



Bruce Elder, Rabbi

Robert J. Marx z"l, Founding Rabbi

## D'varim

*On occasion, we run reflections that our founding rabbi, Rabbi Marx (z"l), wrote over his many years at Hakafa. We want his memory and legacy to be living parts of our community, and we want to be able to contemplate his words every so often. This reflection comes from the March 2000 Circle:*

### Time on My Hands

"I'm busy." That seems to be the cliché of choice in these hectic times.

You meet an acquaintance on the street. "How are you?" "I'm busy." In this era of consumerism and commercialism, the answer "I'm busy" may be perfectly appropriate. But there is a staleness to it that invites examination.

Of course, the question, How are you? invites the most economical of answers - does anyone really want to know? Even the contraction of "I" and "am" serves to conserve words as well as time. And so the contracted response "I'm busy" is, in itself, a type of contractual answer to a question which views time not as eternity but as commodity.

The antithesis of "I'm busy" reveals something of our times. Seldom does one say, "I'm free." And if these blasphemous words are used, they are inevitably accompanied by an excuse. "I'm free because I just had a meeting canceled." "I'm free to play chess because the children have been invited to a pajama party" - that used to be my favorite excuse. Strange it is that we need offer no apology for our busy-ness, but our freedom inevitably requires an explanation, an antidote to our indolence.

Still, it is fascinating that to be busy announces to the world that we are engaged in our society's most useful activity. Does one respond to the question "how are you?" by saying: "I'm riant" (people hate you when you use words like that) or "I'm righteous" (what a prig you are) or "I'm incontinent" (keep that to yourself)? So what makes "busy" more felicitous a word than any of these others? Yet saying "I'm busy" seems to have become the nauseatingly appropriate phrase of choice.

I have a friend (well, one in particular) who doesn't like to be told to "have a good day." Every once in a while she responds: "Sorry, I have other plans." This sort of imagination challenges me to create a different response than "I'm busy." The need to do this, however, is more than a need to avoid the cliché.

The need to replace the cliché comes from the simple recognition that there are conditions in this world more enviable than being busy. And we ought to begin to contemplate them. There is the sense of caring for others. There is the sense of finding time to help someone who is in pain, someone who is in a nursing home or a hospital. There is the sense of being committed to a book or to creating a work of art. We may indeed find ourselves busily doing such things, but surely the busy-ness is secondary to the holiness of creating.

There is also that glorious recognition that we can find time to refresh our souls, to nourish our spiritual life, to worship our God. In Judaism we are taught over and over again to say "thank you." Thank you God for the wonderful blessings that are part of my life. *Baruch attah Adonai* - thank you God - that's the simple meaning of those words - thank you God for the food I eat, for the children I love, for the time I can give to reading a good book or just relaxing with a friend. I pray never to be too busy to cherish any of these things. And never too busy to listen.

"How are you?" you ask. Next time you ask, give me time to really tell you. I hope neither of us will be too busy.

-Robert J. Marx

## Prayer and Celebration

### Friday Evening Services



Zoom Meeting ID: 292 137 266

*All are invited to join us for our weekly Friday Evening Kabbalat Shabbat Service. All services take place in Room 101 at the Winnetka Community House (620 Lincoln Avenue, Winnetka) AND via Zoom (Meeting ID: 292 137 266) except for the last Friday of each month which takes place via Zoom only (not in-person).*

**April 7**  
**7:30 p.m.**      **Shabbat Chol HaMo-eid Pesach**  
Torah Portion: Exodus 33:12-34:26  
Haftarah: Ezekiel 37:1-14  
*Service in-person and via Zoom*

**April 14**  
**7:30 p.m.**      **Shabbat Sh'mini**  
Torah Portion: Leviticus 9:1-11:47  
Haftarah: II Samuel 6:1-7:17  
*Service in-person and via Zoom*  
**Musical Guest: Tory May**

**April 21**  
**7:30 p.m.**      **Shabbat Tazria – M'tzora**  
Torah Portion: Leviticus 12:1- 15:33  
Haftarah: II Kings 7:3-20  
*Student-led Shabbat Service*  
*in-person and via Zoom*  
**Musical Guest: Tory May**

**April 28**  
**7:30 p.m.**      **Shabbat Acharei Mot – K'doshim**  
Torah Portion: Leviticus 16:1-20:27  
Haftarah: Amos 9:7-15  
*Zoom Only*

### Yizkor Service – Last Day of Passover

Zoom Meeting ID: 852 3252 0986

Jewish tradition tells us that four times during the year, in addition to the anniversary of the death of a loved one, we are to recall the memories of those who have died. These four times, known as yizkor (remembrance), coincide with major holidays on the Jewish calendar. The last day of Pesach is a day on which yizkor is recited. Please join us for Yizkor on **Wednesday, April 12 at 10:00 a.m.** either **in-person at the North Shore United Methodist Church** (213 Hazel Avenue, Glencoe) **or via Zoom.**

### Shabbat Morning Minyan

Zoom Meeting ID: 847 8216 0504

Please join us on **Saturdays, April 1 and 22 at 9:00 a.m.** at the **North Shore United Methodist Church (213 Hazel Avenue, Glencoe)** for this hour-long service and study. The service will also be accessible **via Zoom** for those who are not able to participate in-person. Our Shabbat Morning Minyan is a wonderful opportunity to enhance your celebration of Shabbat. People of all ages are encouraged and welcome to attend.

### Congregational Second Night Passover Seder

Zoom Meeting ID: 818 0003 5488

Celebrate the second night of Passover with Hakafa! Our congregation will be hosting its annual Second-Night Passover Seder on **Thursday, April 6 at 6:00 p.m.** at the **Winnetka Community House** and **via Zoom**. Unfortunately, registration has closed for the in-person seder. If you are not already registered to attend in-person, you are welcome to join us via Zoom. *There is no reservation or fee needed to participate via Zoom.* Contact **Amy Aciri** (jacri3@comcast.net or 847-875-4976) or **Judy Rose-Epstein** (missyepstein@att.net or 847-814-2856) with questions.

### Shabbat Shechina: Drag Queen Story Hour

Please join us outdoors on **Saturday, April 15 at 11:00 a.m.** for a morning of Shabbat stories and songs led by a special guest from Drag Queen Story Hour! This program is aimed at children ages 0-8 and their caregivers, but families of all ages are welcome. Please email **tayalim@hakafa.org** with questions and to learn of the exact location.

*Drag Queen Story Hour celebrates reading through the art of drag helping children develop empathy, learn about gender diversity, and tap into their own creativity. It can also be life-changing and lifesaving for LGBTQ kids and teens, those with LGBTQ family members, or anyone who feels different because of their identity and may not otherwise see themselves reflected in the broader culture. The Shechina is a feminine manifestation of the Divine and is known as the Sabbath Queen.*

### Hosts Needed for Friday Night Onegs

Hosting a Friday evening Oneg is a wonderful way to honor the memory of a loved one on his/her yahrzeit or to celebrate a b'nai mitzvah, birthday, anniversary, or another special occasion with the congregation. **Volunteers are needed!** Go to the following link for the instructions needed to host: **[www.tinyurl.com/HakafaOneginstructions](http://www.tinyurl.com/HakafaOneginstructions)**

To volunteer to host, sign up online at this link (**<http://tinyurl.com/oneg-hosting>**) or by contacting **Gayle Inbinder** (oneg@hakafa.org or 847-951-0380) and **Jill Mihailovic-Sternberg** (oneg@hakafa.org or 773-710-4436). You can also contact Gayle and Jill for more information.

# Israel at 75: How Far We've Come, What We Must Do

**Thursday, April 20  
7:30 pm**

**In-Person at Beth Emet The Free Synagogue  
and Virtual**



## **Gershom Gorenberg**

Acclaimed Israeli  
journalist, historian,  
and author of several  
books on Israeli and  
Middle East History

Israel's creation was a revolution in Jewish life. The country has undergone more transformations since- and needs to choose between radically different paths for its future. On a crucial anniversary, Israeli historian and journalist Gershom Gorenberg looks at how far the country has come, and what it must do next.







# JOIN CONGREGATION HAKAFA'S JOURNEY TO MOROCCO

LED BY RABBI BRUCE ELDER

October 25 - November 4, 2023

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## ON OUR JOURNEY WE WILL:

- Discover Jewish heritage and history in **Marrakech, Fes, Casablanca** and beyond
- Experience the different lifestyles and cultures of Moroccans in **urban and rural communities** dotting the landscape
- Bring to light the glory of **Moroccan Jewry** from past to present
- Savor the flavors of Morocco with a taste of local delicacies at the **bustling marketplaces**
- Celebrate **Kabbalat Shabbat** with members of the Marrakech and Casablanca Jewish communities
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## Member News

### Shabbat in the Home: Hosts Needed for June 16

In place of Shabbat services one Friday evening per year, Hakafa celebrates Shabbat dinner together at various members' homes. On Shabbat-in-the-Home, every congregation member is invited to dine and share the evening at another member's home. Together we light Shabbat candles, share a delicious meal, enjoy interesting conversation, meet new friends, and reconnect with old ones. It has always been a special evening that is all about making Hakafa the encirclement that it is. This year, Shabbat-in-the-Home will take place on **Friday, June 16**. We hope to again offer outdoor options for those who prefer! But, we can only do it if we get enough volunteer hosts - 15+ host families are needed.

**If you are willing to open up your home/patio/deck to other Hakafa members for a potluck Shabbat dinner on Friday, June 16, please sign-up at this link (<https://tinyurl.com/SITH23>) or contact Mimi Dray ([mimidray425@gmail.com](mailto:mimidray425@gmail.com)). We hope to get enough volunteers (with indoor and outdoor spaces) to make this happen, and we also hope you will join us as we celebrate Shabbat.**

### Hakafa Turns 40!

Please save the weekend of **April 12-14, 2024**, for festivities, and contact **Marietta Hesdorffer** ([hesdor@aol.com](mailto:hesdor@aol.com)) or **Barbara Miller** ([president@hakafa.org](mailto:president@hakafa.org)) if you want to help!

### Hakafa on Social Media

Over the past few weeks, you may or may not have noticed a new, more active social media presence of Hakafa on your social platforms! This is part of Hakafa's new social media initiative to grow our presence in the greater Jewish community, but more importantly to keep our community up-to-date and active in all we do.

**Hakafa needs YOUR help in growing our social network!** Many of you are already interacting very positively with our posts, stories, and reels; however, we wanted to provide a few helpful tips to our community that can help you stay involved online.

- **Instagram:** Instagram is a photo and video sharing app owned by Facebook. If you are signed up for Facebook, you can sign up for Instagram through your Facebook account. Follow **@congregation.hakafa**, along with any of your family, friends, neighbors, coworkers (anyone you want to have in your network).
  - It helps Hakafa tremendously if you like our posts, and even leave a comment if you feel so inclined. Sharing one of our posts or reels to your story is also much appreciated, as then it reaches your network.
  - **Parents with teenage/adult children:** Share **@congregation.hakafa** with your children. They likely already use Instagram and are more active with this app. We would love to get our younger members involved!
- **Points on the Circle:** Our podcast, Points on the Circle, returns to YouTube in April with all new episodes! Have an interesting story? Would you like to schmooze with Rabbi Elder? Contact him ([rabbi@hakafa.org](mailto:rabbi@hakafa.org)) about appearing on a future episode! All new/past episodes are available here: <https://youtube.com/@pointsonthecirclepodcast5061>

**If you are hesitant to add another form of social media, no worries!** We post everything that is on Instagram to Facebook and can keep you involved through there! **Be sure to "Like" Congregation Hakafa on Facebook so that you see our posts.** Then, liking, commenting, and sharing our posts are just as valuable on Facebook. Share our content with your children, and even your grandchildren, if you have them!

This is all an effort to keep our community as connected as possible, while growing and progressing with the times of the world. We appreciate any and all interactions with our social media! Any questions regarding Hakafa's social media, feel free to email [potchakafa@gmail.com](mailto:potchakafa@gmail.com).



## Member News (continued)

### Congregation Meeting

Zoom Meeting ID: 850 3496 3619

All Hakafa members are invited and encouraged to attend our next Congregation Meeting **either in person at the Takiff Center** (999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe) **or via Zoom on Sunday, April 9 at 10:15 a.m.** Contact our President, **Barbara Miller** (president@hakafa.org), with questions.

### Condolences to:

John D'Asto and family on the loss of his brother, James D'Asto.

Mark Harris and family on the loss of his father, Richard Harris.

Judith Rothschild and family on the loss of her husband and founding Hakafa member, Robert Rothschild.

### Kesher Trivia Night

Join us on **Wednesday, April 19 at 7:00 p.m.** at **Curt's Café** (1766 Second Street, Highland Park) for our annual **Jewish Trivia Night**. We will schmooze, nosh, and enjoy hot drinks. We hope you will be there!

*\*Many Hakafa members have been living their congregation experience through their children. As their children move away, they are beginning to ask how to engage in our community for themselves. Kesher (Hebrew for "Connection") allows members in this demography to get to know one another, share ideas, and create new and deep relationships. Though geared toward new, recent, or soon-to-be empty nesters, all Hakafa members are invited to join us.*

### Hakafa's Young Adult Gatherings are Back

All young adults in their mid-20s and 30s who are members of, grew up in, or are associated with Hakafa are invited to a dessert and wine gathering at **Colvin House in Edgewater** (5940 North Sheridan Road - parking available across the street at Emanuel Congregation; also off the Thorndale red line stop and 151 & 147 buses) on **Saturday, April 22 at 6:00 p.m.** We will join young adults who grew up at Emanuel Congregation to eat, schmooze, reconnect, and discuss **"Is there a place for me in the Judaism of today and tomorrow?"** The R.S.V.P. can be found at: <https://emanuelcong.shulcloud.com/form/young-professional-havdalah-2023.html>.

### Please Help Us Welcome Our New Members:

Ross and Andrea Heim

There is a cost of \$18, but it is being waived for Hakafa attendees (type **Hakafa** into the appropriate box on the form. Contact Rabbi Elder (rabbi@hakafa.org or 847-266-8854) with questions.

### Willow Lawn Cemetery Plots

Information regarding Hakafa's green cemetery section at Willow Lawn is available on our website ([www.hakafa.org/worship-ritual/life-cycle-events/death/endlife-resources/cemetery-options](http://www.hakafa.org/worship-ritual/life-cycle-events/death/endlife-resources/cemetery-options)). Green burial is more environmentally friendly than standard burial.

**We have very few available full plots within our section, plus several plots for the burial of cremains.** Please contact **Deborah Brown** (dmb9476@gmail.com) with questions.

### Mazal Tov to:

Rabbi Bruce and Rona Elder on the marriage of their son, Joshua, to Cleo Evans.

Sherry Medwin and Tom Siegel on the birth of their grandchild, Ava Amalia Siegel born to Alex & Sade.

### Mazal Tov to the Following Bar Mitzvah:

Nate Goldberg – April 15

### Chesed

The Hebrew word for loving kindness is chesed. The Chesed Committee at Hakafa works to respond to a wide range of situations and events that occur in the lives of our members. It is our attempt to reach out to one another. If you or anyone you know of in our congregation is in crisis from an illness, death in the family, or personal stress, and could benefit from support, such as a visit, delivery / preparation of meals, or a ride to a health care appointment, please contact **Camille DeFrank** (847-997-8085 /camilledefrank@gmail.com) or **Beth McCullough** (847-722-5430/mikeandbeth\_60089@yahoo.com).

## Member News (continued)

### Relief from Financial Stress

If you are suffering from economic hardship and could use a little help, please reach out to Rabbi Elder (rabbi@hakafa.org, 847-266-8854). We have funds available to assist you.

### Hakafa Movie Group

Let's get Hakafa's Movie Group going again! If you would like to help with organizing scheduling, finding movies, food, or leading a discussion contact **Barbara Miller** (president@hakafa.org).



### Making Contributions to Hakafa

Throughout the year, people ask how they can make a contribution to Hakafa. We have three funds that accept donations, and we always value your support:

- Our **General Fund** supports the day-to-day operations of the synagogue. Please make your check payable to "Congregation Hakafa."
- **Rabbi Elder's Discretionary Fund** directly supports those in need in and around our community. Rabbi Elder directs the usage of these funds. Please make your check payable to "Congregation Hakafa" and write "Rabbi Elder's Discretionary Fund" on the memo line.
- Our **Endowment Fund** supports special programming not covered by the budget. Endowment Trustees direct the usage of these funds. Please make your check payable to "Congregation Hakafa" and write "Endowment Fund" on the memo line.
- **The Rabbi Robert J. Marx Social Justice Fund** supports new justice initiatives proposed by congregants that reflect the values and life of our founding rabbi. Please make your check payable to "Congregation Hakafa" and write "RJM Fund" on the memo line.

If you would like to make your donation in honor or in memory of someone, please be sure to include a note in your envelope with the appropriate information so that a card can be sent to the honoree to let that person know about your donation.

**All donations can be mailed to: Congregation Hakafa, P.O. Box 409, Glencoe, IL 60022.** It is also possible to make donations with a credit card. Please contact Rona Elder (admin@hakafa.org) for assistance with that. If you are interested in a legacy giving plan, please let us know and arrangements can be made. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Rona.

## Adult Education

### Tuesday Evening Tanach Study

Zoom Meeting ID: 662 730 822

All are invited to join Rabbi Elder for weekly Tanach study on **Tuesday evenings** from **7:30 to 8:45 p.m.** Each week, we proceed through the Bible, verse by verse, discussing its content and various interpretations. New participants are always welcome.

**Please Note:** Class on the **first Tuesday** of each month (April 4 this month) will meet **in-person** at the North Shore United Methodist Church (213 Hazel Avenue, Glencoe) and **via Zoom**.

**Please Note:** Class will **NOT** meet on April 11 and 25.

### Midrash Class

Zoom Meeting ID: 696 226 468

Join us either **in-person** at the **North Shore United Methodist Church** (213 Hazel Avenue, Glencoe) **OR via Zoom** on **Tuesday mornings** at **10:00 a.m.** 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. **Please Note: Class will NOT meet on April 25.**

### Lunch and Learn

Zoom Meeting ID:  
821 5540 2577

Bring your lunch and join us **via Zoom** on **Thursday, April 13** at **12:00 noon** for a lively discussion with Rabbi Elder! New participants are always welcome.

## Adult Education (continued)

### Sunday Morning Adult Education is Back In-Person

Zoom Meeting ID: Meeting ID: 871 3067 5137

All Hakafa adults are invited to participate in our Sunday Morning Adult Education classes led by congregational and community scholars who will delve into various topics of special interest and expertise. Class meets on **Sunday mornings from 10:15-11:45 a.m.** We meet **both in person at the Takiff Center** (999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe) **and via Zoom**. Come early for a cup of coffee and to schmooze.

#### April 16

Join us as **Dr. Sandy Goldberg** returns to discuss **"What do we mean when we say Amen?"** Saying "Amen" is one of the most familiar things we do, whether in religious settings (Shabbat services, etc.) or in secular life. But what are we doing when we say "Amen"? In this session, Dr. Sandy Goldberg will present four main theories from Jewish tradition and argue that none of these can make sense of the full range of uses (including secular uses). He employs tools from philosophy of language -- in particular, from the theory of speech acts -- to provide his answer. If he is right, this simple act of speech turns out to be one of the most important acts by which we forge and sustain our communities.

*Sandy Goldberg is the Chester D. Tripp Professor in the Humanities and Professor of Philosophy at Northwestern University. His research focuses on the nature and social dimensions of mind, language, and knowledge. He has served as Chair of the Board of Northwestern Hillel (2016-18) and as President of Beth Hillel B'nai Emunah synagogue in Wilmette (2018-20). He and his wife, Judy Levey, live in Evanston, and they have three adult children.*

#### April 23

Join us as **Anna Calamaro** will discuss **"Exploring The Intersection of Judaism, Pregnancy, and Postpartum."** How might our foremothers' experiences with pregnancy impact the way we consider this holy phase of many people's lives? What ancient techniques, beliefs, and practices empowered our ancestors, and how might we include them in modern birthing experiences? And is it true that nearly every Jewish holiday connects to birth imagery?! This adult ed learning session is based on Anna's recently completed thesis: *"From Sarah to Rebecca to Bubbie to You: Empowering Modern Jewish Lives By Embracing Ancient Ancestral Birthing and Postpartum Wisdom."*

### Musar Class

Zoom Meeting ID: 242 631 590

Musar is a long-standing tradition of exploring Jewish ethics with a particular focus on character formation. Join Rabbi Elder via **Zoom on Wednesday mornings from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.** to delve into selections from the Musar tradition, in text and in practice. The goal of the class is to not only take a more academic approach to Jewish ethics and ethical literature, but also to use some of the techniques of the Musar Movement (*chevruta* study, personal reflection time, and others) to deepen our own understanding of ourselves and push to live up to the best that is within each one of us.

**Please Note: Class will only meet on April 19 this month due to Passover. We will NOT meet on April 5, 12, and 26.**

### Yiddish Class

Zoom Meeting ID: 863 6421 5324

Our Yiddish Class continues to meet at **7:00 p.m. on Monday evenings**. This month, classes will meet **via Zoom and in-person** at the **home of Sharon and Eugene Gutan** (627 Leamington, Wilmette) on **April 3** and at the **home of Ellen and Henry Criz** (545 Green Bay Road, Highland Park) on **April 10, 17, and 24**. Contact **Sharon Gutan** (gutan627@comcast.net) or **Betsy Hersher** (betsyhersher@gmail.com with questions).

### Wednesday Afternoon Tanach Study

Zoom Meeting ID: 813 358 443

All are invited to join Rabbi Elder **either in-person at the North Shore United Methodist Church (213 Hazel Avenue, Glencoe) OR via Zoom** for weekly Tanach study on **Wednesday afternoons from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.** Each week, we proceed through the Bible, verse by verse, discussing its content and various interpretations. New participants are always welcome.

**Please Note: Class will only meet on April 19 this month due to Passover. We will NOT meet on April 5, 12, and 26.**

### April Hakafa Book Club

*Last Summer at the Golden Hotel* by Elyssa Friedland

All are welcome to join our book group dedicated to reading Jewish and Jewish-adjacent works of fiction and nonfiction. Hakafa member and librarian, **David Levinson**, facilitates the discussion at **4:15 p.m.** on the **second Sunday each month**. This month we will meet on **April 9 via Zoom**. Anyone who is interested in being added to the email list and receiving the Zoom link, please contact **David** (levinson@lakeforest.edu).



# Chadashot

**Hakafa Youth News**  
**April 2023**

## Note from the Director of Education

Welcome back from Spring Break! We begin this month with Hebrew School on April 4 and Religious School on April 9!

We have a very busy month ahead! On April 9, our students will have an All-School Passover Education Day. We have so many fun activities planned, and it promises to be an exceptional day!

On April 16, we have our last High School class session for our 9th-11th graders of the year!

We also will be having our second Student-Led Shabbat Service on Friday night, April 21. I am looking for readers to help Rabbi Elder lead the service. Please reply ASAP to the email we sent to families so I can begin to assign parts. It will be a great experience for the students to lead services and a wonderful opportunity to spend Shabbat together!

On April 23, we will be having a very special Field Trip Day for all of our students. Our K-6th graders and their parents will be going to The Ark. Our 7th and 8th graders (students and teachers only) will be visiting the Holocaust Museum. More details will follow in an email. We are very excited about having our students go into our Jewish community for hands-on educational experiences!

It has been wonderful meeting together with our Adult Education participants at our service on Sunday mornings and then coming together again for bagels! Wishing everyone a *Chag Pesach Sameach* and a great month of April!

L'shalom, Bibi

## Student-Led Friday Evening Shabbat Service



Please join us on **Friday, April 21** at **7:30 PM** at the **Winnetka Community House** (620 Lincoln Avenue, Winnetka) when our Religious School and Hebrew School students will help lead Hakafa's Shabbat Service. We look forward to sharing a wonderful evening together.



## B'nai Mitzvah Workshop

The final workshop in Rabbi Elder's "Walk through the Shabbat Service" b'nai mitzvah service prep series will be held in-person on **Sunday, April 16 at 12:00 PM** at the **Takiff Center** (999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe). At that time, Rabbi Elder will break down the concluding part of the service, explaining themes and language. Also, there will be the opportunity to discuss music options for your service. If you have any questions, please contact Rabbi Elder.



## Join us For Shabbat Shechina: Drag Queen Story Hour

**April 15 – 11:00 AM**

**For location details, email:**  
**tayalim@hakafa.org**

See details under "Prayer & Celebration"  
in this newsletter.

## Social Action

### Car Seats Needed for Refugee Children



We are looking for donations of children's car seats for refugee children. Many of these children are from Ukraine, and some are from Afghanistan. If you have a car seat that you would like to donate, please contact **Barb Scott** (bams457@gmail.com) who will arrange for your donation to be picked up.

### Tutoring for Citizenship Exam

Zoom Meeting ID: 838 4918 4108

There will be another follow up Zoom meeting on Wednesday, **May 3 at 7:00 p.m.** for people interested in volunteer tutoring for the citizenship exam. It's a chance to make a difference in people's lives and can be done virtually. It's not too late to get involved, so if you're interested please contact **Barbara Anderson** (caabaa16@gmail.com).

### A Just Harvest



Continuing our commitment for more than 20 years, on the 2nd Sunday of every month, Hakafa members bring and serve lunch to more than 150 people at A Just Harvest's Community Kitchen (7649 N. Paulina St, Chicago).

**Volunteers are needed to sign up to help! You can sign up to provide food, help serve (ages 12 and older), or both!** Plan to arrive to help/deliver food at **11:00 a.m.** Lunch will be served from 12:00-2:00 p.m. *Hakafa's tzedakah fund can reimburse you for expenses, if needed.* **Click here for more details and to sign up to volunteer:** <http://tinyurl.com/a-just-harvest>. Contact Hakafa member, **Monique Parsons** (monique.parsons@gmail.com), with questions.

*A Just Harvest's (www.ajustharvest.org) mission is to fight poverty and hunger in the Rogers Park and greater Chicago community by providing nutritious meals daily while cultivating community and economic development and organizing across racial, cultural and socioeconomic lines in order to create a more just society.*

### Jewish Community Resources

**CJE SeniorLife** (www.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.

**JCFS Chicago** (www.jcfs.org, 855-275-5237) – *JCFS Chicago* 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.

**JCFS Chicago Addiction Services** (www.jcfs.org/our-services/jewish-community-programs/addiction-services, 847-745-5422) – *JCFS Chicago Addiction Services* 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.

**JCFS Chicago Illness, Loss and Spiritual Support Services** (www.jcfs.org/our-services/jewish-community-programs/illness-loss-grief, 847-745-5404) – The staff at *JCFS Chicago Illness, Loss and Spiritual Support Services* provides information about social services, medical resources, and spiritual resources for people who are ill, grieving, or serving as caregivers to help in their difficult times.

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

# Congregation Hakafa Calendar

## April 2023 – Nisan / Iyar 5783

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1 Shabbat HaGadol</b> 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Minyan (NSUMC & Zoom)
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 7:00 pm Yiddish Class (Home of Sharon & Eugene Gutan & Zoom)	<b>4</b> 10:00 am Midrash Class (NSUMC & Zoom) 4:15-5:30 pm Hebrew School Resumes (TC) 7:30 pm Tanach Study (NSUMC & Zoom)	<b>5</b> <b>Erev Pesach</b> <b>1st Passover Seder</b>	<b>6</b> <b>Passover 1</b> 6:00 pm Congregational Seder (WCH & Zoom) <b>2nd Passover Seder</b>	<b>7</b> <b>Passover 2</b> 7:30 pm Shabbat Service (WCH & Zoom)	<b>8</b> <b>Passover 3</b>
<b>9</b> <b>Passover 4</b> 10:00-11:45 am Religious School Resumes (TC) 10:15 am Congregation Meeting (TC & Zoom) 4:15 pm Book Club (Zoom)	<b>10</b> <b>Passover 5</b> 7:00 pm Yiddish Class (Home of Ellen & Henry Criz & Zoom)	<b>11</b> <b>Passover 6</b> 10:00 am Midrash Class (NSUMC & Zoom) 4:15-5:30 pm Hebrew School (TC)	<b>12</b> <b>Passover 7</b> 10:00 am Yizkor Service (NSUMC & Zoom)	<b>13</b> (8th Day of Passover) 12:00 pm Lunch & Learn (Zoom)	<b>14</b> <b>Newsletter Articles Due</b> 7:30 pm Shabbat Service (WCH & Zoom)	<b>15</b> 11:00 am Shabbat Shechina: Drag Queen Story Hour Bar Mitzvah Service of Nate Goldberg
<b>16</b> 10:00-11:45 am Religious School (TC) 10:15 am Adult Education (TC & Zoom) – Dr. Sandy Goldberg: <i>What do we mean when we say Amen?</i> 12:00 pm 4th B'nai Mitzvah Workshop (TC) 4:00-6:15 pm 9th-11th Grade Class Session IV	<b>17</b> 7:00 pm Yiddish Class (Home of Ellen & Henry Criz & Zoom)	<b>18</b> <b>Yom HaShoah</b> 10:00 am Midrash Class (NSUMC & Zoom) 4:15-5:30 pm Hebrew School (TC) 7:30 pm Tanach Study (Zoom)	<b>19</b> 10:00 am Musar Class (Zoom) 1:00 pm Tanach Study (NSUMC & Zoom) 7:00 pm Keshet Trivia Night (Curt's Café, Highland Park)	<b>20</b> 7:30 pm Gershom Gorenberg - Israel at 75: How Far We've Come, What We Must Do (Beth Emet & Virtual)	<b>21</b> 7:30 pm Student-Led Shabbat Service (WCH & Zoom)	<b>22</b> 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Minyan (NSUMC & Zoom) 7:00 pm Young Adult Dessert & Wine Gathering (Colvin House in Edgewater)
<b>23</b> 10:00-11:45 am Religious School (TC) 10:15 am Adult Education (TC & Zoom) – Anna Calamaro: <i>Exploring the Intersection of Judaism, Pregnancy, and Postpartum</i> 3:00-4:30 pm Confirmation Class Parent Meeting & Student Prep Session (NSUMC)	<b>24</b> 7:00 pm Yiddish Class (Home of Ellen & Henry Criz & Zoom)	<b>25</b> <b>Yom HaZikaron</b> 4:15-5:30 pm Hebrew School (TC)	<b>26</b> <b>Yom HaAtzmaut</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 7:30 pm Shabbat Service (Zoom only)	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b>	<div>           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)         </div>					





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