

Hakafa High School Leadership Development Program: **Becoming a Jewish Adult** **2019-2020**

This will be the fourth year of our NEW program/curriculum for Hakafa students in high school (9th – 12th grades). Through this program, our students will gain knowledge and skills as community leaders while they grow into Jewish adulthood and become active, voting members of our congregation.

Structure Highlights:

- Classes for 9th through 11th grades meet (by grade) four times a year on Sunday late afternoons, and incorporate dinner, in place of weekly classes.
- Students participate in three social action and/or community projects/outings.
- There is a special program for 12th graders that culminates with Confirmation.
- High Schoolers do not attend school on Sunday mornings (unless they choose to work at Religious School).

Curriculum Highlights:

- Social action/community projects are incorporated into the curriculum.
- Jewish educational trips out-of-town are open to all registered high school students.
- The 12th grade curriculum focuses on Confirmation and Jewish life after high school.
- Emphasis is placed on encouraging students who are 16 years old and over to participate in our Congregation Meetings with the goal of becoming active, voting members.
- Members of our Senior Staff, Rabbi Elder and Bibi Patt, along with Sarah Chiren and Joe Greenberg teach the four grades.
- Each year we have a kick-off event to build community among our students and kick off the academic program for the year.

Program Staff:

Bruce Elder, Rabbi
Bibi Patt, Director of Education
Sarah Chiren, Hakafa Teacher
Joe Greenberg, Hakafa Member and Volunteer Teacher
Rona Elder, Administrator

Kick-Off Event:

All 9th-12th grade students will spend a fun Sunday afternoon/evening together building community and kicking off our high school academic program for the year.

2019-20 Kick-Off Event Date: Sunday, September 8, 2019, 4:30-6:00 PM
at Wilmette Bowl (1903 Schiller Avenue, Wilmette)

Service Projects:

All (9th -12th grades) Hakafa high school students will come together three times throughout the year to do social action projects and community work within our Hakafa community as well as in the greater Chicago area. Specific times (TBA) will vary depending on the project.

2019-20 Dates:

Sunday, November 17, 2019 (afternoon) – Help out at The Ark
Sunday, January 19, 2020 (12:30-4:30 PM) – Work in the Giving Factory at Cradles to Crayons
Sunday, April 5, 2020 (morning) – Make deliveries of Passover food with Maot Chitim

9th-11th Grade Class Sessions:

Students will meet at the North Shore United Methodist Church by grade level 4 times throughout the year **on Sunday afternoons from 4:00-6:15 PM** for class sessions with our staff. Classes will be taught by Rabbi Elder and Joe Greenberg (11th Grade), Bibi Patt (10th Grade), and Sarah Chiren (9th Grade). **Dinner will be included.**

Curriculum:

9th Grade: *The Jew and the Self* - Judaism is a personal religion, and every Jew is unique. Our 9th graders will define what makes each of us uniquely Jewish. We will explore our individual relationships with God, Torah, and prayer and identify who or what it is that commands our beliefs and guides our values.

10th Grade: *The Jew Beyond the Self* – The individual lives within the realm of family and the relationships s/he develops with others over time; how Jews practice their Judaism is largely a reflection of the environment in which they are raised and the circles in which they travel. This year will explore Judaism through the lens of family and relationships. What, exactly, is family, and how does it define us? How does one make responsible, healthy decisions about relationships, especially during teenage years, and what does Judaism have to say about it?

11th Grade: *The Jew and the Greater Community* - It is no mistake that Jewish prayer is in the plural, for community has always been the backbone of Jewish existence. For Judaism to thrive, it must have an active, committed community that comes together to experience and express its unique Jewish perspective. This year will ask the question: "What is a Jew in the eyes of the greater Jewish community and beyond?" We will learn about other streams of Judaism and our relationship to them. And, we will explore other faith traditions and compare them with our own (see additional dates below).

2019-20 Class Sessions:

October 6, 2019
December 8, 2019
February 23, 2020
April 19, 2020

11th Grade Comparative Religions Field Trips:

Our 11th graders do a comparative religions study as part of their curriculum. In order to fully explore the other religions, the 11th graders take trips to visit other houses of worship. Therefore, in addition to the class sessions and hands-on social action opportunities mentioned above, our 11th grade students are expected to attend these trips to different houses of worship.

2019-20 Additional Dates:

Saturday, November 2, 2019 – Visit: Willow Creek Community Church (approx. 4:15-8:00 PM)
Sunday, January 26, 2020 – Visit: St. Sabina Catholic Church (approx. 10:15 AM-2:00 PM)
Sunday, March 15, 2020 – Visit: Sikh Temple (approx. 9:15 AM – 12:30 PM)
Sunday, April 26, 2020 – Visit: Buddhist Temple (approx. 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM)

Educational Trip / Jewish Roots Exploration:

Each year, all (9th-12th grades) high school students will have the opportunity to participate in an educational, out-of-town trip (trips will be partially subsidized) with Rabbi Elder and staff. *The trip will be available to those who have attended classes and participated in the service projects.*

2019-20:

Date/Time TBA: Trip Planning Session for Students
June 12-21, 2020: The Czech Republic and Poland (*Detailed information & registration coming soon!*)

Future Trips: 2020-21: L'Taken Social Justice Seminar in Washington, D.C. (Exact dates TBD)
2021-22: Jewish New York (Exact dates TBD)
2022-23: Jewish Civil Rights Journey to the South (Exact dates TBD)

High School Seniors – Confirmation Students:

Our seniors are invited to join our other Hakafa high school students for the kick-off event, three Service projects, and our Educational Trip.

In addition, our 12th Grade program consists of participation two (2) Confirmation Classes, two (2) Confirmation Service Prep Sessions, and two (2) senior-specific workshops.

Confirmation:

Our 12th graders will be confirmed at the end of their senior year. Students will have two Confirmation Class sessions with Rabbi Elder and two meetings to prepare for the Confirmation Ceremony. A parent/student meeting to plan for Confirmation will take place during first of the two meetings.

Senior Workshops:

We recognize that the senior year is a time of transition. As such, 12th graders will also participate in the following two, senior-specific workshops with Rabbi Elder and Bibi Patt:

Workshop I: What does it mean to be Jewish post high school?

Our program will take place at Northwestern's Hillel with their staff and some of their students. Some of the topics to be covered include: As a Jewish student, what should I look for in a college? Are there meaningful Jewish gap-year opportunities? How do I take what I have experienced at Hakafa beyond our congregational "walls"?

Workshop II: Jewish Life on a College Campus

We will have a special end-of-year dinner with Rabbi Elder and a program/discussion with a few Hakafa current undergrads. Some of the topics to be covered include: Jewish life on campus; being confronted with Anti-Semitism on campus; the difference between Anti-Zionism and Anti-Semitism on campus and in our current society.

2019-20 Confirmation (12th Grade) Class Dates:

Sunday, October 27, 2019 (3:20-6:00 PM) – Senior Workshop 1
Sunday, January 12, 2020 (2:00-3:30 PM) – Confirmation Class 1
Sunday, March 15, 2020 (2:00-3:30 PM) – Confirmation Class 2
Sunday, April 12, 2020 (3:00-4:30 PM) – Confirmation Service Prep 1 & Parent/Student Meeting
Sunday, April 26, 2020 (5:00-9:00 PM) – Senior Workshop 2 and Dinner with Rabbi Elder
Sunday, May 17, 2020 (3:00-4:00 PM) – Confirmation Service Prep 2
Friday, May 29, 2020 – Confirmation Service and Ceremony (7:00 PM)

Please Note: The expectation is full participation throughout the year as a requisite for Confirmation.

Sunday School Assistant Teacher Opportunity:

Beginning in 9th grade, all high school students are invited to work as Assistant Teachers on Sunday mornings and/or Tuesday afternoons in our Religious and Hebrew School. The first year as an Assistant Teacher is a volunteer year. After that, it is a paid position. If you are interested in being a Sunday School Assistant Teacher, please let Bibi know ASAP (education@hakafa.org or 847-650-7720).

<u>9th Grade</u>	<u>10th Grade</u>	<u>11th Grade</u>	<u>12th Grade</u>
Kick-Off Event			
Teen Service Projects – 3 projects per year			
Educational Trip out of Town (1 trip per year) + 1 trip prep planning session per year			
4 class sessions	4 class sessions	4 class sessions	2 Confirmation Class sessions
		4 Visits to Different Houses of Worship	2 Confirmation Service Prep Meetings
			2 Senior-Specific Workshops regarding Jewish life after high school

Hakafa High School Leadership Development Program: Becoming a Jewish Adult

2019-20 Dates by Grade Level

9th Grade:

Sunday, September 8, 2019 (4:30-6:00 PM) – High School Program Kick-Off Event

Sunday, October 6, 2019 (4:00-6:15 PM) – Freshman Class Session 1

Sunday, November 17, 2019 (afternoon) – Service Project 1: Help out at *The Ark*.

Sunday, December 8, 2019 (4:00-6:15 PM) – Freshman Class Session 2

Sunday, January 19, 2020 (12:30-4:30 PM) – Service Project 2: Work in the Giving Factory at *Cradles to Crayons*

Sunday, February 23, 2020 (4:00-6:15 PM) – Freshman Class Session 3

Sunday, April 5, 2020 (morning) – Service Project 3: Make Passover food deliveries with *Maot Chitim*

Sunday, April 19, 2020 (4:00-6:15 PM) – Freshman Class Session 4

June 12-21, 2020 – Educational Trip to the Czech Republic and Poland

10th Grade:

Sunday, September 8, 2019 (4:30-6:00 PM) – High School Program Kick-Off Event

Sunday, October 6, 2019 (4:00-6:15 PM) – Sophomore Class Session 1

Sunday, November 17, 2019 (afternoon) – Service Project 1: Help out at *The Ark*.

Sunday, December 8, 2019 (4:00-6:15 PM) – Sophomore Class Session 2

Sunday, January 19, 2020 (12:30-4:30 PM) – Service Project 2: Work in the Giving Factory at *Cradles to Crayons*

Sunday, February 23, 2020 (4:00-6:15 PM) – Sophomore Class Session 3

Sunday, April 5, 2020 (morning) – Service Project 3: Make Passover food deliveries with *Maot Chitim*

Sunday, April 19, 2020 (4:00-6:15 PM) – Sophomore Class Session 4

June 12-21, 2020 – Educational Trip to the Czech Republic and Poland

11th Grade:

Sunday, September 8, 2019 (4:30-6:00 PM) – High School Program Kick-Off Event

Sunday, October 6, 2019 (4:00-6:15 PM) – Junior Class Session 1

Saturday, November 2, 2019 – Visit: Willow Creek Community Church (approx. 4:15-8:00 PM)

Sunday, November 17, 2019 (afternoon) – Service Project 1: Help out at *The Ark*.

Sunday, December 8, 2019 (4:00-6:15 PM) – Junior Class Session 2

Sunday, January 19, 2020 (12:30-4:30 PM) – Service Project 2: Work in the Giving Factory at *Cradles to Crayons*

Sunday, January 26, 2020 – Visit: St. Sabina Catholic Church (approx. 10:15 AM-2:00 PM)

Sunday, February 23, 2020 (4:00-6:15 PM) – Junior Class Session 3

Sunday, March 15, 2020 – Visit: Sikh Temple (approx. 9:15 AM-12:30 PM)

Sunday, April 5, 2020 (morning) – Service Project 3: Make Passover food deliveries with *Maot Chitim*

Sunday, April 19, 2020 (4:00-6:15 PM) – Junior Class Session 4

Sunday, April 26, 2019 – Visit: Buddhist Temple (approx. 9:00 AM-12:00 PM)

June 12-21, 2020 – Educational Trip to the Czech Republic and Poland

12th Grade:

Sunday, September 8, 2019 (4:30-6:00 PM) – High School Program Kick-Off Event

Sunday, October 27, 2019 (3:20-6:00 PM) – Senior Workshop 1:
What does it mean to be Jewish post high school?

Sunday, November 17, 2019 (afternoon) – Service Project 1: Help out at *The Ark*.

Sunday, January 12, 2020 (2:00-3:30 PM) – Confirmation Class 1

Sunday, January 19, 2020 (12:30-4:30 PM) – Service Project 2: Work in the Giving Factory at *Cradles to Crayons*

Sunday, March 15, 2020 (2:00-3:30 PM) – Confirmation Class 2

Sunday, April 5, 2020 (morning) – Service Project 3: Make Passover food deliveries with *Maot Chitim*

Sunday, April 12, 2020 (3:00-4:30 PM) – Confirmation Service Prep 1 & Parent/Student Meeting

Sunday, April 26, 2020 (5:00-9:00 PM) – Senior Workshop 2 and Dinner with Rabbi Elder:
Jewish Life on a College Campus

Sunday, May 17, 2020 (3:00-4:00 PM) – Confirmation Service Prep 2

Friday, May 29, 2020 (7:00 PM) – Confirmation Service and Ceremony

June 12-21, 2020 – Educational Trip to the Czech Republic and Poland