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D'varim

Leaving on a Jet Plane

Last Spring, the Knesset passed a law barring anyone who has called for a boycott of Israel from entering the country. At least one of my colleagues has been denied entry since the ban went into effect. Upon hearing about the law, I declared to Rona that I could no longer visit there. At what point, I asked her, do we say, “Enough, already?” At what point do we stop supporting a political apparatus that demeans Palestinians and their legitimate aspirations, deepens the economic and racial disparities between various constituencies, and disenfranchises so many of its citizens through bad policy and partisan gamesmanship? At what point do we declare the Zionist experiment dead? At what point do we give up hope?

I write this as I prepare to board a plane for Tel Aviv this evening. I just cannot stay away. Because, as much as I am disturbed by the politics, the policies, the cynicism, and the support that allows them all to flourish, I simply love the land, the culture, the people, the history, and the mythology too much to not go back. And, so, as I sit here writing this, I must ask: Is it possible to separate the politics from the people? The policies from the land? The present from the past? The reality from the myth?

Is acquiescence benign support?

Not surprisingly, these are the questions that I have been asking about our country as well, as of late. Our current political malaise – one that has been building for some time – has allowed us to forget too easily that the folks we malign through our echo chambers are the same ones whose help we would welcome were we stuck on the side of the road. The one who carries his pistol into a supermarket for protection loves this country as much as the one who is protesting his right to do so outside that very store. And, the woman who kneels before the flag respects our military as much as the couple that decries her while donning it as underwear. Our neighbors’ political choices are only as absurd as our own, and until we realize that fact, paralysis and polarization will only deepen.

It simply has become too easy to be dismissive of one another here, in America; it has become too easy to forget that this really is a wonderful country and has the potential to be for all of us. When I can step out of my own political fears and frustrations that I have allowed to fester this past year, I remember the beautiful land, the diverse people, and the collective myth of America upon which I was raised and for which I still yearn, even as I recognize how flawed it has been for so many with whom I live and interact. The west side of Chicago is as much an important part of our collective, American consciousness as the hills of West Virginia, the coast of Florida, the cornfields of Nebraska, and beyond. We do not need to be a zero-sum society, no matter how much our current political leaders would like to make us think otherwise. There is enough here for all of us.

So, even as I fight my own cynicism, I will continue to protest policies that divide and diminish while, at the same time, trying to appreciate the freedoms that allow me to do so. I will try to separate the viewpoints of the gas attendant from the immediacy of our very human interaction. I will continue to embrace and fight our collective myth, to struggle with and for those with whom I disagree, and to love our land even as I lament our desecration of it.

I will continue to do all this as I board an airplane to a country for which my soul aches out of both a passionate love for it and an ever-deepening sadness because of it. I will hike the land, visit the people, and wrestle with my own hypocrisy. I will shake my head, as I have been doing far too much as of late, while hoping we will eventually get this all right. And, I will allow myself the luxury of letting go, even for a moment, and remembering:

Gam zeh ya'avur – This, too, shall pass.

-Rabbi Bruce Elder

Prayer and Celebration

Adult B'nai Mitzvah Service

Hakafa's Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class cordially invites the entire congregation to celebrate with us as we are called to the Torah as B'nai Mitzvah on **Saturday, November 25** at **3:00 p.m.** at the **Highland Park Community House (1991 Sheridan Road, Highland Park)**. An oneg will follow the service.

*Ana Bensinger, Jacque Brave, Elizabeth Cole, Ellen Criz, Arthur Haut, Bonnie Koven,
Scott Lowtwait, Jill Mihailovic-Sternberg, Sally Nador*

Friday Night Services



The congregation is cordially invited to attend services at the Winnetka Community House (unless noted) on the following evenings:

November 3 Shabbat Vayeira
7:30 p.m. Torah Portion: Genesis 18:1-22:24
Haftarah: II Kings 4:1-37

Please Note: Different Location: Takiff Center

November 10 Chayei Sarah
7:30 p.m. Torah Portion Genesis 23:1-25:18
Haftarah: I Kings 1:1-31

November 17 Shabbat Tol'dot
7:30 p.m. Torah Portion: Genesis 25:19-28:9
Haftarah: Malachi 1:1-2:7

November 24 Shabbat Vayeitzei
7:30 p.m. Torah Portion: Genesis 28:10-32:3
Haftarah: Hosea 12:13-14:10

Live Streaming of Services

If you are unable to make it to our worship services, but would like to participate from your home, you may now live stream them through our website. Go to: hakafa.org and click on the listen now icon on the home page for instructions. You may also view archived events using the link.

Please note: For optimal audio output, you must have the volume turned up on both your computer and on the live stream screen itself.

Shabbat in the Home: Rescheduled for April 20, 2018

We were not able to find enough hosts to hold Shabbat in the Home on November 3, so we have rescheduled it for **April 20, 2018**. We hope to have better luck finding hosts for that date. **If you are able to host, please contact Debbie Fogel** (curlyfogel@yahoo.com or 312-576-6775).

Shabbat Morning Minyan

Please join us on **Saturdays, November 11 and 18** at the home of **Barbara and Allen Anderson (849 Oak Drive, Glencoe)** at **8:30 a.m.** for our November Shabbat morning *minyanim*. This hour-long service and study is a wonderful opportunity to enhance your celebration of Shabbat. People of all ages are encouraged and welcome to join us.

Oneg Hosts Needed

We are looking for hosts for Friday evening onegs this year. Hosting a Friday evening oneg is a wonderful way to help support Hakafa and is also a nice way to celebrate a bar/bat mitzvah, birthday, anniversary, or other special occasion with the congregation. Many people honor the memory of a loved one on his/her yahrzeit by hosting an oneg.

If you would like to host an oneg, please contact our Volunteer Oneg Coordinator, **Sally Nador** (nadorsally@gmail.com or 847-727-4357), to reserve a date or sign-up at this link: <http://tinyurl.com/oneg-hosting>

Share Your Holidays

On occasion, there are Hakafa members who would like to share holidays with fellow congregants and do not have the opportunity to do so.

If you would like to host a fellow congregant for a holiday meal, or if you need or want a place to go for the holidays, please contact **Sylvia Dresser** (847-945-6095).

Member News

Please Help Us in Welcoming Our New Members

Andrea and Jim Leftwich

Mazal Tov to the following Bat Mitzvah:

November 4 – Courtney Solomon

Thank You to:

Peter Office for planning, coordinating, building, and driving our mobile sukkah, and to all the families that lent us their driveways

All of our fabulous Torah Readers on Simchat Torah

Julian Solway, Bibi Patt, and Danny Patt for their amazing Simchat Torah music

Liz and Sam Goldman for providing a beautiful Kiddush after our Shmini Atzeret Yizkor Services

Jerry and Elaine Friedman, all of the Kadima Volunteers, and, of course our performer, Sidney Friedman. for a wonderful event in October

Condolences to:

Betsy Hersher and family on the loss of her cousin, Phyllis Levin

Stacey Robinson and family on the loss of her mother, Lillian Zisook

Mazal Tov to:

Barbara Bierig and Jack Bierig, on the birth of Evie to Sarah and Adam Fish

Jack and Madeleine Neems, on the marriage of Miriam to Andrew Schneider

Jonah and Joan Orlofsky, on the marriage of Jacob to Lauren Braun

Annette Turow and family on the birth of Zadie Rose to Liz Siebert and Gabe Turow

If you are having a simcha – a birth, wedding, or the like – please let us know (conghakafa@hakafa.org) so that we can share your joy with our congregational community.

Please Offer Your Ideas for Endowment Fund Programs

Congregation 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 be meeting on **Sunday, December 10 at 12:15 p.m.** at the Takiff Center to consider new requests. This meeting is open to all congregants.

Please attend the meeting, or contact the trustees with your ideas or questions. Our three trustees are **Scott Lowtwait** (scottlowtwait@gmail.com or 847-650-6906), **Seymour Rothstein** (sybike@yahoo.com or 847-432-1756), and **Nancy Goodman** (president@hakafa.org or 847-564-3273). And please remember, financial contributions to the Endowment Fund are always welcome—any time of the year.

Congregation Meeting

All Hakafa members are encouraged and welcome to attend our next Congregation Meeting on **Friday, November 17 at 6:15 p.m.** immediately preceding our Friday night service at the **Winnetka Community House** (620 Lincoln Avenue, Winnetka). Please contact our President, **Nancy Goodman** (president@hakafa.org or 847-564-3273), with questions.

Film Group: *Defiant Requiem*

Join us when we screen *Defiant Requiem* on **Saturday, November 18 at 7:00 p.m.** at our offices at the **North Shore United Methodist Church** (213 Hazel Avenue, Glencoe). Hakafa member, **Sandor Goldstein**, will present this documentary film which tells the story of the Nazi concentration camp, Terezín, created to deceive the world into believing that they were treating prisoners humanely. Come for dinner at 6:00 p.m! We'll be ordering pizza from Little Red Hen, so please contact **Carol** (847-727-0029 or mcsolomon@comcast.net) by **noon** on the 18th to R.S.V.P. for dinner (\$5 per person). Or, simply come for the movie at 7:00. Feel free to bring friends, family, beverages, or a nosh.

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).

Member News (continued)

Enroll Your Child In SKIP Now and Invest In Your Child's Jewish Future

The **SEND-A-KID-TO-ISRAEL PARTNERSHIP (SKIP)** program is a special savings plan that helps Chicago area Jewish youth visit Israel as an integral part of their Jewish education. Young people who participate in the program for the full seven years (grades 3 through 9) will have approximately \$2,000, including interest, saved to help meet the cost of an Israel Experience program. SKIP funds can be used beginning the summer after 9th grade through age 26. Furthermore, SKIP contributions, plus interest, are FULLY REFUNDABLE at any time should your son or daughter not participate on an Israel Experience program.

- **SKIP GOAL** - an Israel Experience program as part of each child's Jewish education. SKIP funds can be used for your family's choice of a wide variety of approved high school or college Israel Experience programs.
- **SKIP PARTNERS** - your family, your congregation, and the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago each contribute to the SKIP savings plan.
- **SKIP ENROLLMENT** - enroll in school grades 3-6 and continue to make contributions through 9th grade.
- **SKIP FACTS** – Thousands of participants are currently enrolled in SKIP through more than 50 participating congregations, and many teens and young adults have used their SKIP funds to help them participate on an Israel Experience program.

SKIP INFORMATION - for more information on the SKIP program or enrollment in SKIP, contact **Jenny Patterson** (312.217.0724 or jrpatterson1959@gmail.com).

Accessibility at Hakafa

If you become aware of any accessibility issues within the congregation, we hope you will share them with us by speaking confidentially with one of our Chessed Committee Chairs, **Ana Bensinger** (anabensinger@att.net or 847-926-3223) or **Anita Goldberg** (anitagoldberg@gmail.com or 847-432-8973). We thank you for your help in making our congregation welcoming and accessible to all.

Hakafa Location Accessibility Guide

The information provided below is designed to give general information about accessibility at the locations where we hold services, classes, programs, and events. For specific questions, please contact our office (admin@hakafa.org or 847-242-0687) or the actual location.

- **A Just Harvest** (<http://www.ajustharvest.org/>): Accessible building with street parking.
- **Anderson Household** (caabaa@sbcglobal.net): Ranch house with no steps. Two cats present.
- **Criz Household** (hecruz@sbcglobal.net): One step onto a large porch and one step into an accessible ranch house.
- **Greenberg Household** (Greenberg.steve@gmail.com): Bi-level house, accessible main floor with no steps.
- **Glencoe Public Library** (www.glencoepubliclibrary.org/): Accessible building.
- **Highland Park Community House** (<http://www.highlandparkcommunityhouse.org/>): Has an accessible entrance and washroom.
- **North Shore United Methodist Church** (<http://nsumcglencoe.org/>): No steps into the building; two-step stairway inside building (ramp available); elevator available (with help for the door) to second floor.
- **Office of Ned Robertson** (nrobertson595@gmail.com): 17th floor of accessible building.
- **Robertson Household** (mrobertson595@gmail.com): No steps into the house.
- **Takiff Center** (<http://www.glencoeParkDistrict.com/Facilities/Takiff-Center>): Accessible building; programs that take place on the second floor accessible by elevator – a short walk on the second level to classrooms.
- **Winnetka Community House** (<http://www.winnetkacommunityhouse.org/>): Ramp into building.
- **Winnetka Public Library** (www.winnetkalibrary.org/): Accessible building.

On Facebook

Go to https://www.facebook.com/CongregationHakafa?ref_type=bookmark and click "Like". The Facebook page allows us to communicate with you. We use it to update you on information about the congregation, to give you announcements on events that are new and immediate to the calendar, and to show off a bit with pictures of some of the places we have been, the events we have had, and the people that we are.

Congregation Hakafa Scholar-in-Residence Weekend November 11-12, 2017



Please join us as we welcome Dr. Zachary Ebin as our Scholar-in-Residence.

Dr. Ebin will be teaching and performing on Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon.

We look forward to having him with us and hope you will be able to join us at one or both of the following events:

- ❖ **Saturday, November 11, 7:00 p.m. – Home of Harriet and Stan Rosenthal (745 Sunset Ct, Deerfield)**

Dialogue and Performance: Music and the Jewish Experience

Join Dr. Zachary Ebin for a dialogue and performance charting music through Jewish History. Dr. Ebin will discuss the significance of music in the Torah and its enduring importance to contemporary Jewish life. The program will begin with a short *Havdallah* service to end Shabbat and will be followed by a potluck dessert. Please bring something sweet or savory to share!

- ❖ **Sunday, November 12, 3:00 p.m. – Winnetka Congregational Church (725 Pine St, Winnetka)**

Concert: The Sound of Silent Voices

Dr. Zachary Ebin is the Creator and Artistic Director of **The Silent Voices Project**, designed to use the voices of contemporary children to recreate the voices of children silenced at the hands of the Nazis.

Please join us at this concert to hear children's poetry from the Holocaust reflected in musical compositions by young composers, including Hakafa's own **Jasper Bickers**. The compositions will be performed by the **Ton Beau String Quartet**. Hakafa member and child survivor of the Holocaust, **Doris Fogel**, will be the program narrator, and **Rabbi Elder** will give the address.

We are hosting this program along with Winnetka Congregational Church. Admission is free.

Dr. Zachary Ebin is the Director of the Suzuki Program at Vanderbilt University's Blair School of Music. Zachary holds a BA and an MA from Brandeis University, an MM from the Boston Conservatory, and a PhD from York University. Before relocating to Nashville, Dr. Ebin was on the faculty of Etobicoke Suzuki Music in Toronto, where he founded and directed Arco Violini, an advanced precollege string orchestra dedicated to giving back to the community through performances at hospitals, senior residences, and charity events. Dr. Ebin led Arco Violini in over 40 performances, including two television appearances.

In high demand as a guest clinician, Zachary has taught and lectured all over North America at conferences, institutes, and workshops. His research has been published in the American Suzuki Journal and the American String Teacher. In 2015, Dr. Ebin founded the Silent Voices Project (www.silentvoicesproject.com). In the project, young composers write chamber music based on poems written by children during the Holocaust. The Silent Voices Project will give its third concert and release its first recording this fall.

Zachary Ebin has remained active as a performer. He recently recorded the forgotten works of Ukrainian composers with pianist Maria Dolnycky. For the past four years, he has served as the artistic director of the Belfountain Music Festival in Caledon, Ontario.

To learn more about Zachary Ebin please visit: www.zacharyebin.com

Adult Education

Sunday Morning Adult Education: November Schedule 10:35 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Takiff Center (999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe)

November 5:

Study: *Meandering through Genesis 1-3 (Part II)* with Dr. Audrey Gordon: We will continue to interpret and discuss the first three chapters of Genesis including creation, the relationship between men and women, and symbolism in this second of two sessions with Dr. Audrey Gordon.

Audrey Gordon, PhD., was associate professor at the School of Public Health at the University of Illinois at Chicago for 30 years and taught and conducted research in aging, end-of-life care and hospice. Previously she was on the faculty at Northwestern University in the Department of History and Literatures of Religions (1966-74) and taught classes and did research in the Hebrew Bible, the New Testament, early Judaism and Christianity and the religions of the Ancient Near East.

Discussion: *One Congregation, One Book: Discussion of Judas* by Amos Oz: *Judas* is the latest novel from the great Israeli writer, Amos Oz. The story is set in Jerusalem, 1959. Shmuel Ash, a biblical scholar, is adrift in his young life when he finds work as a caregiver for a brilliant but cantankerous old man named Gershom Wald. There is, however, a third, mysterious presence in his new home. Atalia Abravanel, the daughter of a deceased Zionist leader, a beautiful woman in her forties, entrances young Shmuel even as she keeps him at a distance. Piece by piece, the old Jerusalem stone house, haunted by tragic history and now home to the three misfits and their intricate relationship, reveals its secrets. *Everyone is welcome at our discussion, whether or not you have read the book.*

November 12:

Study: *The Hoax of Terezin: An Examination of The Historical Terezin* with Barbara Jo Scott: This program will provide background for the 3:00 p.m. Scholar – in – Residence concert that afternoon of poetry by children of Terezin set to music. Presented by **Barbara Jo Scott**, retired teacher and docent at the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center.

November 19:

Study: *The Timely Trait of Gratitude* with Rabbi Ali Abrams: We will study Jewish texts that explore the meaning of thanksgiving and identify how we can implement these ideas in our lives today. No previous text study experience is required.

Since 2014, Rabbi Alison Abrams has been the Midwest Regional Director for J Street, a pro-Israel, pro-peace advocacy organization. Prior to this, she was the Director of Organizing at the Jewish Council on Urban Affairs and served as Assistant Rabbi at Temple Chai in Long Grove, IL. During her time in rabbinical school, Alison trained as a community organizer on economic justice issues and became the Director of Faith Community Outreach for Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice. Ali was ordained by the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion and received her B.A. at Smith College. She is a proud member of Hakafa with her two kids Ruby (7) and Milo (4).

Discussion: *Pursuing the Pursuer: To what degree does our responsibility to stop others from creating greater harm extend?* with Rabbi Elder: When Yigal Amir assassinated Yitzchak Rabin in 1995, he did so, in his mind, to prevent the prime minister from creating greater harm to Israeli Jews. Were his actions supported by Jewish law? Do we have a responsibility to stop people from committing violence? If so, how far can we go to stop them? Join Rabbi Elder for a discussion and text study on the *rodef* (pursuer) in Jewish law.

Midrash Class

Join us on **Tuesday mornings from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.** at the **North Shore United Methodist Church (213 Hazel Avenue, Glencoe)** 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.

Please note: Our November 7 class will meet in the Hamil Conference Room at the Glencoe Public Library (320 Park Avenue, Glencoe).

Adult Education (continued)

Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class

Our Adult B'nai Mitzvah class will continue meeting in **Community Room 2** at the **Takiff Center** (999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe) from **12:15 to 1:45 p.m.** on **Sundays, November 12 and 19.**

Nosh and Know on the North Shore

"Nosh & Know on the North Shore" will take place on **Thursday, November 16** at **9:00 a.m.** at the **home of Cookie Robertson** (211 Dennis Lane, Glencoe). Join us for a lively conversation with Rabbi Elder! New participants are always welcome.

Lunch and Learn in the Loop

Lunch & Learn in the Loop will take place at **noon** on **Thursday, November 9** at the **office of Ned Robertson** (330 N. Wabash Avenue, Suite 1700, Chicago). Bring your own lunch and prepare to participate in a lively discussion with Rabbi Elder! New participants are always welcome.

Possible New Class: Beginning Hebrew for Adults

We are looking into the possibility of starting a new beginning Hebrew class for adults in the late winter/early spring with our instructor, Helen Melnick, who has been teaching Hebrew for twenty years.

Please contact Rabbi Elder (rabbi@hakafa.org or 847-266-8854) if you are interested in participating.

Adult Hebrew Class

Our final three sessions will meet on **Wednesdays, November 1 and 8** and **Thursday, November 16** from **4:30 to 5:30 p.m.** Our **November 1 and November 16** classes will meet at the **North Shore United Methodist Church** (213 Hazel Avenue, Glencoe). *Please note that our November 8 class will meet at the Home of Ellen and Henry Criz (545 Green Bay Road, Highland Park).*

Two Opportunities for Torah Study

Wednesday Afternoon Torah Class: 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. at the **North Shore United Methodist Church** (213 Hazel Avenue, Glencoe)

Please Note:

Class will not meet on November 1 and 22, and our November 8 class will meet in the Lloyd Room at the Winnetka Public Library (768 Oak Street, Winnetka).

Tuesday Evening Torah Class: 7:30 to 8:45 p.m. at the **North Shore United Methodist Church** (213 Hazel Avenue, Glencoe)

Please Note:

Class will not meet on November 14, and our November 7 class will meet at the home of Steve and Nadine Greenberg (330 Beverly Drive, Wilmette).

Mishneh Torah Class

Our November sessions of Mishneh Torah (Jewish law) class will be held on **Tuesdays, November 7 and 21** at **10:30 a.m.** at the home of **Allison Blakley Davis & Kenneth Davis** (2940 Moon Hill Drive, Northbrook). Come join us and Rabbi Elder to learn more about what *Halacha* has to say on almost every aspect of life.

Social Action

Now is the time to GET INVOLVED.

Fight back by working for a cause that advocates for good: Family Promise

Family Promise is an interfaith network of congregations that helps families in homeless situations return quickly to permanent housing. The churches and synagogues in the Family Promise network rotate the responsibility of housing and feeding the guest families. Typically, families are housed at each congregation for a week, remaining there between 5:30 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. The North Shore United Methodist Church (NSUMC) in Glencoe and Hakafa members will be hosting Family Promise at NSUMC from **November 5-12**. We have opportunities available to donate food, prepare meals, enjoy dinner with the guests, and stay overnight at the church. This is a great opportunity for Hakafa members, of all ages, to volunteer in our own community! Please contact Hakafa member, **Peggy Salamon** (312-286-4055 or peggysalomon@me.com), for more details.

To sign up, go to: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c084baba72da20-family7>

Social Action (continued)

Volunteers Needed at A Just Harvest

A Just Harvest: Feeding People who are Hungry and Working to Reduce Hunger!

Hakafa is committed to providing and serving food at A Just Harvest on the second Sunday of every month. The kitchen is located on the far north side of Chicago, and each month four families from Hakafa share this meaningful experience. **The volunteer roster is ready for volunteers to fill it.**

Even if you won't be available to serve at the kitchen, you can participate by purchasing food or simply by contributing financially, a critical need. If you would like to help, visit the following link to sign-up OR contact **Monique Parsons** (312-420-1248 / monique.parsons@gmail.com): <http://tinyurl.com/a-just-harvest>

Composting Drop-Off at Takiff Center Resumes

You can once again drop off your fruit and veggie scraps on **Sunday mornings** at the Takiff Center (999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe) from **9:30-11:30 a.m.** Dump your scraps into that containers that are inside the labeled bin that is located at the Takiff Center Main Entrance Parking Lot (near the dumpsters).

If you have any questions, or for further information, please contact **Barbara Miller** (barbarasmiller01@yahoo.com or 847-835-8000).

"Taking Action" Website Page

Let Hakafa support, facilitate, and empower you to make your voice heard at the federal, state, and local levels! Visit the new "Taking Action" website page on Hakafa's website (www.hakafa.org/justice/taking-action) for weekly positive actions that you may wish to take at the local, state, and federal level. Also available on this page are links to issue updates from the Religious Action Center (RAC), National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW), and League of Women Voters along with resources for or about kids.

Join Us to Help People Who Are Homeless in Chicago

Please join with other Hakafa members for a meeting on this important issue on **Thursday, November 16 at 4:30 p.m. at Panera Bread** (722 Skokie Blvd, Northbrook). We will be discussing ways in which we can help to make a difference in the lives of those children and adults who need temporary and permanent housing. Please contact **Barbara Scott** (bams4@comcast.net or 847-432-2007) for more information or with any questions.

Save Your Bikes This Spring

Save your bikes! Old or New! Working or Broken! Hakafa's Second Annual WorkingBikes.org Bike Drive 2018 will take place on EARTH DAY: Sunday, April 22nd! Donation drop-off will again be at the Takiff Center from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Please contact **Barb Scott** (bams4@comcast.net) or Sara Hoffman (saramax58@gmail.com).

Winter Coat Drive

Hakafa member, **Barbara Scott**, is collecting CLEAN and gently used OR new coats, hats, mittens, and boots for children in grades K-8 at various Chicago Public Schools on the west side. Please bring the items to the box that is currently in the lobby of the Takiff Center (999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe). This box will be in the lobby through the **end of this December**. For more information, please contact **Barbara Scott** (bams4@comcast.net or 847-707-5795).

Stock the Shelves for People Who are Refugees

Stock the Shelves is a North Shore grassroots organization that was organized earlier this year to provide refugee families in Rogers Park with essential daily items not covered by food stamps (i.e. diapers, laundry soap, feminine products, cleaning products, deodorant, and toilet paper). It is led by First Presbyterian Church Wilmette (FPCW) and partners with Congregation Sukkat Shalom, First Congregational Church of Wilmette, and most recently with Congregation Hakafa. **Stock the Shelves** solicits donations from schools and individuals that are distributed the fourth Wednesday of each month at Warren Park in Chicago.

Hakafa member, **Judy Bramson**, is looking for volunteers who would like to help create opportunities for donations and distribute the items at Warren Park. This would be a wonderful bar or bat mitzvah project for a family looking for a way to support those in need. Please contact **Judy** (847-204-9770 or jdbramson@gmail.com) for more information.

Chadashot

**Hakafa Youth News
November 2017**

Note from the Director of Education

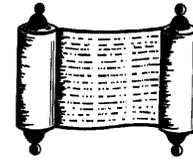
We have had such a busy start to our school year celebrating all the holidays! This year, we have instituted a weekly all-school gathering called "Mifgash" which means - gathering! Each week students sit with their class and Assistant Teachers, sing our *Mifgash* song (You can ask your child to sing it for you!), and then engage in a different brief activity each week for 15 minutes. It is a chance for all of our kids to see each other, weekly, and build community. So far it has been a blast!

In Hebrew last month, we had our first all-school cultural day. We learned about the different parts of the Torah and the meaning of *Eitz Chayim* (Tree of Life). We sang and decorated special Simchat Torah cookies!

Our students are adjusting to all of the changes we made this year and are learning so much! This month our schedule is consistent with the exception of no Hebrew School on November 21, and no Religious School on November 26 because of the Thanksgiving holiday.

On behalf of our Religious School, I want to wish everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving!

L'shalom, *Bibi*



B'nai Mitzvah Workshop

Rabbi Elder will be holding a series of four workshops that will take the families of students whose b'nai mitzvah celebrations will be taking place in the year after May 2017 through the Shabbat service. Beginning **Sunday, November 19 at 2:30 p.m.** at the **Takiff Center** (999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe) and continuing periodically throughout the year, Rabbi Elder will break down a section of the Shabbat service, explain its themes and its language, and provide an opportunity for families to look through various books and publications in order to begin thinking about how to personalize the service. By the end of the series, each family will have the tools to complete the Shabbat service for their upcoming celebration. The workshop series is geared toward students and their parents. If you have any questions, please contact Rabbi Elder at rabbi@hakafa.org or 847-266-8854.



Student-Led Shabbat Service Friday, December 1



In place of our traditional grade-level Shabbat Services, this year there will be two (2) Friday Evening Shabbat Services to which all of our Religious School and Hebrew School students will be invited to attend and participate by helping Rabbi Elder to lead the service. The first of these two services is coming up on **Friday, December 1 at 7:30 p.m.** at the **Winnetka Community House** (620 Lincoln Avenue, Winnetka).

Each student will help (either independently or with a partner/s) with a part of the service with which they are most comfortable - whether it is doing a reading in English, leading a prayer in Hebrew or English, blessing the Shabbat candles, singing a song, etc. **Students should sign up on this Google Form (<http://tinyurl.com/StudentShabbat>) for what they would like to lead.** They will have an opportunity, prior to the service, to prepare during Hebrew School and/or Religious School.

We are hoping that all students attend both services this year. It is vital that our students attend Hakafa Shabbat services while they are enrolled in school. We provide these opportunities so that students become familiar with our service and know what to expect when they become b'nai mitzvah. In addition, it is a great way for your family to meet and get to know other Hakafa families and to promote community among our students across grades.

The service will be followed by a special oneg in honor of the students.

Congregation Hakafa Calendar

November 2017 – Cheshvan / Kislev 5778

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 4:30 pm Adult Hebrew Class (NSUMC)	2	3 7:30 pm Shabbat Service (<u>Takiff Center</u>)	4 Bat Mitzvah Service of Courtney Solomon (AM)
5 Family Promise at NSUMC 9:45 am-12:00 pm Religious School (TC) 10:35 am-12:00 pm – Adult Ed (TC) -Study: Dr. Audrey Gordon -Discussion: One Congregation, One Book Discussion of <u>Judas</u> by Amos Oz	6 Family Promise at NSUMC	7 Family Promise at NSUMC 9:00 am Midrash Class (<u>Glencoe Public Library</u>) 10:30 am Mishneh Torah Class (Home of Allison & Ken Davis) 4:15-6:00 pm Hebrew School (TC) 7:30 pm Torah Study (<u>Home of Steve & Nadine Greenberg</u>)	8 Family Promise at NSUMC 1:00 pm Torah Study (<u>Winnetka Public Library</u>) 4:30-5:30 pm Adult Hebrew Class (<u>Home of Ellen & Henry Criz</u>)	9 Family Promise at NSUMC 12:00 pm Lunch & Learn in the Loop (Office of Ned Robertson)	10 Family Promise at NSUMC 7:30 pm Shabbat Service (WCH)	11 Family Promise at NSUMC 8:30 am Shabbat Morning Minyan (Home of Barbara & Allen Anderson) 7:00 pm Scholar-in-Residence Program: Music and the Jewish Experience (Home of Harriet & Stan Rosenthal)
12 Family Promise at NSUMC 9:45 am-12:00 pm Religious School (TC) 10:35 am-12:00 pm – Adult Ed (TC) -Study: Barbara Jo Scott 12:15- 1:45 pm Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class (TC) 3:00 pm Scholar-in-Residence Concert: The Sound of Silent Voices (Winnetka Congregational Church)	13	14 9:00 am Midrash Class (NSUMC) 4:15-6:00 pm Hebrew School (TC)	15 Newsletter Articles Due 1:00 pm Torah Study (NSUMC)	16 9:00 am Nosh & Know on the North Shore (Home of Cookie Robertson) 4:30 pm Meeting to Discuss Helping People who are Homeless (Panera Bread, Northbrook) 4:30-5:30 pm Adult Hebrew Class (NSUMC)	17 6:15 pm Congregation Meeting (WCH) 7:30 pm Shabbat Service (WCH)	18 8:30 am Shabbat Morning Minyan (Home of Barbara & Allen Anderson) 1:30-6:00 pm High School Students Volunteer at Bernie's Book Bank 7:00 pm Film Group (NSUMC)
19 9:45 am-12:00 pm Religious School (TC) 10:35 am-12:00 pm – Adult Ed (TC) -Study: Rabbi Ali Abrams -Discussion: <i>Pursuing the Pursuer</i> with Rabbi Elder 12:15- 2:15 pm Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class (TC) 2:30 pm 1 st B'nai Mitzvah Workshop (TC)	20	21 9:00 am Midrash Class (NSUMC) 10:30 am Mishneh Torah Class (Home of Allison & Ken Davis) 7:30 pm Torah Study (NSUMC)	22	23 Thanksgiving Day	24 7:30 pm Shabbat Service (WCH)	25 3:00 pm Adult B'nai Mitzvah Service (<u>Highland Park Community House</u>)
26	27	28 9:00 am Midrash Class (NSUMC) 4:15-6:00 pm Hebrew School (TC) 7:30 pm Torah Study (NSUMC)	29 1:00 pm Torah Study (NSUMC)	30		

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December 2017 – Kislev / Tevet 5778

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 7:30 pm Student-Led Shabbat Service (WCH)	2 8:30 am Shabbat Morning Minyan (Home of Barbara & Allen Anderson)
3 9:45 am-12:00 pm Religious School Family Ed Day (TC) 10:35 am-12:00 pm – Adult Ed (TC) -Study: Dr. David Shyovitz 12:00 pm Meeting about Communal B'nai Mitzvah (TC) 12:45 pm OR 2:00 pm 2 nd B'nai Mitzvah Workshop (TC)	4	5 9:00 am Midrash Class (NSUMC) 10:30 am Mishneh Torah Class (Home of Allison & Ken Davis) 4:15-6:00 pm Hebrew School (TC) 7:30 pm Torah Study (NSUMC)	6 1:00 pm Torah Study (NSUMC)	7 10:30 am Hebrew Circle (Office of Brad Reiff) 12:00 pm Lunch & Learn in the Loop	8 7:30 pm Shabbat Service (WCH)	9
10 9:45 am-12:00 pm Religious School (TC) 10:35 am-12:00 pm – Adult Ed (TC) -Study: Dr. David Shyovitz -Discussion: <i>Parenting Teens</i> with Linda Weinstein 12:15 pm Endowment Committee Meeting (TC) 4:00-6:15 pm 9 th -11 th Grade Class Session II (NSUMC)	11	12 9:00 am Midrash Class (NSUMC) 4:15-6:00 pm Hebrew School (TC) 7:30 pm Torah Study (NSUMC) 1st Night of Hanukkah	13 1:00 pm Torah Study (NSUMC) 2nd Night of Hanukkah	14 9:00 am Nosh & Know on the North Shore (Home of Cookie Robertson) 3rd Night of Hanukkah	15 Newsletter Articles Due 7:30 pm Shabbat Service & Congregational Hanukkah Celebration (WCH) 4th Night of Hanukkah	16 8:30 am Shabbat Morning Minyan (Home of Barbara & Allen Anderson) 5th Night of Hanukkah
17 9:45 am-12:00 pm Religious School (TC) 10:35 am-12:00 pm – Adult Ed (TC) -Study: Dr. David Shyovitz -Discussion: <i>Supporting a LGBTQAI Family Member</i> 6th Night of Hanukkah	18 7th Night of Hanukkah	19 Last Night of Hanukkah	20	21	22 7:30 pm Shabbat Service (WCH)	23
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