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D'varim

My Hometown

The Youngstown Jewish Community Center was my second home when I was growing up. I went to preschool and day camp there. It is where I learned to swim and play racquetball. My first jobs were there, as was the youth group in which I participated. It molded me in so many ways.

I didn't know the parents of James Reardon, Jr. when we were young, and I don't know James now. His family has spent their lives south of Youngstown; my family lived to the north. I cannot say that I am surprised that someone from the Youngstown area would harbor extreme racist, homophobic, misogynist, and antisemitic views. After all, the area elected James Traficant to Congress beginning in 1985. He was re-elected numerous times, elevated by his support of John Demjanjuk, a Nazi camp guard fighting deportation for crimes he committed during the Holocaust. David Duke actively supported Traficant's 2003 reelection campaign that Traficant ran from a federal prison cell. He received 15 percent of the vote that year.

So, no, I am not surprised that someone from Youngstown would be a Nazi sympathizer, as James Reardon, Jr. is. Nor am I surprised that he participated in the Charlottesville tiki torch parade. It was still a shock, though, to see pictures of a place I have held so dear to my heart and history plastered across media airwaves, the target of Mr. Reardon's fantastical, terrorist plot. And, as far removed as I now am from the Youngstown Jewish community and its institutions, I cannot help but feel the imminent, existential threat to my body and family posed by a young chest-puffer still stumbling through the throes of puberty. He wanted to attack *my* people in *my* community. He wanted to attack *me*.

In the 1980s, I criticized the NRA-supporting James Brady when he became a staunch advocate for stricter gun legislation only after being shot by John Hinckley, Jr. In the 2000s, I questioned aloud why Senator Rob Portman waited to find out his son is gay before ending his support for legislation against the LGBTQ community. *Why does something need to affect you personally before you wake up to the reality of what others are experiencing?* I thought. I still do.

But it took a serious threat to the JCC of my youth to awaken me to the reality that I am like that, too. Yes, I was horrified by the attack in Squirrel Hill and am saddened by the almost daily assaults on Jewish institutions across the country. Yes, I am upset about the far-too-many attacks on churches, mosques, temples, and religious institutions that seem to be happening with more frequency across the country. When you go after *me*, though, it really hits home. It is something completely different.

It shouldn't be.

Invariably, a reporter will find people near the scene of a calamity who will say, "That type of thing just doesn't happen here," as if to say that there are other places in our country where something like what Reardon threatened to do would make sense – where an action such as his belongs. Perhaps, what they really mean is, "That type of thing doesn't happen to me." It does, though. It happens to all of us. At any time. All the time.

Our response, therefore, should not be, "It doesn't happen here or to me." It should be, "That type of thing should not happen. Nowhere. Not to anyone. Not ever. Because an attack on anyone, anywhere, and anytime is an attack on me."

When we get to that point, we will know that we are the nation we are supposed to be, a nation of which to be proud. We will know that we are one.

We are all connected.

Welcome home.

-Rabbi Bruce Elder

CONGREGATION HAKAFA - ROSH HASHANAH 5780

Ticket Orders

Please note that High Holiday tickets are offered to current members of Congregation Hakafa. Tickets will be mailed in September and once 2019-20 dues commitment forms have been received. There is no additional cost for tickets. **We urge you to send in your Dues Commitment Form AND High Holiday Ticket Request Form as soon as possible (and no later than September 8).** Your ticket guarantees you a place with us and enables us to plan more meaningful High Holiday services.

Selichot

The Saturday evening prior to Rosh Hashanah (or two Saturday evenings prior if Rosh Hashanah begins on a Sunday) is the time to officially welcome the High Holiday season. We do so through communal study and the recitation of penitential prayers (known as *selichot*). **This year, *Selichot* falls on Saturday, September 21.** We will be meeting at the **home of Barbara and Allen Anderson** (849 Oak Drive, Glencoe) at **8:00 p.m.** After schmoozing and Havdallah, we will have a program presented by Rabbi Elder.

Following the program, we will hold a brief *selichot* service, hear the *shofar* blast for the first time, and finish the night with something sweet to nosh. **Please RSVP to Barbara** (847-242-9884 or caabaa@sbcglobal.net) and let her know if you can bring a dairy item, fruit, or baked-good (without lard) for the dessert table. Contact Rabbi Elder (847-266-8854 or rabbi@hakafa.org) with questions. We hope to see you there.

Rosh Hashanah Schedule

Sunday, September 29 – 8:00 p.m.

Evening Service

Monday, September 30

10:00 a.m. Morning Service

12:00-1:15 p.m. Rosh Hashanah Reception

1:00 p.m. Service at CJE SeniorLife's
Robineau House

1:30 p.m. Family Service

3:15 p.m. *Tashlich* (Skokie Lagoons)

Tuesday, October 1 – 10:00 a.m.

Second Day Rosh Hashanah Service
(Home of Annette Turow)

Parking Instructions

The Winnetka Congregational Church has a small parking lot (entrance on Prospect Ave on west side of church) that will hold 25 cars. These spaces will be reserved for older congregants and/or those with disabilities who indicate this need on their ticket request form.

There is a small circle-drive for drop-offs right next to the entrance, and ample street parking is available on residential streets immediately surrounding the church. When making your parking plans, please note that commercial and commuter parking lots in Winnetka are only available during our evening services. **Carpools are recommended.**

Maps that indicate specific places where parking is available will be mailed with your tickets.

Adult Readers Needed for High Holiday Services

Each year, members of the congregation enhance our High Holiday services in many ways. We would be honored if you would participate as a reader at this year's services. If you would like a reading, please contact Rona at admin@hakafa.org or 847-242-0687.

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Maot Chitim

Hakafa's volunteer participation in the mitzvah of *Maot Chitim* (providing meals to Jewish families in need) is scheduled for **Sunday, September 15**, from **11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.** at a **warehouse (6211 Monroe Court, Morton Grove)**, in preparation for the High Holidays. Join Hakafa members and others in the Chicago Jewish Community in packing boxes of food and other holiday necessities.

Please contact Carol Anne Been (847-309-3677 or cabeen120@gmail.com) if you are interested in **packing boxes with Hakafa**.

In addition, volunteers are invited to deliver packed boxes to area Jewish homes on **Sunday morning, September 22, beginning at 9:00 a.m.** To sign up to make deliveries, go to:

<https://calendly.com/jstoliar/driver-for-maot-chitim-rh19delivery?month=2019-09>

Prayer Book Orders

Since the Congregation does not own a supply of High Holiday prayer books, it is necessary for each congregation member to bring his or her own prayer book. ***Gates of Repentance: The New Union Prayer Book for the Days of Awe*** is available to order for \$22. The books you order will be available in the lobby of Winnetka Congregational Church before services. **They must be ordered in advance by using the ticket request form.**

Tashlich

Tashlich (TAHSH-leekh) is a popular custom during Rosh Hashanah. Created more than six hundred years ago, it is the act of going to a place with natural flowing water, such as a creek or river, on the afternoon of the first day of Rosh Hashanah to symbolically cast off our sins by tossing bread crumbs into the water. *Tashlich* is a wonderful way to teach our children about *t'shuvah* (repentance) and forgiveness, but it is most definitely appropriate for people of all ages!

Please B.Y.O.B. (bring your own bread) and join with other Hakafa families for a short and enjoyable service, lasting no more than 15 minutes, on **Monday, September 30 at 3:15 p.m.** (following the Rosh Hashanah Family Service). **We will meet at the boat launch of the Skokie Lagoons on Tower Road (south side of the street) in Winnetka, just east of the Edens Expressway.** This location is completely accessible.

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

In case of rain, we will do Tashlich immediately following Second Day Rosh Hashanah Services.

Rosh Hashanah Reception

Please join your Hakafa friends and family on

Monday, September 30 -- 12:00-1:15 p.m.

Winnetka Congregational Church

for our annual Rosh Hashanah Reception

All Hakafa members and their guests are invited to this annual reception on Rosh Hashanah afternoon in honor of the New Year

Hosted by:

*Rabbi Bruce and Rona Elder
& Nancy and Lee Goodman*

Help Lead Services at CJE SeniorLife's Robineau House

Hakafa will again provide High Holiday services for the residents of **Robineau House**, a Council for Jewish Elderly (CJE) SeniorLife Residence (7550 N. Kostner Ave, Skokie). The Robineau service will start at **1:00 p.m.** on both Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur and will last for approximately 40 minutes.

To volunteer or if you have any questions, contact

Don Pollak (donpollak@me.com/847-922-9348) or Lynn Sanders (LSanders0608@gmail.com/847-630-1174).

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Student Readers Needed for Family Services

We are looking for student volunteers to read during Family Services on both Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. If you are interested, please contact Bibi Patt (847-650-7720 or education@hakafa.org).

Calling all YOUNG Shofar Blowers

Rabbi Elder would like some help blowing the *tekiyah g'dolah* at the Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur Family Services. If you would like to join him, please bring a shofar and be prepared to join in.

Child-Sitting

Child-sitting is available for our youngest congregation members (5th Grade and younger) during the Morning Service on both Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. So that we can adequately provide enough sitters, **please sign-up your child/ren on the ticket request form if you would like them to participate in Child-Sitting.**

High School Student Volunteers Needed

If you are in high school and would like to help child-sit during High Holiday morning services, please contact Rona Elder (admin@hakafa.org or 847-242-0687) and let her know your availability for each holiday.

Volunteers Needed for Rosh Hashanah Reception

There are many ways to help out with our annual Rosh Hashanah Reception. If you would like to volunteer to donate a food item or your time, please find all details and volunteer opportunities – along with the sign-up either on the ticket request form or at <http://tinyurl.com/reception-volunteer>

High Holiday Choir

Enthusiastic singers are needed to join our dedicated core for the High Holidays! To fill the sanctuary with sound, we are counting on several new members to join our forces. Our choir director, Ed Zelnis, is happy to help new members.

Rehearsals began August 27 and will continue on five more Tuesdays from **7:30 – 9:30 p.m.** at the **North Shore United Methodist Church** (213 Hazel Avenue, Glencoe). These are the rehearsal dates:

**September 3, September 10,
September 17, September 24, October 1**

**It's not too late to join us!
Don't hesitate for a minute ...
jump right in!**

For more information and to have a book of music ready for you, please contact Jenny Patterson (jrpatterson2000@gmail.com or 312-217-0724) or Peggy Wise (847-446-2079 or pwise1401@gmail.com).

Second Day Rosh Hashanah Services

Hakafa will be holding second day Rosh Hashanah services at the **home of Annette Turow** (727 Roslyn Place, Evanston) on **Tuesday, October 1 at 10:00 a.m.** This service will be less formal and more intimate than our regular High Holiday services and will be followed by a simple *Kiddush*. Please contact Rabbi Elder (rabbi@hakafa.org or 847-266-8854) with questions. We hope to see you there.

Food Donations for the New Trier Food Pantry

Continuing our congregation's tradition, we will be distributing grocery bags at Rosh Hashanah services (September 29 and 30). Please fill them with non-perishable food items and practical paper goods and return them to the lobby of Winnetka Congregational Church on Erev Yom Kippur (October 8) or Yom Kippur Day (October 9). We will load bags into cars and deliver them immediately following the Yom Kippur Family Service, around 2:30 p.m.

To volunteer with delivery to the New Trier Food Pantry on October 9, please contact Danielle Wylie (dmwylie@sbcglobal.net/312-502-3264) or Sara Kurensky (kurloon@sbcglobal.net/ 847-251-1925).

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:

September 6 7:30 p.m.	Shabbat Sho'tim Torah Portion: Deuteronomy 16:18-21:9 Haftarah: Isaiah 51:12-52:12
September 13 7:30 p.m.	Shabbat Ki Teitzei Torah Portion: Deuteronomy 21:10-3:25:19 Haftarah: Isaiah 54:1-10
September 20 7:30 p.m.	Shabbat Ki Tavo Torah Portion: Deuteronomy 26:1-7:29:8 Haftarah: Isaiah 60:1-22
September 27 7:30 p.m.	Nitzavim Torah Portion: Deuteronomy 29:9-30:20 Haftarah: Isaiah 61:10-63:9

Live Streaming of Worship Services

If you are unable to make it to our worship services, but would like to participate from your home, you can watch a live-stream of them. **We are now streaming our services through Facebook Live on the Hakafa Facebook Page.**

Go to www.hakafa.org and click on the "listen now" icon on the home page for instructions. OR - You can go directly to Hakafa's Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/CongregationHakafa?fref=ts>.

If this link does not work, you can always go to Facebook and search for "Congregation Hakafa."

Once you are on Hakafa's Facebook Page, scroll through the news feed until you come to the service for which you are looking.

If you would like to receive notifications whenever Hakafa is "live" on Facebook, click on the  icon near the top of the Hakafa Facebook Page, then click on "Following," and then set your notifications.

Torah Chanters and Readers Meeting

Hakafa is inviting members to chant or read Torah at select Erev Shabbat services, beginning after the High Holidays. If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, please join us for an introductory discussion on **Tuesday, September 10 at 6:30 p.m.** at the **North Shore United Methodist Church** (213 Hazel Avenue, Glencoe). Please contact **Brian Browdy** (847-942-7318 or brian.browdy@gmail.com) to R.S.V.P. or if you have any questions/comments.

Shabbat Morning Minyan

Please join us at **8:30 a.m.** on **Saturday, September 7** at the **home of Leanne Star** (314 Park Avenue, Wilmette) for our September Shabbat morning *minyan*. This hour-long service and study is a wonderful opportunity to enhance your celebration of Shabbat.

Sunrise Minyan

Are you an early riser? Are you looking for a different way to welcome both the morning sun and the High Holiday season? Join us (weather permitting) on **Saturday morning, September 21 at 6:00 a.m.** at the **Glencoe Beach** (Park Ave. in Glencoe) as we gather at dawn to pray, sing, and watch the sunrise together. We will conclude by 6:45 a.m. when the sun rises.

Oneg Hosts Needed

We are looking for hosts for Friday evening onegs. Hosting a Friday evening oneg is a wonderful way to help support Hakafa and is also a nice way to celebrate a special occasion with the congregation. Many people honor the memory of a loved one on his/her yahrzeit by hosting an oneg. If you would like to host an oneg, please sign up at this link (<http://tinyurl.com/oneg-hosting>) or contact one of our Volunteer Oneg Coordinators via email at oneg@hakafa.org. You can also contact them by phone: **Suzanne/Rick Shore** (847-722-6797) or **Ilene Holt-Turner** (847-409-6022).

Share Your Holidays

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.

Member News

Membership Renewal Forms

The 2019-20 Membership Packets (including the Dues Pledge Form, Religious School Form, and Volunteer Information) were emailed in mid-July to all current and prospective members for the new fiscal year. They can also be found posted on the Hakafa website (www.hakafa.org). Those who do not have email were mailed hard copies.

Please download, print, fill out the forms, and return them to the Hakafa office ASAP with full or initial payment. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Rona Elder (admin@hakafa.org or 847-242-0687).

Young Adults Event

All Hakafa members or children/friends of Hakafa members in their 20's or 30's who live locally are invited to join Rabbi Elder and other young adults connected to Hakafa for an afternoon of canoeing/kayaking, noshing, and schmoozing on **Sunday, September 22 from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m.** at the **Skokie Lagoons Canoe and Kayak Rental Center** (1770 Tower Road, Winnetka – between Forestway Drive and the Edens). Our Young Adults group formed about two years ago when we decided to get together every few months for nosh, discussion, and to get to know one another. If you are interested in joining us on September 22, please let Rabbi Elder know (rabbi@hakafa.org or 847-266-8854).

Chesed

Chesed is our attempt to reach out to one another. If you know of anyone in our congregation who is in crisis 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 **Ana Bensinger** (anabensinger@att.net or 847-926-3223) or **Anita Goldberg** (anitagoldberg@gmail.com or 847-432-8973). You can also contact either of them if you would like to volunteer.

New and Prospective Member Orientation

All members new to Hakafa over the past year and those interested in membership are invited to the New and Prospective Member Orientation and Information Session on **Sunday, September 8 at 10:35 a.m.** at the **Takiff Center** (999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe) – during the first day of Religious School. You will have the opportunity to meet with other members and to learn about all that Hakafa has to offer. Current members should feel free to bring friends or family who might want to join Hakafa. Please contact **Nancy Goodman** with questions (president@hakafa.org or 847-564-3273). Hope to see you there!

Congregation Meeting

Please come to our next Congregation Meeting immediately before Shabbat Services on **Friday, September 6 at 6:15 p.m.** at the **Winnetka Community House** (620 Lincoln Avenue, Winnetka). All members are welcome and encouraged to offer their ideas and opinions. At this meeting we will consider planning a trip for adults to the civil rights sites in Alabama that our high schoolers visited this past spring. We will also provide updates on our social action programs and High Holiday plans, as well as our adult education schedule for the year. If you have any questions, please contact **Nancy Goodman** (president@hakafa.org or 847-564-3273).

Help Us Increase Our Membership

Each year we hope to bring in a few new members to Hakafa (as a few members move every year). Our membership typically grows by word of mouth when current members introduce their friends and neighbors to Hakafa. We need your help and have several ways to introduce potential new members to join our Circle.

- Invite new families to visit Religious School any Sunday, including the first day of school, September 8.
- Tell you friends about our wonderful adult Sunday study sessions, and bring a friend to attend a session with you – starting September 15.
- For friends who would like to “try out” Hakafa by attending High Holiday services, suggest that they contact Rabbi Elder. Typically, prospective members make a donation in such situations.
- If you have friends looking to join a temple, tell them about Hakafa. Email them our current newsletter, give them the link to our website, and suggest that they look at information for prospective members and our 30th anniversary book.
- Invite your friends to join you for a Hakafa social justice program. Sharing experiences leaves lasting impressions – and may result in friends telling other friends, who may be interested in our social justice efforts and our Circle.

We welcome any ideas on how to recruit new members. Please contact **Deborah Brown** (847-421-3985 or vicepresident@hakafa.org) to share any thoughts you have.

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 Cheshed Committee Chairs, **Ana Bensinger** (anabensinger@att.net or 847-926-3223) or **Anita Goldberg** (anitagoldberg@gmail.com or 847-432-8973). 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** (www.ajustharvest.org): Accessible building with street parking. **Please note: Large print prayer books are available at Shabbat Services.**

- **Anderson Household** (caabaa@sbcglobal.net): Ranch house with no steps. Two cats present.
- **Davis Household** (ablakleydavis@gmail.com): Ranch House with no steps. Dogs and cats present.
- **Glencoe Beach**: Accessible beach access.
- **North Shore United Methodist Church** (www.nsumcglencoe.org): No steps into the building; two-step stairway inside building (ramp available); elevator available (with help for the door) to second floor.
- **Office of Sam Goldman** (segoldman@me.com): Accessible building.
- **Robertson Household** (mrobertson595@gmail.com): No steps into the house.
- **Star Household** (l-star@northwestern.edu): Two, short steps into an accessible main floor. Two dogs present.
- **Takiff Center** (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** (www.winnetkacommunityhouse.org): Ramp into building.
- **Winnetka Congregational Church** (www.wcc-joinus.org): Ramp into accessible building.

Please Help Us in Welcoming our New Members:

Kerrick and Rae Goodman-Lucker, and their children, Ezra and Anatole

Dena Weisbard

Chevra Kadisha

Hakafa's Chevra Kadisha (Burial Society) continues to look for additional members to provide both taharah, which is the ritual preparation of the body of the deceased for burial, and shmira, which is sitting during the time between taharah and the funeral while reading Psalms or other meditative texts. Training is offered for each ritual. We are particularly in need of men to join our group for taharah. A training session will be held on **September 8** in the early afternoon. Please contact **Deborah Brown** (dmb9476@gmail.com) for more information. The following link is for an article which gives a fuller description of our work:
<https://www.tabletmag.com/Jewish-life-and-religion/287796/lessons-burial-society>

Mazal Tov on Becoming a Bar Mitzvah

September 7 – Cole Degodny

Mazal Tov to:

Gayle and Ralph Kipnis on the marriage of their daughter, Robyn, to Armando Valerio

Harriet and Ron Meyer on the marriage of their son, Arthur, to Kat DeNave

Emily Sharpe and Brian Roche on the marriage of their son, Jacob, to Emily Tanner

Larry and Barb Scott on the marriage of their son, Byron, to Julianna Johnson

Condolences to:

Tammy Bendoff and family on the loss of her grandmother, Bertha (Berdie) Edelheit

Sunday Morning Adult Ed



Sunday Morning Adult Education: September Schedule

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

All Hakafa adults are invited to participate in our Sunday Morning Adult Education classes led by both congregational and community scholars who will delve into a variety of topics of special interest and expertise. Feel free to come for one session or for all of them!

September 15:

Richard M. Goldwasser will discuss “Israeli Elections and the State of Israel Today.”

Richard M. Goldwasser is a partner with the Chicago law firm of Schoenberg Finkel Newman & Rosenberg, LLC. He began his legal career with clerkships with the Hon. Meir Shamgar, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Israel, and the Hon. Dom J. Rizzi, Justice of the Illinois Appellate Court. Richard focuses his practice on complex commercial litigation and civil and criminal appeals. He has presented and argued cases before the Illinois Supreme Court, the Illinois Appellate Court, the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth and Seventh Circuits, and other state appellate and supreme courts throughout the country.

From 2011-2017, Richard served on J Street’s national board of directors. He currently serves as chair of J Street’s Chicago chapter. Richard lives with his wife, Debra, in Highland Park, Illinois, and they have two adult daughters, Ilana and Arielle, living in Los Angeles. He is an avid marathon runner.

September 22:

Dinaz Wariach, Samira Abderahman, and Kimberly Rihman will discuss their perspectives on “Living as a Muslim Woman in Chicago.”

Dilnaz Wariach holds a Masters of Education degree from Northwestern University, and endorsements for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion trainings. She has over twenty-five years of experience in education, community organizing and interfaith collaboration. As a trained educator, she has worked in the elementary, secondary and collegiate educational fields as a teacher, mentor and leader. She is the Muslim Community Center Interfaith and Outreach Committee Chair and has been able to create some dynamic programs that have brought in thousands of diverse people together after the Muslim Travel Ban and Christchurch Shooting. She has board and committee appointments at Chicago Public Media, Catholic Theological Union, Chicago Theological Seminary and Interfaith Youth Core.

Samira Abderahman holds a B.A. in Political Science from Southern Methodist University, specializing in African and Middle Eastern Studies. She is driven by a need to create genuine, worthwhile, and lasting relationships and communities. She is passionate about culture, wellness, and community building. She initiated Black Iftar with the intention of celebrating the daily Ramadan ritual of the sunset meal with Black Muslims and their friends. This celebration has rapidly spread to many other cities.

Kimberly (Kim) Rihman earned her Bachelors of Science from Chapman University in Orange County California in Sociology and Social Psychology, a Masters Certificate in Human Resources Management from Webster University and her Master of Arts from Webster University in Human Resource Development/Organizational Development. She has held adjunct faculty positions in the past with the School of Business at Benedictine University and the Keller Graduate School of Management where she has taught undergraduate courses in Sociology, Management and Strategy as well as graduatelevel courses in Human Resource Management, Leadership and Organizational Development Strategy. She is currently the Senior Leader of Talent Development at Sysmex Americas Inc. and has held a past position as the Vice President of Global Compliance and Corporate Engagement at the Rust-Oleum Corporation.

Adult Education

Nosh and Know on the North Shore

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

Mishneh Torah Class

Our September sessions of Mishneh Torah (Jewish law) class will be held on **Tuesdays, September 10 and 24 at 10:30 a.m.** at the home of **Allison Blaklev Davis & 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.

Lunch and Learn in the Loop

"Lunch & Learn in the Loop" will take place at **noon** on **Thursday, September 5** at the office of **Sam Goldman** (333 N. Michigan Avenue, Suite 602, Chicago). Bring your own lunch and prepare to participate in lively discussions with Rabbi Elder! New participants are always welcome.

The Siddur: It's Meaning and Theology

How many of us know what our Hebrew prayers actually say? How many of us know what they mean? Join us at **10:15 a.m.** on **Tuesdays, September 3 and 17** at the **North Shore United Methodist Church** (213 Hazel Avenue, Glencoe) as we explore the Jewish prayer book. During each session we will look at prayers in Hebrew, translate them together, discuss their theology, and parse what they might mean for us today.

Two Weekly Opportunities for Torah Study

Tuesday Evening Torah Class:
7:30 to 8:45 p.m.

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

Wednesday Afternoon Torah Class:
1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

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

Midrash Class

Join us on **Tuesday mornings from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.** at the **North Shore United Methodist Church** (213 Hazel Avenue, Glencoe) to study *midrash*. Midrash is the creative, interpretative process of the rabbis over generations. Through midrash, we see how the rabbis saw the text of the Bible - its lessons, its messages, its practical applications, and its relevance to them throughout time. Through the study of midrash, we will see how much of our understanding of the biblical text has been influenced by theirs.

Social Action

The Fight for Immigration and Economic Justice in Our Own Backyards

The Jewish Council on Urban Affairs' North Suburban Organizing Team presents an evening to discuss systemic and economic issues facing immigrant communities in our neighborhoods. Join us on **Tuesday, September 17 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.** at **Am Shalom** (840 Vernon Avenue, Glencoe). We'll make connections between what we see within our community and what we see happening across the state and the country. We'll think together about how to take action to support immigrant communities and move towards economic justice for all in the Northern Suburbs.

We'll be joined by: **Rep. Jennifer Gong-Gershowitz** (17th District), **Susan Shulman** (North Suburban Legal Aid Clinic), and **Hakafa member, Lee Goodman** (Attorney and Activist).

All are encouraged to attend. Light refreshments will be served.

Social Action

Volunteers Needed to Help at *A Just Harvest*

Good news! We have a NEW fried chicken provider for our monthly meal at A Just Harvest Community Kitchen. The Jewel/Osco in Gateway Plaza, 1763 Howard St., is a reliable, more affordable source and is getting rave reviews from A Just Harvest guests. **Volunteers are needed on all dates for the upcoming year.** NO FINANCIAL OBLIGATION necessary! Hakafa is reimbursing full cost of the chicken, and servers are always needed. Questions? Contact **Monique Parsons** at monique.parsons@gmail.com or **Debbie Charen** at debbie.charen@gmail.com. Sign up here: <http://tinyurl.com/a-just-harvest>

Seeking Volunteers: EDEN Program (Emergency Department of Eldercare Navigators)

Would you like to become a trusted guide for older adults with dementia in the Emergency Department at Glenbrook or Highland Park Hospitals? Emergency Department visits can be disruptive and take a damaging toll on older adults, especially those with dementia. EDEN volunteers provide a calming influence and improve communication during an Emergency Department visit.

As an EDEN Volunteer you will provide the compassion, and we will provide FREE training in all of the following:

- Common health issues among older adults, with an emphasis on Alzheimer's Disease & Related Disorders
- Listening & communicating with patients & medical personnel
- A walking tour of Glenbrook Hospital's Emergency Department
- Stress reduction techniques & applications for persons with Dementia
- Patient advocacy
- Confidentiality and Ethics

Training Date/Time: Thursday, 9/12/19, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Training Location: Glenbrook Hospital Emergency Department

Contact **Rachel Lessem** (773-508-1151 or rachel.lessem@cje.net) to R.S.V.P. or with questions.



Refugee Families and Mentors Potluck Picnic

Over the last few years, Hakafa volunteers have helped to mentor many refugee families who have arrived in this area. Last month's bulletin carried an update on each family. Occasionally, we get together to celebrate the accomplishments of these families, and the efforts of our volunteers. Please join us on **September 15** from **4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.** at **Gilson Park in Wilmette** as we reunite with some of the families we have met. Contact **Sylvia Dresser** (sylviadresser@gmail.com or 847-945-6095) if you are interested in attending.

Immigrant Rights and Realities in Illinois - Update and Call-to-Action

Join Reform congregations from across the region on **Sunday, September 15** from **6:30 to 8:30 p.m.** at **Oak Park Temple** (1235 Harlem Avenue, Oak Park) to learn about RAC-Illinois' organizing efforts around immigration justice on the state level. **Mony Ruiz-Velasco**, Executive Director of PASO/West Suburban Action, will give an update on legislation in Illinois and discuss strategies for collective action.

Social Action (continued)

Calling All Hakafa Runners, Walkers, and Eaters

Join us on the afternoon of **October 27** for a **multi-faith relay run, unity walk, and community potluck dinner**.

Two years ago, Hakafa formed a partnership with the Muslim Community Center (MCC) of Morton Grove and the Winnetka Congregational Church (WCC). The three houses of worship traveled to Houston together for a week of repair and rebuild after the severe flooding down there. In addition, Hakafa member, Fred Miller, came to the congregation with a desire to reach out to other communities in fellowship in light of the morass of our current societal stresses. These two things - Fred's reaching out and Hakafa's relationship with the mosque and church - coalesced into an idea for an event: A multi-faith relay run and unity walk for understanding.

On **October 27**, members of **Hakafa, the MCC, the WCC, the Baha'i community, and the Sikh Temple of Palatine** will come together for a relay run along the northern branch of the Forest Preserve Trail. We will begin the run at Foster Avenue in Chicago and end at the Takiff Center in Glencoe. Relay teams for the 21-mile course will be made up of 5 runners - one from each spiritual community - and we will have as many teams as we have runners. For those who are walkers, we will have a unity walk around the Skokie Lagoons. The event will culminate in a potluck dinner. We will raise funds for *Teaching Tolerance*, a program of the Southern Poverty Law Center that teaches understanding and prejudice-reduction in schools. It will be a casual event - we won't be seeking permits for the run. And, we won't extend invitations to the event beyond the five communities.

We need runners and walkers! We need eaters! If you are interested in participating, please contact **Fred Miller** (fmillermd@gmail.com).

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.

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

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Congregation Hakafa Calendar

September 2019 – Elul 5779 / Tishrei 5780

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Labor Day	3 9:00 am Midrash Class (NSUMC) 10:15 am Siddur Class (NSUMC) 4:15-6:00 pm First Day of Hebrew School (TC) 7:30 pm - Torah Study (NSUMC) 7:30 pm High Holiday Choir Rehearsal 2 (NSUMC)	4 1:00 pm Torah Study (NSUMC)	5 12:00 pm Lunch & Learn in the Loop (Office of Sam Goldman)	6 6:15 pm Congregation Meeting (WCH) 7:30 pm Shabbat Service (WCH)	7 8:30 am Shabbat Morning Minyan (Home of Leanne Star) Bar Mitzvah Service of Cole Degodny (PM)
8 9:45 am-12:00 pm First Day of Religious School (TC) 10:35 am New and Prospective Member Info Session (TC) 4:30-6:00 pm High School Program Kick-Off Event	9	10 9:00 am - Midrash Class (NSUMC) 10:30 am - Mishneh Torah Class (Home of Allison & Ken Davis) 4:15-6:00 pm - Hebrew School (TC) 6:30 pm Torah Chanters & Readers Meeting (NSUMC) 7:30 pm - Torah Study (NSUMC) 7:30 pm High Holiday Choir Rehearsal 3 (NSUMC)	11 1:00 pm Torah Study (NSUMC)	12	13 7:30 pm Shabbat Service (WCH)	14
15 Newsletter Articles Due 9:45 am-12:00 pm Religious School (TC) 10:35 am-12:00 pm Sunday Morning Adult Ed (TC) 11:45 am Maot Chitim Packing Day 4:30 pm Refugee Families & Mentors Potluck Picnic (Gillson Park, Wilmette)	16	17 9:00 am Midrash Class (NSUMC) 10:15 am Siddur Class (NSUMC) 4:15-6:00 pm Hebrew School (TC) 7:30 pm - Torah Study (NSUMC) 7:30 pm High Holiday Choir Rehearsal 4 (NSUMC)	18 1:00 pm Torah Study (NSUMC)	19 9:00 am Nosh & Know on the North Shore (Home of Cookie Robertson)	20 7:30 pm Shabbat Service (WCH)	21 6:00 am Sunrise Minyan (Glencoe Beach, Glencoe) 8:00 pm Selichot Program and Service (Home of Barbara & Allen Anderson)
22 9:15 am Maot Chitim Delivery Day 9:45 am-12:00 pm Religious School (TC) 10:35 am-12:00 pm Sunday Morning Adult Ed (TC) 1:00-3:30 pm Young Adults Event (Skokie Lagoons)	23	24 9:00 am Midrash Class (NSUMC) 10:30 am Mishneh Torah Class (Home of Allison & Ken Davis) 4:15-6:00 pm Hebrew School (TC) 7:30 pm - Torah Study (NSUMC) 7:30 pm High Holiday Choir Rehearsal 5 (NSUMC)	25 1:00 pm Torah Study (NSUMC)	26	27 7:30 pm Shabbat Service (WCH)	28
29 Erev Rosh Hashanah	30 Rosh Hashanah	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> <p>TC = Glencoe Park District Takiff Center (999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe) WCH = Winnetka Community House (620 Lincoln Avenue, Winnetka) NSUMC = North Shore United Methodist Church (213 Hazel Avenue, Glencoe)</p> </div>				



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