

BRUCE ELDER. RABBI

ROBERT J. MARX. RABBI EMERITUS

D'varim

My -isms

Rev. Jeff Braun of the Winnetka Congregational Church, Asif Masood of the Muslim Community Center of Morton Grove, and I get together every so often to talk. They have become dear, trusted friends of mine. On a recent Zoom chat, I admitted something to them and to myself: I grew up afraid of both of them and, to some extent, I know I still am.

Growing up in a Holocaust survivor's Zionist home, I learned early on that there were people in the world who wanted me dead solely because I am Jewish. I translated that to mean two peoples: Christians, because the Nazis grew out of a Christian Europe that hated us; and, Muslims, because that is what I gleaned from the Zionist history I was taught. Family history scarred me, and general history scared me, so that I continue to have reflexive reactions of fear, distrust, and negativity to others, even toward those who have done nothing but shown me love and respect - including two men who have grown to be so important in my life. Even as I work to overcome my unsubstantiated prejudices as I am present with Jeff, Asif, and so many others, I know that there are feelings and ideas about them stewing in my psyche that do a disservice to them, me, and us. As hard as I try to let Jeff be Jeff, Asif be Asif and, frankly, you be you, I know that I can never separate any of you from the impression I had before we even met. I can only try.

The death of George Floyd this summer brought that home for me as well with respect to Black people in America. I have spent a decent amount of time in my adult life working with the African American community, and I still cannot shake the negative ideas about Black people that were instilled in me growing up, many of which I am not even aware that I have. Growing up in a white, suburban, upper-middle class family, my day-to-day contact with Black people was limited to the woman who helped raise me, her family members my father sought to help, a few kids in my grade, the Ohio State football players I worshipped while projecting a "they overcame all these obstacles" narrative upon them, and a whole bunch of adverse images blasting from the television on the nightly news. My ideas were shaped by strong, simplistic, classist views that were fed to me and that I willingly, though unwittingly, consumed. And they have continued through the way I have interacted with African Americans in my life, even as I know how absurd, insulting, and limiting those ideas are.

America's story is a racist one. Our society continues to thrive on it, white people continue to benefit from it, and Black people continue to suffer because of it. The inequality baked into our systems will take a long time to unpack, unfold, and undo...

... which is why anti-racism work at Hakafa is so important. We do some great work in the world, for the world – *tikkun olam* at its best, as liberal Judaism defines it. We see it as core to our congregation's purpose and a central tenet of Jewish living. But if we are not willing to do a deep dive into our preconceived ideas of others, particularly people of color, and how those ideas contribute, both subtly and not, to the problems we are seeking to overcome, we are in fact abetting to the very problems we are trying to help eradicate. We are leaving the world broken and incomplete.

In honor of Martin Luther King's birthday, we are kicking off a months-long anti-racism training on **Sunday, January 17 at 10 a.m.** on Zoom. It is being facilitated by Beckee Birger, a seasoned anti-racism trainer who serves as the Director of Education and Movement Building at the Jewish Council on Urban Affairs. The training will involve a few large group gatherings, a number of smaller breakout discussions, and some reading and video assignments. The goal 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. We hope you will join us through this journey.

Thank you, Jeff and Asif ... my dear, dear friends. There is much work to be done.

-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**

January 1 7:30 p.m.	Parshat Vayechi <i>Torah Portion: Genesis 47:28-50:26</i> <i>Haftarah: I Kings 2:1-12</i>
January 8 7:30 p.m.	Parshat Shemot <i>Torah Portion: Exodus 1:1-6:1</i> <i>Haftarah: Isaiah 27:6-28:13</i>
January 15 7:30 p.m.	Parshat Va-eira <i>Torah Portion: Exodus 6:2-9:35</i> <i>Haftarah: Ezekiel 28:25-29:21</i>
January 22 7:30 p.m.	Parshat Bo <i>Torah Portion: Exodus 10:1-13:16</i> <i>Haftarah: Jeremiah 46:13-28</i>
January 29 7:30 p.m.	Parshat B'shalach <i>Torah Portion: Exodus 13:17-17:16</i> <i>Haftarah: Judges 4:5-31</i>

"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).
2. Make a donation to a charity about which you are passionate.
3. Light the Shabbat candles that night at services (Sara will lead us all in the blessing, unless you would prefer to recite it yourself.).
4. During announcements, you will be able to tell us about the place to which you donated.
5. Hakafa will make a donation to that organization in your honor.
6. Even if you cannot be at services that evening, we will tell participants about your cause, and Hakafa make the donation in your honor.

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

Shabbat Morning Minyan: Zoom Meeting ID: 847 8216 0504

Please join us via Zoom on **Saturdays, January 9 and 23** 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, January 23** 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!

Congregational Tu B'Shevat Seder Zoom Meeting ID: 292 137 266

The Jewish New Year of the trees, Tu B'Shevat (pronounced Too BishVAHT), falls on Thursday, January 28 this year. We will hold a **creative, virtual Tu B'Shevat Community Seder** immediately following the Shabbat service on **Friday, January 29**.

According to the Talmud, the 15th of the Hebrew month of Shevat is designated as the end of the period in which most of Israel's yearly rain has fallen. This 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 we honor the cycle of the trees, we sanctify the power of nature through our Tu B'Shevat Seder.

On you table you will need:

Three different types of fruits as follows:

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

Note: At our past non-Covid seders we had platters of these to share. Have fun, use your imagination, and mix up your platter

Beverages as follows:

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

Prayer and Celebration (continued)

Adult B'nai Mitzvah

Are you interested in becoming an adult b'nai mitzvah? Our cohort begins its studies on **Sunday, January 24 at 4:15 p.m.** For more information, or to indicate your interest, please contact Rabbi Elder (rabbi@hakafa.org or 847-266-8854).

Calling All Torah Chanters

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

Member News

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

On Thursday, **January 21 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.

Mazal Tov to:

Claire and Tom Goulding, on the birth of their grandchild, Nora Claire Mustoe, to Allison and Tony Mustoe

Fran and Scott Lotwait on their son, Steven, for his 2020 Emmy Award for Individual Achievement in Animation.

Janet and Andrew Lubetkin, on the marriage of their son, Abe, to Helen Hapner

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

Condolences to:

- Merle Brown and family on the loss of her daughter, Carol Brown
- Cindy Curley and family on the loss of her mother, Shirley Lyons
- Jeffrey Greengoss and family on the loss of his mother, Sylvia Greengoss
- Janet Hersh and family on the loss of her aunt, Nancee Miller
- Jamie Miller and family on the loss of her mother, Reni Steinberg
- Fred Sherman and family on the loss of his wife and Hakafa member, Ina Sherman

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

Thank You to:

Betsy Hersher, Barbara Miller, David Millman, and all of our Hakafa Haulers for coordinating the delivery of Hanukkah goody bags to the entire congregation and for helping to plan this year's Hanukkah celebrations.

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.

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 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. 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.

Member News (continued)

Nominating Committee Meeting: Thinking Ahead

Every year at our May annual meeting, we elect congregational officers to each serve a one-year term. Our bylaws allow officers to be elected to two one-year terms, so this year at our Nominating Committee meeting, we will renominate our current officers for their second terms. That's an easy task! So, we thought we could make good use of our meeting time by giving you an overview of what's involved in serving as a Hakafa officer - as a way of ramping up for our 2022 nominations. Please attend if you'd like to learn more about the positions and consider serving or nominating someone you know for 2022. A conversation with current and past officers will help you see what a wonderful experience it is to serve our Hakafa community as an officer.

The Nominating Committee meeting will be held via Zoom in late February or early March - date TBD. If you have any questions or comments, please contact **Nancy Goodman**, Nominating Committee Chairperson (847-564-3273 or nancytgoodman@gmail.com).

Congregation Directory

The 2020-2021 Congregation Hakafa Directory is in the process of being updated and will be delivered later this month. Please contact Rona (admin@hakafa.org or 847-242-0687) with any changes and/or updates.

Essie Shachar-Hill to Speak at Keshet Event

Meeting ID: 895 1126 8967

Join us for the next Keshet event on **Wednesday, January 13 at 7:00 p.m.** for a conversation with **Essie Shachar-Hill** on the **ABC's of LGBTQ**. Essie is the outgoing educator at Chicago's office of Keshet, a national organization that works for LGBTQ equality in Jewish life. They will present a primer on, among other topics, understanding language and terms, differentiating between gender and sex, and navigating the complexity of identity. They will also answer questions we have and give us suggestions for supporting members of the LGBTQ community in our circles and beyond. Essie has been with Hakafa on a number of occasions over the past few months. They are a wonderful and open presenter. 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.

Finance Committee Meetings

There has been considerable discussion at congregation meetings regarding our PPP loan. Operations Treasurer, Ellen Criz, will have an extra Finance Committee meeting at **7:00 p.m.** on **Thursday, January 7** to discuss the ultimate disposition of the loan funds. Recommendations from this meeting will be presented at the February congregation meeting and will facilitate our normal budgeting process. A Zoom link will be included in the weekly announcements. In addition, the 2021-22 budget process is beginning. The Budget Committee will meet **January 31 at 2:00 p.m.** Contact **Ellen** (treasurer@hakafa.org) with questions or comments.

Adult Education

Midrash Class:

Zoom Meeting ID: 696 226 468

Join us via Zoom on **Tuesdays, January 12 and 26 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.

Mishneh Torah:

Zoom Meeting ID: 997 667 842

Our January session of Mishneh Torah (Jewish law) class will be held via Zoom on **Tuesday, January 19 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.

Hebrew Circle

Zoom Meeting ID: 871 8801 8556

If you are a Hebrew speaker (beginners welcome!) looking to practice your Hebrew with other Hebrew speaking Hakafa members, please join us via Zoom on **Thursday, January 14 at 10:30 a.m.** for an hour of Hebrew conversation with Rabbi Elder! New participants are welcome.

Lunch and Learn

Zoom Meeting ID: 821 5540 2577

Lunch & Learn will take place via Zoom at **noon** on **Thursday, January 14**. Bring your own lunch and prepare to participate in a lively discussion with Rabbi Elder! New participants are welcome.

Adult Education (continued)

Sunday Morning Adult Education in January

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 January**. 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!

January 10:

Rabbi Rachel Mikvah will lead a discussion on her new book, Dangerous Religious Ideas.

Scripture's abiding relevance can inspire great goodness, such as welcoming the stranger and extending compassion for the poor. But its authority has also been wielded to defend slavery, marginalize LGBTQ individuals, ignore science, and justify violence. Many readers presume that their understanding of scripture's meaning is absolute, forgetting how these sacred texts and the history of interpretation have valued multiple perspectives and recognized ongoing rhythms of change. Join former-Hakafa rabbi, Rabbi Rachel Mikva, as she guides us through her insightful examination of the Abrahamic religions, their texts, their histories of self-critique, and their tremendous power both to harm and to heal. Copies of the book will be available through Hakafa.

Rabbi Rachel S. Mikvah serves as the Rabbi Herman E. Schaalman Chair in Jewish Studies and the Senior Faculty Fellow of the InterReligious Institute at Chicago Theological Seminary. A pulpit rabbi for many years, Rabbi Mikva went to teach and earn her PhD at Jewish Theological Seminary, focusing on rabbinic literature and the history of biblical interpretation. Her courses and research address a range of Jewish and comparative studies, with a special interest in the intersections of scripture, culture, and ethics. She is the author of Broken Tablets (2000), Midrash vaYosha (2012), and Dangerous Religious Ideas (2020).

January 17:

PLEASE NOTE EARLY START TIME OF 10:00 a.m.

Beckee Birger will lead Session I of Hakafa's Anti-Racism Training. In honor of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, we are kicking off a months-long anti-racism training. The training will involve a few large group gatherings, a number of smaller breakout discussions, and some reading and video assignments. The goal 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. We hope you will join us for this first session and through this journey.

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.

January 24:

Riva Lehrer will speak about her memoir, Golem Girl, which was published by the One World imprint of Penguin/Random House in October 2020. Golem Girl is a memoir, telling the story of how the writer, born with disabilities, searches for a livable, subversive identity in a society afraid of strange bodies, ultimately becoming an innovative painter whose work honors beauty of all kinds, with her extraordinary portraits interspersed throughout the narrative.

Details and ordering information for the book are available at this link: <https://www.rivalehrerart.com/book>. *Adult Study participants are invited to read the book in advance of the class, but it is not required.*

Riva Lehrer is an artist best known for representations of people with impairments, and those whose sexuality or gender identity have long been stigmatized. Ms. Lehrer's work has been seen in venues including the National Portrait Gallery of the Smithsonian, Yale University, the United Nations, the National Museum of Women in the Arts in Washington, DC, the Arnot Museum, the DeCordova Museum, the Frye Museum, the Chicago Cultural Center, and the State of Illinois Museum.

January 31:

Daniel Greene, curator of the "Americans and the Holocaust" exhibit at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, will discuss some of his research which led to this exhibit.

Daniel Greene is the President and Librarian at the Newberry Library in Chicago and Adjunct Professor of History at Northwestern University. Prior to arriving at the Newberry, Greene curated "Americans and the Holocaust," an exhibition that opened in April 2018 at the US Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, DC. His book, The Jewish Origins of Cultural Pluralism: The Menorah Association and American Diversity (Indiana University Press, 2011), won the American Jewish Historical Society's Saul Viener Prize in American Jewish history in 2012. He's also the co-author of Home Front: Daily Life in the Civil War North (University of Chicago, 2013), which accompanied a co-organized exhibition between the Newberry Library and the Terra Foundation for American Art. Greene earned his PhD in history at the University of Chicago.

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT LEARNING SCHEDULE
Winter & Spring 2021/5781

All classes begin at 10:30 a.m.
Zoom Meeting ID: 871 3067 5137

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

January 10	Rabbi Rachel Mikvah Dangerous Religious Ideas
January 17	Beckee Birger Anti-Racism Training – Session I
January 24	Riva Lehrer Discussion of her Memoir: <i>Golem Girl</i>
January 31	Daniel Greene American Responses to the Holocaust
February 21	Presenter and Topic TBA
February 28	Cameron Joseph Post-Inaugural State of Things
March 7	Dr. Sandy Goldberg Jewish Joy
March 14	Presenter and Topic TBA
April 11	Dr. David Shyovitz History of Heaven
April 18	Dr. David Shyovitz History of Heaven
April 25	Presenter and Topic TBA
May 2	Dr. Judith Levi The Identity Paradox: How Our Multiple Identities Both Divide and Unite Us
May 23	Presenter and Topic TBA

Adult Education (continued)

Film Group: *Harmonia*

Zoom Meeting ID: 851 8223 6717

Please join us on **Saturday, January 16 at 6:00 p.m.** when we screen and discuss *Harmonia*. This 2016 Israeli film is a modern-day allegory on the biblical story of Abraham, Sarah, and Hagar. Abraham, the conductor of the orchestra is married to Sarah, the first chair harpist when Hagar joins as the third chair French horn player. Relationships, conflicts, and resolutions between those characters and their children, Ismail and Isaac reverberate through the film using music to communicate the feelings and personalities of the characters.

We will meet on Zoom at **6:00 p.m.** (NOTE EARLY START TIME) for Havdallah and an introduction by guest presenters, Stan Selinger and Marcia Fields. Then, watch the film on your own, and we will reconvene for discussion after the movie is over. The movie streams on Amazon Prime, Vudu, and Apple TV.

You can watch the trailer at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RYNVQ1PANwc>. Feel free to invite friends and bring your favorite nosh (even popcorn!). Contact **Carol McCardell** (mccardellcarol@gmail.com) with questions.

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, January 5** 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.

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.

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) or **Debbie Charen** (debbie.charen@gmail.com) with any questions.

Meeting with RefugeeOne

Zoom Meeting ID: 837 2758 4189

It is hard to believe it has been 5 years in January since our first refugee family arrived! In that time, approximately 50 congregants have helped close to 20 families start a new life in the U.S. Please join us on **Sunday, January 10 at 4:00 p.m.** via Zoom with **Helen Schweitzer**, Director of Resettlement at RefugeeOne, to discuss how we can best help refugees in the current pandemic and what to expect in 2021.

Contact **Allison Stein** (ajzstein@gmail.com) or **Bob Turner** (Turner.r@comcast.net) with any questions.

Bakers, Drivers, and Friendly People Needed

We're looking for volunteers to bake, buy, and/or deliver challah to new members after they join. (Hakafa will reimburse costs.)

If you'd like to do any of these from time to time, please contact **Barbara Miller** (vicepresident@hakafa.org).

Chadashot

Hakafa Youth News
January 2021

Note from the Director of Education

Welcome back! We are so excited to begin the second half of our school year with Hebrew School on January 5th and Religious School on January 10th.

Our Religious School curriculum for this month focuses on the holiday Tu B'Shevat when we celebrate the birthday of the trees. We will be celebrating and learning about the earth and its gifts and how we, as Jews, can help preserve the environment in which we live.

Our High School Program will have its second Service Project event on Sunday January 17th.

We ease into this month with hope for a better tomorrow and a light at the end of the tunnel.

Stay warm and healthy!



L'shalom,
Bibi

January Schedule Reminders



After winter break...

HEBREW SCHOOL WILL RESUME ON
TUESDAY, JANUARY 5.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL WILL RESUME ON
SUNDAY, JANUARY 10.

Our students and families have been hard at work repairing the world!



Over the fall semester, all of our Religious School students and families worked hard to help others in our world by creating projects and collecting donations for many different organizations that help those in need.

Special thanks goes to **Lisa Rosenberg** and **The Kindness Connection** for supplying many of the project ideas, supplies, and recipient organization suggestions.

These are just some of the amazing things our students and their families accomplished:

- All families tie-dyed tote bags with tissue paper and filled them with toiletries for clients at **Connections for the Homeless**.
- Families also decoupage tissue box covers to be used by **Humble Design** to decorate homes for people who are transitioning out of homelessness into new homes.
- Many of our students stuffed teddy bears and put them in tote bags they decorated for children at **Shriner's Hospital**. Some of these teddy bears in totes also went to some of the youngest refugee children Hakafa works with.
- Our kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd graders made cards to be delivered with catered Thanksgiving meals for the elderly.
- Some of our 7th and 8th graders stuffed pretty gift bags with masks, hand sanitizer, and other essential supplies for refugee and asylum-seeking girls served by **Girl Forward**.
- Some of our 3rd-6th graders made yard signs thanking essential workers and decorated face masks to share with those they love.
- Our families also created toiletry bags during Sukkot and collected winter gloves during Hanukkah for **The Night Ministry**.

THE GLENCOE CLERGY ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

A Community Conversation with

RICHARD ROTHSTEIN ON THE COLOR OF LAW:

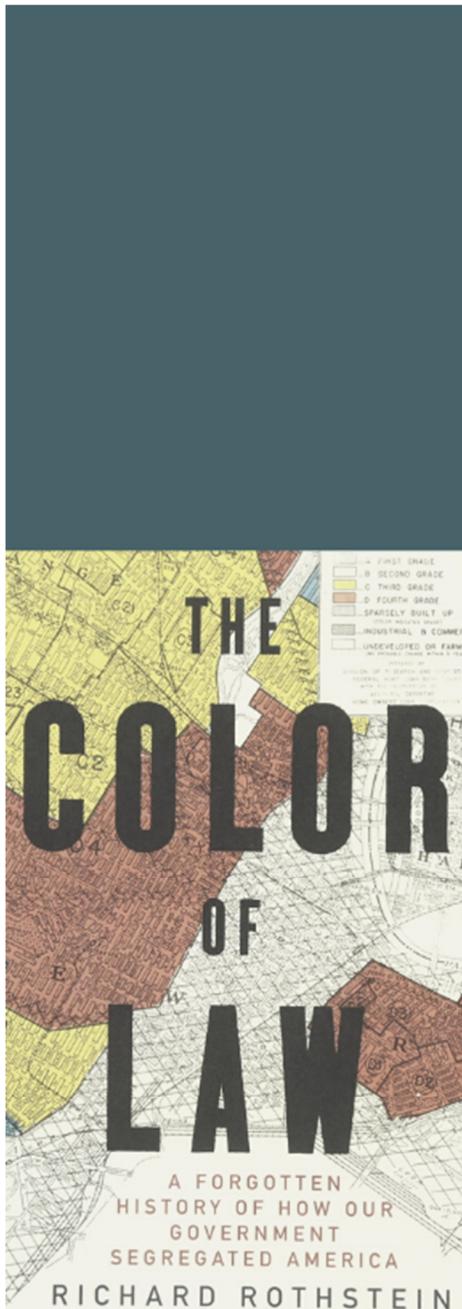
A FORGOTTEN HISTORY OF HOW OUR
GOVERNMENT SEGREGATED AMERICA

MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 2021 AT 7:30PM

ADVANCE REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED IN
ORDER TO RECEIVE THE WEBINAR LINK.

Register at www.nsci.org/ColorofLaw

First 100 people to register for the program will receive
a free copy of *The Color of Law*.



Congregation Hakafa Calendar

January 2021 – Tevet / Shevat 5781

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

Congregation Hakafa Calendar

February 2021 – Shevat / Adar 5781

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 10:00 am Siddur Class 4:00-6:00 pm Hebrew School Resumes 7:30 pm Torah Study	3 1:00 pm Torah Study	4	5 7:30 pm Shabbat Service	6 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Minyan
7 10:00-11:45 am Religious School Classes 10:30 am Congregation Meeting 1:00 pm OR 2:00 pm 3 rd B'nai Mitzvah Workshop 4:15 pm Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class	8	9 10:00 am Midrash Class 4:00-6:00 pm Hebrew School 7:30 pm Torah Study	10 1:00 pm Torah Study 7:00 pm Keshet Event	11 9:00 am Nosh & Know	12 7:30 pm Shabbat Service	13
14 4:15 pm Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class	15 Presidents' Day Newsletter Articles Due	16 10:00 am Mishneh Torah Class 4:00-6:00 pm Hebrew School 7:30 pm Torah Study	17 1:00 pm Torah Study	18	19 7:30 pm Shabbat Service	20 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Minyan 11:00 am Tot Shabbat 7:00 pm Film Group
21 10:00-11:45 am Religious School Classes 10:30 am–12:00 pm Adult Education – Speaker/Topic TBA 4:00-5:30 pm 9 th -11 th Grade Class Session III	22	23 10:00 am Midrash Class 4:00-6:00 pm Hebrew School 7:30 pm Torah Study	24 1:00 pm Torah Study	25 Erev Purim 7:00 pm Megilla Reading / Purim Celebration	26 Purim 7:30 pm Shabbat Service	27
28 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						



Congregation Hakafa

Address: P.O. Box 409, Glencoe, IL 60022

Phone: 847-242-0687

Congregation Email: conghakafa@hakafa.org

Hakafa Website: www.hakafa.org

Deborah Brown.....President
Barbara Miller..... Vice President
Ellen Criz.....Operations Treasurer
Allison Stein.....Secretary
Jason Glick.....Dues Treasurer
Bonnie Koven & Sally Nador.....Endowment Trustees

Bruce Elder.....Rabbi (847-266-8854 or rabbi@hakafa.org)
Robert J. Marx.....Rabbi Emeritus
Rona Elder.....Administrator (847-242-0687 or admin@hakafa.org)
Bibi Patt..... Director of Education (847-955-9980 or education@hakafa.org)
Sara Goodman.....Music Director (847-274-7166 or music@hakafa.org)
Lori Wilansky.....Editor: *The Circle* (847-444-1488 or wilansky1@comcast.net)

The information in this newsletter is provided to Hakafa members for use in connection with Hakafa activities. Use for any other purposes is strictly prohibited.



The Circle

January 2021

Table of Contents

D'varim.....	1
Prayer and Celebration.....	2
Member News.....	3
Adult Education.....	4
Adult Ed Schedule.....	Insert
Social Action.....	6
Chadashot.....	Insert
Community Conversation Event w/ Richard Rothstein.....	Insert
January Calendar.....	Insert
February Calendar.....	Insert