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## D'varim

### Louise

Rona and I are cat people. We have been for over thirty years, seventeen of those with JJ and twelve with Moses. We mourned when Moses died last month and continue to grieve to this day. And we did what all cat lovers do when their feline family member passes on: We decided to get a dog.

Well, Noah decided, actually. He has been wanting a dog for as long as he has been alive. We were able to put it off all this time under the pretense of having a cat, hoping that either Noah would outgrow it, forget about it, or be old enough to be on his own when the time for a dog came. Alas, the pandemic hit, and as is all too common for many of us, our recent graduate from college has found himself stuck at our house, waiting for the opportunity to head off and start his new, independent life.

So, of all the change that COVID-19 has brought us, the most surprising is probably Louise. Louise arrived at Orphans of the Storm on a Tuesday night, a Great Pyrenees/Beagle mix that travelled the well-worn trail that tens of thousands of rescue dogs have traversed from Alabama to the Chicago area. Noah met her at the shelter the next day, and they chose one another immediately. The following Tuesday, just two days ago, Louise came home and immediately nestled her way into our collective heart.

I am writing this on Thanksgiving Day. Here is what Louise has taught us already:

**Dogs are definitely not cats.** Cats prance into a room full of people to declare, "Pay attention to me ignoring you." Dogs barrel in and complain if *you* are ignoring *them*. Cats are fastidiously clean and house-trained by nature. By the looks of our family room just two days into this new endeavor, dogs do not appear to be overly concerned about either. Cats are heavy at twenty pounds; this little girl of ours is light at fifty pounds. Cats meow; dogs, we've been told, bark, though Louise has not yet graced us with her blare. Cats don't seem to care about anything; dogs most definitely do.

**Who needs Pilates?** In the past two days, Louise and I have walked our block a million times. Noah and she have done so two million times. We have met squirrels still not hibernating, dogs trying to sort out their new lives as Louise is, and even a skunk who didn't bother to squirt us. We are beginning to be acknowledged by and to acknowledge neighbors with whom we have never had occasion to interact. Our days of strolling with ear buds and podcasts are over for the time being and, frankly, that is not a bad thing. If Louise forces us to get into better shape while re-engaging in our immediate environs (which, perhaps, we have taken for granted after living here all these years), she has given us gifts beyond her own being.

**Unconditional love is addictive.** We don't know Louise's backstory. We don't even know her age. We know she has been through a trauma of sorts; if not, she would not have been brought here to ultimately live with us. We know that she cowers when talked to too sternly and that she shrinks down when forced to go places she fears. And we know that she loves to be loved. Louise expresses her delight in being with us with such enthusiasm that it is impossible not to get caught up in it. It is fun and exhausting and so, so affirming. I now understand why so many people have adopted dogs over the past nine months. With the tension, anxiety, fear, loneliness, and boredom that have crept into many people's lives as of late, it is nice to be reminded of the beauty of innocent, unencumbered joy and what it feels to be fully embraced by it.

I don't know if I will feel this way a year from now, a week from now, or even tomorrow. But today I will say this: Thank You, God, for giving us Louise. Thank You for unimagined odors and fresh, unpleasant tasks. Thank You for reawakening old energies that have pulled us out of the molasses of our malaise, even for a little bit. And, thank You for giving us the luxury of being able to indulge in this new family member of ours.

Happy Thanksgiving Day.

-Rabbi Bruce Elder

## Prayer and Celebration

### Friday Night Services

Please note that all Friday Evening Kabbalat Shabbat Services will be held via Zoom.

**The Zoom Meeting ID for all Shabbat Services is:  
292 137 266**

**December 4 Parshat Vayishlach**  
7:30 p.m. Torah Portion: Genesis 32:4-36:43  
Haftarah: Hosea 11:7-12:12

**December 11 Shabbat Service/Hanukkah Celebration  
Parshat Vayeishev**  
7:00 p.m. Torah Portion: Genesis 37:1-40:23  
Haftarah: Zechariah 4:1-7

**Please note early start time of 7:00 p.m.**

**December 18 Parshat Mikeitz**  
7:30 p.m. Torah Portion: Genesis 41:1-44:17  
Haftarah: I Kings 3:15-4:1

**December 25 Parshat Vayigash**  
7:30 p.m. Torah Portion: Genesis 44:18-47:27  
Haftarah: Ezekiel 37:15-28

### Young Adult Pre-Chanukah Trivia Event Zoom Meeting ID: 893 9658 0681

All young adults in their mid-20s and 30s (and their children) who are members of, grew up in, or are associated with Hakafa are invited to a virtual **Pre-Chanukah gathering and Jewish trivia event** on **Saturday, December 5 at 4:00 p.m.** It has been awhile since we have gotten together - join us for good fun and great conversation! RSVP to Rabbi Elder (rabbi@hakafa.org or 847-266-8854). We hope to see you there!

### Calling All Torah Chanters

Hakafa is inviting members to chant or read Torah at select Erev Shabbat services. If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, please contact **Brian Browdy** (847-942-7318 or brian.browdy@gmail.com).

### Adult B'nai Mitzvah

Are you interested in becoming an adult b'nai mitzvah? We are looking into holding an adult b'nai mitzvah class starting this winter, and we would like to know if there are members who would like to participate. The ceremony would take place in 2022. For more information, or to indicate your interest, please contact Rabbi Elder (rabbi@hakafa.org, 847-266-8854).

### Shabbat Moring Minyan: Zoom Meeting ID: 847 8216 0504

Please join us via Zoom on **Saturdays, December 5 and 19 at 9:00 a.m.** for this hour-long service and study. It is a wonderful opportunity to enhance your celebration of Shabbat. People of all ages are encouraged and welcome to attend.

### Tot Shabbat for Young Children and Grandchildren Zoom Meeting ID: 817 5999 4793

Families with children/grandchildren ages five and younger (including parents, siblings, and/or extended family) are invited to join us via Zoom on **Saturday, December 19 at 11:00 a.m.** for 30-minutes to sing, dance, hear a story, and pray at our interactive Shabbat experience. Feel free to invite friends!

### "Sponsor" a Virtual Oneg

Have you wanted to celebrate a special event, commemorate a yearzeit, or honor someone by providing a Friday night oneg but have been unable to do so because of us being on Zoom these past months? Do you have an organization or cause you support that you would like others to support, too? Now you will have a chance to do both - by sponsoring a virtual oneg. Here's how it works:

1. Choose a Friday night to sponsor, and sign up online at this link (<http://tinyurl.com/oneg-hosting>) or by contacting Suzanne Shore or Ilene Holt-Turner (oneg@hakafa.org).
2. Make a donation to a charity about which you are passionate.
3. Light the Shabbat candles that night at services (Sara will lead us all in the blessing, unless you would prefer to recite it yourself.).
4. During announcements, you will be able to tell us about the place to which you donated.
5. Hakafa will make a donation to that organization in your honor.
6. Even if you cannot be at services that evening, we will tell participants about your cause, and Hakafa make the donation in your honor.

Contact **Suzanne** (oneg@hakafa.org or 847-722-6797) or **Ilene** (oneg@hakafa.org or 847-409-6022) for more information.

# חג הנכה שמח

## HAPPY HANUKKAH

Celebrate Hanukkah with Hakafa this Year!

### Hanukkah Gift Bags

We will be dropping off a special Hanukkah gift bag at every member's home in the days leading up to Hanukkah. A volunteer Hakafa member will contact you to let you know what day to expect your delivery.



### Hakafa Community Candlelighting Each Night of Hanukkah

December 10-17 – 7:00 PM  
Zoom Meeting ID: 874 1395 5959

Join us for a few minutes each night of Hanukkah as we light our *chanukiot* (Hanukkah menorahs) together on Zoom.

*\*Please note that the candle lighting on Friday, December 11 will take place during our Shabbat Service and Hanukkah Celebration (see details below).*

### Shabbat Service and Hanukkah Celebration

Friday evening, December 11 - 7:00 PM (NOTE EARLY TIME)  
Zoom Meeting ID: 292 137 266



Please join us on Zoom for a beautiful Hakafa tradition as we celebrate the 2nd night of Hanukkah and Shabbat! Bring your *chanukiot* (Hanukkah menorahs) and candles, and help us celebrate Hanukkah and Shabbat as a community.

## Member News

### Zoom Conferencing: Instructions for Accessing

Please note that all Hakafa Zoom gatherings are now password protected. Contact Rona (admin@hakafa.org) if you need the Hakafa password.

**To Access Zoom with a computer/laptop:** Go to [www.zoom.us/join](http://www.zoom.us/join) and enter the Meeting ID for the specific gathering. PLEASE NOTE THAT EACH HAKAFA EVENT HAS A DIFFERENT MEETING ID. If it asks you if you want to use the computer's audio, say yes. The same for the video. If your video doesn't come up automatically, you can turn it on by clicking on the video icon at the bottom, left side of your screen.

**To Access Zoom on an iPad or smartphone:** Go to [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us). If you have not already done so, you will be directed to download the Zoom app. Please download it. Then, click on "Join a Meeting" and enter the Meeting ID for the specific gathering. PLEASE NOTE THAT EACH HAKAFA EVENT HAS A DIFFERENT MEETING ID.

**To Access Zoom by Phone (no video):** Call 312-626-6799. When you hear a recording, it will instruct you to type in the Meeting ID number, followed by the # sign. PLEASE NOTE THAT EACH HAKAFA EVENT HAS A DIFFERENT MEETING ID. You will be able to hear clearly and participate like everyone else.

### Congregation Meeting

Zoom Meeting ID: 850 3496 3619

Please come to our next Congregation Meeting via Zoom on **Sunday, December 6 at 1:00 p.m.** All members are welcome and encouraged to attend and to offer their ideas and opinions. If you have any questions, please contact **Deborah Brown** (president@hakafa.org).

### Endowment Meeting

Zoom Meeting ID: 876 4711 1224

Congregation Hakafa maintains an endowment fund that we use to support new programs and activities that aren't covered by our annual budgeting process. Congregants are welcome to offer suggestions and proposals for such programs and activities. The Endowment Trustees will meet via Zoom on **Monday, December 7 at 7:30 p.m.** to consider new requests. This meeting is open to all congregants. Please attend the meeting or contact the trustees with your ideas/questions. Our three trustees are **Bonnie Koven** (ekoven@aol.com), **Sally Nador** (nadorsally@gmail.com), and **Deborah Brown** (president@hakafa.org). And, please remember, financial contributions to the Endowment Fund are always welcome—any time of the year.

### Keshet Event

Zoom Meeting ID: 895 1126 8967

Before COVID-19 shut us down, our monthly Keshet gatherings at Curt's Café were going strong. We might not be able to meet in person, but that doesn't mean we can't continue to get together!

Join Rabbi Elder on **Wednesday, December 9 at 7:00 p.m.** for **Do You Remember Your First...?** an online conversation about our lives growing up. As part of our discussion, we will schmooze and catch up a bit. We hope you will be there!

*Keshet (Hebrew for "Connection") is an initiative geared toward new, recent, or soon-to-be empty nesters and their age group who are looking to get to know one another, share ideas, and create new and deep relationships. Though oriented toward this demographic, all Hakafa members are invited to participate.*

### Condolences to:

Van Epstein and family on the loss of his mother, Sandra Epstein

Aaron Kaiser-Chen and family on the loss of his father, Paul Chen

Michael Yellen and family on the loss of his father, Nathan Yellen

*We apologize if we have inadvertently missed a condolence for you. Please let us know so that we can include it next month.*

### Mazal Tov to:

Amy and Jim Acri on the birth of their first grandchild, Makenna Grace Boren, to Carolyn and Jon Boren.

Dr. Audrey Gordon on the University of Chicago Divinity School Alumna of the Year Award for her pioneering work and leadership in hospice care.

*If you are having a simcha – a birth, wedding, or the like – please let us know (admin@hakafa.org) so that we can share your joy with our congregational community.*

### Hakafa Coffee Klatch

Zoom Meeting ID: 849 0503 7092

One thing we have learned over the past seven months is how important it is for us to have opportunities to check in with one another. Join us on **Thursday, December 17 at 7:30 p.m.** for a chance to connect with other Hakafa members. Bring a cup of coffee, tea, or whatever you might be drinking. We will sit, schmooze, and enjoy being with one another.

### 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 **Ana Bensinger** (anabensinger@att.net or 847-926-3223) or **Anita Goldberg** (anitagoldberg@gmail.com or 847-432-8973). volunteer.

## Member News (Continued)

### 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:

**General Fund:** Our General Fund supports the day-to-day operations of the synagogue. To donate to the General Fund, please make your check payable to "Congregation Hakafa."

**Rabbi's Discretionary Fund:** Rabbi Elder's Discretionary Fund directly supports those in need in and around our community. Rabbi Elder directs the usage of these funds. To donate to the Discretionary Fund, please make your check payable to "Congregation Hakafa" and write "Rabbi Elder's Discretionary Fund" on the memo line.

**Endowment Fund:** Our Endowment Fund supports special programming not covered by the budget. Endowment Trustees direct the usage of these funds. To donate to the Endowment Fund, please make your check payable to "Congregation Hakafa" and write "Endowment 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.

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 Elder (admin@hakafa.org or 847-242-0687).

## Adult Education

### Sunday Morning Adult Education in December Zoom Meeting ID: 871 3067 5137

Sunday Morning Adult Education this month will take place **via Zoom at 10:30 a.m. on December 6 and 13.** David Rieser will present a **two-part series on "Moses Mendelssohn and the Challenge of the Jewish Enlightenment."**

Moses Mendelssohn was the Jackie Robinson of late 18th century European intelligentsia. A formidable scholar, he became a recognized master of philosophy and welcomed into the highest circles of society despite remaining an observant Jew. At the same time he faced withering criticism both from gentiles who asked why someone with his vast knowledge of non-Jewish topics didn't just convert and Jews who similarly questioned how he could spend his life in non-Jewish pursuits and still stay Jewish. A group of younger Jews who idolized Mendelssohn attempted to develop a curriculum, an educational system and writings to bring Jews out of the Cheder and into the new world, an effort that became known as the Jewish Enlightenment. In our two-part class we will discuss the world into which Mendelssohn was born, the roadblocks he faced in become a leading intellectual, and the challenges of reframing the Jewish world to produce other intellectual leaders.

Some may remember that we did Part 1 in March, but COVID kicked in and we didn't get to Part 2. Since you may not have saved your notes from then, David will summarize the information we talked about and then proceed with all new material.

*David Rieser is a lawyer by profession and while he was always a history buff, his Bar Mitzvah at Hakafa thirteen years ago sparked an apparently insatiable interest in Jewish history. He made the mistake of telling Rabbi Elder about some of his reading, so this is now his twelfth adult education discussion.*

### Midrash Class:

Zoom Meeting ID: 696 226 468

Join us via Zoom on **Tuesdays, December 1 and 15 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.

### Two Weekly Opportunities for Torah Study

*All Hakafa members are invited to one or both of our two weekly Torah study sessions.*

#### Tuesday Evening Torah Class:

7:30 to 8:45 p.m.

Zoom Meeting ID: 662 730 822

**Please Note: Class will NOT meet on December 22 and 29.**

#### Wednesday Afternoon Torah Class:

1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Zoom Meeting ID: 813 358 443

**Please Note: Class will NOT meet on December 23 and 30.**

## Adult Education (continued)

### Nosh and Know:

Zoom Meeting ID: 821 5540 2577

Please join us via Zoom on **Thursday, December 10 at 9:00 a.m.** for a lively conversation with Rabbi Elder! New participants are always welcome.

### Mishneh Torah:

Zoom Meeting ID: 997 667 842

Our December session of Mishneh Torah (Jewish law) class will be held via Zoom on **Tuesday, December 8 at 10:00 a.m.** Come join us and Rabbi Elder to learn more about what *Halacha* has to say on almost every aspect of life.

## Social Action

### Hakafa Voter Engagement Work Continues

Thanks to all of you who helped secure voter-turnout and end voter suppression during the 2020 elections. As you know, Georgia is having a run-off election on January 5, 2021, for both of its U.S. Senate seats. We continue to work with the Reform Movement's broader 2020 civic engagement campaign and have opportunities for postcard writing or phone-banking in GA to get out the vote and also remind young people who will turn 18 prior to January 5 to register to vote.

Please contact **Cindy Curley** (cindybcurlley@gmail.com) or **Donna Fishman** (donnafishman16@gmail.com) if you'd like more information or to get involved; we have more than 1,000 postcards coming in the next week!

### A Just Harvest

Due to COVID-19, A Just Harvest now serves a daily boxed lunch to more than 150 people (no seated dinner). No volunteers are permitted in the kitchen, but Hakafa still provides the Sunday lunch on our designated Sundays.

**Volunteers are needed to provide the fried chicken entrée, salad, vegetables, fruit, and dessert on the second Sunday morning of the month.** The fried chicken needs to be ordered and picked up at 11:00 AM from the Jewel on Howard and delivered to A Just Harvest. All other items should be left at A Just Harvest's door at 10:00 AM.

*Hakafa's tzedakah fund can reimburse you for expenses, if needed.*

To sign up to volunteer, go to: <http://tinyurl.com/a-just-harvest>.

Please contact **Monique Parsons** (monique.parsons@gmail.com) or **Debbie Charen** (debbie.charen@gmail.com) with any questions.

### Winter Clothing and Sleeping Bag Drive

The Night Ministry is looking for donations of **sleeping bags** for people who are experiencing homelessness and living on the streets. Additionally, they need **warm gloves, hats, and parka-type jackets in adult sizes, especially large sizes.** *Donations must be clean, gently used, or new.*

If you have a donation this November or December, please contact **Barb Scott** (bams457@gmail.com) and she will arrange a pick-up OR you can use this **Amazon link**:

([https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/30LJZSR5Z9JWZ?leftNavSection=Reorder&ref\\_=abls\\_inv\\_r](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/30LJZSR5Z9JWZ?leftNavSection=Reorder&ref_=abls_inv_r)) to purchase and ship directly to the Night Ministry. Thank you, in advance, for your donation!

*The Night Ministry is a Chicago-based organization that works to provide housing, health care, and human connection to members of the Chicago community struggling with poverty or homelessness. Here is the link to the Night Ministry's website: <https://www.thenightministry.org/>*



### Bakers, Drivers, and Friendly People Needed

We're looking for volunteers to bake, buy, and/or deliver challah to new members after they join. (Hakafa will reimburse costs.) If you'd like to do any of these from time to time, please contact **Barbara Miller** (vicepresident@hakafa.org).

**CONGREGATION HAKAFA**  
**SUNDAY MORNING ADULT LEARNING SCHEDULE**  
**2020-21 / 5781**

**Zoom Meeting ID: 871 3067 5137**

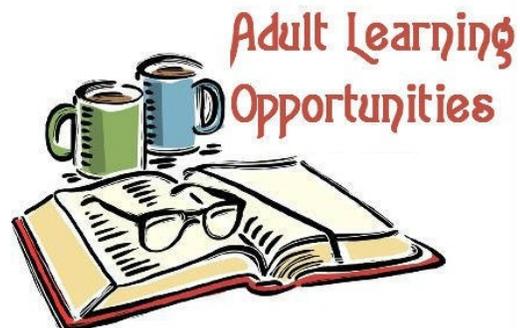
All Hakafa adults are invited to participate in our Sunday Morning Adult Education classes led by both congregational and community scholars who will delve into a variety of topics of special interest and expertise. Feel free to come for one session or for all of them!

**All classes begin at 10:30 a.m.**

\* Please note that these programs are subject to change. \*

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| <b>September 13</b> | <b>Judith Joseph &amp; Jane Shapiro</b><br>Teshuva as Metamorphosis: A Creative Preparation for the High Holidays  |
| <b>October 25</b>   | <b>Dr. Claire Sufrin</b><br>Elie Wiesel: His Life and Work (Part I)  |
| <b>November 1</b>   | <b>Dr. Claire Sufrin</b><br>Elie Wiesel: His Life and Work (Part II)   |
| <b>November 8</b>   | <b>Hen Mazzig</b><br>The Dynamic Between Ashkenazic, Sephardic, and Mizrahi Communities in Israel  |
| <b>November 15</b>  | <b>Barbara Miller, Harriet Rosenthal, Heather Ross, &amp; Nancy Rotering</b><br>Hakafa Members elected to Public Office Share Insights on the Nature of Local Politics Today |
| <b>November 22</b>  | <b>Cameron Joseph</b><br>Election Results Analysis   |
| <b>December 6</b>   | <b>David Rieser</b><br>Moses Mendelssohn and the Challenge of the Jewish Enlightenment (Part I)  |
| <b>December 13</b>  | <b>David Rieser</b><br>Moses Mendelssohn and the Challenge of the Jewish Enlightenment (Part II)   |

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| <b>January 10</b>  | <b>Rabbi Rachel Mikvah</b><br>Dangerous Religious Ideas  |
| <b>January 17</b>  | <b>Presenter and Topic TBA</b>   |
| <b>January 24</b>  | <b>Riva Lehrer</b><br>Discussion of Her Memoir: <i>Golem Girl</i>                                    |
| <b>January 31</b>  | <b>Daniel Greene</b><br>American Responses to the Holocaust  |
| <b>February 21</b> | <b>Presenter and Topic TBA</b>   |
| <b>February 28</b> | <b>Cameron Joseph</b><br>Topic TBA   |
| <b>March 7</b>     | <b>Dr. Sandy Goldberg</b><br>Jewish Joy  |
| <b>March 14</b>    | <b>Presenter and Topic TBA</b>   |
| <b>April 11</b>    | <b>Dr. David Shyovitz</b><br>Topic TBA   |
| <b>April 18</b>    | <b>Dr. David Shyovitz</b><br>Topic TBA   |
| <b>April 25</b>    | <b>Presenter and Topic TBA</b>   |
| <b>May 2</b>       | <b>Dr. Judith Levi</b><br>The Identity Paradox: How Our Multiple Identities Both Divide and Unite Us |
| <b>May 23</b>      | <b>Presenter and Topic TBA</b>   |



# Chadashot

Hakafa Youth News  
December 2020

## Note from the Director of Education

It's December! We are quickly approaching winter break, but before we get to our "vacation" we still have a packed month of Hakafa learning ahead! Please check the "Dates to Note" on this page, and mark your calendars because our school schedule is slightly different this month.

On December 4 we have our Student-Led Shabbat Service. Thank you to all of the students who have volunteered to help Rabbi Elder lead the service!

Sunday, December 13 will be our last day of Religious School before Winter Break. This will be a special All-School Hanukkah/Tikkun Olam Family Education Program. We have so many things planned for this virtual session, and details will be emailed and supplies delivered closer to the date. We hope all will participate and have the chance to "see" each other before break.

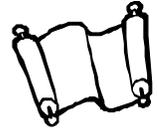
As we wrap up our first semester of online learning I would like to reflect on this experience. It is challenging for everyone - teachers and students alike. But, as a result, we have learned so much about ourselves, our teaching methods, technology and all of its glory, and how to continually engage students. This is a process and a journey that we hope to keep improving and learning from, and provide our community with a space for our kids that is welcoming, interesting, and promotes connectivity with each other. Thank you to all of our staff who are working so hard to stretch their brains and tackle the curriculum and new ways of teaching. Thank you to our beloved students who show up and try their best to be present each class session. Thank you to our parents for supporting your children and also being present to help when needed.

Wishing all of you a *Chag Chanukah Sameach* and a restful and peaceful Winter Break. I welcome any comments or feedback that you may have. Please feel free to contact me anytime, even if it is just needing to talk and have a conversation!



L'shalom,  
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## B'nai Mitzvah Workshops



Rabbi Elder's "Walk through the Shabbat Service" b'nai mitzvah workshop series will continue with our second session on **Sunday, December 13** via **Zoom (Meeting ID: 982 2105 7897)**. **Families planning morning services will meet at 1:00 pm, and families planning evening services will meet at 2:00 pm.** This series is designed for families of students whose b'nai mitzvah celebrations will be taking place in the next year. Students and their parents should attend. All b'nai mitzvah candidates & families are welcome, even if you missed the first one. If you have any questions, contact Rabbi Elder (rabbi@hakafa.org).



## Religious School All-School Hanukkah/Tikkun Olam Family Education Program

All Religious School students (grades K-8) and their parents should plan to join us **via Zoom** on **Sunday, December 13** from **10:00 to 11:30 am** for an interactive and educational **Hanukkah/Tikkun Olam Family Education Day!** Zoom Links & detailed information will be emailed to Religious School families.

## Dates to Note:



- December 1: ▪ Hebrew School Classes
- December 4: ▪ Student-Led Shabbat Service (7:30 pm)
- December 6: ▪ Religious School Classes
  - High School Class Session II for 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> Graders (4:00-5:30 pm)
- December 8: ▪ Hebrew School Classes
- December 13: ▪ Religious School Hanukkah/Tikkun Olam Family Education Day (10-11:30 am)
  - B'nai Mitzvah Workshops (1:00 pm OR 2:00 pm)
- December 15: ▪ Hebrew School Classes
- December 16 through January 4: No Religious School or Hebrew School (Winter Break)
- January 5: ▪ Hebrew School Resumes
- January 10: ▪ Religious School Resumes

# Congregation Hakafa Calendar

## December 2020 – Kislev / Tevet 5781

| Sunday  | Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday  | Saturday  |
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|   |  | <b>1</b><br>10:00 am<br>Midrash Class<br><br>4:00-6:00 pm<br>Hebrew School<br><br>7:30 pm<br>Torah Study   | <b>2</b><br><br>1:00 pm<br>Torah Study   | <b>3</b>  | <b>4</b><br><br>7:30 pm<br>Student-Led Shabbat Service  | <b>5</b><br>9:00 am<br>Shabbat Morning Minyan<br><br>4:00 pm<br>Young Adult Pre-Hanukkah Trivia Event |
| <b>6</b><br>10:00-11:45 am<br>Religious School Classes<br><br>10:30 am–12:00 pm<br>Adult Education – David Rieser:<br><i>Moses Mendelssohn (Part I)</i><br><br>1:00 pm<br>Congregation Meeting<br><br>4:00-5:30 pm<br>9 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup> Grade Class Session II  | <b>7</b><br><br>7:30 pm<br>Endowment Meeting   | <b>8</b><br>10:00 am<br>Mishneh Torah Class<br><br>4:00-6:00 pm<br>Hebrew School<br><br>7:30 pm<br>Torah Study   | <b>9</b><br><br>1:00 pm<br>Torah Study<br><br>7:00 pm<br>Keshet Event  | <b>10</b><br>9:00 am<br>Nosh & Know<br><br>7:00 pm<br>Hanukkah Candlelighting<br><br><b>1<sup>st</sup> Night of Hanukkah</b>    | <b>11</b><br><br>7:00 pm – NOTE EARLY START TIME<br>Shabbat Service & Congregational<br>Hanukkah Celebration<br><br><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Night of Hanukkah</b> | <b>12</b><br><br>7:00 pm<br>Hanukkah Candlelighting<br><br><b>3<sup>rd</sup> Night of Hanukkah</b>    |
| <b>13</b><br>10:00-11:30 am<br>Religious School - All-School Family<br>Hanukkah/Tikkun Olam Program<br><br>10:30 am–12:00 pm<br>Adult Education – David Rieser:<br><i>Moses Mendelssohn (Part II)</i><br><br>1:00 pm OR 2:00 pm<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> B'nai Mitzvah Workshop<br><br>7:00 pm - Hanukkah Candlelighting<br><br><b>4<sup>th</sup> Night of Hanukkah</b> | <b>14</b><br><br>7:00 pm<br>Hanukkah Candlelighting<br><br><b>5<sup>th</sup> Night of Hanukkah</b> | <b>15</b> Newsletter Articles Due<br>10:00 am<br>Midrash Class<br><br>4:00-6:00 pm<br>Hebrew School<br><br>7:00 pm<br>Hanukkah Candlelighting<br><br>7:30 pm<br>Torah Study<br><br><b>6<sup>th</sup> Night of Hanukkah</b> | <b>16</b><br><br>1:00 pm<br>Torah Study<br><br>7:00 pm<br>Hanukkah Candlelighting<br><br><b>7<sup>th</sup> Night of Hanukkah</b> | <b>17</b><br><br>7:00 pm<br>Hanukkah Candlelighting<br><br>7:30 pm<br>Hakafa Coffee Klatch<br><br><b>Last Night of Hanukkah</b> | <b>18</b><br><br>7:30 pm<br>Shabbat Service   | <b>19</b><br>9:00 am<br>Shabbat Morning Minyan<br><br>11:00 am<br>Tot Shabbat                         |
| <b>20</b>   | <b>21</b>  | <b>22</b>  | <b>23</b>  | <b>24</b>   | <b>25</b><br><br>7:30 pm<br>Shabbat Service   | <b>26</b>   |
| <b>27</b>   | <b>28</b>  | <b>29</b>  | <b>30</b>  | <b>31</b>   |   |   |

# Congregation Hakafa Calendar

# January 2021 – Tevet / Shevat 5781

| Sunday   | Monday                          | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday  | Saturday  |
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|  |                                 |   |  |   | <b>1</b><br><b>New Year's Day</b><br>7:30 pm<br>Shabbat Service                 | <b>2</b>  |
| <b>3</b>   | <b>4</b>                        | <b>5</b><br>10:00 am<br>Siddur Class<br>4:00-6:00 pm<br>Hebrew School Resumes<br>7:30 pm<br>Torah Study | <b>6</b><br>1:00 pm<br>Torah Study                             | <b>7</b>  | <b>8</b><br>7:30 pm<br>Shabbat Service  | <b>9</b><br>9:00 am<br>Shabbat Morning Minyan                             |
| <b>10</b><br>10:00-11:45 am<br>Religious School Classes Resume<br>10:30 am-12:00 pm<br>Adult Education – Rabbi Rachel Mikvah:<br><i>Dangerous Religious Ideas</i><br>2:00 pm<br>Confirmation Class 1   | <b>11</b>                       | <b>12</b><br>10:00 am<br>Midrash Class<br>4:00-6:00 pm<br>Hebrew School<br>7:30 pm<br>Torah Study       | <b>13</b><br>1:00 pm<br>Torah Study<br>7:00 pm<br>Keshet Event | <b>14</b><br>10:30 am<br>Hebrew Circle<br>12:00 pm<br>Lunch & Learn | <b>15</b> Newsletter Articles Due<br>7:30 pm<br>Shabbat Service                 | <b>16</b><br>7:00 pm<br>Film Group  |
| <b>17</b><br>10:00-11:45 am<br>Religious School Classes<br>10:30 am-12:00 pm<br>Adult Education – Speaker TBA<br>2:00 pm<br>High School Service Project II   | <b>18</b><br><b>MLK Jr. Day</b> | <b>19</b><br>10:00 am<br>Mishneh Torah Class<br>4:00-6:00 pm<br>Hebrew School<br>7:30 pm<br>Torah Study | <b>20</b><br>1:00 pm<br>Torah Study                            | <b>21</b><br>7:00 pm<br>Hakafa Coffee Klatch                        | <b>22</b><br>7:30 pm<br>Shabbat Service   | <b>23</b><br>9:00 am<br>Shabbat Morning Minyan<br>11:00 am<br>Tot Shabbat |
| <b>24</b><br>10:00-11:45 am<br>Religious School Classes<br>10:30 am-12:00 pm<br>Adult Education – Riva Lehrer:<br><i>Discussion of her Memoir, Golem Girl</i>  | <b>25</b>                       | <b>26</b><br>10:00 am<br>Midrash Class<br>4:00-6:00 pm<br>Hebrew School<br>7:30 pm<br>Torah Study       | <b>27</b><br>1:00 pm<br>Torah Study                            | <b>28</b><br><b>Tu B'Shevat</b>                                     | <b>29</b><br>7:30 pm<br>Shabbat Service and<br>Congregational Tu B'Shevat Seder | <b>30</b>   |
| <b>31</b><br>11 <sup>th</sup> Grade Comparative Religions Virtual<br>Field Trip (Morning Time TBA)<br>10:00-11:30 am<br>Religious School Family Tu B'Shevat Seder<br>10:30 am-12:00 pm<br>Adult Education – Daniel Greene:<br><i>American Responses to the Holocaust</i> |                                 |   |  |   |   |   |



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