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## D'varim

### Florida (ha) Man

Floridians do some pretty silly things sometimes. They have developed quite a reputation, in fact. Reliable news outlets such as *Weekend Update* on SNL and anchor Seth Meyers on his late night show report on them weekly. We have all seen the headlines over the years: “Thousands of Gun Owners in Florida Planning to ‘shoot down’ Hurricane Irma” (*The Independent*, Sept. 2017); “Florida Man Gets Beat Up by the Easter Bunny” (*WDBO Orlando*, April 2019); and my personal favorite, “Florida Man Tries to Rob GameStop While Wearing Transparent Bag on his Head” (*WJXT – news4jax*, April 2018). There is a name for Floridians who act this way – Florida Man. And there are websites that are loaded with real, verifiable incidents of them doing their state proud. Florida Man’s reputation has been well earned.

What you might not know, however, is that all of those deeds have actually been done by one Florida resident who is continually masking himself to protect his identity: Haman. Yes, Haman. You know - the one who wanted to destroy us Jews all those years ago in Shushan. That guy. Let me explain.

Back in the days of Shushan, King Ahasuerus appointed Haman to be his righthand man. Haman relished the power that came with the position and demanded that everyone bow down to him. When our ancestor Mordechai refused, Haman devised a plan to rid Persia of the Jews. Mordecai’s niece, Queen Esther, saved the day by turning Haman in to her husband, the king. Now, here is where the story gets interesting. The Bible reports that Haman died on the gallows he had built for Mordecai. But recent documents have been uncovered (*Meshugenah News*, Jan. 2021) that show the deliberations in the palace around Haman’s fate. Apparently, Ahasuerus thought that capital punishment would be letting Haman off too easy. So, he decreed a fate worse than death, one approved by God Himself: Haman would be banished to Florida forever, forced to roam the state for eternity. Haman begged and pleaded for any other punishment. He couldn’t imagine such an awful fate. Ahasuerus wouldn’t budge but, in a moment of compassion, he agreed to a cover up, allowing history to reflect Haman’s preferred end: The gallows.

So, Haman began his eternal life in Florida. And, immediately, he began getting into trouble. Check ancient Seminole archives. Check old Spanish archives. Check early American archives. You will see reports of strange things happening all around the Florida territory. Can you really blame Haman? How much sun can one person take? How many shells can one person collect on Sanibel Island? How many times can one person ride Disney’s *It’s a Small World* before going mad? Even as I write this, you now have that annoying song in your head. I know I will be hearing from a few of you when you can’t get it out of there. It’s the worst.

Haman’s exploits grew more brash and more frequent as the centuries progressed. What started out as innocent mischief grew into serious offenses. They then became downright absurd. Local authorities could never figure out exactly who was causing all the problems. After all, living a long, long life in Florida is not uncommon. Frankly, Haman’s aging facial features fit in well with others living there. To this day, he blends in perfectly. And, he hasn’t been caught.

Years ago, Haman began leaving a calling card at the locations of his endeavors. He took on a name to add intrigue to his actions: Florida Haman. Through time, it became Florida (ha)Man, the jokester who tried to get a laugh when doing silly stuff. Eventually, he dropped the (ha) and became the person we all know and hear about all the time – Florida Man.

Haman has tried to escape Florida from time to time. He has disguised himself as a country star (only a Haman could invent such a genre). Under the name Florida Georgia Line, he attempted to go on tour, only to be unmasked and returned to his fate. And most recently, he pretended to be a politician and wound up in the White House, thankfully to be sent back to a certain resort near West Palm Beach and be exposed for who he truly is: Florida Man, if ever the name deserved a person to whom to tie it.

So, as you read the websites I know you will be checking now that I mentioned them, as you watch Seth Meyers or Michael Che and Colin Jost, or as you think of Haman and Mordecai and Esther on Purim this year, remember one thing:

BE HAPPY, IT’S ADAR

-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

- February 5**     **Parshat Yitro**  
7:30 p.m.     *Torah Portion: Exodus 18:1-20:23*  
                    *Haftarah: Isaiah 6:1-7:6; 9:5-6*
- February 12**    **Shabbat Shkalim**  
7:30 p.m.     **Parshat Mishpatim**  
                    *Torah Portion: Exodus 21:1-24:18*  
                    *Haftarah: II Kings 12:5-18*  
                    *and Isaiah 66:1,23*
- February 19**    **Parshat T'rumah**  
7:30 p.m.     *Torah Portion: Exodus 25:1-27:19*  
                    *Haftarah: I Kings 5:26-6:13*
- February 26**    **Parshat T'tzaveh**  
7:30 p.m.     *Torah Portion: Exodus 27:20-30:10*  
                    *Haftarah: Esther 7:1-10; 8:15-18*  
                    *or I Samuel 15:2-34*

### Shabbat Morning Minyan:

Zoom Meeting ID: 847 8216 0504

Please join us via Zoom on **Saturdays, February 6 and 20** 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, February 20** 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 yahrzeit, 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](mailto: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](mailto:oneg@hakafa.org) or 847-722-6797) or **Ilene** ([oneg@hakafa.org](mailto:oneg@hakafa.org) or 847-409-6022) for more information.

### 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** ([brian.browdy@gmail.com](mailto:brian.browdy@gmail.com) or 847-942-7318).

### Adult B'nai Mitzvah

Are you interested in becoming an adult b'nai mitzvah? Our cohort began its studies last month, but it is not too late to sign up. For more information, or to indicate your interest, please contact Rabbi Elder ([rabbi@hakafa.org](mailto:rabbi@hakafa.org) or 847-266-8854).

## Member News

### Condolences to:

Barbara Buhai and family on the loss of her husband and Hakafa member, Stephen Katz.

John D'Asto and the family of Hakafa member, Leanne Star, on her passing.

### Mazal Tov to:

Annette Turow and family on the birth of twins, Asa and Evan, to Gabe and Liz Turow.

*If you are having a simcha, please let us know ([admin@hakafa.org](mailto:admin@hakafa.org)) so that we can share your joy with our congregational community.*



## Be Happy. It's Adar. Celebrate Purim with the Artists of Hakafa!

Thursday, February 25  
7:00 p.m.  
Zoom Meeting ID: 816 6759 5482

Join us for a fun-filled evening as we read from Megillat Esther (Scroll of Esther)! This year, we asked ten artists from Hakafa to illustrate a different scene from one of the ten chapters of the scroll. We will display their works as other congregants read an abridged version of the Esther story. Add to that creative songs and a trivia contest for prizes, and you've got a Zoom Purim for the age of COVID! So, throw on your best costume, grab a gragger or something with which to make noise, and be ready to have a really good time!



### Wanted: Purim Porters

Purim is less than four weeks away, and Hakafa will be delivering *Shalach Manot* - holiday treats - to all Hakafa members. We also want to help combat the ever-increasing food insecurity in our communities (there are over 50 million people in the U.S who are food insecure) and couple this effort with a food drive for local food pantries, helping to fulfill the Purim *mitzvah* (commandment) of *Matanot L'Evyonim* – gifts for those in need.

Drivers (aka Purim Porters) are needed to deliver Purim treats to up to 10 assigned congregants, pick up food bags from these households, and then deliver the bags to the food pantry during the week of February 21. *Delivery and drop-off will all be contactless.*

If you are interested in helping, please contact Laura Prohov at [lrprohov@aol.com](mailto:lrprohov@aol.com) or 847-830-1655.



## Member News (continued)

### Coffee with the Officers Zoom Meeting ID: 849 0503 7092

On Thursday, **February 18** at **7:00 p.m.**, several of Hakafa's officers will host a casual evening to hear your thoughts about Hakafa, perhaps related to our functioning during the pandemic. Grab a cup of coffee or tea, and bring suggestions you may have for new activities. We hope you will join us for this chance to connect as a community.

### 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.

### Chevra Kadisha: Volunteers Needed for Virtual Shmira

During the pandemic, Hakafa's *Chevra Kadisha* (burial society) is helping to support our Circle by organizing virtual *Shmira* for our members and their family members between death and the funeral, when it is requested. *Shmira* is a way of honoring the deceased by reading texts while in their presence. Traditionally, Psalms are read, but any non-Torah texts such as Prophets or the Writings may be read. Poetry or essays or anything of a spiritual or meditative nature is also appropriate. During the pandemic, we are doing this while in our own homes. Participation is scheduled online in 1-to-2 hour shifts. If you are interested in learning more or being contacted when *Shmira* is requested, please contact **Deborah Brown** (president@hakafa.org).



### Hakafa Outreach

In an effort to interest people in Hakafa, we are publicizing our Shabbat services and some of our events in the local online sites for Patch and NextDoor. These postings can be done for free by residents to their own municipalities' sites. If you are willing to learn how to post already-written materials in your community, please contact **Deborah Brown** (president@hakafa.org).

### Congregational Meeting

Zoom Meeting ID: 850 3496 3619

Please come to the next Congregational Meeting on **Sunday, February 7** at **10:30 a.m.** Topics to be discussed include issues related to our PPP loan and our involvement with Promote the Vote Illinois. There will be an update from our COVID Monitoring Working Group.

Contact **Deborah Brown** (president@hakafa.org) if you have something you wish to bring to the congregation or if you have any other questions.

### Keshet Event: Ask the Rabbi

Zoom Meeting ID: 895 1126 8967

Join us for the next Keshet event on **Wednesday, February 10** at **7:00 p.m.** for "Ask the Rabbi." It has been a year since we have been able to share ideas based on questions you have. Any topic is fair game! We hope you will join us.

*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.*

### Nominating Committee Meeting

On **Monday, March 1** at **7:00 p.m.**, Hakafa's Nominating Committee will meet via Zoom to renominate our current officers for their second one-year term. We will also take this time to have a conversation about what's involved in being a Hakafa officer – to encourage and prompt you to serve or nominate someone you know in 2022. So please come! You can ask current and past officers about their experiences – both the challenges and the joys.

Our bylaws stipulate that you must **inform the Nominating Committee Chairperson in writing** in advance of the meeting that you plan to attend. To do so, please email Chairperson **Nancy Goodman** (nancytgoodman@gmail.com).

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to email or call **Nancy** (847-564-3273).

### Relief from Financial Stress Due to COVID-19

If you are suffering from economic hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic 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.

## Member News (continued)

### 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.

## Adult Education

### Mishneh Torah:

Zoom Meeting ID: 997 667 842

Our next session of Mishneh Torah (Jewish law) class will be held via Zoom on **Tuesday, February 16 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.

### Midrash Class:

Zoom Meeting ID: 696 226 468

Join us via Zoom on **Tuesdays, February 9 and 23 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.

### Nosh and Know

Zoom Meeting ID: 821 5540 2577

Please join us via Zoom on **Thursday, February 11 at 9:00 a.m.** for a lively conversation with Rabbi Elder!

### Two Weekly Opportunities for Torah Study

All Hakafa members are invited to join Rabbi Elder via Zoom for one or both of our two weekly Torah study sessions. New participants are always welcome.

#### Tuesday Evening Torah Class:

Zoom Meeting ID: 662 730 822

7:30 to 8:45 p.m.

#### Wednesday Afternoon Torah Class:

Zoom Meeting ID: 813 358 443

1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

### Film Group: *The Polgar Variant*

Zoom Meeting ID: 851 8223 6717

Please join us via Zoom on **Saturday, February 20 at 6:00 p.m.** as we screen and discuss *The Polgar Variant*. This fascinating documentary traces how Jewish-Hungarian sisters took the chess world by storm while breaking down gender barriers. Here is a link to the trailer: <https://youtu.be/R0py4DmKwEY>

We are happy that Hakafa member, **Sandor Goldstein**, will present. Although the film is not available to stream at this time, Sandor has downloaded it from Vimeo and will share his screen.

We'll meet on Zoom at **6:00 PM (NOTE EARLY START TIME)** for Havdallah and an introduction, then watch the film via Zoom, and reconvene for discussion after the movie is over.

Invite friends, bring your own nosh, have a fun Saturday night! For questions, call or text **Carol McCardell** (847-727-0029).

### Siddur Class

Zoom Meeting ID: 242 631 590

How many of us know what our Hebrew prayers actually say? How many of us know what they mean? Join us via Zoom at **10:00 a.m.** on **Tuesday, February 2** as we explore the Jewish prayer book. During each session we will look at prayers in Hebrew, translate them together, discuss their theology, and parse what they might mean for us today.

## Adult Education (continued)

### Sunday Morning Adult Education in February

Zoom Meeting ID: 871 3067 5137

Sunday Morning Adult Education will take place via **Zoom at 10:30 a.m.** on the following **Sunday mornings in February**. 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!

#### February 14:

Please join us for our next **anti-racism training** session. We will begin together with a short presentation and then break into smaller groups for discussion. **Beckee Birger**, a seasoned anti-racism trainer who serves as the Director of Education and Movement Building at the Jewish Council on Urban Affairs, will be with us once again to facilitate the program. The goal of Hakafa's anti-racism training is to help us become aware of our own blind spots with regard to race, address society's blind spots, and learn how we can become effective allies in confronting and dismantling both.

***Beckee Birger** is the Director of Education and Movement Building at the Jewish Council on Urban Affairs (JCUA). Her passion for social justice has led her through a variety of jobs, such as special education attorney, AmeriCorp program manager, and career advisor at an education non-profit. She believes engaging people of all ages in political education and activism is critical to our future, and she's proud to celebrate her Judaism through a deep commitment to social justice. In her free time, she's a co-facilitator of Tzedek Lab's Political Educators kabal, and she's an avid board game player.*

#### February 21:

**Ashager Araro** will discuss ***The Dynamics of Living as a Black Jew in Israel: An Ethiopian Israeli's Perspective***. In the context of the race dynamic here in the United States, we want to understand how it plays out in Israel as well. To that end, we are holding three adult learning opportunities throughout the year to explore the nature of race and inter-ethnic relations amongst Israel's diverse populations.

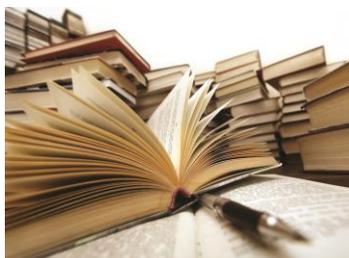
Our first session with Hen Mazzig in November was a discussion of the history of the relationship between the Ashkenazic, Sephardic, and Mizrahi communities in Israel. **This second session** will focus on ***The Dynamics of Living as a Black Jew in Israel: An Ethiopian Israeli's Perspective***. Our session will be led by **Ashager Araro** who will be joining us from Israel.

***Ashager Araro** is a prominent Ethiopian Israeli antiracism activist who immigrated to Israel from Ethiopia under the Israeli Defense Forces' Operation Solomon when she was an infant. Araro has served in the IDF, in public diplomacy, and is the founder of the Bettae Ethiopian Israeli Heritage Center in Tel Aviv.*

#### February 28:

**Cameron Joseph** will discuss **the post-inaugural state of things**. Have your questions ready!

***Cameron Joseph** is Senior political reporter at Vice News, covering the 2020 election. For this work, he was awarded the 2020 National Press Club Award for Excellence in Political Journalism for "stories on a variety of topics that were well reported, well written and creative." He is a contributor @The\_Almanac of American Politics. Radio and TV appearances include Bylined & large. Previous publications include Talking Points Memo, New York Daily News, Mashable, The Hill, and National Journal. Cameron has appeared on numerous radio and TV news programs, including a recent interview on MSNBC's "All In with Chris Hayes." Cameron is from Northbrook, and is the son of Hakafa members, Ted and Judith Joseph. He attended Hakafa's Religious School and became a bar mitzvah with Hakafa.*



## Note from the Director of Education

Happy February! As this new year is rolling along, we continue to be humbled by the challenges of having an online curriculum. We just want to reinforce how much we appreciate your continued flexibility and enthusiasm for our course offerings.

Last month, our 3rd-6th graders became the first ever **Hakafa scientists exploring the concept of *Bal Tashchit* (do not destroy)** through creating their very own landfill and tracking its progress, making new paper out of paper scraps, and testing water purity and learning about water conservation – all from a Jewish perspective!

Our 7th and 8th graders were our **Tu B'Chefs** and learned about recipes using the 7 species from our Tu B'shevat holiday. They made a beautiful and healthy fruit parfait, 7 species cookies, and an apple turnover while learning about ecological concepts and the Jewish connection.

Our K-2nd grade class continues its **literature curriculum** accompanied by so many creative projects! And, our high school students had a **workshop on Racism** through the JCUA.

**This month, our curriculum turns to Purim Fun!** All classes will participate in this extravaganza! K-2 will have special Purim projects and treats! 3rd-8th graders will be making a unique variety of Hamentashen with Marla, our cooking expert! Some 3rd-6th graders will have Purim Drama and others will engage in a Purim Social Action elective. Our 7th/8th graders will also have the Social Action elective all centered around the concepts of Purim and the mitzvah of giving to others.



Our high school 9th-11th graders will have their third class session on February 21.

Please be mindful that this month we do NOT have Religious School on February 14, but we DO have Religious School on February 28 even though it is the last Sunday of the month. Our Hebrew School schedule remains the same.

Have a wonderful and festive *Purim Kef v'Sameach* – a fun and happy Purim!

L'shalom, *Bibi*



## B'nai Mitzvah Workshops



Rabbi Elder's "Walk through the Shabbat Service" b'nai mitzvah workshop series will continue on **Sunday, February 7** via **Zoom (Meeting ID: 982 2105 7897)**. **Families with morning services will meet at 1:00 PM, and families with evening services will meet at 2:00 PM.** At that time, Rabbi Elder will break down the *Amidah* & the Torah Service, explaining their themes and language. He will again provide an opportunity for families to look through various books and publications in order to continue thinking about how to personalize the service.

This series is designed for families of students whose b'nai mitzvah celebrations will be taking place in the next year. By the end of the series, each family will have the tools to complete the Shabbat service for their upcoming celebration. The workshop series is geared toward students and their parents. All b'nai mitzvah candidates and families are welcome to attend, even if you missed the first two. If you have any questions, please contact Rabbi Elder (847-266-8854 or rabbi@hakafa.org).

## Social Action

### 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](mailto:monique.parsons@gmail.com)) or **Debbie Charen** ([debbie.charen@gmail.com](mailto:debbie.charen@gmail.com)) with any questions.



### Chicagoland Racial Justice Day of Learning

On **Sunday, February 7** all are welcome to a day of learning on racial justice as a Chicagoland Jewish community. This day will be multifaceted and have programming for all ages. It will provide space to speak about white supremacy, to discuss the nature of racism in Jewish life, and to hold up the diversity of our Jewish community. We will begin with prayer and reflection and then learn from many teachers, most of whom identify as Jews of Color (JOC). Participants are welcome to join for one session, a few, or all day!

This day of learning is brought to you by staff and lay leaders from a variety of organizations including JCUA, JUF, Chicago Board of Rabbis, Avodah, Repair the World, and RAC-IL. Hakafa is a co-sponsor of the event.

To register, go to:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfR1z8aBn6dVErd aWae9buOJiCSp5r7sEBsf8H-rfbpQCGJA/viewform>



## Jewish Community Resources

**The greater Chicago area Jewish community has many organizations to which you can turn should when you need support. Here are a few of them:**

**CJE SeniorLife** ([www.cje.net](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.shalvaonline.org), 773-583-4673) - *SHALVA* offers free, confidential, domestic abuse counseling services to the Chicago Jewish Community.

# Congregation Hakafa Calendar

## February 2021 – Shevat / Adar 5781

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 10:00 am Siddur Class 4:00-6:00 pm Hebrew School Resumes 7:30 pm Torah Study	<b>3</b> 1:00 pm Torah Study	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 7:30 pm Shabbat Service	<b>6</b> 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Minyan
<b>7</b> 10:00-11:45 am Religious School Classes 10:30 am Congregation Meeting 1:00 pm OR 2:00 pm 3 <sup>rd</sup> B'nai Mitzvah Workshop 4:15 pm Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 10:00 am Midrash Class 4:00-6:00 pm Hebrew School 7:30 pm Torah Study	<b>10</b> 1:00 pm Torah Study 7:00 pm Keshet Event	<b>11</b> 9:00 am Nosh & Know	<b>12</b> 7:30 pm Shabbat Service	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> 10:30-11:30 am Adult Education – Beckee Birger: <i>Anti-Racism Training – Session II</i> 4:15 pm Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class	<b>15 Presidents' Day</b>  <b>Newsletter Articles Due</b>	<b>16</b> 10:00 am Mishneh Torah Class 4:00-6:00 pm Hebrew School 7:30 pm Torah Study	<b>17</b> 1:00 pm Torah Study	<b>18</b> 7:00 pm Coffee Klatch with the Officers	<b>19</b> 7:30 pm Shabbat Service	<b>20</b> 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Minyan 11:00 am Tot Shabbat 7:00 pm Film Group
<b>21</b> 10:00-11:45 am Religious School Classes 10:30 am–12:00 pm Adult Education – Ashager Araro: <i>The Dynamics of Living as a Black Jew in Israel: An Ethiopian Israel's Perspective</i> 4:00-5:30 pm 9 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup> Grade Class Session III	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 10:00 am Midrash Class 4:00-6:00 pm Hebrew School 7:30 pm Torah Study	<b>24</b> 1:00 pm Torah Study	<b>25</b>  <b>Erev Purim</b> 7:00 pm Megilla Reading / Purim Celebration	<b>26 Purim</b> 7:30 pm Shabbat Service	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 10:00-11:45 am Religious School Classes 10:30 am–12:00 pm Adult Education – Cameron Joseph: <i>Post-Inaugural State of Things</i> 4:15 pm Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class						

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## March 2021 – Adar / Nisan 5781

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b>  7:00 pm Nominating Committee Meeting	<b>2</b> 10:00 am Siddur Class 4:00-6:00 pm Hebrew School 7:30 pm Torah Study	<b>3</b>  1:00 pm Torah Study	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>  7:30 pm Shabbat Service	<b>6</b>  9:00 am Shabbat Morning Minyan
<b>7</b> 10:00-11:45 am Religious School Classes 10:30 am-12:00 pm Adult Education – Dr. Sandy Goldberg: <i>Jewish Joy</i> 1:00 pm 4 <sup>th</sup> B'nai Mitzvah Workshop High School Service Project III (Time TBA) 4:15 pm Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 10:00 am Midrash Class 4:00-6:00 pm Hebrew School 7:30 pm Torah Study	<b>10</b>  1:00 pm Torah Study 7:00 pm Keshet Event	<b>11</b> 10:30 am Hebrew Circle 12:00 pm Lunch & Learn	<b>12</b>  7:30 pm Shabbat Service	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> 9:15 am 11 <sup>th</sup> Grade Comparative Religions Virtual Field Trip 10:00-11:45 am Religious School Classes 2:00 pm Confirmation Class 2 4:15 pm Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class	<b>15</b>  Newsletter Articles Due	<b>16</b> 10:00 am Mishneh Torah Class 4:00-6:00 pm Hebrew School 7:30 pm Torah Study	<b>17</b>  1:00 pm Torah Study	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>  7:30 pm Shabbat Service	<b>20</b> 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Minyan 11:00 am Tot Shabbat 7:00 pm Film Group
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<b>28 Passover 1</b> (Hakafa Office Closed)  2 <sup>nd</sup> Passover Seder	<b>29 Passover 2</b>	<b>30 Passover 3</b>	<b>31 Passover 4</b>			



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