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## D'varim

### Peace?

Did you know that there are forty-two armed conflicts in the world today?<sup>1</sup> The United States, alone, has a military presence in more than 150 countries across the globe.<sup>2</sup> So many people are dying through the ravages of war; so many are suffering. Why?

Because, for all we say about wanting peace, we seem to prefer the opposite. We, the inhabitants of the world, seem happier killing than embracing, hurting rather than healing, even those nearest and dearest to us.

Peace, it seems, is the perennial war cry of so many God-fearing people. We call for peace in the name of Divinity, whatever that name may be, all the while killing those who fail to accept our understanding of what that Divinity is. The time we spend fighting belittles those cries for peace; the notion of peace – and of the Divine, for that matter - becomes demeaned with every senseless death we cause.

Unfortunately, we Jews are not exempt from this Orwellian doublespeak. The Jewish Bible is, really, from Abraham through the kings, a chronicle of wars waged in the names of our God and our responses to those wars. Our history is replete with astonishing military victories and horrific devastations. Even now, conflict rages in the streets of Jerusalem, as well as in the occupied territories we so stubbornly refuse to relinquish ... all in the name of peace, all in the name of God.

Yet, I stand by that God and the message we refuse to hear through the vicious realities of humanity's violent ways: *It doesn't have to be this way.* God is not the problem. We are, in the way we treat ourselves, our family, our friends, our neighbors, and those more remote. We, the keepers of the Divine flame, choose too often to extinguish it instead.

An old Chinese proverb states:

If there is to be peace in the world, there must be peace in the nations.

If there is to be peace in the nations, there must be peace in the cities.

If there is to be peace in the cities, there must be peace between neighbors.

If there is to be peace between neighbors, there must be peace in the home.

If there is to be peace in the home, there must be peace in the heart.<sup>3</sup>

Demanding peace elsewhere without seeking it first within and among ourselves, invoking God's peace from behind a gun's barrel, and insisting it be peace our way or no way ... these express the platitudinous peace of the religious battlefield and the expectations of the hypocrite and the cynic. They are not expressions of peace at all.

Rather, "seek peace and pursue it,"<sup>4</sup> as the psalmist cajoles. Dig deep within, seek out the other, look beyond the comfort of our own walls, affect change, be holy ... be Divine.

It really is up to each of us.

*Shalom.*

–Rabbi Bruce Elder

<sup>1</sup> Armed Conflict Database - <https://acd.iiss.org/>

<sup>2</sup> [https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/United\\_States\\_military\\_deployments](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_military_deployments)

<sup>3</sup> Lao Tzu

<sup>4</sup> Psalm 34:14

## 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:

**November 6 Shabbat Chayei Sarah**  
7:30 p.m. Torah Portion: Genesis 23:1-25:18  
Haftarah: Proverbs 31:10-31

#### **Singing Shabbat**

**Please Note/Special Location:**

**Highland Park Community House**  
**1991 Sheridan Road, Highland Park**

**November 13 Shabbat Tol'dot**  
7:30 p.m. Torah Portion: Genesis 25:19-28:9  
Haftarah: 1 Samuel 1:1-20

**Scholar-in-Residence to Speak**

**November 20 Shabbat Vayeitzei**  
7:30 p.m. Torah Portion: Genesis 28:10-32:3  
Haftarah: Joshua 4:1-14

**November 27 Shabbat Vayishlach**  
7:30 p.m. Torah Portion: Genesis 32:4-36:43  
Haftarah: Obadiah 1: 1-21

**Rabbi Jessica Marshall to Speak**

### Singing Shabbat: Note Special Location

Join us on **Friday, November 6** at **7:30 p.m.** at the **Highland Park Community House** (1991 Sheridan Road, Highland Park - PLEASE NOTE SPECIAL LOCATION) for our next singing Shabbat service!

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](http://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 Services Now Being Live Streamed

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](http://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.*

### Shabbat Morning Minyanim

Please join us on **Saturdays, November 14 and 28** at the **home of Barbara and Allen Anderson (849 Oak Drive, Glencoe)** at **8:30 a.m.** for our November 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.

### 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.

### Oneg Hosts Needed

**We are looking for hosts for Friday evening onegs beginning in February 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](mailto:nadorsally@gmail.com) or 847-727-4357), to reserve a date.

### Shabbat in the Home: Date Moved to March 4!

Shabbat in the Home takes place one Friday evening each year. Fifteen or more Hakafa families host a potluck Shabbat dinner, and every congregation member is invited to dine and share the evening. We hope to get enough volunteer hosts and also 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!

If you are willing to open up your home to other Hakafa members for a potluck dinner on **Friday, March 4**, please contact **Debbie Fogel** ([curlyfogel@yahoo.com](mailto:curlyfogel@yahoo.com) or 312-576-6775) as soon as possible.

**Scholar-in-Residence Weekend****Congregation Hakafa  
Scholar-in-Residence Weekend  
November 13-15, 2015**

**Please join us as we welcome Jen Marlowe as our Scholar-in-Residence.** Jen Marlowe is a Seattle-based, award-winning documentary filmmaker, author, playwright, and human rights activist. Through film, writing, theatre, and other artistic platforms, Jen seeks to share the resilience and courage of those who have been marginalized and oppressed and are choosing resistance with nonviolence, humanity, and dignity. Her films include: *Darfur Diaries*, *Rebuilding Hope*, *One Family in Gaza*, and *Witness Bahrain*. She also co-authored the book *The Hour of Sunlight*. Her most recent book, *I am Troy Davis*, chronicles the execution of death row inmate, Troy Davis. Jen brings us stories of heroic individuals she has met in some of the most devastated places on earth and shares their struggle to be heard.

**Jen 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, November 13, 7:30 p.m.**

Winnetka Community House (620 Lincoln Avenue, Winnetka)

***Reflections on Resistance: From Darfur to Israel/Palestine to Georgia's Death Row***

- **Saturday, November 14, 7:00 p.m.**

Home of Dottie Hammel (347 Latrobe Avenue, Northfield)

***Reading and Discussion of excerpts from "There Is A Field," Jen Marlowe's new play addressing issues facing Palestinian citizens of Israel***

- **Sunday, November 15, 10:35 a.m. to noon**

Takiff Center Community Hall (999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe)

***Capital Punishment: The Sharp Edge of a Broken System***

## Member News

### 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.

### Mazal Tov to the Following Bat Mitzvah

November 28 – Nicole Schindler

### 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).

### Thank You to:

Peter Office and all of the volunteers who helped to build and take down our congregational sukkah.

All of our fabulous Torah Readers on Simchat Torah!

Julian Solway, Bibi Patt, and Danny Patt for their amazing Simchat Torah music!

### Please Help Us in Welcoming...

Lorena and Adam Blonsky

Michelle Miller and Noel Burkman and their son, Jack

Sara and Mitchell Hoffman and their sons, Jacob and Joshua

Nancy Hurst and her sons, Evan, Jonathan, and Joey

Kerry and Michael Leaf

Deborah and Marc Zions and their children, Arielle, Sabrina, Jacob, and Zach

### Mazal Tov to...

Frank and Sandy Gelber and family on the marriage of their daughter, Elizabeth, to Kyle Wanberg.

David and Karen Perry and family on the marriage of their daughter, Corinne, to Brian Manny.

Leanne Star and family on the birth of her first granddaughter, Emilia Jeanne Rosenberg.

Annette Turow and family on the marriage of her daughter, Eve, to Jason Paul.

### Art Fest III: April 17, 2016

Art Fest III will provide an afternoon of exhibits and performances by Hakafa visual and performing artists. Anyone who is interested in helping to plan Art Fest III is invited to attend a meeting on **Thursday, November 5 at 7:30 p.m.** at the home of **Jonah Orlofsky** (302 Grove Street, Glencoe). Contact **Betsy Hersher** (hersherb@hersher.com) or **Jonah Orlofsky** (jorlofsky@yahoo.com) with questions.

### Condolences to...

Susan Bandes and family on the loss of her father, Seymour Bandes.

Joan Fishman and family on the loss of her mother, Anne Fishman.

Sam Goldman and family on the loss of his father, David Goldman.

Sara Goodman and family on the loss of her cousin, Charlie Pressman.

### On Facebook

Go to [https://www.facebook.com/CongregationHakafa?ref\\_type=bookmark](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)

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:caabaa@sbcglobal.net)): Ranch house with no steps.

Davis Household ([ablakleydavis@gmail.com](mailto:ablakleydavis@gmail.com)): Small step into accessible ranch house.

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

Home of Dottie Hammel ([dottiehammel@comcast.net](mailto:dottiehammel@comcast.net)): Step up entrance to house.

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](mailto:breiff@compasslexecon.com)): 13<sup>th</sup> floor of accessible building.

Office of Phil Zisook ([zisook@dlec.com](mailto:zisook@dlec.com)): 17<sup>th</sup> floor of accessible building.

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

Robinson Household ([stacey.z.robinson@gmail.com](mailto:stacey.z.robinson@gmail.com)): Accessible apartment.

Takiff Center (<http://www.glencoeParkDistrict.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.

## Adult Education

### Mishneh Torah

Are you interested in studying Jewish law? Our November session of Mishneh Torah (Jewish law) class will be held on **Tuesday, November 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

### Adult Hebrew Class

Our Adult Hebrew class is meeting this fall on **Wednesdays** from **4:30 to 5:30 p.m.** at our offices at the **North Shore United Methodist Church** (213 Hazel Avenue, Glencoe). The class has been meeting since the middle of March, but new participants and beginners are welcome to join. Our wonderful instructor, **Helen Melnick**, has been teaching Hebrew for twenty years. If interested, please contact Rona Elder ([admin@hakafa.org](mailto:admin@hakafa.org) or 847-242-0687). *Please note: On **November 4** we will meet at a different location TBA. And, we will not have class on **November 25**.*

### Outwitting History: Our One Congregation, One Book Selection

*Outwitting History*, by Aaron Lansky, is a delightful book about the author and his book-saving adventures. At age 23, Lansky read that thousands of the few remaining Yiddish books in North America were being discarded, and he felt compelled to preserve the language. He issued a public appeal for unwanted Yiddish books. We will be gathering on Sunday morning, **February 7** to discuss the book. Please, contact **Jonah Orlofsky** (847-835-3816 or at [jorlofsky@yahoo.com](mailto:jorlofsky@yahoo.com)) with questions.

# Chadashot

Hakafa Youth News

## Note from the Director of Education

We begin our month on November 1st with a Family Education Program for our PreK through 2nd grades. We have a special guest author, Alice B. McGinty, who wrote Rabbi Benjamin's Buttons, coming to do an exciting program for our students and parents.

Also on November 1st, our 7th grade class will be visiting Gidwitz Assisted Living Senior Residence as part of their curriculum and will be singing for and speaking with the residents.

And, to finish up that busy November 1st day, our 9th grade class will be attending the Chicago Festival of Israeli Cinema!

This is the way to begin a great month!!

November 1st is also the end of daylight savings time, so do not forget to turn your clocks back an hour. The rest of the month promises to bring great learning in Hebrew School and Religious School as well!

This brings us to the Thanksgiving Holiday - right around the corner. We will be having Thanksgiving break beginning on Tuesday, November 24th and Sunday, November 29th.

Have a wonderful month! Wishing all of you a Happy Thanksgiving holiday.

L'shalom,  
*Bibi*



## B'nai Mitzvah Workshop

Rabbi Elder will be holding a series of four workshops that will take the families of students whose b'nai mitzvah celebrations will be taking place in the year after May 2015 through the Shabbat service. Beginning Sunday, November 15 at 1:45 p.m. at the Takiff Center (999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe) and continuing periodically throughout the year, Rabbi Elder will break down a section of the Shabbat service, explain its themes and its language, and provide an opportunity for families to look through various books and publications in order to begin thinking about how to personalize the service. By the end of the series, each family will have the tools to complete the Shabbat service for their upcoming celebration. The workshop series is geared toward students and their parents. If you have any questions, please contact Rabbi Elder at 847-266-8854 or [rabbi@hakafa.org](mailto:rabbi@hakafa.org).



## 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Shabbat Service and Oneg

Please join us on Friday, December 4 at 7:00 p.m. at the Winnetka Community House (620 Lincoln Avenue, Winnetka) for Shabbat Services at which our 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Religious School students will help lead the service. Services will be followed by a special oneg in their honor, hosted by the families of our 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students! We look forward to sharing a wonderful evening together.



**All Hakafa high school students: Watch your email for some fun upcoming BBYO youth group events!**

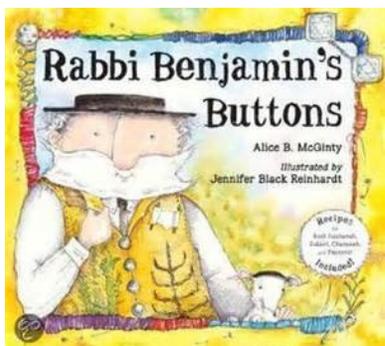
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# נישדן

Award-Winning Children's Book Author

## ALICE B. MCGINTY

will be visiting Hakafa!



Alice B. McGinty, author of *Rabbi Benjamin's Buttons*, which was recently named a 2015 Sydney Taylor Notable Book and was a 2014 P.J. Library selection, will be presenting a program about her book to our PreK through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students and their parents on **Sunday, November 1 at 11:00 a.m.** at the **Takiff Center** (999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe).

All Hakafa families (even if your child/ren are not registered for Religious School) are invited to bring children and grandchildren in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and younger to participate in what promises to be a wonderful program!

If you plan to come, please RSVP to Rona Elder (admin@hakafa.org or 847-242-0687) and let her know how many adults/children we should expect!

Ms. McGinty will have copies of *Rabbi Benjamin's Buttons* with her for purchase for those who would like to get their own signed copy. Please note that there is no expectation to purchase a book if you participate in the program!



### ENROLL YOUR CHILD IN SKIP NOW AND INVEST IN YOUR CHILD'S JEWISH FUTURE

The SEND-A-KID-TO-ISRAEL PARTNERSHIP (SKIP) program is a special savings plan that helps Chicago area Jewish youth visit Israel as an integral part of their Jewish education. Young people who participate in the program for the full seven years (grades 3 through 9) will have approximately \$2,000, including interest, saved to help meet the cost of an Israel Experience program. SKIP funds can be used beginning the summer after 9<sup>th</sup> grade through age 26. Furthermore, SKIP contributions, plus interest, are FULLY REFUNDABLE at any time should your son or daughter not participate on an Israel Experience program.

**SKIP GOAL** - an Israel Experience program as part of each child's Jewish education. SKIP funds can be used for your family's choice of a wide variety of approved high school or college Israel Experience programs.

**SKIP PARTNERS** - Your family, your congregation, and the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago each contribute to the SKIP savings plan.

**SKIP ENROLLMENT** - Enroll in school grades 3-6 and continue to make contributions through 9<sup>th</sup> grade.

**SKIP FACTS** -Thousands of participants are currently enrolled in SKIP through more than 50 participating congregations, and many teens and young adults have used their SKIP funds to help them participate on an Israel Experience program.

**SKIP INFORMATION** - For more information on the SKIP program or enrollment in SKIP, contact *Hakafa* member, Jenny Patterson, at 312.217.0724 or jrpatterson1959@aol.com.

## Adult Education (continued)

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

### Movie Group

Join us when we screen *Deli Man* on Saturday, **November 21 at 7:00 p.m.** at our offices at the **North Shore United Methodist Church** (213 Hazel Avenue, Glencoe). Arriving in the United States with 19<sup>th</sup>-century German and then Eastern European Jewish immigrants, deli cuisine quickly found its way into the nation's mainstream appetite. This recently-released affectionate documentary celebrates the history of Jewish delicatessens and highlights their place in American Culture. Join us for dinner at **6:00 p.m.** at our office. We'll be ordering pizza from Little Red Hen, so please contact **Mike Solomon** (at 872-222-1722 or mcsolomon@comcast.net) by noon on the 21st to R.S.V.P. for dinner (\$5 per person). Or, simply come for the movie at 7:00.

### Sunday Morning Adult Learning Opportunities

Takiff Center (999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe), 10:35 a.m. to 12:00 noon

#### November 1

**Discussion – *Love & Dissent on Israel***: As Rabbi Abrams expressed in her Rosh Hashanah sermon, it feels as though we Jews can no longer talk to one another about Israel. We are unwilling to hear other viewpoints and too quick to dismiss and demean them. Why can we no longer hear views on Israel that might be different from our own? How can we learn to listen to others and be challenged by their words without dismissing the legitimacy of the people who are offering them? Hakafa member **Kathy Goldberg** will moderate a panel discussion with **Rabbi Brant Rosen** and **Rabbi Laurence Edwards** that will confront the growing chasm of negative discourse in the Jewish community around the issue of Israel.

**Study – Rev. Mitch Brown**, one of our popular teachers and husband of Hakafa member Deborah Brown, will discuss James Carroll's *Christ Actually*. Carroll, the author of *Constantine's Sword*, presents a wonderful appreciation of the Jewish roots of Christianity. Mitch is the pastor of the Evanston Mennonite Church, and an expert on the theology and history of early Christianity and how it emerged out of Judaism. He encourages us to read the book, but it is not required for appreciation of his classes.

#### November 8

**Discussion – *The Universal Ideal in Judaism: Does it exist?***: In what ways does Judaism promote an ethic of reaching beyond the Jewish community? What should our relationship and responsibility be to those who are not in our community? Are those responsibilities "commanded" of us, or are they an outgrowth of the American Jewish experience? What role do contemporary social justice concepts of "allyship" and "privilege" play in this work? Join **Judy Levey**, Executive Director of the Jewish Council on Urban Affairs, as we explore to what extent, if any, we Jews should care about individuals and communities beyond our own.

**Study – Rev. Mitch Brown** will continue his discussion on James Carroll's *Christ Actually*.

#### November 15

**Scholar-in-Residence** – Our Scholar-in-Residence, **Jen Marlowe**, will teach the Sunday Morning Adult Study class. Her topic will be "**Capital Punishment: The Sharp Edge of a Broken System**." See details on page .

#### November 22:

**Discussion – *Beyond the Jewish Community: Who Cuts Your Grass?*** We interact daily with people from other ethnic and racial communities in manifold ways; primarily, for many of us, in the stores we frequent and in the services they provide for us. Do we have special responsibilities towards those whom we invite into our lives to care for our homes, our children, our parents, and ourselves? **Rabbi Elder** will lead a discussion about our relationship to the people we employ in our private lives.

**Study – Gabriella Boros**, an Israeli by birth and the daughter of Shoah (Holocaust) survivors, will share her paintings and woodcut prints Ms. Boros is one of a small group of artists who were accepted into the Midwest Jewish Artists' Lab at Spertus Institute, which will culminate in an exhibition at the Spertus Museum. She exhibits her work widely, including many solo and group shows.

## Adult Education (continued)

### Three Opportunities for Torah Study

We now have three weekly opportunities to learn Torah at Hakafa:

**Wednesday Afternoons:** 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. at the home of **Camille DeFrank (574 Woodlawn Avenue, Glencoe)** *Please note: Class will not meet on November 25.*

**Tuesday Evenings:** 7:30 to 8:45 p.m. at our offices at the **North Shore United Methodist Church (213 Hazel Avenue, Glencoe)** *Please note: On November 3 we will meet at the home of **Stacey Robinson (4949 Golf Road, Apt. 210, Skokie)**, and class will not meet on **November 24.***

**Weekly Parshanut:** Friday mornings, 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at our offices at the **North Shore United Methodist Church (213 Hazel Avenue, Glencoe)** 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: Class will not meet on **November 27.***

### Nosh & Know on the North Shore

"Nosh & Know on the North Shore" will take place on **Thursday, November 19** at **9:00 a.m.** at the **home of Cookie Robertson (211 Dennis Lane, Glencoe)**. Join us for lively conversations with Rabbi Elder! New participants are always welcome.

### Lunch and Learn in the Loop

Lunch & Learn in the Loop will take place at **noon** on **Thursday, November 5** at the **office of Phil Zisook (225 W. Washington Street, Suite 1700, Chicago)**. Bring your own lunch and prepare to participate in a lively discussion with Rabbi Elder! New participants are always welcome.

## Social Action

### Jewish Community Resources

**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.

**Shalva** (shalvaonline.org, 773-583-4673) - SHALVA offers free, confidential, domestic abuse counseling services to the Chicago Jewish Community.

### Winter Coat Drive

Hakafa member, **Barbara Scott**, is collecting **CLEAN and gently used OR new coats, hats, mittens, and boots for children in grades K-8** at various Chicago Public Schools. Please take some time to look through your winter items and bring them to the box that is in the **lobby at the Takiff Center (999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe) through Friday, December 18.** For more information, please contact **Barbara Scott** (bams4@comcast.net or 847-707-5795).

### Free Job Clinic at The Ark

The ARK and Jewish B2B Networking invite all job seekers from the Jewish community to a **FREE Employment Clinic** in Northbrook on **Tuesday, November 17** from **7:00 - 8:30 p.m.** at **The ARK Northwest, 3100 Dundee Rd, Suite 802 in Northbrook (corner of Dundee and Pfingsten.)**

The clinic is open to the entire community, but registration is required. Register online at: <http://goo.gl/HE51aM>. For more information, contact **Andrea Storz** (773.681.8964 or [astorz@arkchicago.org](mailto:astorz@arkchicago.org)).

## Social Action (continued)

### Family Promise: An Opportunity to Get Involved in Our Community

Family Promise is an interfaith network of congregations that helps families in homeless situations return quickly to permanent housing. The churches and synagogues in the Family Promise network rotate the responsibility of housing and feeding the guest families. Typically, families are housed at each congregation for a week, remaining there between 5:30 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. The North Shore United Methodist Church (NSUMC) in Glencoe and Hakafa members will be hosting Family Promise at NSUMC from **November 1 through 8**. We have opportunities available to donate food, prepare meals, enjoy dinner with the guests, and stay overnight at the church. This is a great opportunity for Hakafa members, of all ages, to volunteer in our own community!

Please contact **Peggy Salamon** (312-286-4055 or [peggysalomon@me.com](mailto:peggysalomon@me.com)) for more details. **To sign up, go to: [www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C084BABA72DA20-family1](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C084BABA72DA20-family1)**

### 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.** 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](mailto:missyepstein@att.net) or 847-501-2856) or **Joan Fishman** (847-853-1766 or [j.fishman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:j.fishman@sbcglobal.net)).

### Syrian Refugees

We would like to gauge the interest in our congregation helping a Syrian refugee family settle in the U.S. As refugees enter the U.S., certain organizations are assisting families with housing, food, mentoring, and care. They can use our help.

If you would like be part of Hakafa's new refugee initiative, to find out more, please email Hakafa member, **Robert Turner** ([Turner.r@comcast.net](mailto:Turner.r@comcast.net)).

## Israel Trip - Summer 2016

**Are you looking to see Israel in a new and different way? Whether you have been to Israel before or not, this trip just might be for you. Join us June 18-July 3, 2016!**

Once again, we are offering a two-track trip to Israel. One will be a hiking and learning experience – We will walk the country, visit sites, and study texts that bring the historical significance of the places we visit to life. If you are good for 5-10 miles a day, if you like to hike lush hills and rugged desert mountains, and if you would rather explore cities on foot than by bus, you will not want to miss this trip!

Our other track will be a more traditional trip. We will visit sites of Israel both on and off the beaten path. Jeep and camel rides in the Negev, dinner in a Bedouin tent, a canoe ride down the Jordan River, wine tasting in the Negev, swimming in the Mediterranean, and a walk through the beautiful grottos of Rosh HaNikra will be combined with time in Tel Aviv, Haifa, Jerusalem, and more!

Please note that while the tracks do different things during each day, everyone from both tracks is together each night. And, sometimes the tracks tour together as well. New to the trip this year will be an opportunity to visit Petra, Jordan and possibly Ramallah in the West Bank as well.

Go to: <http://hakafa.org/content/israel-trip-summer-2016> to register and for more information including general trip information, pricing, and a detailed itinerary. Contact Rabbi Elder (847-266-8854 or [rabbi@hakafa.org](mailto:rabbi@hakafa.org)) with questions.

# Congregation Hakafa Calendar

## November 2015 – Cheshvan/Kislev 5776

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> Family Promise at NSUMC 9:45 am-12:00 pm Religious School (TC) 11:00 a.m. Guest Children's Author Program for PreK-2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Families(TC) 10:35 am-12:00 pm – Adult Ed (TC) Study – Rev. Mitch Brown Discussion - Love & Dissent on Israel	<b>2</b> Family Promise at NSUMC	<b>3</b> Family Promise at NSUMC 4:15-6:00 p.m. Hebrew School (TC) 7:30 p.m. Torah Study <b>(Home of Stacey Robinson)</b> <b>NOTE DIFFERENT LOCATION</b>	<b>4</b> Family Promise at NSUMC 1:00 p.m. Torah Study (Home of Camille DeFrank) 4:30 p.m. Adult Hebrew Class <b>(Starbucks in Glencoe)</b> <b>NOTE DIFFERENT LOCATION</b>	<b>5</b> Family Promise at NSUMC 12:00 p.m. Lunch & Learn in the Loop (Office of Phil Zisook) 7:30 p.m. Art Fest III Planning Meeting (Home of Jonah Orlofsky)	<b>6</b> Family Promise at NSUMC 9:30 a.m. Weekly Parshanut (NSUMC)  <b>Retreat with Rabbi Marx</b>  7:30 p.m.- <b>NOTE SPECIAL LOCATION</b> Shabbat Service – Singing Shabbat <b>(Highland Park Community House)</b>	<b>7</b> Family Promise at NSUMC  <b>Retreat with Rabbi Marx</b>
<b>8</b> Family Promise at NSUMC  <b>Retreat with Rabbi Marx</b> 9:45 am-12:00 pm Religious School (TC) 10:35 am-12:00 pm - Adult Ed (TC) Study – Rev. Mitch Brown Discussion - The Universal Ideal in Judaism: Does it exist?	<b>9 Veteran's Day</b>	<b>10</b> 10:00 a.m. Mishneh Torah (Home of Allison and Ken Davis) 4:15-6:00 p.m. Hebrew School (TC) 7:30 p.m. Torah Study (NSUMC)	<b>11</b> 1:00 p.m. Torah Study (Home of Camille DeFrank) 4:30 p.m. Adult Hebrew Class (NSUMC)	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 9:30 a.m. Weekly Parshanut (NSUMC)  7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service: Scholar-in-Residence Speaks (WCH)	<b>14</b> 8:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Minyan (Home of Barbara & Allen Anderson)  7:00 p.m. Scholar-in-Residence Program (Home of Dottie Hammel)
<b>15 Newsletter Articles Due</b> 9:45 am-12:00 pm Religious School (TC) 10:35 am-12:00 pm – Adult Ed (TC) Scholar-in-Residence Teaches 12:30-1:30 pm 10 <sup>th</sup> /11 <sup>th</sup> Grade Class Meets (TC) 1:45 p.m. B'nai Mitzvah Workshop (TC)	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 12:00 p.m. Hebrew Circle (Office of Brad Reiff) 4:15-6:00 p.m. Hebrew School (TC) 7:30 p.m. Torah Study (NSUMC)	<b>18</b> 1:00 p.m. Torah Study (Home of Camille DeFrank) 4:30 p.m. Adult Hebrew Class (NSUMC)	<b>19</b> 9:00 a.m. Nosh & Know on the North Shore (Home of Cookie Robertson)	<b>20</b> 9:30 a.m. Weekly Parshanut (NSUMC)  7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service (WCH)	<b>21</b>  7:00 p.m. Film Group (NSUMC)
<b>22</b> 9:45 am-12:00 pm Religious School (TC) 10:35 am-12:00 pm - Adult Ed (TC) Study – Gabriella Boros Discussion – Beyond the Jewish Community: Who cuts your grass?	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26 Thanksgiving Day</b>	<b>27</b> 7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service – Guest Speaker: Rabbi Jessica Marshall (WCH)	<b>28</b> 8:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Minyan (Home of Barbara & Allen Anderson)  Bat Mitzvah Service of Nicole Schindler (PM)
<b>29</b> No Religious School – Family Day	<b>30</b>					



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