



Bruce Elder, Rabbi

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D'varim

The Blessings of Being *Dragged* In

The pandemic filled our homes with many things: Clorox wipes, Instacart deliveries, panic, and in my home... the soundtrack from Bo Burnham's Netflix special, "Inside." We repeatedly heard him sing about the Internet's expansive idiocy. *"Welcome to the Internet. Look around. Anything you think of can be found. Want to fight for civil rights or tweet a racial slur? Be happy. Be bursting with rage. We got a million different ways to engage."*

Many of us are all too familiar with some of the "million different ways" to engage with the Internet. To preserve my energy and sanity, I generally disengage from Internet feuds. That way, I can engage in conversation or constructive argument in "real life"--where there's often a greater potential for growth and understanding. Then came last month.

In a Jewish Facebook group I joined, an anonymous writer posted something like this: *"I just saw an email that says my temple is having a Drag Queen Storytime. How wildly inappropriate for children! No politics in my religion! And certainly not drag queens!!"*

I couldn't resist jumping in and explaining: Drag Queen Storytimes are not about indoctrination or politics. They are about creating a safe space for marginalized populations. Drag queens and members of the LGBTQIA+ community embody Jewish principles of love (*ahavah*), compassion (*rachamim*), balance and inner beauty (*tiferet*), courage (*ometz lev*), and creativity (*yetziratiut*).

Moreover, our Talmud mentions multiple genders, some including:

1. *Zachar*, male
2. *Nekevah*, female
3. *Androgynos*, having both male & female characteristics
4. *Tumtum*, lacking sexual characteristics
5. *Aylonit adam*, identified female at birth but later developing male characteristics through human intervention
6. *Saris adam*, identified male at birth but later developing female characteristics through human intervention

These teachings help us and our children understand what an inclusive community looks and feels like. When we offer and participate in Drag Queen Story Times, or other experiences helping us interact with someone different than us, our worlds—and hearts--expand.

This has nothing to do with politics. It has everything to do with the child who feels different or "othered," a feeling known to all Jews.

As we enter the month of *Nisan*, bringing us *Pesach*, we can recall one objective of the Passover seder: to order things in a different way than the norm (leaning while reclining, eating unique foods, singing unconventional songs). This brilliantly crafted Jewish experiential masterpiece encourages children to ask questions, to be curious, and ultimately, to grow. Drag Queen Story Time can do the same. "Why is this night different than all other nights?" "Why is this person different than all other people?" Differences help us connect to our truest selves and become our best selves. Differences are intrinsic to the Jewish people's story. So is Drag Queen Story Time.

Maybe I should have bypassed this online battle. But this cyber fight reinforced my pride and love for our Hakafa family and all its offerings that embody inclusion, justice, and compassion.

An incredibly long road awaits. It begins with each of us and our own Jewish people. Perhaps with a little whimsical internet serenade from Bo Burnham, we *will* persevere...online and offline.

-Anna Calamaro

Prayer and Celebration

Please note these updated COVID-19 protocols adopted at the Congregation's 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 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 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 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).

March 3
7:30 p.m. **Shabbat Zachor**
 Parshat T'tzaveh
Torah Portion: Exodus 27:20-30:10
Haftarah: Esther 7:1-10

Service in-person and via Zoom

Guest Speaker: Rabbi Michael Davis

March 10
7:30 p.m. **Shabbat Parah**
 Parshat Ki Tisa
Torah Portion: Exodus 30:11-34:35
Haftarah: Ezekiel 36:22-36

Service in-person and via Zoom

Service Leader and Musical Guest: Tory May

March 17
7:30 p.m. **Shabbat HaChodesh**
 Parshat Vayak'heil-P'kudei
Torah Portion: Exodus 35:1- 40:38
Haftarah: Ezekiel 45:16-25

Service in-person and via Zoom

Service Leader and Musical Guest: Tory May

March 24
7:30 p.m. **Shabbat Vayikra**
Torah Portion: Leviticus 1:1-5:26
Haftarah: Isaiah 43:21-44:23

Service in-person and via Zoom

Musical Guest: Tory May

March 31
7:30 p.m. **Shabbat HaGadol**
 Parshat Tzav
Torah Portion: Leviticus 6:1-8:36
Haftarah: Malachi 3:4-24

Zoom only

Shabbat Morning Minyan

Zoom Meeting ID: 847 8216 0504

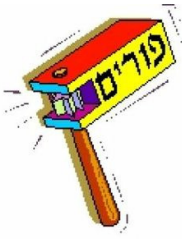
Please join us on **Saturday, March 4 at 9:00 a.m.** at the **North Shore United Methodist Church (213 Hazel Avenue, Glencoe)** for this hour-long service and study. The service will also be accessible **via Zoom** for those who are not able to participate in-person.

Our Shabbat Morning Minyan is a wonderful opportunity to enhance your celebration of Shabbat. People of all ages are encouraged and welcome to attend.

Rabbi Michael Davis to Speak at Shabbat Services on March 3

Join us as we welcome **Rabbi Michael Davis** as our guest speaker at Friday night services on **March 3**. Rabbi Davis will speak about an interest and passion he has developed over a period of several years: "Arabic as a Jewish Language." He has done trailblazing work teaching Arabic to rabbinic students and is currently developing a curriculum on Arabic language in a historical Jewish context on a national level. We look forward to having him with us.

Rabbi Michael Davis was raised in Israel and came to Chicago in 1998. He was ordained as a Reform cantor and served in congregations in Highland Park for 17 years in this capacity (B'nei Torah and Lakeside). He is also ordained as a rabbi and was the rabbi of a congregation in Chicago. Rabbi Davis now serves Chicago's largest Jewish community, the non-synagogue Jewish community, as an independent rabbi.



Purim with Hakafa 2023

ALL AGES are invited to help celebrate Purim
by joining us for our annual

MEGILLA READING and CARNIVAL

Come in costume and
get a prize!

Monday, March 6, 2023 / 6:30-8:00 pm
Takiff Center (999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe)



SARA GOODMAN
WILL BE JOINING US
IN-PERSON!



Enjoy fun, games,
and prizes at our annual



PURIM CARNIVAL

Don't worry about dinner!

Come early at 6:00 pm for

PIZZA



RSVP Required by March 1 for Pizza.
To sign-up, contact Rona by March 1 at
admin@hakafa.org or 847-242-0687.

**MEGILLA
READING**



Join us to boo Haman as we read from the Megilla
(Scroll of Esther or Megillat Esther in Hebrew)!

Each year at Purim, we are treated to original Purim parody tunes around a special theme that are interspersed throughout our Megilla Reading. We've heard it from the Grammys, through the grapevine, leaving on a jet plane, in a yellow submarine, amidst the sounds of silence, wishing upon a star, with all our heart and soul, under a disco ball, on the television, through the painful 80's, on a jolly holiday, and more. **What will be our holiday theme this year?** Find out at Hakafa's annual Purim Megilla Reading!

For those not able to join us in-person,
the Megilla Reading will be available via Zoom at:

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81667595482?pwd=amRtVUxkNmlFcK05RlZHZzM5WnpXQT09>

Meeting ID: 816 6759 5482



Of course, there will be
HAMENTASHEN
for everyone to nosh!

Purim is a one-day celebration observed on the 14th day of the Hebrew month of Adar (one month before Passover). It commemorates the saving of the Jewish communities living under Persian rule from Haman's evil designs to exterminate them. Although there is some uncertainty about the date, the events described in the Book of Esther (Megillat Esther) took place about 450 B.C.E.

PASSOVER 5783

This year, Passover begins at sundown on Wednesday, April 5
and ends at sundown on Wednesday, April 12
(or at sundown on Thursday, April 13 for those who observe eight days).

Celebrate Passover with Hakafa by
participating in any/all of the following:

CONGREGATIONAL SECOND-NIGHT SEDER

Celebrate the second night of Passover with Hakafa!



Our congregation will be hosting its annual Second-Night Passover Seder on Thursday, April 6 at 6:00 PM at the **Winnetka Community House** (620 Lincoln Ave, Winnetka) and via **Zoom** (Meeting ID: 818 0003 5488). Members and their guests are cordially invited to attend this very festive and always memorable event. Expect a traditional seder service, lively music, and wonderful companionship. *(The in-person meal is catered, and there is a fee to participate. Scholarships are available.)*

Reservations for the in-person seder are due by March 24.

To reserve your spot, make your reservation online at:
<https://tinyurl.com/HakafaSeder23>

No reservation or fee is needed to participate via Zoom.

If you have any questions, or if you prefer to make your reservation over the phone, please contact Amy Acri (jacri3@comcast.net or 847-875-4976) or Judy Rose-Epstein (missyepstein@att.net or 847-814-2856).



PASSOVER CARE PACKAGES FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

If your undergrad is away from home and on campus this term, send them a Passover care package! Hakafa member, Karen Berman, will prepare and mail care packages (which will include items like matzah, candy, snacks, a letter from Rabbi Elder, etc.) to remind our college undergrads who are away from home that they are an important part of our Hakafa family and that we are thinking of them. *Scholarships are available.*

Orders must be placed by March 15.

To order a care package, place your order online at:
<https://tinyurl.com/HakafaPassoverBox23>

If you have any questions, please contact Hakafa member,
Karen Berman (k.lieberman@sbcglobal.net or 847-420-8906).

MAOT CHITIM

In preparation for Passover, join Chicago's Jewish Community in fulfilling the mitzvah of *Maot Chitim* by packing and/or delivering boxes of food and other holiday necessities to Jewish families and individuals who are struggling with food insecurity.



There are three different volunteering options, and pre-registration is required:

- Pre-Packing Boxes - Sunday, March 19

Volunteers are needed to assemble boxes and to put non-perishable food items in the packages at the warehouse*. Volunteers must be at least 12 years old. Shifts begin at 9:15 and 11:45 AM.

- Packing and Loading Boxes on Delivery Day – Sunday, March 26

On the day the packages are delivered, volunteers are needed to help complete the packaging by putting perishable food items into the packages and loading the packages into cars at the warehouse*. Volunteers must be at least 12 years old and are needed as early as 6:00 AM.

- Delivering Boxes - Sunday, March 26

Help is needed to deliver the packed boxes of food and other holiday necessities to Jewish homes. Pick-up times at the warehouse* run every 15 minutes from 9:00 to 10:45 AM. Come with your car (especially large cars and vans) and families – and make sure to empty out your trunk! Children of all ages are welcome to participate.

You must sign up to pack or make deliveries. To sign up, go to: www.maotchitim.org/delivery-day/.

If you have any questions, please contact Maot Chitim at info@maotchitim.org or 847-674-3224.

* The warehouse located at the former Toys R Us in Highland Park (1610 Deerfield Road).

Maot Chitim refers to the custom of gathering wheat which was then given to people in need for making matzo for Passover. Maot Chitim of Greater Chicago (www.maotchitim.org) started over a century ago when Rabbis set up card tables in front of their synagogues and distributed a few dollars to those in need for holiday day meals. Today, Maot Chitim of Greater Chicago has evolved into a year-round volunteer effort searching for the best and most reasonably priced Kosher products, organizing an army of volunteers, setting up a warehouse, locating recipients through the ARK and other social service agencies, packing the products, coordinating an orderly delivery system, delivering the packages, and finally closing up and beginning the plans for the next holiday.



YIZKOR SERVICE - LAST DAY OF PASSOVER

Jewish tradition tells us that four times during the year, in addition to the anniversary of the death of a loved one, we are to recall the memories of those who have died. These four times, known as *yizkor* (remembrance), coincide with major holidays on the Jewish calendar. The last day of Pesach is a day on which *yizkor* is recited. Please join us for Yizkor on Wednesday, April 12 at 10:00 AM either in-person at the North Shore United Methodist Church (213 Hazel Avenue, Glencoe) or via Zoom (Meeting ID: 852 3252 0986).

Prayer and Celebration (continued)

Hosts Needed for Friday Night Onegs

Hosting a Friday evening Oneg 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 another special occasion with the congregation. **Volunteers are needed!** Go to the following link for the details/instructions needed to host:

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 information.

Member News

Hakafa Turns 40!

Please save the weekend of **April 12-14, 2024**, for festivities, and contact **Marietta Hesdorffer** (hesdor@aol.com) or **Barbara Miller** (president@hakafa.org) if you want to help!

Hakafa Movie Group

Let's get Hakafa's Movie Group going again! If you would like to help with any aspect of it -- organizing, scheduling, finding movies, food, leading a discussion -- please contact **Barbara Miller** (president@hakafa.org).

Please Help Us in Welcoming our New Members:

Stephen and Jane Grossman

Erin Hersher and her children, Ellie and Arlo Hersher-Dale

Chevra Kadisha Meeting

Hakafa's Chevra Kadisha will meet on **Wednesday, March 1 at 7:15 p.m. 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 will attend the meeting for the first time.

Kesher Gathering

Join us on **Wednesday, March 22 at 7:00 p.m.** at **Curt's Café** (1766 Second Street, Highland Park). We will schmooze, nosh, and 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 begin asking 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.*

Thank you to:

Bonnie Koven and helpers for flawlessly coordinating and providing a wonderful Congregational Tu B'Shevat Seder.

Martha Pollak for her years of dedicated and amazing work as our Volunteer Yahrzeit Coordinator. Martha has passed the task on to Harriet Meyer and Betsy Kessler.

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). 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.

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. 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).

NSUMC Stitchers Group



The first meeting of the NSUMC newly formed stitchers group, which includes members of Hakafa, was a success. The next meeting is on **March 4 at 1:30 p.m.** upstairs in **Barbee Hall** at the **North Shore United Methodist Church** (213 Hazel Avenue, Glencoe). Please bring a project and a friend who likes to stitch. The group will also discuss ideas for making this a year-round monthly meeting. If you don't know how to knit, but would like to learn, call **Marjorie Kemp** (847-308-1947) or **Marj Passini** (630-802-7339), and they can provide materials.

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 to assist you.

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.

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) or **Beth McCullough** (847-722-5430/mikeandbeth_60089@yahoo.com).

Member News (continued)

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 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.

Jewish Community Resources

CJE SeniorLife (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, 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, 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, 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, 773-583-4673) - SHALVA offers free, confidential, domestic abuse counseling services to the Chicago Jewish Community.

Adult Education

Yiddish Class

Zoom Meeting ID: 863 6421 5324

Our Yiddish Class will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Monday evenings in-person at the home of Ellen and Henry Criz (545 Green Bay Road, Highland Park) AND via Zoom on March 13, 20, and 27. Contact Sharon Gutan (gutan627@comcast.net) or Betsy Hersher (betsyhersher@gmail.com) for more information.

Please note: Class will not meet on March 6.

Hakafa Book Club

March's read: *Surviving Autocracy* by Masha Gessen

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 (March 12 this month) via Zoom, at 4:15 PM. Anyone who is interested is welcome to reach out to Rose (roza37@gmail.com) to be added to the email list.

Adult Education (continued)

Sunday Morning Adult Education is Back In-Person

Zoom Meeting ID: Meeting ID: 871 3067 5137

All Hakafa adults are invited to participate in our Sunday Morning Adult Education classes led by congregational and community scholars who will delve into various topics of special interest and expertise. Class meets on **Sunday mornings** from **10:15-11:45 a.m.** We will now be meeting **both in person at the Takiff Center** (999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe) **and via Zoom**. Come early for a cup of coffee and to schmooze.

March 5, 12, and 19

Please join us for 3 sessions during which **Dr. David Shyovitz** will present **"Visual Midrash? Decoding Medieval Jewish Art."**

David Shyovitz is an Associate Professor of History at Northwestern University and Director of the Crown Family Center for Jewish and Israel Studies. His research and teaching focus on pre-modern Jewish cultural and intellectual history, particularly Jewish-Christian relations. He is the author of A Remembrance of His Wonders: Nature and the Supernatural in Medieval Ashkenaz.

Tuesday Evening Tanach Study

Zoom Meeting ID: 662 730 822

All are invited to join Rabbi Elder **via Zoom** for weekly Tanach study on **Tuesday evenings** from **7:30 to 8:45 p.m.** Each week, we proceed through the Bible, verse by verse, discussing its content and various interpretations. New participants are always welcome.

Please Note: Class will NOT meet on March 7 and March 28.

Nosh and Know

Zoom Meeting ID: 863 2720 5788

Please join us either **in-person at the North Shore United Methodist Church** (213 Hazel Avenue, Glencoe) **or via Zoom** on **Thursday, March 2** at **9:00 a.m.** for a lively conversation with Rabbi Elder! New participants are always welcome.

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*. 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 March 7 or March 28.

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 March 29.

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 March 29.

Chadashot

Hakafa Youth News
March 2023

Note from the Director of Education

Chag Purim Sameach! We begin this month with our grand celebration of Purim! We have Religious School on March 5, and then on Monday, March 6 we come together again to have a pizza dinner (for those that RSVP), listen to the Megillah, and have all sorts of fun at our Purim Carnival full of games, prizes, and Hamentashen! We hope everyone will join us!

We will not have Hebrew School on Tuesday, March 7 in observance of the Purim holiday. Hebrew school this month will be on Tuesdays, March 14 and 21.

On Sunday, March 12 we will have regular Religious School, and our High School 9th-11th graders will meet that afternoon for class and dinner. And, Sunday, March 19 will be our last Sunday before Spring Break (March 22-April 3)!

Time is flying by! We are so happy to be moving into more of our "normal." We welcome back our Sunday Morning Adult Study participants "in person" at the Takiff Center (and online). We will no longer be having bagels to-go, but we encourage everyone to hang out with us at the end of the school day with your bagel nosh!

Enjoy this short but packed month! Spring is around the corner!

L'shalom, *Bibi*

Spring Break Calendar

Please note these important Spring Break dates:

- Last Day of Religious School: March 19
- Last Day of Hebrew School: March 21
- Hebrew School Resumes: April 4
- Religious School Resumes: April 9



It's Time for Purim!

Come celebrate Purim with Hakafa!

This year, our **Purim Carnival and Megilla Reading** will both take place on **Monday, March 6** from **6:30 to 8:00 pm** at the **Takiff Center** (999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe)!

Parents should join their children for an evening of fun and games! **There is no need to RSVP unless you'd like to join us for pizza beforehand at 6:00 pm.** To sign up for pizza, please contact Rona (admin@hakafa.org) by March 1.

See the full-page flyer in this newsletter for all of the details about the evening!

We hope you'll join us and bring friends!



Sunday Bagels back to Normal!

Beginning in March, we will no longer have our bagels to-go. We will return to enjoying them together as a community each Sunday!

Parent volunteers are needed to help pick up the bagels, put them out on trays, and clean up. It's an easy way to give a little of your time, and there is no monetary expense involved. If you can help out on one of the remaining Sundays of the school year, please sign up at this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d4aa8a82aa7fb6-hakafa>.

Social Action

Successful Second Nurture Chicago Kick-Off

Thank you to **Beth McCullough**, in partnership with volunteers from Temple Jeremiah and JCFS Chicago, for helping to organize a successful February 12 kick-off to the formation of the **Chicago Chapter of Second Nurture**. Volunteers came together to support youth in foster care through a “packing party” event where we packed 250 **Comfort Cases** backpacks and Comfort XL duffle bags with essential new items for youth in foster care, ages birth to 21. The items were immediately delivered to Allendale Association, Camelot Care Centers, Second Bridge and Shelter, Inc. – local foster care agencies - to support the well-being and comfort of local youth in foster care.

Rabbi Susan Silverman, founder of Second Nurture, reminded volunteers that “[t]he event was a powerful reminder of the importance of coming together as a community to support these youth, who did not ask to be placed in foster care.”

Rob Scheer, founder of Comfort Cases, shared his thoughts on the importance of community support for these youth: “By coming together, we show these youth that they are important people on this planet and deserve the same care and love that all children should be given.”

Beth McCullough, Hakafa Member and Co-Coordinator Second Nurture Chicago, said that “[w]e look forward to building on the work Congregation Hakafa, Temple Jeremiah and JCFS Chicago have started with our Comfort Cases Packing Party. This important work of Tikkun Olam - repairing the world - demands of us to do our part in making the world a better place. With over 16,000 children in the Illinois foster care system, we are working to do our small part to better the lives of many of these children in foster care in our suburban Chicago community. We hope through awareness of the issues and injustices for children entering and remaining in the foster care system here, Second Nurture Chicago will begin to provide fellowship and support to families in our communities that might want to foster or foster to adopt but were afraid up to now, without a supportive community standing beside them.”

If you would like to join other Hakafa members to get involved with Second Nurture Chicago, please contact **Beth McCullough** (mikeandbeth_60089@yahoo.com).



About Second Nurture (www.2nurture.org)

Founded in 2017, Second Nurture is a 501(c)3 located in Los Angeles, California and Columbus, Ohio. 2N's mission is to increase the number of safe, supportive, and loving homes for youth who have been temporarily or permanently displaced and provide a lasting community of support for foster families. Second Nurture encourages more individuals to become licensed foster caregivers by partnering with existing communities to tap into organic and established networks of support, connecting families to local resources, and engaging the greater community through outreach and education.



About Comfort Cases (www.comfortcases.org)

Comfort Cases is a 501 (c)3 non-profit organization with a mission to inspire communities to bring dignity and hope to youth in foster care. Founded in 2013, Comfort Cases has distributed more than 200,000 Comfort Cases and Comfort XL duffel bags to children in the foster care system in all 50 states, DC, Puerto Rico, and the United Kingdom.

Social Action (continued)



Join Hakafa to Volunteer at Bubby Fira's Food Bank

Please join Hakafa on **Wednesday, March 29** from **6:00 to 7:00 p.m.** as we volunteer with Maot Chitim of Greater Chicago and pack hot meals for Shabbat distribution at **Chabad F.R.E.E.** (2935 W. Devon Avenue, Chicago) for Holocaust survivors, seniors living in isolation, and families in need. Contact Hakafa member, **Laura Prohov** (847-830-1655 or lrprohov@gmail.com), if you have any questions.

You must be registered to volunteer on the Maot Chitim website at this link: <https://calendly.com/jstoliar/bubbe-fira-s-food-bank-shabbat-prep?month=2023-03&date=2023-03-29>.

Tutoring for Citizenship Exam

Zoom Meeting ID: 838 4918 4108

There will be a follow up Zoom meeting of the volunteers tutoring for the citizenship exam on **Wednesday, March 15** at **7:00 p.m.** There is still time to get involved. This is a chance to make a real difference in people's lives, and it can be done remotely. If you are interested, please contact **Barbara Anderson** (caabaa16@gmail.com).

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 help! You can sign up to provide food, help serve (ages 12 and older), 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.* **Click here for more details and to sign up to volunteer:** <http://tinyurl.com/a-just-harvest>. Contact Hakafa member, **Monique Parsons** (monique.parsons@gmail.com), with questions.

A Just Harvest's (www.ajustharvest.org) mission is to fight poverty and hunger in the Rogers Park and greater Chicago community by providing nutritious meals daily while cultivating community and economic development and organizing across racial, cultural and socioeconomic lines in order to create a more just society.



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!!



Congregation Hakafa Calendar

March 2023 – Adar / Nisan 5783

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div> TC = Glencoe Park District Takiff Center (999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe) WCH = Winnetka Community House (620 Lincoln Avenue, Winnetka) NSUMC = North Shore United Methodist Church (213 Hazel Avenue, Glencoe) </div>			1 10:00 am Musar Class (Zoom) 1:00 pm Tanach Study (NSUMC & Zoom) 7:15 pm Chevra Kadisha Meeting (NSUMC & Zoom)	2 9:00 am Nosh & Know (NSUMC & Zoom)	3 7:30 pm Shabbat Service Guest Speaker: Rabbi Michael Davis (WCH & Zoom)	4 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Minyan (NSUMC & Zoom)
5 9:00 am-1:00 pm 11 th Grade Comparative Religions Field Trip 10:00-11:45 am Religious School (TC) 10:15 am Adult Education (TC & Zoom) – Dr. David Shyovitz: <i>Visual Midrash? Decoding Medieval Jewish Art - Part I</i> 2:00-3:30 pm Confirmation Class (NSUMC)	6 Erev Purim 6:00 pm Purim Pizza Dinner (TC) 6:30-8:00 pm Purim Megilla Reading & Carnival (TC)	7 Purim	8 10:00 am Musar Class (Zoom) 1:00 pm Tanach Study (NSUMC & Zoom)	9 Hakafa Volunteering Trip to the Border	10 Hakafa Volunteering Trip to the Border 7:30 pm Shabbat Service (WCH & Zoom)	11 Hakafa Volunteering Trip to the Border
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19 10:00-11:45 am Religious School (TC) 10:15 am Adult Education (TC & Zoom) – Dr. David Shyovitz: <i>Visual Midrash? Decoding Medieval Jewish Art - Part III</i>	20 7:00 pm Yiddish Class (Home of Ellen & Henry Criz & Zoom)	21 10:00 am Midrash Class (NSUMC & Zoom) 4:15-5:30 pm Hebrew School (TC) 7:30 pm Tanach Study (Zoom)	22 10:00 am Musar Class (Zoom) 1:00 pm Tanach Study (NSUMC & Zoom)	23	24 7:30 pm Shabbat Service (WCH & Zoom)	25
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Congregation Hakafa Calendar

April 2023 – Nisan / Iyar 5783

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Shabbat HaGadol 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Minyan (NSUMC & Zoom)
2	3 7:00 pm Yiddish Class	4 10:00 am Midrash Class (NSUMC & Zoom) 4:15-5:30 pm Hebrew School Resumes (TC) 7:30 pm Tanach Study (NSUMC & Zoom)	5 Erev Pesach 1st Passover Seder	6 Passover 1 6:00 pm Congregational Seder (WCH & Zoom) 2nd Passover Seder	7 Passover 2 7:30 pm Shabbat Service (WCH & Zoom)	8 Passover 3
9 Passover 4 10:00-11:45 am Religious School Resumes (TC) 10:15 am Adult Education (TC & Zoom) 1:00 pm Congregation Meeting (Zoom) 4:15 pm Book Club (Zoom)	10 Passover 5 7:00 pm Yiddish Class	11 Passover 6 10:00 am Midrash Class (NSUMC & Zoom) 4:15-5:30 pm Hebrew School (TC)	12 Passover 7 10:00 am Yizkor Service (NSUMC & Zoom)	13 (8th Day of Passover) 12:00 pm Lunch & Learn (Zoom)	14 Newsletter Articles Due 7:30 pm Shabbat Service (WCH & Zoom)	15 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Minyan (NSUMC & Zoom) 11:00 am Shabbat Shechina: Drag Queen Story Hour Bar Mitzvah Service of Nate Goldberg
16 10:00-11:45 am Religious School (TC) 10:15 am Adult Education (TC & Zoom) – Dr. Sandy Goldberg 12:00 pm 4th B'nai Mitzvah Workshop (TC) 4:00-6:15 pm 9th-11th Grade Class Session IV	17 7:00 pm Yiddish Class	18 Yom HaShoah 10:00 am Midrash Class (NSUMC & Zoom) 4:15-5:30 pm Hebrew School (TC) 7:30 pm Tanach Study (Zoom)	19 10:00 am Musar Class (Zoom) 1:00 pm Tanach Study (NSUMC & Zoom)	20 7:30 pm Gershon Gorenberg - Israel at 75: How Far We've Come, What We Must Do (Beth Emet & Virtual)	21 7:30 pm Student-Led Shabbat Service (WCH & Zoom)	22
23 10:00-11:45 am Religious School (TC) 10:15 am Adult Education (TC & Zoom) – Anna Calamaro 3:00-4:30 pm Confirmation Class Parent Meeting & Student Prep Session (NSUMC)	24 7:00 pm Yiddish Class	25 Yom HaZikaron 4:15-5:30 pm Hebrew School (TC)	26 Yom HaAtzmaut	27	28 7:30 pm Shabbat Service (Zoom only)	29
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