need of recovery from illness and/or injury. There will be a bin **outside the Community Hall at the Takiff Center** for collection on the days we are there.

Fishless Friday and **Meatless Monday**. The 8th grade asked us to refrain from eating fish on Friday and meat on Monday in order to contribute to a healthier planet.

URJ News

Rabbi Elder to Teach: A Taste of Judaism® Are You Curious?

This May, Rabbi Elder will be teaching the **URJ's A Taste of Judaism® Are You Curious?** class. This is a free 3-session class for beginners - Jewish or not – that explores the topics of Jewish spirituality, ethics and community values (God, Torah and Israel). Whether you are simply curious about Judaism or are looking to take your next steps on your Jewish journey, this class is for you!

Classes are open to anyone who has registered (Hakafa members and non-members as well) and will meet on **Sundays, May 1, 15, and 22 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.** in **Community Room 3 at the Takiff Center** (999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe).

To register for this class, go to: <http://www.cvent.com/events/taste-of-judaism-glencoe/event-summary-007b354f321146b0907510c507498dbf.aspx> or contact Joy Wasserman at the URJ (jbwasserman@urj.org or 872-256-1818).

Congregation Hakafa Calendar

May 2016 – Nisan / Iyyar 5776

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:45 am-12:00 pm Religious School (TC) 10:35 am-12:00 pm (TC) Study – Dr. Claire Sufrin Discussion – JCARES Partnership for Safer Synagogues 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. 10 th /11 th Grade Last Class (TC) 2:00-4:00 p.m. A Taste of Judaism Class (TC)	2	3 4:15-6:00 p.m. Hebrew School (TC) 7:30 p.m. Torah Study (NSUMC)	4 1:00 p.m. Torah Study (DeFrank/Chez Home) 4:30 p.m. Adult Hebrew Class (NSUMC) 7:00 p.m. Yom HaShoah Commemoration and Service (North Suburban Synagogue Beth El, Highland Park)	5 Yom HaShoah 12:00 p.m. Lunch & Learn in the Loop (Office of Brad Reiff)	6 9:30 a.m. Weekly Parshanut (Winnetka Public Library) 7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service – Singing Shabbat (WCH)	7 8:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Minyan (Home of Leanne Star) Bat Mitzvah Service of Jenna McCullough (AM)
8 Mother's Day	9 7:00 p.m. 11 th Grade Parent/Student Meeting re: Confirmation Ceremony (NSUMC)	10 10:00 a.m. Mishneh Torah (Davis/Blakley Home) 4:15-6:00 p.m. Hebrew School (TC) 4:45 p.m. Hebrew School Graduation 7:30 p.m. Torah Study (NSUMC)	11 Yom HaZikaron 1:00 p.m. Torah Study (DeFrank/Chez Home)	12 Yom HaAtzma'ut 9:00-10:30 a.m. Support Group for Families of People with Mental Illness (NSUMC) 7:30 p.m. Justice for Women Program - Sex Trafficking: It's Happening in Plain Sight (TC)	13 9:30 a.m. Weekly Parshanut (NSUMC) 7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service / Yom HaAtzmaut Celebration (WCH)	14 10:30 a.m. B'nai Mitzvah Service of Ahava Atar, Jasper Bickers, & Elle Harris (Winnetka Community House)
15 Newsletter Articles Due 9:45 am-12:00 pm Religious School (TC) 10:35 am-12:00 pm (TC) Study – Dr. Claire Sufrin Discussion – JCARES Partnership for Safer Synagogues 2:00-4:00 p.m. A Taste of Judaism Class (TC) 7:00 p.m. Canoe Trip Planning Meeting (NSUMC)	16	17 12:00 p.m. Hebrew Circle (Office of Brad Reiff) 4:15-6:00 p.m. Last Day of Hebrew School (TC) 7:30 p.m. Torah Study (NSUMC)	18 1:00 p.m. Torah Study (DeFrank/Chez Home) 4:30 p.m. Adult Hebrew Class (NSUMC)	19 9:00 a.m. Nosh & Know on the North Shore (Robertson Home) 9:00-10:30 a.m. Support Group for Families of People with Mental Illness (NSUMC)	20 9:30 a.m. Weekly Parshanut (Winnetka Public Library) 7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service (WCH)	21 8:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Minyan (Home of Leanne Star) 7:00 p.m. Film Group (NSUMC)
22 9:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Last Day of Religious School (TC) 10:35 am-12:00 pm (TC) Congregation Annual Meeting 2:00-4:00 p.m. A Taste of Judaism Class (TC)	23	24	25 1:00 p.m. Torah Study (DeFrank/Chez Home) 4:30 p.m. Adult Hebrew Class (NSUMC) 6:00 p.m. Congregational Lag BaOmer Bonfire (Crow Island Woods Park, Winnetka)	26 Lag BaOmer 9:00-10:30 a.m. Support Group for Families of People with Mental Illness (NSUMC)	27 9:30 a.m. Weekly Parshanut (Winnetka Public Library) 7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service (WCH)	28 Bar Mitzvah Service of Zachary Yousha (AM)
29	30 Memorial Day	31 7:30 p.m. Torah Study (NSUMC)				

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June 2016 – Iyyar / Sivan 5776

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 1:00 p.m. Torah Study (DeFrank/Chez Home) 6:00 p.m. High School Seniors Dinner with Rabbi Elder	2 9:00-10:30 a.m. Support Group for Families of People with Mental Illness (NSUMC) 12:00 p.m. Lunch & Learn in the Loop	3 9:30 a.m. Weekly Parshanut (Winnetka Public Library) 7:30 p.m. Singing Shabbat Service & Installation of Officers (WCH)	4 8:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Minyan (Home of Leanne Star)
5 Yom Yerushalayim 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Greater Chicago Jewish Festival (St. Paul Woods, Morton Grove)	6	7 10:00 a.m. Mishneh Torah (Davis/Blakley Home) 7:30 p.m. Torah Study (NSUMC)	8 1:00 p.m. Torah Study (DeFrank/Chez Home)	9	10 9:30 a.m. Weekly Parshanut (Winnetka Public Library) 7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service and Confirmation Ceremony (WCH)	11 7:30 p.m. Tikkun L'eil Shavuot (Am Shalom) Erev Shavuot
12 Shavuot (Hakafa Office Closed) 3:45 a.m. Early Morning Tikkun and Yizkor Service	13	14 12:00 p.m. Hebrew Circle (Office of Brad Reiff) 7:30 p.m. Torah Study (NSUMC)	15 1:00 p.m. Torah Study (DeFrank/Chez Home) 4:30 p.m. Adult Hebrew Class (NSUMC)	16 9:00 a.m. Nosh & Know on the North Shore (Robertson Home)	17 9:30 a.m. Weekly Parshanut (Winnetka Public Library) 7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service (WCH)	18 Bar Mitzvah Service of Nathan Kornberg (AM) Congregational Israel Trip Departs
19 Father's Day	20	21	22 4:30 p.m. Adult Hebrew Class (NSUMC)	23	24 7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service (WCH)	25 Bat Mitzvah Service of Goldie Braun in Jerusalem
26	27	28	29 4:30 p.m. Adult Hebrew Class (NSUMC)	30		



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