

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 in the morning to assemble boxes and to put non-perishable food items in the packages at the warehouse*. **Volunteers must be at least 12 years old.**

To sign up for pre-packing on 3/19, please contact Wendy Levy (wlevy@maotchitim.org).

- **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.**

To sign up to pack/load on 3/26, go to:

<https://calendly.com/maotchitim2/packing-loading-maot-chitim-passover23?month=2023-03>

- **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.**

To sign up to make deliveries on 3/26, go to:

<https://calendly.com/jstoliar/driver-for-maot-chitim-passover-delivery-23>

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).