

HAKAFA WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEK OF APRIL 17, 2024

40th Anniversary Montage

Click here (www.photoworlds.com/personal/Hakafa40th!.mp4) to watch our 40th Anniversary montage, created by David Joel, that was shared at last Saturday evening's celebration.

Photos Wanted

If you have any photos or videos from our 40th anniversary weekend, please send them to Rabbi Elder (rabbi@hakafa.org) so that we will have a visual record of this exciting milestone!

Musar Class – VIA ZOOM ONLY **Wednesday, April 17, 10:00 AM**

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/242631590?pwd=a25iT0tuZzZiR1I1cTNGcU4xKzIzUT09>

Meeting ID: 242 631 590

To Dial-In (no video): 312-626-6799

Please join us via Zoom for our Musar Class. Musar is a long-standing tradition of exploring Jewish ethics with a particular focus on character formation. Join Rabbi Elder 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 (*chavruta* 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.

Wednesday Afternoon Tanach Study – IN-PERSON & VIA ZOOM

Wednesday, April 17, 1:00-2:30 PM

North Shore United Methodist Church

Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/813358443>

Meeting ID: 813 358 443

To Dial-In (no video): 312-626-6799

Join Rabbi Elder either in-person or via Zoom for weekly Tanach Study! Each Wednesday afternoon we proceed through the Bible, verse by verse, discussing its content and various interpretations.

Canoe Trip Planning Meeting – VIA ZOOM ONLY

Wednesday, April 17, 5:30 PM

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85913369329?pwd=Y1VaSG9BbmFCNmQwdm1YT0ZreG0rdz09>

Meeting ID: 859 1336 9329

To Dial-In (no video): 312-626-6799

Jews in Canoes is back again this year! Join us as we make plans for our annual Shabbat on the river! We will be meeting via Zoom to choose a date and location for this summer's trip. Questions? Contact David Dosik (ddosik@mjfinancial.net).

Shabbat – April 19-20

Shabbat HaGadol – Parshat M'tzora

Torah Portion: Leviticus 14:1-15:33

Haftarah: Malachi 3:4-24

Shabbat Service – IN-PERSON & VIA ZOOM

Friday, April 19, 7:30 PM

Winnetka Community House

Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/292137266>

Meeting ID: 292 137 266

To Dial-In (no video): 312-626-6799

Please join us either in-person or via Zoom for our weekly Shabbat Service. As always, an oneg will follow.

If you will be joining us via Zoom, please go to this link for a copy of our Friday Evening Siddur (prayer book):

https://images.shulcloud.com/13470/uploads/uploaded_files/pdfs/ErevShabbatService.pdf. You should either print it out ahead of time or have it up on another screen during our service.

Shabbat Morning Minyan – IN-PERSON & VIA ZOOM

Saturday, April 20, 9:00 AM

North Shore United Methodist Church

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84782160504?pwd=QmpHQ09mS2FUYjFVNE52U1lRam5JUT09>

Meeting ID: 847 8216 0504

To Dial-In (no video): 312-626-6799

Our Shabbat Morning Minyan is a wonderful opportunity to enhance your celebration of Shabbat. Please join us either in-person or via Zoom for this hour-long service and study. People of all ages are encouraged and welcome to attend.

Religious School

Sunday, April 21, 10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

Religious School continues this Sunday. Please contact Bibi (education@hakafa.org) or Rona (admin@hakafa.org) with any questions.

Sunday Morning Adult Education – IN-PERSON & VIA ZOOM

Sunday, April 21, 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Takiff Center

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87130675137?pwd=UE8xbG1uYUpyVWQ1NFNiYUxodHY4QT09>

Meeting ID: 871 3067 5137

To Dial-In: 312-626-6799

Join **David Rieser** for this first of two sessions on **“By the Rivers of Babylon: Exile, Return, and the Birth of Judaism.”** The trauma of the destruction of the Kingdom of Judea by the Babylonians in 586 BCE and the deportation of a large swath of the Judean elite still resonate in the literature of the prophets as they sought to explain the tragedy. Some of that literature began to be crafted while these Judeans were still in captivity and some written or redacted upon the return to Judea 70 years later. Within those explanations lay the seeds of a new religious approach based on the lessons learned in Babylon and recognizing that the returnees to Judea still constituted an elite best suited to teach those lessons to the people who remained behind. Later prophets such as Ezra and Nehemiah explicitly laid out this new course which informed not only the prophetic literature but the various redactions of the Bible that followed the return. and created the Judaism with which we are familiar. Our discussion will focus on the

historical record for these events, (such as it is), the literature, and how the resulting conflicts within the Judean community still affect the Jewish community today.

Hakafa member David Rieser is a lawyer by profession, and while he was always a history buff, his Bar Mitzvah at Hakafa sixteen years ago sparked an apparently insatiable interest in Jewish history. He made the mistake of telling Rabbi Elder about some of his reading, so this is now his fifteenth adult education discussion.

Recording of April 14 Adult Education Session with Dr. David Shyovitz

If you missed last Sunday's (April 14) Adult Education session with Dr. David Shyovitz on "What is Antisemitism? Part III" and would like to watch the recording of the session, please click here: https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/J257mzqLjtP3koVBSXqb9V_EyMTN0Yd5PEI-Au4ZH1lz66fR4Za2JxKqKe8INvZP.91rmBLJKIFmrrFO6.

PASSOVER 5784

Passover begins this Monday evening (4/22/24) at sundown. Best wishes for a happy and healthy Pesach!

Hakafa's Second-Night Passover Seder

Tuesday, April 23, 6:00 PM

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81800035488?pwd=T1IndEl5b2VWcmlwa2hKL2ZUSkY5dz09>

Meeting ID: 818 0003 5488

To Dial-In (no video): 312-626-6799

Celebrate Passover with Hakafa at our annual Second-Night Passover Seder! Unfortunately, registration has closed for the in-person seder. If you are not already registered to attend in person, you are welcome to join us via Zoom. *There is no reservation or fee needed to participate via Zoom.* Contact Rona (admin@hakafa.org) with questions.

For those participating via Zoom, here are some details that will help you prepare and participate:

- **We will be sharing an online haggadah on the screen**, so there is no need for you to bring your own.
- **We encourage you to have your own seder plate**, though it is not necessary in order for you to participate in the seder.
 - If you do not have a seder plate, you can use a regular plate.
 - Your seder plate should have the following items on it: horseradish, a sprig of parsley or other green vegetable, a roasted or hard-boiled egg, a spoon of charoset, a piece of lettuce, and a shank bone (if you have one - a chicken bone will also work).
- **Please also include an item that you would like to add to the seder plate.** What would you like to remember, commemorate, or honor at our seder that is not included in the symbols we already have on the plate? Add your object to our collective call to freedom.
- **We will be tasting different foods throughout the seder**, therefore it would be helpful if you had parsley, salt water, matzah, horseradish, and some charoset available to eat
- **Don't forget an extra glass and some wine or juice for Elijah and a glass of water to honor Miriam.**

Tot Passover Program – The Prince of Egypt

Families with tots (ages 4 and younger) are invited to join Hakafa for a special Passover event - **The Prince of Egypt for Tots** - coming up on **Sunday, April 28** from **10:00 to 11:15 AM**. Together we'll enjoy a memorable performance with actors from Stages Chicago and then sing some Passover songs while munching on matzah and other Passover goodies.

Advance registration is required, and space is limited! Click here to sign up (www.tinyurl.com/HakafaTotPassover). *Northbrook location will be provided after registration.*

We hope to see you there!

Yizkor Service – Last Day of Passover – IN-PERSON & VIA ZOOM

Monday, April 29, 10:00 AM

Takiff Center

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85232520986?pwd=Y1Y3cHdjeVNqaGVIVDVpay9FZWpldz09>

Meeting ID: 852 3252 0986

To Dial-In (no video): 312-626-6799

Please join us either **in-person or via Zoom** as we host Yizkor services that we will be sharing with Makom Solel Lakeside. The service will be followed by a short Kiddush.

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.

Shabbat in the Home: Hosts Needed for June 21

In place of Shabbat services one Friday evening per year, Hakafa celebrates Shabbat dinner together at various members' homes. On Shabbat-in-the-Home, every congregation member is invited to dine and share the evening at another member's home. Together we light Shabbat candles, share a delicious meal, enjoy interesting conversation, meet new friends, and reconnect with old ones. It has always been a special evening that is all about making Hakafa the encirclement that it is.

This year, Shabbat-in-the-Home will take place on **Friday, June 21**. We hope to again offer outdoor options for those who prefer! But, we can only do it if we get enough volunteer hosts - 15+ host families are needed.

If you are willing to open up your home/patio/deck to other Hakafa members for a potluck Shabbat dinner on Friday, June 21, please sign-up at this link

(<https://tinyurl.com/SITH24>) or contact Mimi and Phil Dray

(mimidray425@gmail.com). We hope to get enough volunteers (with indoor and outdoor spaces) to make this happen, and we also hope you will join us as we celebrate Shabbat.

Hakafa is heading to Morocco!

Due to the attacks on October 7 last year, our trip to Morocco had to be postponed. It has now been rescheduled for October 30-November 9, 2024, and all Hakafa members are invited to join our already amazing group of 28! Get ready for a meaningful Jewish journey through Morocco! While exploring its four imperial cities, we will be immersed in Jewish culture both past and present, will learn about Morocco's rich Jewish heritage, and will enjoy

Shabbat services with local families at synagogues in both Marrakech and Casablanca. We will also experience the essence of Morocco's local cuisine, get lost in the exotic souks (markets), and have time to enjoy excursions to the picturesque Atlas Mountains and the famous blue city of Chefchaouen. **Click here for all trip details, pricing, and to sign up (<https://secure.ayelet.com/HakafaMorocco2024.aspx>)!** If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to Rabbi Elder (rabbi@hakafa.org) or Rona (admin@hakafa.org).

OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP/VOLUNTEER:

Knitting Hearts Together for Good: An Interfaith Knitting Group

Knitting Hearts Together for Good is an interfaith knitting group, created by members from various North Shore houses of worship, that works together to create hand-crafted items for those in need. **The group meets on the second and fourth Mondays of the month from 4:00 – 6:00 PM** at various North Shore congregations. **All are welcome.**

For more information, contact Laurie Jaffe (lauriejaff@gmail.com) or Lisa Lesniak (lesniak60022@yahoo.com).

Spring/Summer Schedule:

Mon., April 29 – Glencoe Union Church

Mon., May 13 – Glencoe Union Church

Mon., May 27 – No meeting (Memorial Day)

Mon., June 10 – Sacred Heart/Divine Mercy – Parish Center

Mon., June 24 – Sacred Heart Church/Divine Mercy – Parish Center

Mon., July 8 – North Shore United Methodist Church

Mon., July 22 – North Shore United Methodist Church

RAC-IL New 2024 Campaigns

Help support RAC-IL's (Illinois Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism) new 2024 campaigns: Gun Violence Prevention - Karina's Bill SB 2633 which will require firearm removal to occur during service of an emergency order of protection when granted by a judge; and Removing Barriers to Affordable Housing - Build Illinois Homes Tax Credit SB3233 which creates an additional funding source to build more affordable housing in Illinois through income tax credits to businesses in compliance with the bill. We will be advocating for passage of both bills during the 2024 legislative session by meeting with legislators, phone calls to legislators, witness slips, email drives (see below) and in person advocacy days in Springfield.

Email Your Representative: Join RAC-IL in emailing our representatives in support of Karina's Bill and the Build Illinois Homes State Tax Credit.

- [Click Here](#) to email your representative about Karina's Bill.
- [Click Here](#) to email your representative about the Build Illinois Homes State Tax Credit.

Any questions can be directed to Hakafa members Donna Fishman (donnafishman16@gmail.com) or Cindy Curley (Cindy.curley@comcast.net).

Oneg Hosts Needed for Friday Evening Shabbat Services

Hosting a Friday evening Oneg Shabbat is a wonderful way to honor the memory of a loved one on his/her **yahrzeit** or to celebrate a **b'nai mitzvah, birthday, anniversary, or other special occasion** with the congregation. **Volunteers are needed to host our**

weekly Onegs through May! Click here for all of the details/instructions needed to host: www.tinyurl.com/HakafaOnegInstructions23.

To volunteer to host, sign up online at this link (www.tinyurl.com/oneg-hosting) or by contacting Gayle Inbinder and Jill Mihailovic-Sternberg (oneg@hakafa.org). You can also contact Gayle and Jill for more details.

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* If you would like an announcement included in this weekly update, please email your announcement to Rona Elder (admin@hakafa.org) by Tuesday afternoon.

* If you would like an article included in the monthly newsletter, please contact Lori Wilansky (wilanskyl@comcast.net), our volunteer newsletter editor. Articles must be *submitted by the 15th of the month prior to the newsletter's publication.*

Spoofed Emails

*Please continue to be careful about the potential of receiving spoofing emails and texts from Rabbi Elder and/or Rabbi Calamaro. If you receive a text or email from anyone at Hakafa that looks suspicious in any way, that asks that you reply to the message because they have a favor for you, or that asks you to purchase gift cards or send money, please **do not** respond to it. We will never ask you to do any of these things.*

Our Hakafa email addresses and phone numbers can be found at the end of these announcements. The spoofed emails/texts are coming from some other email address or phone number that looks like it could be from Hakafa but is not. If you are not sure if a message you received from us is safe to respond to, feel free to reach out to us separately from that message.

We apologize for any problems or inconvenience this unfortunate situation may have caused.