

Bruce Elder, Rabbi  
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## D’varim

### Go to Michigan!

My father was a die-hard Ohio State football fan. The university, he claimed, was the only place that allowed him to be him. A holocaust survivor who experienced the horrors of Auschwitz and Dachau at a very young age, he came to the United States in 1947, settling in Youngstown, Ohio with those members of his extended family who had fled Hungary in the decades prior to the Nazi onslaught. He lived with an aunt and uncle, his father’s new wife not wanting him around, perhaps because he was too much of a reminder of the families they all had lost in the camps, memories that were too painful to bear.

My father did not adjust to Youngstown too well at first. He was an awkward farm boy from the outskirts of an isolated, little village in northeast Hungary. His only real trip away from that region prior to his coming to America was in a cattle car to Poland. To go from that to proms and cliques and teen-age fashions could not have been easy; his cultural backwardness, amplified by his thick Hungarian accent and deep trauma, rendered him too strange for the vast majority of his flighty American peers at Rayen High School who could not have imagined what he had lived through and probably didn’t care that much as well.

Ohio State was different, though. Throngs of awkward, burgeoning adults came from all over the state to start over, to redefine and hone themselves, and to learn to become the productive members of society they hoped they would someday be. My father thrived at Ohio State. He was probably the smartest person I have ever known. He aced his classes, mastered English, made life-long friends, met my mother, and was finally free of most of society’s prejudices that had oppressed and brutalized him for most of his life. True, he got deferred from Ohio States’ medical school because of a quota system that limited the number of Jews in each class. Veterinary sciences suited him just fine, though, as he could build upon the drudgery of the farm life that was his upbringing.

I don’t know when my father became an Ohio State football fan. To be honest, he really didn’t care much for football other than that. My guess is that he got caught up in the fever that is the Buckeye nation. He bought season tickets and travelled to many out-of-state games as well. He brought buckeyes with him to every game, throwing them at the fans of opposing teams, much to the dismay of all of us. He joined the President’s Circle, a group of Buckeye donors that were given access to a player meet-and-greet every summer and delicious meals at the Ohio State union before every game. He dressed mostly in scarlet and gray and drove mostly red or gray cars. His only listening pleasure, other than the droll of the Musak with which he would torture us on drives to Columbus, was a record of the Ohio State marching band that graced the turntable of the 1960’s-era hi-fi system in our family room. And when as a young child I did something wrong, he didn’t send me to my room. Instead, he would boom: “Go to Michigan!” which was my brother’s room, but which I knew meant that I was in real trouble.

I grew up, then, with a passionate love of Ohio State and a visceral hatred of all things Voldemort – what we call Michigan in our house. I was conditioned to believe that Ohio State players were the good guys, that scarlet and gray stood for what was right and good in the world while maize and blue, the colors of the University of Voldemort, represented all that was bad and wrong. My young brain learned to associate Ohio State football victories, especially ones over Voldemort, with moments of reprieve for my father’s struggles and pain – he would be so overjoyed when they won. The losses, to me, were unfair jabs at a man who had already lost and suffered so much. And, I just wanted my father to be happy.

I still do. Though my father died nearly thirty years ago, I still carry that weight with me. As silly as I know it is, I unconsciously get anxious the week before the annual Ohio State-Voldemort contest. As silly as I know it is, I get overly elated when Ohio State wins and overly saddened when they lose. As silly as I know it is, I find that I can still honor my father by holding onto his passion, especially because he can no longer do so himself. At the very least, don’t we owe that little nod to our past?

I am writing this the day after Ohio State lost to Voldemort by a score of 30-24. It was a good game, though I turned it off before the end, realizing what the outcome would be. As someone recently said to me, after all these years of not being here, my father is probably okay with the outcome of the game and has gotten over his Buckeye obsession. Not me, though.

I can’t, and I won’t.

I love you, Dad.

*Rabbi Bruce Elder*

## 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) unless otherwise noted below.*

**December 1**      **Shabbat Vayishlach**  
**7:30 p.m.**      Torah Portion: Genesis 32:4-36:43  
                       Haftarah: Hosea 11:7-12:12

**Shabbat Service**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Bar Mitzvah of Steve Greenberg**

**December 8**      **Shabbat Vayeshev**  
**7:00 p.m.**      Torah Portion: Genesis 37:1 – 40:23  
                       Haftarah: Zechariah 4:1-7

**Student-Led Shabbat / Hanukkah Celebration**  
**Note Early Start Time**

**December 15**      **Shabbat Miketz**  
**7:30 p.m.**      Torah Portion: Genesis 41:1-44:17  
                       Haftarah: I Kings 3:15 – 4:1

**December 22**      **Shabbat Vayigash**  
**7:30 p.m.**      Torah Portion: Genesis 44:18 – 47:27  
                       Haftarah: Ezekiel 37:15 – 28

**December 29**      **Shabbat Vayechi**  
**7:30 p.m.**      Torah Portion: Genesis 47:28 – 50:26  
                       Haftarah: I Kings 2:1 – 12

**Zoom Only**

### Hakafa Celebrates Rosh Chodesh

Join us for our Rosh Chodesh Tevet gathering on **Thursday, December 14 at 7:30 p.m.** at **Yogaview** (1231 Green Bay Road, Wilmette). Inspired by the Jewish ritual of Rosh Chodesh (literally "head/start of the month"), this celebration marks the start of a new lunar month, and offers a space for us to come together to reset, reflect, and connect in a restorative evening steeped in the loving power of community. Become grounded in the spiritual energy of the month, gain insight into how the themes of the month are shaping your life, and enjoy the intimacy of a candlelit space where you will be seen and heard with compassion. While this gathering is focused on those 18 years old and beyond who identify as women or nonbinary, people of all gender expressions are welcome to come learn and help elevate these voices.

**REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED! To participate, sign up at this link:** <https://forms.gle/eZf4z1SSmEaM9FKf6>

*Future Rosh Chodesh Gatherings for the next several months will be **January 11, February 8, March 14, and April 11.***

### Shabbat Morning Minyan

Zoom Meeting ID: 847 8216 0504

Please join us on **Saturdays, December 9 and 16 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.

### Hosts Needed for Friday Night Onegs

Hosting a Friday evening Oneg Shabbat is a wonderful way to honor the memory of a loved one on his/her *yahrzeit* or to celebrate *b'nai mitzvah*, birthdays, anniversaries, or other special occasions with the congregation. **Volunteers are needed to host our weekly Onegs!**

Go to the following link for all of the details/instructions needed to host:

**[www.tinyurl.com/HakafaOnegInstructions23](http://www.tinyurl.com/HakafaOnegInstructions23).**

Please contact **Gayle Inbinder** ([oneg@hakafa.org](mailto:oneg@hakafa.org) or 847-951-0380) and **Jill Mihailovic-Sternberg** ([oneg@hakafa.org](mailto:oneg@hakafa.org) or 773-710-4436) for more information.

### Shabbat Service and the Bar Mitzvah of Steve Greenberg

Please join us for our **Friday, December 1** Shabbat Service as **Steve Greenberg** becomes a bar mitzvah for the second time. Jewish tradition states that life begins anew at seventy, and it is traditional for adults to become *b'nai mitzvah* again (or for the first time) at the age of eighty-three. All are invited to help celebrate with a special oneg hosted by the Greenbergs.

### Congregational Hanukkah Celebration and Student-Led Shabbat Service

**Bring your *chanaukiot* (Hanukkah menorahs), candles, and matches, and help us celebrate Hanukkah and Shabbat on Friday, December 8 at 7:00 p.m.** at the **Winnetka Community House** (620 Lincoln Avenue, Winnetka). Our Religious School and Hebrew School students will help lead the service! A special Hanukkah oneg with delicious Hanukkah treats, hosted by our Kadima Group, will follow. **We are looking for volunteers to help** with the oneg. Please contact **Sharon Gutan** (847-256-0638 or [Gutan627@comcast.net](mailto:Gutan627@comcast.net)) or **Betsy Hersher** (847-945-5974 or [betsyhersher@gmail.com](mailto:betsyhersher@gmail.com)) if you can help.



# HANUKKAH 5784



The Hanukkah Menorah (or *Chanukiah* in Hebrew) is a candlestick that holds nine candles, specifically for Hanukkah. Eight of the candles each represent one of the eight days of Hanukkah. The ninth candle is raised above the others and is called the *Shamash*, meaning helper-candle. It is used to light all the other candles.

This year, Hanukkah begins **Thursday evening, December 7**. If possible, candles should be lit immediately after sunset and should be allowed to burn completely. One family member may light the candles on behalf of the whole family, but it is fun to have each family member light their own *Chanukiah*.

The first candle is lit (using the *shamash*) on the first night. On the next night, two candles are lit, and one more added each night up through the eighth night. The candles are placed in the *Chanukiah* from right to left (facing you); but, when lighting them, first kindle the “new” candle added that evening (using the *shamash*) and then proceed from left to right.

On the first night, all three of the blessings below are recited. On all other nights, only the first two blessings are recited.



בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו,  
וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל חֲנֻכָּה.

*Ba-rooch a-ta A-do-nai, E-lo-hay-noo me-lech ha-o-lam, a-sher keed-sha-noo b'meetz-vo-tav  
v'tzee-va-noo l'had-leek nayr shel cha-noo-kah.*

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe, Who makes us holy with commandments,  
and commands us to light the Hanukkah candles.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ  
בְּיָמֵים הָהֵם בְּזֶמַן הַזֶּה.

*Ba-rooch a-ta A-do-nai, E-lo-hay-noo me-lech ha-o-lam, she-a-saw nee-seem la-a-vo-tay-noo  
ba-ya-meem ha-hem baz-man ha-zeh.*

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe, Who made miracles for our ancestors  
in those days, at this season.

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**Only on the first night:**

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁהֶחְיָנוּ וְקִיָּמָנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לְזֶמַן הַזֶּה.

*Ba-rooch a-ta A-do-nai, E-lo-hay-noo me-lech ha-o-lam, she-he-che-ya-noo, v'kee-y-ma-noo,  
v'hee-gee-a-noo, laz-man ha-zeh.*

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe, Who gives us life and sustains us,  
and brings us to this season.



CONGREGATION HAKAFA PRESENTS A

# TOT HANUKKAH PAJAMA PARTY



Families with children up to age 4 are invited to join us  
in your Hanukkah PJs for Hanukkah songs and celebration!  
Latkes and Sufganiot will be served!



**FRIDAY  
8 DEC**  
4:45-5:30 PM

Registration Required. Winnetka location  
will be provided upon registration.

To register, go to:

[www.tinyurl.com/HakafaTotHanukkah](http://www.tinyurl.com/HakafaTotHanukkah)





## Member News



### Volunteers Needed at Our Hanukkah Celebration on December 8

**Volunteers are needed to set-up, clean-up, cook, and serve latkes during our Hanukkah celebration.** If you can help out with any of these tasks, please contact **Betsy Hersher** (betsyhersher@gmail.com) or **Sharon Gutan** (gutan627@comcast.net). We are looking forward to a fun-filled evening and hope you will join us!

### Chesed

The Hebrew word for loving kindness is *chesed*, and the Chesed Committee responds to a wide range of situations and events that occur in the lives of our congregants. We are in need of more volunteers and are asking for people to **sign up to help at this link**:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfYe8OGJYjguZGn\\_LgSZXyM6vVSoCtJtMJmrqyxH0zuGcs4pg/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfYe8OGJYjguZGn_LgSZXyM6vVSoCtJtMJmrqyxH0zuGcs4pg/viewform).

If you have questions or comments, contact **Beth McCullough** (mikeandbeth\_60089@yahoo.com) or **Camille De Frank** (camilledefrank@gmail.com).

### Nominating Committee Meeting

The Nominating Committee will meet on **Thursday, January 18 at 7:30 p.m.** to begin to set a slate of officers for the 2024/25 year. Per the Hakafa bylaws, anyone wishing to participate in the Committee must inform the chair, **Deborah Brown** (dmb9476@gmail.com), prior to the meeting in writing (in print or via email). The meeting is scheduled to be held in-person, but if anyone is unable to attend, please let Deborah know by **January 15** and a Zoom link will be made available.

### Kesher Movie Night is Back!

Join us on **Wednesday, December 20 at 7:00 p.m.** at **Curt's Café** (1766 Second Street, Highland Park). We will watch and discuss a few Jewish short films complete with a nosh and 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.*

### 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 to assist you.

### Willow Lawn Cemetery Plots

Hakafa has a few full plots and several plots for the burial of cremains remaining in our section. Green burial is more environmentally friendly than standard burial. More information can be found on our website at: [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). You can also contact Deborah Brown (dmb9476@gmail.com).

### Condolences to:

Jeremy Goldberg and family on the loss of his wife and longtime Hakafa member, Eileen Goldberg

Jane Grossman and family on the loss of her mother, Toby Paull

### Mazal Tov to:

Carol Anne Been and family, and Dan Freedman and family on the marriage of their son, Adam Freedman, to Rebecca Dell

Brian Browdy and Dana Rhodes on their marriage

Peter and Sally Ettlinger on the marriage of their daughter, Kelsey, to Andrew Eisenberg

### 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, December 17 at 10:30 a.m.** Contact our President, **Barbara Miller** (president@hakafa.org), with questions.

### Calling all Hakafa Artists and Musicians

We need talented musicians and artists for Hakafa's 40th Anniversary Celebration taking place on **Saturday, April 13**. We are planning a reception at a hotel where there will be a large, well laid-out space to display art and a venue for musical performances. If you are **interested in showcasing your artwork, performing music, or helping organize the event** contact **Janet Lubetkin** (janetlubetkin@gmail.com) or **Betsy Hersher** (betsyhersher@gmail.com).

## Member News (continued)

### Making Contributions to Hakafa

**If you are looking for a place to make a year-end donation, please consider** a contribution to Hakafa. We have four 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.
- **Rabbi Calamaro's Discretionary Fund** directly supports those in need in and around our community. Rabbi Calamaro directs the usage of these funds. Please make your check payable to "Congregation Hakafa" and write "Rabbi Calamaro'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.** Contact **Rona** (admin@hakafa.org) if you would like to use a credit card, if you are interested in a legacy giving plan, or with any questions.

## Adult Education

### Yiddish Class

Zoom Meeting ID: 863 6421 5324

Our Yiddish Class continues to meet both in-person and via Zoom at **7:00 p.m. on Monday evenings**. We will meet at the **home of Sharon and Eugene Gutan** (627 Leamington, Wilmette) on **December 4 and 11** and at the **home of Ellen and Henry Criz** (545 Green Bay Road, Highland Park) on **December 18**. Students of all ages are welcome - no prior knowledge of Yiddish is necessary. Each class is a self-contained unit, and anyone can join at any time. Contact **Betsy Hersher** (betsyhersher@gmail.com), **Sharon Gutan** (gutan627@comcast.net), or **Ellen Criz** (hecriz@sbcglobal.net) for more information.

**Please Note: Class will NOT meet on December 25 or January 1.**

### Midrash Class

Zoom Meeting ID: 865 5571 6045

Join us either **in-person at the North Shore United Methodist Church** (213 Hazel Avenue, Glencoe) **OR via Zoom on Tuesday mornings from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.** to study *midrash* with Rabbi Calamaro. 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.

**Please Note: Class will NOT meet on December 26.**

### 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.

**Please Note: Class will NOT meet on December 27.**

### Lattes & Limmud Class

Zoom Meeting ID: 883 3216 9148

All are invited to join Rabbi Calamaro once each month (usually on the second Thursday of the month) for lively discussion on a variety of topics. We will meet this month on **Thursday, December 14 from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.** both **in-person at the home of Cookie and Ned Robertson** (211 Dennis Lane, Glencoe) and **via Zoom**. We hope you will join us!

## Adult Education (continued)

### Tuesday Evening Tanach Study

Zoom Meeting ID: 662 730 822

All are invited to join Rabbi Elder **via Zoom** 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 (December 5 this month) will meet in-person at the North Shore United Methodist Church (213 Hazel Avenue, Glencoe) and via Zoom.**

**Class will NOT meet on December 26**

### 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 NOT meet on December 27**

### Sunday Morning Adult Education

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.

Class meets on **Sunday mornings** from **10:30 a.m.-12:00 noon**. We will meet **both in-person in Community Room 1 at the Takiff Center** (999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe) **and via Zoom**. Come early for a cup of coffee and to schmooze, and grab a bagel at noon before leaving.

#### December 3 – Primer Part III

Please join **Rabbi Elder** in a third session of his series on the current Israel/Hamas war and anti-Jewish actions on college campuses. At this session, he will speak to the ongoing debate about anti-Zionism and anti-Judaism. He will also discuss possible next steps in the Middle East; give suggestions for how to talk about issues of Israel/Palestine with non-Jews, with family members with whom you are disagreeing – sometimes vehemently - about the conflict, and with each other; offer thoughts on how to navigate uncomfortable or fearful spaces both on campus and off; and, answer questions and clarify points that grew out of his first two sessions.

#### December 10

Please join us for **“Finding New Meaning in Ecclesiastes”** with **Dr. Sandy Goldberg**. *Kohelet* (Ecclesiastes) is most famous for its pithy expressions (“Vanity of Vanities, all is vanity”; “There is nothing new under the sun”) and its world-weary wisdom (“To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven...”). Depending on one’s perspective, the text might be described, alternatively, as dark and nihilistic, as wallowing in the absurdities and meaninglessness of life, as embodying a realistic sense of the pains and joys of the everyday, or as urging us on to a life of spiritual devotion to God. One thing is certain: it was written by someone who, having reached old age, was content to reflect on the vicissitudes of human life. In this talk, Sandy will contrast four standard interpretations of the book, and he will argue in favor of a fifth. He will then use his favored interpretation to say why this is among his favorite things in Jewish liturgy.

**Dr. 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.

## Adult Education (continued)

### Hakafa Book Group 2.0 (It's A Launch Party!)

Please join us on **Sunday, December 17, at 12:30 p.m. in the Civic Room at the Northbrook Public Library** (1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook).

We have selected a great book for December: ***A Day in the Life of Amed Salama*, by Nathan Thrall**. Amazon describes it as an "[i]mmersive and gripping, an intimate story of a deadly accident outside Jerusalem that unravels a tangle of lives, loves, enmities, and histories over the course of one revealing, heartbreaking day." While not yet in paperback, it should be available from the public library and through Kindle.

Hakafa's book group has been limping along and needs new ideas and more people to add to our discussions. Our primary focus is identifying high-quality, significant books that will resonate with everyone, generating lively discussions. To that end, please come prepared to present two or three Jewish or Jewish-adjacent fiction/non-fiction book recommendations that we can read as a group. We will take a poll to gauge interest in each book and then schedule the books garnering the most interest. In addition, we plan to have group members volunteer for each month's presentation.

The relaunch will also include a discussion on suggestions for future meeting locations.

If you want to join the book group but can't make it on **December 17**, please let **David Levinson** (levinson@lakeforest.edu) or **Allison Blakley** (4everblakley@gmail.com) know.

## Social Action

### Volunteers Needed for H.O.M.E.

**Housing Opportunities & Maintenance for the Elderly** (HOME) needs volunteers to prepare and serve meals to its approximately 18 communal living residents at **Nathalie Salmon House** (7320 N. Sheridan, Chicago) **at 4:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day**. If you are willing to cook and/or serve, contact **Barbara Miller** (president@hakafa.org). Costs will be reimbursed.

### Volunteers Needed to Help Make Sack Dinners for the Night Ministry on December 3

Hakafa will once again be donating **100 sack dinners** to The Night Ministry to distribute to people experiencing homelessness. **We need volunteers to prepare 10 to 20 meals** for pickup on **Sunday, December 3**. We also need **volunteers to collect them and drop them off at the home of Barb Scott** (306 Washington Avenue, Highwood) **on December 3**. For more information, or to volunteer, contact **Barb Scott** (bams457@gmail.com). **Hakafa's tzedakah fund can reimburse you for expenses, if needed.**

*The Night Ministry (www.thenightministry.org) is a Chicago-based organization whose mission is to provide human connection, housing support, and health care to members of our community who are unhoused or experiencing poverty.*

## Jewish Community Resources

**CJE SeniorLife** (www.cje.net, 773-508-1000)

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

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

**JCFS Chicago Illness, Loss and Spiritual Support Services** (www.jcfs.org/our-services/jewish-community-programs/illness-loss-grief, 847-745-5404)

**SHALVA** (www.shalvaonline.org, 773-583-4673)



# Chadashot

**Hakafa Youth News**  
**December 2023**

## Note from the Director of Education

We have an exciting month ahead! We begin with Religious School on December 3. Our High School 9th-11th graders will have their class session, as well, that afternoon.

On Friday night, December 8, we have our Student-Led Shabbat and Hanukkah Celebration Service! I already have some student readers but would love a few more! Please reach out: [education@hakafa.org](mailto:education@hakafa.org)!

As we approach Winter Break, please note the following schedule:

### Religious School Schedule:

December 10: Religious School

December 17: Last Day of Religious School before Winter Break and Family Social Action Day (see details on this page)

### Hebrew School Schedule:

December 5: Hebrew School meets

December 5: Hebrew School meets

December 19: Last Day of Hebrew School before Winter Break

We resume Hebrew School on January 9 and Religious School on January 14.

It's hard to believe the first half of our school year is coming to an end! On behalf of the Religious School, we wish all of you a *Chag Hanukkah Sameach*, a wonderful and restful Winter Break, and a Happy New Year!

Let's enjoy this month together!

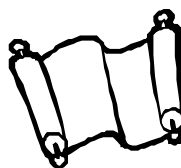


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## Student-Led Friday Evening Shabbat Service and Hanukkah Celebration



Please join us on **Friday, December 8 at 7:00 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 Workshops

Rabbi Elder's "Walk through the Shabbat Service" b'nai mitzvah workshop series will continue with our second session on **Sunday, December 17** at the **North Shore United Methodist Church** (213 Hazel Avenue, Glencoe). **Families planning morning services will meet at 12:15 pm, & families planning evening services will meet at 1:30 pm.** This series is designed for families of students whose b'nai mitzvah celebrations will be taking place in the next 12-18 months. Students and their parents should attend. All b'nai mitzvah candidates & families are welcome, even if you missed the first one.

## Religious School Family Social Action Day



All Religious School students (grades K-8) and their parents should plan to join us during Religious School on **Sunday, December 17** to volunteer their time helping others. Families will have the opportunity to work on a number of different and important projects. We hope to see all of our families there!

# Congregation Hakafa Calendar

December 2023 – Kislev/Tevet 5784

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div> <b>TC</b> = Glencoe Park District Takiff Center (999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe)  <b>WCH</b> = Winnetka Community House (620 Lincoln Avenue, Winnetka)  <b>NSUMC</b> = North Shore United Methodist Church (213 Hazel Avenue, </div>					<b>1</b>  7:30 pm Shabbat Service (WCH & Zoom)	<b>2</b>  11:00 am All-Star Tot Shabbat (Hi-Five Sports, Northbrook)
<b>3</b>  10:00 am – 12:00 pm Religious School  10:30 am Primer Part III with Rabbi Elder on the Israel/Hamas Conflict (TC)  3:15-6:45 pm 9 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup> Grade Class Session II	<b>4</b>  7:00 pm Yiddish Class (Home of Sharon & Eugene Gutan)	<b>5</b>  10:00 am Midrash Class (NSUMC & Zoom)  4:15-5:30 pm Hebrew School (TC)  7:30 pm Tanach Study ( <b>NSUMC &amp; Zoom</b> )	<b>6</b>  10:00 am Musar Class (Zoom)  1:00 pm Tanach Study (NSUMC & Zoom)	<b>7</b>  <b>First Night of Hanukkah</b>	<b>8</b>  4:45-5:30 pm Tot Hanukkah PJ Party  <b>7:00 pm (NOTE EARLY START TIME)</b> Student-Led Shabbat Service and Congregation Hanukkah Celebration (WCH & Zoom)	<b>9</b>  9:00 am Shabbat Morning Minyan (NSUMC & Zoom)  11:00 am All-Star Tot Shabbat (Hi-Five Sports, Northbrook)
<b>10</b> <b>Newsletter Articles Due</b>  10:00 am – 12:00 pm Religious School  10:30 am-12:00 pm Adult Education (TC) – Dr. Sandy Goldberg: <i>Finding New Meaning in Ecclesiastes</i>	<b>11</b>  7:00 pm Yiddish Class (Home of Sharon & Eugene Gutan)	<b>12</b>  10:00 am Midrash Class (NSUMC & Zoom)  4:15-5:30 pm Hebrew School (TC)  7:30 pm Tanach Study (Zoom)	<b>13</b>  10:00 am Musar Class (Zoom)  1:00 pm Tanach Study (NSUMC & Zoom)	<b>14</b>  9:00-10:00 am Lattes & Limmud (Home of Cookie and Ned Robertston)  7:30 pm Rosh Chodesh Gathering (Yogaview)	<b>15</b>  7:30 pm Shabbat Service (WCH & Zoom)	<b>16</b>  9:00 am Shabbat Morning Minyan (NSUMC & Zoom)  11:00 am All-Star Tot Shabbat (Hi-Five Sports, Northbrook)
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Night of Hanukkah</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Night of Hanukkah</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Night of Hanukkah</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> Night of Hanukkah</b>	<b>Last Night of Hanukkah</b>		
<b>17</b>  10:00 am – 12:00 pm Religious School  10:30 am – 12:00 pm Congregation Meeting (TC)  B'nai Mitzvah Workshops (NSUMC) 12:15 for AM Services 1:30 for PM Services  12:30 pm Book Group (Northbrook Public Library)	<b>18</b>  7:00 pm Yiddish Class (Home of Ellen & Henry Criz)	<b>19</b>  10:00 am Midrash Class (NSUMC & Zoom)  4:15-5:30 pm Hebrew School (TC)  7:30 pm Tanach Study (Zoom)	<b>20</b>  10:00 am Musar Class (Zoom)  1:00 pm Tanach Study (NSUMC & Zoom)  7:00 pm Keshet Movie Night (Curt's Café, Highland Park)	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>  7:30 pm Shabbat Service (WCH & Zoom)	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>  7:30 pm Shabbat Service (via Zoom only)	<b>30</b>
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# Congregation Hakafa Calendar

January 2024 – Tevet/Sh'vat 5784

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1 New Year's Day</b>	<b>2</b> 10:00 am Midrash Class (NSUMC & Zoom)  7:30 pm Tanach Study ( <b>NSUMC &amp; Zoom</b> )	<b>3</b> 10:00 am Musar Class (Zoom)  1:00 pm Tanach Study (NSUMC & Zoom)	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>   7:30 pm Shabbat Service (WCH & Zoom)	<b>6</b> 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Minyan (NSUMC & Zoom)
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>   7:00 pm Yiddish Class	<b>9</b> 10:00 am Midrash Class (NSUMC & Zoom)  4:15-5:30 pm Hebrew School Resumes (TC)  7:30 pm Tanach Study (Zoom)	<b>10</b> 10:00 am Musar Class (Zoom)  1:00 pm Tanach Study (NSUMC & Zoom)	<b>11</b> 9:00-10:00 am Lattes & Limmud (Home of Cookie and Ned Robertston)  7:30 pm Rosh Chodesh Gathering (Yogaview)	<b>12</b>   7:30 pm Shabbat Service (WCH & Zoom)	<b>13</b>   7:00 pm Film Group (NSUMC)
<b>14</b> 10:00 am – 12:00 pm Religious School Resumes  10:30 am–12:00 pm Adult Education (TC) – Rabbi Anna Calamaro  B'nai Mitzvah Workshops (NSUMC) 12:15 for AM Services 1:30 for PM Services	<b>15 MLK Jr. Day</b>  <b>Newsletter Articles Due</b>   7:00 pm Yiddish Class	<b>16</b> 10:00 am Midrash Class (NSUMC & Zoom)  4:15-5:30 pm Hebrew School (TC)  7:30 pm Tanach Study (Zoom)	<b>17</b> 10:00 am Musar Class (Zoom)  1:00 pm Tanach Study (NSUMC & Zoom)	<b>18</b>   7:30 pm Nominating Committee Meeting	<b>19</b>   7:30 pm Shabbat Service & Congregational Tu B'Sh'vat Seder (WCH & Zoom)	<b>20</b> 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Minyan (NSUMC & Zoom)  11:00 am Tot Tu B'Sh'vat Concert
<b>21</b> 10:00 am – 12:00 pm Religious School  10:30 am–12:00 pm Adult Education (TC) – Rabbi Anna Calamaro  B'nai Mitzvah Workshops (NSUMC) 12:15 for AM Services 1:30 for PM Services	<b>22</b>   7:00 pm Yiddish Class	<b>23</b>   4:15-5:30 pm Hebrew School (TC)	<b>24</b>	<b>25 Tu B'Sh'vat</b>	<b>26</b>   7:30 pm Shabbat Service (via Zoom only)	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 10:00 am – 12:00 pm Religious School  10:30 am–12:00 pm Adult Education (TC) – Rabbi Anna Calamaro  3:30-6:30 High School Service Project	<b>29</b>   7:00 pm Yiddish Class	<b>30</b> 10:00 am Midrash Class (NSUMC & Zoom)  4:15-5:30 pm Hebrew School (TC)  7:30 pm Tanach Study (Zoom)	<b>31</b> 10:00 am Musar Class (Zoom)  1:00 pm Tanach Study (NSUMC & Zoom)	<div> <b>TC</b> = Glencoe Park District Takiff Center (999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe)  <b>WCH</b> = Winnetka Community House (620 Lincoln Avenue, Winnetka)  <b>NSUMC</b> = North Shore United Methodist Church (213 Hazel Avenue, </div>		



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