



Bruce Elder, Rabbi

Robert J. Marx z"l, Founding Rabbi

## D'varim

### Fostering the Future

*Guest Contribution: Adapted from Beth McCullough's Rosh Hashannah personal reflection.*

Parenthood. It is not for everyone, and for those that decide to be a parent, it is not an easy task. Now that my children are basically all adults, out on their own, I often do reflect on how I did as a parent. Did I provide enough love, support, discipline, and direction to each of my three kids? Was I able to provide them enough nurturing so they were confident in themselves? Did I teach them how to be able to see and acknowledge when they fell short of goals or not present the best version of themselves?

Parenting has required a lot of sacrifice and a lot of will power! When we decided to adopt and to do so internationally & transracially, we were just knowledgeable enough to know the many obstacles ahead but also blissfully naive enough to do it anyway because it did not seem like such a significant thing. When you adopt transracially your whole family is transracial. It is front and center for the whole world to see. When I look at our family, I see how everyone looks different, but it doesn't look odd to me. Yet, when I see another family like ours on the street, then I realize, "Hey, our family does look unusual to the outside world; no wonder we get stares." As with all families when their children grow up and mature, we are viewed very differently. When our kids were little, they were cute and adorable, but as they grew and moved further away from the nest others didn't see them that way- they were now the other (Asian). There were always people who would say things to us or our girls that would perpetuate stereotypes and seemed racist whether intentionally or not:

*They must be so smart. Do they play violin? What language do they speak? Do they see the same with their eyes as we do?*

Race and ethnicity enter our lives daily in big and small ways. It could be when we are talking about politics, school, sports, friendships, and extended family ... There are times you know a boyfriend or girlfriend's family isn't happy about their child dating yours. It has had its challenges, but I would do it again in a heartbeat.

I often think about all those children that aren't blessed to have a loving family. What about those kids that have parents that don't have the skills or means to help them grow into kind, loving and productive adults? Maybe these adults don't have the power or skills necessary to do right by their kids. Sometimes it has nothing to do with whether they love their children or not; they just can't be a parent at that moment in time. There are a lot of these children – 16,000 in Illinois alone – that bounce around in our foster care system. The foster care system was established to help these families get back on track, but reuniting birth families does not always work out. There are many children in our foster care system that need permanent families, too.

Hakafa has spent the last several years working to make refugee families welcomed and successful here in Chicagoland. This work is important today and continues to be important.

Yet, I have been thinking that our community should also look closer to home to make our world a better place. Kids need love and attention! They need support, they need to know they can be loved by others and that there are people out there that want to love and protect them. Families also need a "village" to help and support them. It is time for us to support foster care and adoption in our local community.

This newsletter carries the details of our kickoff event to support children in the foster care system. In partnership with Temple Jeremiah, Jewish Child and Family Services, and Second Nurture, we will be filling backpacks for children who need to leave their homes without a chance to gather some of their belongings. We hope you can join us in this project. We hope you will involve yourself in the varied activities we will be developing around foster care support in the coming months. And we hope that you will let us know if you have even the slightest interest in becoming a foster parent.

We can make a difference in the lives of children who need a stable home life or a forever family. We can be a light.

## Prayer and Celebration

Please note these updated COVID-19 protocols adopted at the Congregation Annual Meeting on May 15, 2022:

Everyone age 5 and older must be fully up-to-date on their COVID-19 vaccination to attend in-person services/classes/events. Hakafa's vaccination requirement is the CDC's definition of "up to date" on COVID-19 vaccination. This means that an individual must have the full initial vaccination (one dose of J&J or two doses of Pfizer or Moderna) and one booster.

Hakafa is now mask optional for indoor and outdoor events, including Friday Evening Shabbat Services.

- Specific Hakafa groups/classes may require additional COVID mitigation efforts as decided by that group and its leaders.
- For any events that are hosted at a member's home, that member can establish the COVID mitigation rules for attendance (but at a minimum everyone must be fully vaccinated as described above).
- Service officiants, Hakafa's President, the Task Force chair, and/or Rona (individually or collectively) are authorized to make changes as necessary for a specific Service or event.



### Friday Evening Services

Zoom Meeting ID: 292 137 266

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

**February 3**      **Shabbat Shira: Parshat B'shalach**  
7:30 p.m.      Torah Portion: Exodus 13:17-17:16

Haftarah: Judges 4:4-5:31

*Shabbat Service and Tu B'Shevat Seder  
In-person and via Zoom*

**Musical Guest: Bibi Patt**

**February 10**      **Shabbat Yitro**  
7:30 p.m.      Torah Portion: Exodus 18:1-20:23

Haftarah: Isaiah 6:1-7:6

*Shabbat Service in-person and via Zoom*

**Musical Guest: Tory May**

**Guest Speaker: Rabbi Susan Silverman**

**February 17**      **Shabbat Shekalim: Parshat Mishpatim**  
7:30 p.m.      Torah Portion: Exodus 21:1-24:18

Haftarah: II Kings 12:5-16

*Shabbat Service in-person and via Zoom*

**Musical Guest: Tory May**

**February 24**      **Shabbat T'rumah**  
7:30 p.m.      Torah Portion: Exodus 25:1-27:19

Haftarah: I Kings 5:26-6:13

*Shabbat Service via Zoom only*

### Shabbat Morning Minyan

Zoom Meeting ID: 847 8216 0504

Please join us on **Saturdays, February 4 and 18** 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.

### Tot Shabbat for Young Children and Grandchildren

Families with children/grandchildren ages five and younger (including parents, siblings, and/or extended family) are invited to join Rabbi Elder in-person at the **North Shore United Methodist Church (213 Hazel Avenue, Glencoe)** on **Saturday, February 18** 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!

### Rabbi Susan Silverman to Speak at Shabbat Services on February 10

Join us as we welcome back Rabbi Susan Silverman, Founding Director of Second Nurture, at our Friday night service on February 10. Second Nurture, founded in 2017, partners with communities to prioritize foster care and adoption. We look forward to having her with us.

### 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 a b'nai mitzvah, birthday, anniversary, or other special occasion 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/HakafaOnegInstructions](http://www.tinyurl.com/HakafaOnegInstructions)

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

## Prayer and Celebration (continued)

### Congregational Shabbat Service and Tu B'Shevat Seder

The Jewish New Year of Trees, Tu B'Shevat (pronounced Too BishVAHT), falls on Monday, February 6 this year. According to the Talmud, the fifteenth of the Hebrew month of Shevat (Tu in Hebrew means "fifteen") is the day designated as the end of the period in which most of Israel's yearly rain has fallen and marks the time when trees have used up water from the previous year's rainfall and have begun absorbing the water of the New Year. On Tu B'Shevat, by honoring the cycle of our trees, we sanctify the power of nature through a Tu B'Shevat Seder.

Our congregational seder will take place **in-person and via Zoom on Friday, February 3 immediately following our shortened 7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service.** We hope you will join us to usher in nature's New Year at this short, special celebration in which we will taste various fruits and sip four different kinds of juice.

**If you will be participating via Zoom, on you table you will need:**

**Three different types of fruits as follows:**

- At least one with a peel or shell that cannot be eaten (i.e. orange or any other citrus fruit, banana, pomegranate, almonds)
- At least one that has a pit that cannot be eaten (i.e. prune, apricot, olive, cherry)
- At least one that is completely edible containing no pit or seed (i.e. grapes, apple, pear, or any berries)

**Beverages as follows:**

- Two empty glasses
- A bottle of light grape juice or white wine
- A bottle of dark grape juice or red wine

### Purim 5783: She's Back!

**SAVE THE DATE:** Join **Sara Goodman** and **Rabbi Elder** on **Monday, March 6** from **6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the Takiff Center** (999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe) for our annual **megillah reading and carnival games** – an evening of laughter and fun!

## Member News

### Condolences to:

Jerrold Kohn and family on the loss of his mother, Eve Kohn

### Mazal Tov to:

Pennie and Howard Fields on the birth of their grandchild, Desi Fields Goldman, to Alexandra Fields and Lenny Goldman.

Madeleine and Jack Neems on the birth of their grandchild, Adele Reese, to Miriam and Drew Schneider.

### Hakafa is Going to the Border: March 9-13

Join us as we return to Brownsville, TX to provide support for asylum seekers as they enter the country. Team Brownsville has a Welcome Center for asylum seekers. We will be giving out meals and distributing hygiene kits, clothing, shoes, and whatever other needs we can help meet. We will also help make the toiletries bags we give out. There will also be opportunities to go into Matamoros to distribute supplies in the newly forming encampment. We might even go to Reynosa to work at Casa Lulu, a shelter supporting people waiting to cross the border.

Please contact Rabbi Elder ([rabbi@hakafa.org](mailto:rabbi@hakafa.org)) **ASAP** if you are interested in coming. Details of the trip are in formation.

### Chesed

The Hebrew word for loving kindness is chesed. The Chesed Committee at Hakafa works to respond to a wide range of situations and events that occur in the lives of our members. It is our attempt to reach out to one another. If you or anyone you know of in our congregation is in crisis from an illness, death in the family, or personal stress, and could benefit from support, such as a visit, delivery / preparation of meals, or a ride to a health care appointment, please contact **Camille DeFrank** (847-997-8085 / [camilledefrank@gmail.com](mailto:camilledefrank@gmail.com)) or **Beth McCullough** (847-722-5430 / [mikeandbeth\\_60089@yahoo.com](mailto:mikeandbeth_60089@yahoo.com)).

## Member News (continued)

### Endowment Fund Trustees Meeting

Zoom Meeting ID: 832 6085 3221

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 **Sunday, February 5 at 4:30 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 **Sally Nador** (nadorsally@gmail.com), **David Weinstein** (dweinstein@taftlaw.com), and **Barbara Miller** (president@hakafa.org). And please remember, financial contributions to the Endowment Fund are always welcome.

### Chevra Kadisha Meeting

Hakafa's Chevra Kadisha will meet on **Wednesday, March 1 at 7:15 p.m.** both **in-person at the North Shore United Methodist Church** (213 Hazel Avenue, Glencoe) **AND via Zoom** (Meeting ID: 849 1701 8935). We will be reviewing the basic liturgy and practicing the physical activities of taharah, the ritual washing and dressing of the bodies of deceased persons before burial or cremation.

Please contact **Linda Gordon** (lhrgordon@gmail.com) or **Deborah Brown** (dmb9476@gmail.com) for more information about the Chevra, especially if you would be attending a meeting for the first time.

### Nominating Committee Meeting

Zoom Meeting ID: 821 6598 2074

Hakafa's Nominating Committee will meet **via Zoom** on **Wednesday, February 8 at 7:30 p.m.** to establish the slate of officers for the 2023-2024 year. While our officers traditionally serve for two years, our bylaws require that we re-elect them for the second year. As well, per the bylaws, "Any member of the Congregation may serve on this committee by advising the Chairperson in writing, prior to the Nominating Committee meeting, of a desire to do so." **Please contact chair, Deborah Brown, by email (dmb9476@gmail.com) prior to the meeting** to indicate that you will participate or for more information.

### Kesher Movie Night

Join us on **Wednesday, February 15 at 7:00 p.m.** at **Curt's Café** (1766 Second Street, Highland Park). We will watch a Jewish short film and discuss it, complete with nosh and a hot drink. 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.*

### Congregation Meeting

Zoom Meeting ID: 850 3496 3619

All Hakafa members are invited and encouraged to attend our next Congregation Meeting **via Zoom** on **Sunday, February 12 at 10:30 a.m.** Please contact our President, **Barbara Miller** (president@hakafa.org), with any questions.

### Budget & Finance Committee

All Hakafa members are invited to join the Budget and Finance Committee for their next meeting **in-person** on **Wednesday, February 22 at 7:00 p.m.** at the **home of Mike and Beth McCullough** (890 Dorncliff Lane, Buffalo Grove).

### Rabbi Robert J. Marx Social Justice Fund: Grants Applications Now Available

The trustees of the Rabbi Robert J. Marx Social Justice Fund at Congregation Hakafa are pleased to announce that applications are available for funding of social justice projects.

The Fund is dedicated to justice reflective of the Rabbi's legacy. We are eager to provide funding for projects that include active involvement from Hakafa member(s), that work towards authentic justice, that build shared and sustained justice, and that engage members of the Congregation in volunteering, advocacy, or education. Eligible projects include existing Hakafa social justice projects, existing projects led by other organizations, or new projects you'd like to start. We are especially interested in projects led by youth and young adult members.

The trustees are happy to speak with you ([rjmfund@hakafa.org](mailto:rjmfund@hakafa.org)) about your idea, budgeting, and how to apply. Additionally, once you apply, the trustees will meet with you to discuss your project. Please visit the web page for the **Rabbi Robert J. Marx Social Justice Fund** (<https://www.hakafa.org/rabbi-robert-j-marx-social-justice-fund.html>) for more information, application details, and contact information for the trustees. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. The Trustees meet twice a year to consider applications, or more often if needed. **To be considered at the March 2023 Fund Meeting, please apply by February 28, 2023.**



## Member News (continued)

### Growing Our Circle

Has being a part of Hakafa's encirclement been meaningful to you? Can you spare a few minutes once a month? Would you be willing to spread the word about Hakafa? If you've answered "yes" to any of these questions, you're invited to participate in the formation of Hakafa's new Growing Our Circle Committee, led by **Lynn Sanders**. Our goal is to attract new members through online media. After the High Holidays, Lynn will be holding an initial meeting via Zoom so you can learn more about our strategy and offer your input. Your involvement can be as simple as sharing a post once or twice a month. If you're interested, please contact **Lynn** (Lynn@DifferenceMakersMedia.com).

### Relief from Financial Stress

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

### Willow Lawn Cemetery Plots

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

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

### Accessing Zoom Video Conferencing

**Virtual Name Tags:** In order that we might better know each other, please log into Zoom events with your name.

**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.

### Making Contributions to Hakafa

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

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

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

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

# SAVE THE DATE FOR ...

Congregation Hakafa's Journey to

## MOROCCO

October 26 – November 5, 2023

with optional *Tangier & Chefchaouen* extension

*Be ready for the adventure of a lifetime in Morocco! We'll explore the ancient Jewish communities, meander through the medinas, savor the spices and flavors of the local cuisine and soak up the culture from Casablanca to Marrakech to Essaouira and beyond!*



**Stay Tuned for Details!!**



# Chadashot

**Hakafa Youth News**  
**February 2023**

## Note from the Director of Education



Chag Tu B'shvat Sameach! We begin this month on Sunday, February 5 when students will be participating in our annual Tu B'shvat Seder. We will sing songs, say blessings, and try different fruits and juices to celebrate the birthday of the trees!

On the afternoon of February 12, our high school students will join others from Hakafa, Temple Jeremiah, and JCFS Chicago to build Comfort Cases filled with basic necessities for children entering the foster care system.

And, on Sunday, February 26, our Religious School students will be joined by their parents for a Social Action Day. We will learn about and volunteer our time to help Undies for Everyone, an organization that provides children living in poverty or crisis with new underwear, recognizing the importance of this small basic need as part of a child's increased chances of long-term success.

On the weekend of February 24-27, some of our high school students will be going to Washington, D.C. with Rabbi Elder to participate in the L'Taken Social Justice Seminar - a four-day Jewish public policy conference for high school students hosted by the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism.

We have a very busy month! Have a great February!

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 5** at the **Takiff Center** (999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe). **Families with morning services will meet at 12:00 PM, and families with evening services will meet at 1:00 PM.** At that time, Rabbi Elder will break down more parts of the 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 and 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 ([rabbi@hakafa.org](mailto:rabbi@hakafa.org)).

## High School Students to Participate in



On February 24-27, some of our high school students will join hundreds of Jewish teens for an amazing weekend in Washington, D.C. Rabbi Elder will chaperone them to participate in the L'Taken Social Justice Seminar, a four-day Jewish public policy conference hosted by the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism (RAC). The program is designed to both expose participants to a variety of public policy issues and explore the Jewish values that inform advocacy around these topics. In addition to some sight-seeing, our students will have the opportunity to attend interactive programs on climate change, racial justice, campaign finance reform, economic justice, reproductive rights, LGBTQ civil rights, Israel, church/state separation, international relations, and more. The seminar culminates with each student lobbying their Members of Congress on the topic of their choice. It plans to be an amazing experience for our students.

## Calendar Alert:



- Religious School will be off on Sunday, February 19 for Presidents' Day Weekend.
- We WILL have Religious School on Sunday, February 26.
- Hebrew School will meet on every Tuesday this month.



## Adult Education

### Sunday Morning Adult Education

Zoom Meeting ID: 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 10:15-11:45 a.m.** Feel free to come for one session or for all of them! We will now be meeting **via Zoom only through March.** The plan is to return to both in-person at the Takiff Center and Zoom in April.

#### **February 5** – via Zoom only

During this second of two sessions (the first session was January 29), **Professor Yohanan Petrovsky-Shtern** will continue to give us an **update on Ukraine.** His topic will be: **Ukrainian Responses to Invasion and Occupation.**

*Yohanan Petrovsky-Shtern (Ph.D., Brandeis University, 2001, Ph.D. Moscow University, 1988) is the Crown Family Professor of Jewish Studies and a Professor of Jewish History in History Department at Northwestern University. For his teaching, Petrovsky-Shtern won a Northwestern University Distinguished Teaching Award. He has been a visiting professor at the universities in Toronto, Paris, Kyiv, Lviv, Warsaw, Krakow, Munich, and Jerusalem. He has been appointed a Fulbright Specialist on Eastern Europe; a Fellow at the Harvard Ukrainian Research Institute; a Visiting Professor at the Free Ukrainian University in Munich; and, an honorary doctor of the National University Kyiv Mohyla academy in Kyiv. He has published more than a hundred articles and six books, including most recently The Golden-Age Shtetl: A New History of Jewish Life in East Europe that appeared in paperback with Princeton University Press, 2015.*

#### **February 26** – via Zoom only

**Marisa Baggett** presents ***Southern Fried Jewry***. Her perspective as a black, Jewish woman in the US South as well as immersion in a myriad of Jewish traditions informs her visual art as well as her culinary creations.

*Chef, food blogger and multidisciplinary artist Marisa Baggett lives in Memphis, TN, where she teaches sushi workshops, caters, and creates kosher sushi for special events. She's the author of the cookbooks *Sushi Secrets: Easy Recipes for the Home Cook* and *Vegetarian Sushi Secrets: 101 Healthy and Delicious Recipes*. Her art was included in *A Fence Around the Torah* at the Jewish Museum of Maryland, and *Tzedek Boxes*, opening Jan. 26 at the Bernard Heller Museum at HUC in New York. She is a board member of the URJ.*

### Musar Class

Zoom Meeting ID: 242 631 590

Musar is a long-standing tradition of exploring Jewish ethics with a particular focus on character formation. Join Rabbi Elder via **Zoom on Wednesday mornings from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.** to delve into selections from the Musar tradition, in text and in practice. The goal of the class is to not only take a more academic approach to Jewish ethics and ethical literature, but also to use some of the techniques of the Musar Movement (*chevruta* study, personal reflection time, and others) to deepen our own understanding of ourselves and push to live up to the best that is within each one of us. **Please Note: Class will NOT meet on February 22.**

### 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 February 22.**

### Yiddish Class

Zoom Meeting ID: 863 6421 5324

Our Yiddish Class continues to meet at **7:00 p.m. on Monday evenings**, and it's not too late to join! Classes in February will meet **in-person at the home of Ellen and Henry Criz** (545 Green Bay Road, Highland Park) **AND via Zoom on February 6, 20, and 27. On February 13 it will meet via Zoom only.** Please be sure to check the Hakafa weekly email announcements and/or website ([www.hakafa.org](http://www.hakafa.org)) for any location or schedule changes. If you have any questions, please contact **Sharon Gutan** ([gutan627@comcast.net](mailto:gutan627@comcast.net)) or **Betsy Hersher** ([betsyhersher@gmail.com](mailto:betsyhersher@gmail.com)).

### Hakafa Book Club

February's read is *Making History* by Stephen Fry

A few Hakafa members have started an informal book group dedicated to reading Jewish and Jew-adjacent works of fiction and nonfiction. Hakafa member and librarian, **Rose Waldman**, facilitates the discussions, and the group meets on the **second Sunday of each month via Zoom, at 4:15 PM.** Anyone who is interested is welcome to reach out to **Rose** ([roza37@gmail.com](mailto:roza37@gmail.com)) to be added to the email list.



## Adult Education (continued)

### Midrash Class

Zoom Meeting ID: 696 226 468

Join us either **in-person at the North Shore United Methodist Church** (213 Hazel Avenue, Glencoe) **OR via Zoom on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m.** to study *midrash*. Midrash is the creative, interpretative process of the rabbis over generations. Through midrash, we see how the rabbis saw the text of the Bible - its lessons, its messages, its practical applications, and its relevance to them throughout time. Through the study of midrash, we will see how much of our understanding of the biblical text has been influenced by theirs. **Please Note: Class will NOT meet on February 21.**

### 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.

- Class on the **first Tuesday of each month** (February 7 this month) will meet **in-person** at the North Shore United Methodist Church (213 Hazel Avenue, Glencoe) **IN ADDITION TO via Zoom.**
- Class will NOT meet on February 21.

## Social Action

### Supporting Foster Families: Comfort Cases Kick-off Event: February 12

Last year there were about 16,000 children in the Illinois foster care system. Many of these children went to foster homes without items they could call their own. Any personal items they did own, went with them in a garbage bag.

Join Congregation Hakafa, Temple Jeremiah, and JCFS Chicago as we kick-off our work with Second Nurture in Chicagoland and pack Comfort Cases on **Sunday, February 12** from **1:30 to 3:30 p.m.** at **Temple Jeremiah (937 Happ Road, Northfield)**. Come learn more about the work of Comfort Cases ([www.comfortcases.org](http://www.comfortcases.org)) and Second Nurture ([www.2nurture.org](http://www.2nurture.org)). **We are planning to build 250 Comfort Cases filled with basic necessities for infants through 17-year-old teens.** These cases, distributed to agencies in the area, will have toiletries, books, PJ's and other items along with special individualized notes. **All ages are welcome to help! If you are interested, please contact Hakafa member, Beth McCullough (847-722-5430 or [mikeandbeth\\_60089@yahoo.com](mailto:mikeandbeth_60089@yahoo.com)) OR you can go to Second Nurture's website ([www.2nurture.org](http://www.2nurture.org)). Once on their website you can look for our event on the Upcoming Events List and click to R.S.V.P.**

### A Just Harvest

Continuing our commitment for more than 20 years, on the 2nd Sunday of every month, Hakafa members bring and serve lunch to more than 150 people at A Just Harvest's Community Kitchen (7649 N. Paulina St, Chicago). **Volunteers are needed to sign up to provide food, help serve, or both!** Plan to arrive to help/deliver food at 11:00 a.m. Lunch will be served from 12:00-2:00 p.m. Hakafa's tzedakah fund can reimburse you for expenses, if needed. Got to this link for more details and to sign up to volunteer: <http://tinyurl.com/a-just-harvest>. Contact Hakafa member, **Monique Parsons** ([monique.parsons@gmail.com](mailto:monique.parsons@gmail.com)), with questions.

### The Night Ministry Needs Winter Items

The Night Ministry ([www.thenightministry.org](http://www.thenightministry.org)), an organization that serves people experiencing poverty, isolation, and homelessness needs winter clothing. There are bins in the **main lobby of the Takiff Center** (999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe) that will be there **through the end of February**. Contact Hakafa member, **Janet Lubetkin** ([janetlubetkin@gmail.com](mailto:janetlubetkin@gmail.com)) with questions.

#### These items are needed:

- Hats in adult sizes (NEW ONLY)
- Gloves in adult sizes (NEW ONLY),
- Scarves in adult sizes (NEW ONLY)
- Thermal Socks in adult sizes
- Men's Coats in Size L to XXL--water repellant preferred
- Men's Boots, Sizes 10-13+
- Women's Boots, Sizes 8-10
- Hand and Toe Warmers
- Rain Ponchos

### Tutoring for Citizenship Exam

Are you interested in helping immigrants prepare to take their citizenship exam? A volunteer who has experience tutoring many applicants towards this goal is willing to speak to a group of us from Hakafa to give us guidance if there is interest. This is a chance to make a real difference in people's lives. It can be done remotely. **If interested, please contact Barbara Anderson** ([caabaa16@gmail.com](mailto:caabaa16@gmail.com)).

# Congregation Hakafa Calendar

## February 2023 – Sh’vat / Adar 5783

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 10:00 am Musar Class (Zoom) 1:00 pm Tanach Study (NSUMC & Zoom)	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 7:30 pm Shabbat Service and Congregation Tu B'Shevat Seder (WCH & Zoom)	<b>4</b> 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Minyan (NSUMC & Zoom)
<b>5</b> 10:15 am 11 <sup>th</sup> Grade Comparative Religions Field Trip 10:00-11:45 am Religious School (TC) 10:15 am Adult Education (Zoom only) – Dr. Yohanan Petrovsky-Shtern: <i>Ukrainian Responses to Invasion and Occupation</i> 12:00 pm <b>OR</b> 1:00 pm 3rd B'nai Mitzvah Workshop (TC) 4:30 pm Endowment Fund Trustees Meeting (Zoom)	<b>6 Tu B'Shevat</b> 7:00 pm Yiddish Class (Home of Ellen & Henry Criz and Zoom)	<b>7</b> 10:00 am Midrash Class (NSUMC & Zoom) 4:15-5:30 pm Hebrew School (TC) 7:30 pm Tanach Study (NSUMC & Zoom)	<b>8</b> 10:00 am Musar Class (Zoom) 1:00 pm Tanach Study (NSUMC & Zoom) 7:30 pm Nominating Committee Meeting (Zoom)	<b>9</b> 12:00 pm Lunch & Learn (Zoom)	<b>10</b> 7:30 pm Shabbat Service Guest Speaker: Rabbi Susan Silverman (WCH & Zoom)	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 10:00-11:45 am Religious School (TC) 10:30 am Congregation Meeting (Zoom) 1:30-3:30 pm Supporting Foster Families Kick-off Event: Comfort Cases Packing Party 4:15 pm Book Club (Zoom)	<b>13</b> 7:00 pm Yiddish Class (Zoom only)	<b>14</b> 10:00 am Midrash Class (NSUMC & Zoom) 4:15-5:30 pm Hebrew School (TC) 7:30 pm Tanach Study (Zoom)	<b>15 Newsletter Articles Due</b> 10:00 am Musar Class (Zoom) 1:00 pm Tanach Study (NSUMC & Zoom) 7:00 pm Keshet Movie Night (Curt's Café)	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 7:30 pm Shabbat Service (WCH & Zoom)	<b>18</b> 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Minyan (NSUMC & Zoom) 11:00 am Tot Shabbat (NSUMC)
<b>19</b>	<b>20 Presidents' Day</b> 7:00 pm Yiddish Class (Home of Ellen & Henry Criz and Zoom)	<b>21</b> 4:15-5:30 pm Hebrew School (TC)	<b>22</b> 7:00 pm Budget & Finance Committee Meeting (Home of Mike and Beth McCullough)	<b>23</b>	<b>24 High School L'Taken Trip to Washington, DC</b> 7:30 pm Shabbat Service (Zoom only)	<b>25 High School L'Taken Trip to Washington, DC</b>
<b>26 High School L'Taken Trip to Washington, DC</b> 10:00-11:45 am Religious School (TC) 10:15 am Adult Education (Zoom only) – Marisa Baggett: <i>Southern Fried Jewry</i>	<b>27 High School L'Taken Trip to Washington, DC</b> 7:00 pm Yiddish Class (Home of Ellen & Henry Criz and Zoom)	<b>28</b> 10:00 am Midrash Class (NSUMC & Zoom) 4:15-5:30 pm Hebrew School (TC) 7:30 pm Tanach Study (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, Glencoe) </div>			

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