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## D'varim

### Not Everything is 50—50

My high school band director changed my life.

I once mentioned to him that there was a 75% chance of rain the night of an upcoming football game at which we would be marching. "Nonsense!" he responded. "There is no such thing! Everything is 50-50: Either it will happen or it won't." I heard his words as gospel, became a convert, and quickly adopted them as my go-to answer for all of life's pressing questions. What are my chances of winning the lottery, regardless of how many tickets I buy? 50-50. How likely is it that a son of mine will be President of the United States someday or that Hostess will bring back Deep-Fried Twinkies? 50-50. Will I ever make it to a Bruce Springsteen concert? It's all 50-50: Either it will happen or it won't.

Until recently, about the only thing of which I was 100% sure was that logical thinkers and math junkies hated talking probability with me. I have to say, I don't blame them.

Certainly, the irrationality of my 50-50 reductionist worldview can be employed only to the extent that no one gets hurt by it. In theory, there might be a 50-50 chance that I successfully pull off performing an appendectomy, but in practice, I don't think I would venture to play those odds. I might be as likely as not to knock an apple off your head using a bow and arrow while blindfolded, but I am not going to try. My 50-50 theory works only because I know it's not true. No harm, no foul. Completely annoying, perhaps, but all in fun.

The levity of my absurdity was challenged last week by the severity of one proffered by Judge James Ho of the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. His concurrent opinion to the court's decision to restrict the dissemination of mifepristone, an abortion pill, is a real humdinger.<sup>1</sup> In it, he claims that obstetricians suffer "aesthetic injury" when denied the opportunity to deliver a baby.

According to US law, when hunters eliminate the wildlife that animal enthusiasts expect to see in nature, the enthusiasts can claim "aesthetic injury" and seek redress in the courts. Similarly, if developers wish to build on undeveloped land, environmentalists can claim "aesthetic injury" and seek the same redress that animal enthusiasts can.

In his decision, Judge Ho asserts that mifepristone is to a doctor as a hunter is to an animal enthusiast or a developer is to an environmentalist. Obstetricians should have the right to expect that they will deliver a patient's baby, he suggests. Patients who come to them after chemically inducing an abortion rob them of that right, causing aesthetic trauma, not unlike what animal lovers and environmentalists must feel. Doctors should be able to claim "aesthetic injury," therefore, and seek legal redress against the companies that produce the drug. Better yet, he feels, the drug should be banned all together.

A jurist believes an obstetrician's aesthetic sensibilities trump a patient's bodily autonomy: What does that even mean?

This is not the mere cogitation of an armchair quarterback nor the musing of a crackpot blogger. It is not the product of a legal devotee engaged in a simple intellectual exercise. Judge Ho sits in a position of considerable power. His words pose a threat, not only to anyone with a uterus, but to the integrity of our seemingly ever-more tenuous social order as well.

Months ago, Jon Stewart commented that "we cannot mistake absurdity for lack of danger."<sup>2</sup> We Jews have long understood that. History has not been too kind to us, largely because the absurd ideas others have had about us too readily have been used as pretenses to violence against us. When people make outrageous claims in order to carry out even more outrageous acts, when the ridiculous becomes the sublime and the sublime becomes legal precedent, freedoms are curtailed, populations are oppressed, and lives are lost.

We cannot continue to let that happen. As we head into yet another season of political drivel, one that promises to be even more surreal than the last, we must remember that elections have consequences. Even more, we must remember that we are all important to one another, especially those who are most vulnerable. We are all important, even those with whom we so vociferously disagree. We are all important ... 100% of the time.

*Rabbi Bruce Elder*

<sup>1</sup> See *Appeal from the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas*, USDC No. 2:22-CV-223, Case: 23-10362, Document: 543-1. Date Filed: 08/16/2023, p. 64 ff.

<sup>2</sup> Tweeted at 5:30 AM on Jan. 18, 2023.

## Prayer and Celebration

### 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) unless otherwise noted below.*

**September 1**  
**7:30 p.m.**

#### Shabbat Ki Tavo

Torah Portion: Deuteronomy 26:1 - 29:8  
Haftarah: Isaiah 60:1 - 22

**September 8**  
**7:30 p.m.**

#### Shabbat Nitzavim-Vayeilech

Torah Portion: Deuteronomy 29:9 - 31:30  
Haftarah: Isaiah 61:10 - 63:9

**Special Service and Oneg Welcoming**  
**Rabbi Anna Calamaro**

**September 15**  
**7:30 p.m.**

#### Erev Rosh Hashana

**Winnetka Congregational Church**  
**(725 Pine Street, Winnetka)**

**September 22**  
**7:30 p.m.**

#### Shabbat Shuvah: Parshat Ha'azinu

Torah Portion: Deuteronomy 32:1 - 52  
Haftarah: Hosea 14:2 - 10

**Guest Speaker: Wendy Singer**

**September 29**  
**7:30 p.m.**

#### Erev Sukkot

**Hakafa's Sukkah at the Takiff Center**  
**(999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe)**

**\*If the weather is bad, our service will take place via Zoom only**

### Guest Speaker for Shabbat Shuvah

The Shabbat that falls between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur is called Shabbat Shuvah (Shabbat of Return) and typically concentrates on themes of return and repentance. Join us at Shabbat services on **Friday, September 22** as we welcome **Wendy Singer**, Director of Programming at No Shame on U, as our guest speaker. As the high holidays are a time of renewal, she will talk about the idea of gratitude as a tool for resilience in mental health. We hope you will join us!

### Hosts Needed for Friday Night Onegs

Hosting a Friday evening Oneg is a wonderful way to honor someone or to celebrate a special occasion with the congregation. 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. Go to the following link for the instructions needed to host:  
**[www.tinyurl.com/HakafaOnegInstructions](http://www.tinyurl.com/HakafaOnegInstructions)**

### Shabbat Morning Minyan

Zoom Meeting ID: 847 8216 0504

Please join us on **Saturday, September 23 at 9:00 a.m. OUTDOORS** at the home of **Barbara and Allen Anderson** (849 Oak Drive, 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.

*Please Note: If the weather is bad, we will meet indoors at the North Shore United Methodist Church (213 Hazel Avenue, Glencoe).*

### Special Shabbat Service and Oneg Welcoming Rabbi Anna Calamaro

Join us as we officially welcome Rabbi Calamaro, her husband, Yaakov, and their beautiful son, Solly, to our encirclement. We will dedicate the service in Rabbi Calamaro's honor, share in a blessing of her new beginning with us, and celebrate with a special oneg afterwards. We are excited to have the Calamaros with us!

### Shabbat Shechina: Drag Queen Story Hour

Please join Congregation Hakafa and Emanuel Congregation **outdoors in Chicago** for a special **Shabbat Drag Queen Story Hour** on **Saturday, September 9 at 11:00 a.m.** The morning will include stories read by one of Chicago's fabulous Drag Queens, songs led by Rabbis Elder and Calamaro, and a special craft project facilitated by Mandy Herlich, Emanuel's Director of Education. Of course, challah and snacks will be provided, too! This program is aimed at children 0-8 and their grown-ups, siblings, and friends, but families of all ages are welcome. It will take place rain or shine. In the event of severe weather, we will email you with updates.

**To participate, sign-up here:**

**<https://tinyurl.com/DQSHSept23>**. Chicago park location will be provided after sign-up.

*Drag Queen Story Hour celebrates reading through the art of drag helping children develop empathy, learn about gender diversity, and tap into their own creativity. It can also be life-changing and lifesaving for LGBTQ kids and teens, those with LGBTQ family members, or anyone who feels different because of their identity and may not otherwise see themselves reflected in the broader culture. The Shechina is a feminine manifestation of the Divine and is known as the Sabbath Queen.*

# HIGH HOLIDAYS 5784

*Shanah Tovah!* Rabbi Elder, Rabbi Calamaro, Barbara Miller, and their families wish you all a *Shanah Tovah U'metukah* - a sweet and happy New Year. We look forward to sharing our High Holidays with you and your families – whether in-person or online – renewing our spirit and connecting as a community. May the year to come be filled with joy and blessing, peace and gratitude.

## Important High Holiday Information

We are excited that Hakafa will continue to provide in-person worship for the High Holidays coupled with an enhanced at-home experience again this year.

Please note that In-Person High Holiday tickets are offered to current members of Congregation Hakafa. There is no additional cost for tickets. To request tickets, please mail in the paper form OR submit it online at this link: [www.tinyurl.com/HakafaHighHolidays2023](http://www.tinyurl.com/HakafaHighHolidays2023).

Tickets will be mailed the week of September 4 and once both a 2023-24 Membership Commitment Form and Ticket Request have been received. We cannot guarantee that tickets will be available for late requests, and your prompt response will help tremendously with our planning.

We urge you to send in your Membership Commitment Form and High Holiday Ticket Request as soon as possible (and no later than September 1). Your ticket guarantees you a place with us and enables us to plan more meaningful High Holiday services.

### In-Person High Holiday Services:

- Services will be held at the **Winnetka Congregational Church** (725 Pine Street), located east of Green Bay Road, west of Sheridan Road, and right around the corner from the Winnetka Community House.
- Masks will be optional for all in-person services. We ask that anyone attending in-person be symptom-free of any illness.
- Tickets are required for all in-person services (except Family Services, the Second-Day Rosh Hashanah Service, and the Yom Kippur Afternoon/Yizkor/N'eelah/Havdallah Services)
- For adults who want to attend the morning services in-person without their children, child-sitting is available for children 5<sup>th</sup> Grade and younger. Pre-registration is required.

### Online High Holiday Services:

- We will broadcast via livestream and record every in-person main service (except Family Services) so that our members, their families, friends, and guests who are unable to join us in-person can have a meaningful worship experience.
- The video, sound, and broadcast of all livestreamed services are being handled by an outside, professional firm.
- Livestream service link information will be provided the week before Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

### Children's/Family Services:

- Our Family Services are open to everyone but are especially suitable for children and their families. Tickets are NOT required. Please feel free to bring friends.
- Family Services will be held at the **Winnetka Congregational Church** at 1:30 p.m. on both Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.



## Parking Instructions for the Winnetka Congregational Church

The Winnetka Congregational Church has a small parking lot (entrance on Prospect Ave on west side of church) that will hold 25 cars. These spaces will be reserved for older congregants and/or those with disabilities who indicate this need on the enclosed form. There is a small circle-drive for drop-offs right next to the entrance, and ample street parking is available on residential streets immediately surrounding the church. When making your parking plans, please note that commercial and commuter parking lots in Winnetka are only available during our evening services. Maps that indicate specific places where parking is available will be mailed with your tickets.

# HIGH HOLIDAY SCHEDULE 5784

## Sunrise Minyan

Saturday, September 9 - 5:45 a.m.

Outdoors/In-Person at Glencoe Beach (55 Hazel Avenue, Glencoe)

## Selichot

Saturday, September 9 - 7:00 p.m.

In-Person at Curt's Café (1766 Second Street, Highland Park) and via Zoom

# Rosh Hashanah

## Erev Rosh Hashanah

Friday, September 15 - 7:30 p.m. Evening Service

In-Person and via Livestream

## Rosh Hashanah Day

Saturday, September 16

10:00 a.m. Morning Service (In-Person and via Livestream)

12:00 p.m. Rosh Hashanah Reception (In-Person)

1:30 p.m. Children's/Family Service (In-Person)

3:30 p.m. Tot Concert (In-Person at the Northbrook Public Library)

5:15 p.m. *Tashlich* (Outdoors/In-Person at Skokie Lagoons)

## Second Day of Rosh Hashanah

Sunday, September 17 - 10:00 a.m. Second Day Service

In-Person at the Home of Annette Turow (727 Roslyn Place, Evanston) and via Zoom

# Yom Kippur

## Erev Yom Kippur

Sunday, September 24, 7:30 p.m. Kol Nidre Service

In-Person and via Livestream

## Yom Kippur Day

Monday, September 25

10:00 a.m. Morning Service (In-Person and via Livestream)

12:15 p.m. Study Session I with Jonah Orlofsky (In-Person and via Zoom)

1:30 p.m. Children's/Family Service (In-Person)

2:30 p.m. Contemplative Music for Reflection (In-Person)

3:45 p.m. Study Session II with Mitch Hoffman (In-Person and via Zoom)

5:00 p.m. Afternoon Service (In-Person and via Livestream)

6:00 p.m. *Yizkor*/Memorial Service (In-Person and via Livestream)

6:20 p.m. *N'eelah* / Concluding Service (In-Person and via Livestream)

6:45 p.m. *Havdallah* and Light Break Fast (In-Person and via Livestream)



## Sunrise Minyan

Are you an early riser? Are you looking for a different way to welcome both the morning sun and the High Holiday season? **Join us in-person at Glencoe Beach (55 Hazel Avenue, Glencoe) on Saturday, September 9 at 5:45 a.m.** as we gather at dawn to pray, sing, and watch the sunrise together. We will conclude by 6:24 a.m. when the sun rises.

## Selichot

The Saturday evening prior to Rosh Hashanah is the time to officially welcome the High Holiday season. We do so through communal study and the recitation of penitential prayers (known as selichot).



This year, Selichot falls on **Saturday, September 9**. Please join us at **7:00 p.m.** either in-person at the Curt's Café (1766 Second Street, Highland Park) OR via Zoom.

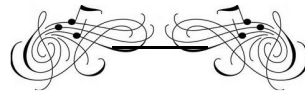
After schmoozing/snacking and Havdallah, we will do a reading of Merle Feld's "The Gates are Closing," a play written for the High Holiday season. Following the reading and a discussion, we will hold a brief Selichot service and hear the shofar blast for the first time. We hope to see you there.



## Donations for the New Trier Food Pantry

Continuing our congregation's tradition, we will be collecting non-perishable food items and practical paper goods to be donated to the New Trier Food Pantry. We will distribute grocery bags at Rosh Hashanah services (September 15 and 16). Please fill and return them to the lobby of Winnetka Congregational Church on Erev Yom Kippur (September 24) or Yom Kippur Day (September 25). We will load bags into cars and deliver them immediately following the Yom Kippur Family Service, around 2:30 p.m.

Volunteers are needed to help with delivery to the New Trier Food Pantry on September 25. If you are able to help, indicate so on your ticket request form or contact Danielle Wylie (312-502-3264 / dmwylie@sbcglobal.net) or Cindy Hamilton (312-659-0554 / chamilton4853@gmail.com).



## High Holiday Choir

Our dedicated choir continues to rehearse for our High Holiday services so that they will help us fill the sanctuary with sound. The remaining rehearsals will take place on the following dates from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at the North Shore United Methodist Church (213 Hazel Avenue, Glencoe):

Tuesday, September 5  
Tuesday, September 12  
Monday, September 18

For more information, please contact our Choir Director, Tory May (torymlala@gmail.com).



## Prayer Books

Again this year, we will be using special prayer books created by Hakafa for our High Holiday services. Copies will be provided for those attending in-person. Links to download copies for those participating remotely can be found on the Hakafa website and will be emailed out the week before Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.





## Rosh Hashanah Reception

*Please join your Hakafa  
friends and family on*

**Saturday, September 16 -- 12:00-1:15 pm**  
**Winnetka Congregational Church**

*for our annual Rosh Hashanah Reception*

*All Hakafa members and their guests  
are invited to this annual reception on  
Rosh Hashanah afternoon in honor of  
the New Year.*

*Hosted by:*

*Rabbi Bruce and Rona Elder,  
Rabbi Anna and Yaakov Calamaro,  
& Barbara and Fred Miller*

## Adult Readers Needed for High Holiday Services



Each year, members of the congregation enhance our High Holiday services in many ways. We would be honored if you would participate as a reader at this year's services. If you would like a reading, please contact Rona at [admin@hakafa.org](mailto:admin@hakafa.org) or 847-242-0687.



## Holiday Volunteers Needed

We count on the help of our entire community to make Hakafa's High Holidays as special as they are.

Volunteers are needed to help usher our in-person services as well as help to deliver bags of donated food to the New Trier Food Pantry. We also count on volunteers to make our Rosh Hashanah Reception a success. Whether you can bring a food item, contribute money for the purchase of bagels and coffee, help receive food items at services, or help with set-up/during the reception/clean-up, your assistance will be truly appreciated.

If you can volunteer your time during the holidays for any of these tasks, please indicate so on the ticket request form.

## Tashlich

*Tashlich* (TAHSH-leekh) is a popular custom during Rosh Hashanah. Created more than six hundred years ago, it is the act of going to a place with natural flowing water, such as a creek or river, on the afternoon of the first day of Rosh Hashanah to symbolically cast off our sins by tossing breadcrumbs into the water. *Tashlich* is a wonderful way to teach our children about *t'shuvah* (repentance) and forgiveness, but it is most definitely appropriate for people of all ages!



Please B.Y.O.B. (bring your own bread) and join us outdoors with other Hakafa families for a short and enjoyable service, lasting no more than 15 minutes, on Saturday, September 16 at 5:15 p.m. We will meet at the Skokie Lagoons Boat Launch off of Tower Road in Winnetka, just east of the Edens Expressway (The entrance is 1/10 mile west of the canoe rental on the south side of the street.). This location is completely accessible.

If you are unable to join us in-person, take time on Rosh Hashanah afternoon to find a body of water into which to toss your breadcrumbs. We will provide a reading that you can use if you would like.

*In case of rain, we will do Tashlich immediately following Second Day Rosh Hashanah Services.*

## Second Day Service

Hakafa will be holding second day Rosh Hashanah services, which are less formal than our regular High Holiday services, on Sunday, September 17 at 10:00 a.m. at the home of Annette Turow. The service also will be accessible via Zoom. We hope to see you there.



### Student Readers Needed for Family Services

We are looking for student volunteers to read during Family Services on both Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. If you are interested, please contact Bibi Patt (education@hakafa.org or 847-650-7720).



### Child-Sitting

Child-sitting is available for our youngest congregation members (5<sup>th</sup> Grade and younger) during the Morning Service on both Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

So that we can adequately provide enough sitters, please sign-up your child/ren on the ticket form if you would like them to participate in Child-Sitting.



### High School Students Needed to Child-Sit

If you are in high school and would like to help child-sit during High Holiday morning services, please contact Rona Elder (admin@hakafa.org or 847-242-0687) and let her know your availability for each holiday.

### Rosh Hashanah Tot Concert

Tots (up to age 4) and their grown-ups and siblings are invited for some Rosh Hashanah fun! Get Ready to wiggle, JIGGLE, & giggle with Jodi Koplin & her JiggleJam Rosh Hashanah concert.

We hope you'll join us  
and bring your friends!



CONGREGATION HAKAFA PRESENTS:

## ROSH HASHANA TOT CONCERT

with Jodi JiggleJam

Saturday, September 16th  
Northbrook Public Library  
3:30 pm Doors Open  
3:45 pm Program Begins

Shofar blowing & snacks to follow

[www.hakafa.org](http://www.hakafa.org)

## Yom Kippur Havdallah and Light Break Fast



On Yom Kippur, our *N'eelah* (Concluding) service will end at 6:45 p.m. Immediately afterwards, we will have *Havdallah* and provide a little nosh to break the fast as a community. If you would like to help with the light break-fast, please contact Amy Acri (jacri3@comcast.net or 847-501-4813) or Missy Rose-Epstein (missyepstein@att.net or 847-814-2856).



## Yom Kippur Study Sessions

On Yom Kippur day, two in-person Study Sessions revolving around themes of the High Holidays are scheduled for those who want to participate. They will also be accessible via Zoom.

## Yizkor Service and Book of Remembrance

On Yom Kippur afternoon, **Monday, September 25**, the traditional Memorial Service (*Yizkor*) will be held. Rabbi Elder and Rabbi Calamaro will read the names of those who have passed this year.



To be certain that appropriate members of your family are included in our Book of Remembrance, if you have any changes from prior years, or if anyone in your family has passed away since last Yom Kippur, please complete the information on the ticket request form. Printed copies of the Book of Remembrance will be available at our in-person Yizkor Services. In addition, electronic copies will be emailed in advance of Yom Kippur.



## Contemplative Music for Reflection on Yom Kippur Day

For those who will be with us in-person at the Winnetka Congregational Church on Yom Kippur day, join us at 2:30 p.m. to spend an hour in quiet reflection while listening to contemplative music in a comfortable space.

## Maot Chitim

Please join Hakafa members and others in the Chicagoland Jewish community on Sunday, September 10 in packing and/or delivering boxes of Rosh Hashanah food and other holiday necessities to Jewish families and individuals who are struggling with food insecurity.

There are 2 different volunteering options, and pre-registration is required:

### Packing and Loading Boxes on Delivery Day

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 are needed as early as 6:00 AM and must be at least 12 years old and wear closed to shoes.

To sign up: <https://calendly.com/maotchitim2/packing-loading-maot-chitim-rosh-23-clone?month=2023-09>

### Delivering Boxes

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 10:30 AM. Come with your car (especially large cars and vans) and families – and make sure to empty out your trunk! Anyone (no age restriction) is invited to help out with the delivery of the packages. To sign up: [https://calendly.com/jstoliar/driver\\_rh23?month=2023-09](https://calendly.com/jstoliar/driver_rh23?month=2023-09)

If you have any questions, please contact Maot Chitim at [info@maotchitim.org](mailto:info@maotchitim.org) or 847-674-3224.



# L'Shanah Tovah



# SUKKOT & SIMCHAT TORAH 5784



## Kabbalat Shabbat in the Sukkah

Bring a lawn chair along with family and friends of all ages, and join us outdoors on Erev Sukkot - Friday, September 29 at 7:30 p.m. - for a Shabbat Service in the Hakafa Sukkah at the Takiff Center (999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe). The service will be followed by a special Sukkot oneg!

*In case of inclement weather, the service will be held via Zoom only.*



## Study Opportunities in the Sukkah

Come enjoy studying with other Hakafa members in the Sukkah!



### Midrash Class

Tuesday, October 3 - 10:00 a.m.

Hakafa Sukkah at the Takiff Center (999 Green Bay Rd, Glencoe)

### Tuesday Evening Tanach Study

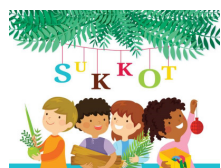
Tuesday, October 3 - 7:30 to 8:45 p.m.

The Elder Family's Sukkah (333 Green Bay Rd, Highland Park)

### Wednesday Afternoon Tanach Study

Wednesday, October 16 - 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Hakafa Sukkah at the Takiff Center (999 Green Bay Rd, Glencoe)



## Songs in the Sukkah for Tots

All tots (ages 0-4) and their grown-ups, siblings, & friends are invited to join Rabbi Calamaro and Rabbi Elder in the Hakafa Sukkah at the Takiff Center (999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe) on Saturday, September 30 from 11:00 to 11:45 a.m. We will shake the lulav and etrog, enjoy challah, sing Sukkot songs, and do an art project!

## New Member Havdallah in The Elder Family's Sukkah

All members new to Hakafa within the last year are invited to join Rabbi Bruce and Rona Elder for a Dessert Havdallah in their Sukkah (333 Green Bay Road, Highland Park) on Saturday, September 30 at 7:30 p.m. We regret that, due to space limitations, this event is for adults only. New members will receive a separate invitation. Please RSVP to Rona (admin@hakafa.org or 847-242-0687).



## Yizkor Service Last Day of Sukkot



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 Sukkot, known as Shemini Atzeret, is one on which *yizkor* is traditionally recited.

Please join us either in-person or via livestream (link to follow) on Saturday, October 7 at 10:30 a.m. as we share Yizkor services with Makom Solel Lakeside and Emanuel Congregation. Makom Solel Lakeside (1301 Clavey Road, Highland Park) will host us, and the service will be followed by a short Kiddush.

For those who are interested, there will be a Torah Study at 9:15 a.m., immediately before the Yizkor Service. All are welcome.

## Simchat Torah and Shabbat Service/Celebration

Join us Friday, October 6 at 6:30 p.m. at the Winnetka Community House (620 Lincoln Avenue, Winnetka) to celebrate both Shabbat and Simchat Torah as we once again rejoice in the completion of the annual Torah cycle! We will listen to the end and the beginning of the Torah being chanted and dance to the sounds of Hakafa's own Bibi Patt along with her fellow members of the Maxwell Street Klezmer Band. The celebration will also include our annual Consecration Ceremony for students who are beginning their religious education.

This celebration is appropriate for people of all ages and will be followed by a special oneg. We hope you will come and enjoy the fun with your Hakafa family!



## Member News

### Find Your Rosh Hashanah Honey: Jewish Speed Dating in the Suburbs

Hakafa has partnered with ChiTribe to host an exciting evening of Jewish Speed Dating! Join us on **Saturday, September 23** from **7:30 to 9:30 p.m.** at **The Sweet Buddha in Glencoe** (660 Vernon Avenue #3).

This event is specifically designed for **individuals aged 22-40** eager to meet their perfect match. If you're tired of swiping left and right, it's time to try a more personalized approach to finding love. Our Speed Dating event provides a unique opportunity to connect with like-minded individuals in a fun and efficient way. No more endless messaging or awkward first encounters - meet potential partners face-to-face and feel the chemistry ignite!

The ChiTribe team has carefully curated this event to ensure an enjoyable and comfortable atmosphere. With a focus on Jewish singles, you'll have the chance to connect with individuals who share your background, values, and aspirations. Expand your social circle and increase your chances of finding that special someone.

**The cost to participate is \$36 and pre-registration is required at this link:**  
<https://tinyurl.com/ChiTribeFindYourHoney>.

*ChiTribe (www.chitribe.org) was founded with the goal of making Chicago Jewish life more transparent and accessible to a modern Jewish community. ChiTribe functions as a resource to connect young Jewish people with communities, events and organizations that fit their interests. By aggregating and streamlining all things Jewish via central calendar and location, ChiTribe bridges the gap between those looking for a community and the communities looking for them.*

### Membership Renewal Forms

Hakafa's 2023-24 membership renewal materials (including the Membership Renewal and Financial Commitment Form and School Registration Form) were mailed/emailed in mid-July to all current members for the new fiscal year. They can also be found posted on the Hakafa website:

(<https://www.hakafa.org/membership/membership-renewal>) from where they can be downloaded and printed.

**If you have not already done so, please renew your membership and register for school either online or by filling out a paper form ASAP.**

**These are the links to renew online:**

- **Membership Renewal and Financial Commitment Form:**  
<https://tinyurl.com/HakafaMembRenewal23-24>
- **School Enrollment Form:**  
<https://tinyurl.com/HakafaSchool23-24>

**If you are not a current Hakafa member but would like to join our circle, go to this link for our membership information and our membership form:**

(<https://www.hakafa.org/membership/prospective-members-0>)

If you know of someone interested in learning more about Hakafa, please contact **Rona Elder** (admin@hakafa.org) or **Janet Lubetkin** (vicepresident@hakafa.org).

Contact our Dues Treasurer, **Joli Fridman** (dues@hakafa.org), with questions about financial commitments.

### The Jerusalem Youth Chorus is Coming to Chicago: Hosts Needed!

The Jerusalem Youth Chorus is a choral and dialogue program for Palestinian and Israeli youth in Jerusalem. Their mission is to provide a space for young people from East and West Jerusalem to grow together in song and dialogue. Through the co-creation of music and the sharing of stories, they empower youth in Jerusalem with the responsibility to speak and sing their truths, as they become leaders in their communities and inspire singers and listeners around the world to work for peace, justice, inclusion, and equality.

Hakafa has agreed to help find housing for the chorus members while they are in town from **October 18-26**. Please contact Rabbi Elder (rabbi@hakafa.org, 847-266-8854) if you are interested in learning more. We are looking for people willing to host two young adults in their 20s. It is a wonderful opportunity to get to know inspiring Palestinians and Israelis.

### Mazal Tov to:

Charley and Jill Gross on the marriage of Jarrett to Lance Pulido

Jay and Marietta Hesdorffer on the marriage of Melanie to Tyler Guthrie

Linda and David Weinstein on their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary

*We apologize if we have inadvertently missed your simcha. Please let us know so that we can include it next month.*

## Member News (continued)

### Please Help Us Welcome New Members:

Elaine Meyer  
Melissa and Josh Prober

### Mazal Tov to the Following Bat Mitzvah:

Ellie Glick– September 2

### 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.

### Condolences to:

Carol Anne Been and family on the loss of her cousin, Jerry Ziskin

Peter Hanig and family on the loss of his brother, Jim Hanig.

John Lewis and family on the loss of his father, James Lewis

Lynn Sanders and family on the loss of her cousin, Shirley Goldich

Michael Watkins and family on the loss of his brother, James Watkins

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

### 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.
- **Rabbi Calamaro's Discretionary Fund** directly supports those in need in and around our community. Rabbi Calamaro directs the usage of these funds. Please make your check payable to "Congregation Hakafa" and write "Rabbi Calamaro'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, contact Rona.

### Willow Lawn Cemetery Plots

Information regarding Hakafa's green cemetery section at Willow Lawn is available on our website :

([www.hakafa.org/worship-ritual/life-cycle-events/death/endlife-resources/cemetery-options](http://www.hakafa.org/worship-ritual/life-cycle-events/death/endlife-resources/cemetery-options)).

Green burial is more environmentally friendly than standard burial. **We have few available full plots remaining within our section, and we have several plots for the burial of cremains.** Please contact **Deborah Brown** (dmb9476@gmail.com) with any questions.

### 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)

### Help Us Increase Our Membership

Each year we hope to bring in a few new members to Hakafa. Our membership typically grows by word of mouth when current members introduce their friends, family, and neighbors to Hakafa. There are several ways to introduce potential new members to Hakafa:

- If you have friends looking to join a temple, tell them about Hakafa. Email them our current newsletter, give them the link to our website ([www.hakafa.org](http://www.hakafa.org)), and suggest that they look at information for prospective members.
- Please consider inviting friends and neighbors to join us at Shabbat Services or any other services – either in-person or online. Here's the link to our calendar so you can see what they might be interested in: <https://www.hakafa.org/calendar>.
- Invite new families to visit Religious School on a Sunday and/or get in touch with Bibi Patt, our Director of Education. Bibi is happy to meet with any families and answer questions about our Religious School/Hebrew School/High School program. (Please pre-arrange a visit so that our teachers can be prepared.)
- Tell your friends about our wonderful Sunday Adult Study sessions and have them attend a session with you.
- Invite your friends to participate in a Hakafa social justice program. Sharing experiences leaves lasting impressions – and may result in friends telling other friends, who may be interested in our social justice efforts and our Circle.
- Rabbis Elder and Calamaro welcome the opportunity to meet with prospective members. Feel free to put friends/family/neighbors in touch with him!

If you have new member outreach ideas or want to get involved in recruiting new members, please contact **Janet Lubetkin** ([vicepresident@hakafa.org](mailto:vicepresident@hakafa.org) or 847-721-0600).

## Adult Education

### 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 September 26.**

**Please Note:** Class on the first Tuesday of each month (September 5 this month) will meet **in-person** at the North Shore United Methodist Church (213 Hazel Avenue, Glencoe) **and via Zoom**.

### Invitation to Emanuel Congregation's Tikkun Olam Book Club

Emanuel Congregation has once again generously invited Hakafa members to join their Tikkun Olam Book Club. They meet several times throughout the year to discuss books that cover a variety of relevant topics surrounding social justice and *Tikkun Olam*. They will be meeting **Wednesday, September 6 at 7:00 p.m. (Location TBA)** to discuss ***In the Garden of the Righteous: The Heroes Who Risked Their Lives to Save Jews During the Holocaust*** by Richard Hurowitz. R.S.V.P. to Emanuel member, **Ellen Caicedo** ([ellenc221@gmail.com](mailto:ellenc221@gmail.com)), to let her know you're planning to join in. And, you can also contact Ellen if you have any questions..

### 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 from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.** to study *midrash* with Rabbi Calamaro. Midrash is the creative, interpretative process of the rabbis over generations. Through midrash, we see how the rabbis saw the text of the Bible - its lessons, its messages, its practical applications, and its relevance to them throughout time. Through the study of midrash, we will see how much of our understanding of the biblical text has been influenced by theirs.

**Please Note:**

- **Class on September 19 is via Zoom only.**
- **Class will not meet on September 26.**

### 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 September 27.**



## Adult Education (continued)

### Yiddish Class

We're continuing our popular weekly Yiddish classes beginning **September 11** with a **potluck** at **6:00 p.m.** at **Betsy Hersher's home** (1444 Stratford Road, Deerfield). We hope to be outdoors, but Betsy has indoor space for us if the weather doesn't cooperate.

We generally meet on Mondays at 7:00 p.m. on the same schedule as the religious school calendar. Meetings are in-person at the home of Henry and Ellen Criz and via Zoom. Our teacher is Dov Steinberg. Dov's father only spoke Yiddish. He was from Warsaw Poland. His mother's family came over 100 years ago and settled in the Boston area. She also spoke a very good Yiddish. Dov's first language was Yiddish. He has made an effort to learn how to read and write in Yiddish. Our class is a wonderful way to keep your mind stimulated all while having fun. Each class is a self-contained unit, and anyone can join at any time and have fun and learn. We encourage last year's students and new students to join us. Students of all ages are welcome - no prior knowledge of Yiddish is necessary.

This potluck kick-off will give us a chance to meet in person, discuss the Yiddish class, and exchange ideas to make our Yiddish Class even more enjoyable and engaging. Dov has offered to bring a kugel to share, so if we have some cheese and crackers, veggies and dip, fruit, salads and desserts, we can keep the food "milchik" even if it isn't strictly kosher. Feel free to bring a spouse/partner or other family members, but **we need to know how many people to expect and what you think you'd like to bring.** **RSVP to Betsy** (betsyhersher@gmail.com), **Sharon Gutan** (gutan627@comcast.net), or **Ellen Criz** (hecriz@sbcglobal.net). Call Betsy (Home 847-945-5974, Cell 847-454-5109) or Sharon (Home 847-256-0638, Cell 847-989-4183) with questions.

### 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 on September 20 will take place via Zoom only.**
- **Class will not meet September 27.**

### New Class: Lattes & Limmud

Zoom Meeting ID: 863 2720 5788

All are invited to join Rabbi Calamaro once each month (usually on the second Thursday of the month) for lively discussion on a variety of topics. We will meet this month on **Thursday, September 14** from **9:00 to 10:00 a.m.** both **in-person at the home of Cookie and Ned Robertson (211 Dennis Lane, Glencoe)** and **via Zoom**. We hope you will join us!

### Hakafa Book Club

All are welcome to join our informal book group dedicated to reading Jewish and Jew-adjacent works of fiction and nonfiction. We will meet on **Sunday, September 10** at **4:15 p.m.** at the **North Shore United Methodist Church (213 Hazel Avenue, Glencoe)** and **via Zoom** to discuss ***The Lake on Fire*** by **Rosellen Brown** (Sarabande Books, 2018). Hakafa member and librarian, **David Levinson**, facilitates the book group discussions. Please contact **David** (delevinson@mac.com) with any questions or if you need the Zoom link.

## Social Action

### Volunteers Needed to Help Make Sack Dinners for the Night Ministry

Hakafa will once again be donating **100 sack dinners** to The Night Ministry to distribute to people experiencing homelessness. **We need volunteers to prepare 10 to 20 meals** for pickup on **Sunday, September 10 before 12:30 PM.** *Hakafa's tzedakah fund can reimburse you for expenses, if needed.* We also need **volunteers to collect them locally and drop them off at the home of Barb Scott** (306 Washington Avenue, Highwood) **on September 10 before 12:30 PM.** Contact **Barb Scott** (bams457@gmail.com) for more details and/or to let her know if you can volunteer.

*The Night Ministry (www.thenightministry.org) is a Chicago-based organization whose mission is to provide human connection, housing support, and health care to members of our community who are unhoused or experiencing poverty.*

# Chadashot

**Hakafa Youth News**  
**September 2023**



## Note from the Director of Education

Welcome Back! We are so excited to begin this school year! We will be kicking off the school year by connecting with nature as the High Holidays are quickly approaching. Our first day will be taking place at Ryerson Woods! All I can say is: Nature, Sheep, and Ice Cream! Hope to see you all there! (All details can be found on this page.)

Our first day back for Religious School will be on Sunday, September 10, and our first day of Hebrew School will be on Tuesday, September 12. Because of the High Holidays we will be meeting for Religious School only once this month. Hebrew School will meet consistently on Tuesdays in September.

I am still looking for readers for both Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur Family Services. Please contact me (education@hakafa.org) ASAP if your child is interested!

Our teachers have so much planned for this new school year and are looking forward to working with their students! We hope you are ready for innovative and creative Jewish educational experiences with much fun along the way! We can't wait to begin and see all of you!

Shanah Tovah U'metukah, *Bibi*

## Religious School Opening Day at Ryerson Woods!



All Religious School students (grades K-8) and their parents should plan to join our teachers and staff outdoors in nature on the first day of Religious School. We will be meeting at Ryerson Woods for a special **All-School High Holiday Family Education Day!**

**Sunday, September 10, 10:00 am -12:00 noon**  
**Ryerson Woods – Brushwood Center**  
(21850 N Riverwoods Rd, Riverwoods)



- **Bagels will be served** upon your arrival in the morning!
- Explore the **High Holidays in nature** while **reconnecting with other families.**
- The **Ice Cream Truck** will meet us there!



**We look forward to sharing our first day with all our Religious School families!**

## First Day of Hebrew School



Our Hebrew School year will begin on **Tuesday, September 12** from **4:15 to 5:30 pm** at the **Takiff Center** (999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe). Hebrew School families (grades 3-7) should watch their email inboxes for drop-off and pick-up information coming soon.

## High School Program Kick-Off Event



All Hakafa 9th through 12th Graders should join us for an **ESCAPE ROOM ADVENTURE, ICE CREAM, and FUN** to kick-off a great new year! Join us on **Sunday, October 1** from **2:00 to 4:45 PM** (Transportation will be provided from/to the Takiff Center parking lot.). We'll be talking about plans for the year ahead (including our trip to New York), reconnecting with friends, meeting new ones, and having a lot of fun!

To sign up, go to: <https://tinyurl.com/HighSchoolKickOff2023>.

# Congregation Hakafa Calendar

September 2023 – Elul 5783 / Tishrei 5784

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>					<b>1</b>  7:30 pm Shabbat Service (WCH & Zoom)	<b>2</b>  Bat Mitzvah Service of Ellie Glick
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <b>Labor Day</b>  4:00 pm Morocco Trip Meeting (NSUMC)	<b>5</b>  10:00 am Midrash Class (NSUMC & Zoom)  7:00-9:00 pm High Holiday Choir Rehearsal (NSUMC)  7:30 pm Tanach Study ( <b>NSUMC &amp; Zoom</b> )	<b>6</b>  10:00 am Musar Class (Zoom)  1:00 pm Tanach Study (NSUMC & Zoom)	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>  7:30 pm Shabbat Service Welcoming Rabbi Calamaro (WCH & Zoom)	<b>9</b>  5:45 am Sunrise Minyan (Glencoe Beach)  11:00 am Shabbat Shechina: Drag Queen Story Hour  7:00 pm Selichot (Curt's Café, Highland Park)
<b>10</b>  10:00 am – 12:00 pm First Day of Religious School ( <b>Ryerson Woods, Riverwoods</b> )  4:15 pm Book Club (NSUMC & Zoom)	<b>11</b>  6:00 pm Yiddish Class Potluck (Home of Betsy Hersher)	<b>12</b> <b>Newsletter Articles Due</b>  10:00 am Midrash Class (NSUMC & Zoom)  4:15-5:30 pm First Day of Hebrew School (TC)  7:00-9:00 pm High Holiday Choir Rehearsal (NSUMC)  7:30 pm Tanach Study (Zoom)	<b>13</b>  10:00 am Musar Class (Zoom)  1:00 pm Tanach Study (NSUMC & Zoom)	<b>14</b>  9:00-10:00 am Lattes & Limmud (Home of Cookie and Ned Robertston)	<b>15</b> <b>Newsletter Articles Due</b>          <b>Erev Rosh Hashanah</b>	<b>16</b>          <b>Rosh Hashanah</b>
<b>17</b>  <b>Second Day of Rosh Hashanah</b>	<b>18</b>  7:00-9:00 pm High Holiday Choir Rehearsal (NSUMC)	<b>19</b>  10:00 am Midrash Class ( <b>Zoom Only</b> )  4:15-5:30 pm Hebrew School (TC)  7:30 pm Tanach Study (Zoom)	<b>20</b>  10:00 am Musar Class (Zoom)  1:00 pm Tanach Study ( <b>Zoom Only</b> )	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>  7:30 pm Shabbat Service Guest Speaker: Wendy Singer (WCH & Zoom)	<b>23</b> <b>Shabbat Shuvah</b>  9:00 am Shabbat Morning Minyan (Home of Barbara & Allen Anderson & Zoom)  7:30 pm Jewish Speed Dating Event
<b>24</b>  <b>Erev Yom Kippur</b>	<b>25</b>  <b>Yom Kippur</b>	<b>26</b>  4:15-5:30 pm Hebrew School (TC)	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>  <b>Erev Sukkot</b>  7:30 pm Shabbat Service (Hakafa Sukkah at the Takiff Center)	<b>30</b> <b>Sukkot 1</b>  11:00-11:45 am Tot Songs in the Sukkah (Hakafa Sukkah at the Takiff Center)  7:30 pm New Member Havdallah (Elder Family's Sukkah)



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## The Circle



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