



CONGREGATION HAKAFA

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HAKAFA: an encirclement of friends.

July 2019

Dear Friends,

We hope that you are having an enjoyable summer! It is time again to turn our attention toward Religious/ Hebrew School registration for the 2019-20 school year. Included in this packet you will find the 2019-2020 **Religious/Hebrew School Program Registration Form**. Please fill out this form and **return it by August 15** with your Dues Commitment Form and all of the appropriate fees. **Please write separate checks for dues and school.** Your early registration permits us to plan for appropriate class sizes and spaces, adding teachers and providing for special needs as necessary.

We are in the process of continuing to improve our Religious School Curriculum and are excited to implement the fourth year of our revamped High School Program.

We have included a **Religious/Hebrew School Program Calendar** in this packet. Important dates are listed. Please read through this very carefully, as it is intended to help you schedule the year.

We look forward to sharing another year of Jewish study and growth with you and your children. See you in the fall!

L'shalom,

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VISITORS WELCOME!

Invite Your Friends and Relatives to Visit our School

If you have any non-Hakafa friends and/or relatives who have children up through 8th grade and who are thinking about synagogue membership, please invite them to visit our Religious School.

Guests are invited to join us for the whole morning (or part of it if they prefer). They can attend our morning service for families, students can attend a Religious School class, and parents can *shmooze* with Rabbi Elder, Bibi Patt, our Officers, and Hakafa members. Of course, everyone is invited for bagels (and our first-day treat if they come on September 8)!

If you have someone who will be joining you, please contact Bibi (847-650-7720 or education@hakafa.org) so that we can be prepared.

SAVE THE DATE!

Consecration

On the afternoon/evening of **Sunday, October 20 at 3:30 PM**, our congregation will joyfully celebrate **Simchat Torah**. Our celebration will include a beautiful service of **Consecration** for students who are beginning their religious school experience. In addition, those students who began religious school within the last couple years but were unable to participate in Consecration are invited to be consecrated as well. Consecration is a special ceremony in which students are blessed as they start their formal Jewish education. Because Simchat Torah marks our finishing of the yearly cycle of Torah readings, as well as our turning to begin it once again, it is a fitting time to recognize these students' entry into the never-ending process of Jewish learning. The consecrants also will be presented with a small Torah and a certificate to commemorate this *simcha*.

SHABBAT TOGETHER!

Student-Led Family Services

Again 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. Each student will help (either independently or with a friend/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. We are hoping that all students attend both services this year. They will have an opportunity, prior to each service, to prepare during Hebrew School and/or Religious School what they will lead. 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. We are providing the following dates – in advance – so that you can note them on your calendars NOW and so that we can have robust participation from the students. All services will be followed by a special oneg in honor of the students.

Friday, November 15, 2019 – 7:30 PM – Winnetka Community House
Friday, April 24, 2020 – 7:30 PM – Winnetka Community House

Congregation Hakafa Religious/Hebrew School Program



Important Dates 2019-2020

UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, RELIGIOUS SCHOOL, HEBREW SCHOOL, HIGH SCHOOL, AND SHABBAT SERVICES ARE HELD AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS AND TIMES:

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL: TAKIFF CENTER (TC) - 999 GREEN BAY RD, GLENCOE – SUNDAYS, 9:45 AM-12:00 NOON

HEBREW SCHOOL: TAKIFF CENTER (TC) - 999 GREEN BAY RD, GLENCOE – TUESDAYS, 4:15 PM - 6:00 PM

HIGH SCHOOL: NORTH SHORE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (NSUMC), 213 HAZEL AVE, GLENCOE, SUNDAYS 4:00-6:15 PM

SHABBAT SERVICES: WINNETKA COMMUNITY HOUSE (WCH) – 620 LINCOLN AVENUE, WINNETKA – FRIDAYS, 7:30 PM

SEPTEMBER 2019

Tuesday	September 3	FIRST DAY OF HEBREW SCHOOL
Sunday	September 8	FIRST DAY OF RELIGIOUS SCHOOL
		<u>Kindergarten through 8th Grade Parents should plan to attend Religious School WITH YOUR CHILDREN on the first day of class.</u>
		AND High School Program Kick-Off Event (Grades 9-12)
Tuesday	September 10	Hebrew School
Sunday	September 15	Religious School
Tuesday	September 17	Hebrew School
Sunday	September 22	Religious School
Tuesday	September 24	Hebrew School
Sunday	September 29	NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL – <i>EREV ROSH HASHANAH</i>

OCTOBER 2019

Sunday	October 6	Religious School and Religious School and High School Class I (Grades 9-11)
Sunday	October 13	Religious School
Tuesday	October 15	Hebrew School
Sunday	October 20	Consecration and Simchat Torah Celebration, 3:30 PM (WCH)
Tuesday	October 22	Hebrew School
Sunday	October 27	Religious School and 12 th Grade Workshop I
Tuesday	October 29	Hebrew School

NOVEMBER 2019

Saturday	November 2	11 th Grade Comparative Religions Field Trip I
Sunday	November 3	Religious School
Tuesday	November 5	Hebrew School
Sunday	November 10	Religious School
Tuesday	November 12	Hebrew School
Friday	November 15	Student-Led Family Shabbat Service, 7:30 PM (WCH)
Sunday	November 17	Religious School and High School Service Project I (Grades 9-12)
Tuesday	November 19	Hebrew School
Sunday	November 24	NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL – THANKSGIVING BREAK
Tuesday	November 26	NO HEBREW SCHOOL – THANKSGIVING BREAK

DECEMBER 2019

Sunday	December 1	NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL – THANKSGIVING BREAK
Tuesday	December 3	Hebrew School
Sunday	December 8	Religious School and High School Class II (Grades 9-11)
Tuesday	December 10	Hebrew School
Sunday	December 15	Last Day of Religious School before Winter Break
Tuesday	December 17	Last Day of Hebrew School before Winter Break

JANUARY 2020

Tuesday	January 7	Hebrew School Resumes
Sunday	January 12	Religious School Resumes and Confirmation Class I (12 th Grade)
Tuesday	January 14	Hebrew School
Sunday	January 19	Religious School and High School Service Project II (Grades 9-12)
Tuesday	January 21	Hebrew School
Sunday	January 26	Religious School and 11 th Grade Comparative Religions Field Trip II
Tuesday	January 28	Hebrew School

FEBRUARY 2020

Sunday	February 2	Religious School
Tuesday	February 4	Hebrew School
Sunday	February 9	Religious School
Tuesday	February 11	Hebrew School
Sunday	February 16	NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL – PRESIDENTS’ DAY WEEKEND
Tuesday	February 18	Hebrew School
Sunday	February 23	Religious School and High School Class III (Grades 9-11)
Tuesday	February 25	Hebrew School

MARCH 2020

Sunday	March 1	Religious School
Tuesday	March 3	Hebrew School
Sunday	March 8	Religious School
Tuesday	March 10	NO HEBREW SCHOOL - <i>PURIM</i>
Sunday	March 15	Last Day of Religious School before Spring Break & 11 th Grade Comparative Religions Field Trip III & Confirmation Class II (12 th Grade)
Tuesday	March 17	Last Day of Hebrew School before Spring Break
Tuesday	March 31	Hebrew School Resumes

APRIL 2020

Sunday	April 5	Religious School Resumes and High School Service Project III (Grades 9-12)
Tuesday	April 7	Hebrew School
Sunday	April 12	Religious School and Confirmation Service Prep I and Parent/Student Meeting (12 th Grade)
Tuesday	April 14	Hebrew School
Sunday	April 19	Religious School and High School Class IV (Grades 9-11)
Tuesday	April 21	Hebrew School
Friday	April 24	Student-Led Family Shabbat Service, 7:30 PM (WCH)
Sunday	April 26	NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL 11 th Grade Comparative Religions Field Trip IV 12 th Grade Workshop II and Senior Dinner with Rabbi Elder
Tuesday	April 28	Hebrew School

MAY 2020

Sunday	May 3	Religious School
Tuesday	May 5	Hebrew School
Sunday	May 10	NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL – MOTHER’S DAY
Tuesday	May 12	Last Day of Hebrew School and 7th Grade Hebrew School Graduation Service
Sunday	May 17	Last Day of Religious School and Confirmation Service Prep II
Friday	May 29	Shabbat Service and Confirmation Ceremony

JUNE 2020

June 12-21	High School Educational Trip to the Czech Republic and Poland (Grades 9-12)
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Please note that all dates are subject to change. Please check the calendar on the Hakafa website (www.hakafa.org) for the most up-to-date information.

CONGREGATION HAKAFA RELIGIOUS/HEBREW SCHOOL REGISTRATION 2019-20

Religious/Hebrew Education is offered to current members of Congregation Hakafa.

Please see the Dues Commitment Form for the 2019-2020 year.

So that we are able to plan for appropriate class sizes and spaces, adding teachers and providing for special needs as necessary, please note that our **Registration Deadline is August 15, 2019.**

PROGRAM OVERVIEW AND TUITION:

Kindergarten-Grade 2	Religious School	Sunday Mornings (9:45 AM to 12:00 noon)	\$425
Grades 3 through 7	Religious School Hebrew School	Sunday Mornings (9:45 AM to 12:00 noon) Tuesday Afternoons (4:15 to 6:00 PM)	\$425 \$425
Grade 8	Religious School	Sunday Mornings (9:45 AM to 12:00 noon)	\$425
Grades 9-11	High School Program	4 Classes, 3 Social Action Projects, Kick-off Event, and Educational Trip	\$425
Grade 12/Confirmation	High School Program	2 Workshops, 3 Social Action Projects, Kick-off Event, Confirmation Class/Prep, and Educational Trip	\$425

PROGRAM DETAILS:

Kindergarten through Grade 2

- Students in Kindergarten through Second Grade attend Religious School on Sunday mornings.
- In addition to core curriculum at each grade level, students in Kindergarten through Second Grade participate in Jewish and Hebrew singing, Israeli dancing, and an introduction to Hebrew on a weekly basis.

Grades 3 through 8

- Students in Grades 3 through 7 attend Religious School on Sunday mornings and Hebrew School on Tuesday afternoons. Our 8th Graders attend Religious School on Sunday mornings only.
- On Sundays, in addition to core curriculum at each grade level, students participate in mixed-grade (3rd-5th and 6th-8th) *chugim* (specialty workshops).
- Our Hebrew curriculum on Tuesday afternoons (for grades 3-7) focuses on language acquisition with emphasis on reading fluency, basic conversation, and applications to Torah study and Jewish life.

High School Program

- In place of weekly classes and/or retreats, students in 9th through 11th grades meet (by grade) four times a year on Sunday late afternoons (4:00-6:15 PM). These four class sessions incorporate dinner with all 9th-11th grade students together.
- In place of participation in the four class sessions, students in grade 12 prepare for Confirmation at the end of the year with two class sessions and two service prep sessions over the course of the year. They also participate in two workshops that focus on Jewish life after high school.
- All high school students (grades 9-12) meet three times during the year to do social action and/or community projects/outings.
- All high school students (grades 9-12) have the opportunity to participate in an educational out-of-town trip each year.
- We will kick off our program with an event in September for all 9th-12th graders.

CONGREGATION HAKAFA RELIGIOUS/HEBREW SCHOOL REGISTRATION FORM 2019-20

Family Name _____

We have made our 2019-20 Dues Pledge

If children do not reside with both parents, please indicate with which: _____

EMERGENCY INFORMATION: Emergency contact if parent cannot be reached during Religious School or Hebrew School:

Name _____ Phone _____ Relationship _____

Physician's Name _____ Phone _____

In case of emergency, if I cannot be reached, I give school authorities permission to take whatever action is deemed necessary, and I will accept responsibility for any expense incurred.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

- Sometimes we like to post pictures on the Hakafa website or on our Facebook page showing different activities taking place at our Religious School and Hebrew School. Please check here if you do **NOT** want your child/ren's picture to appear:
- If your child/ren has any food allergies, please provide details here: _____
- If your child/ren has any learning and/or behavior challenges, and/or if there is any other information that you feel is important for us to know about your child/ren, please contact our Director of Education, Bibi Patt, (847-650-7720/education@hakafa.org).

Student's First & Last Name (as it should appear on a class list)	Student's Hebrew Name * (if s/he has one) -transliteration is acceptable-	Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy)	School Grade for 2019-20	Check (✓) here to Register for Religious Education (Grades K-11)	Check (✓) here to Register for Hebrew School (Grades 3-7)
TOTAL REGISTRATIONS (total number of check marks from the last 2 columns above)					
CHARGE PER STUDENT/REGISTRATION				@ \$425 each	
TOTAL ENCLOSED				\$	

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM AND FEES (PLEASE WRITE A SEPARATE CHECK FOR DUES) WITH YOUR DUES COMMITMENT FORM BY AUGUST 15, 2019 TO: CONGREGATION HAKAFA, P.O. BOX 409, GLENCOE, IL 60022

* Traditionally, Jews are given Hebrew names in addition to their secular names. Throughout history, Hebrew names have been an important way for Jews to identify themselves. Hebrew names are used to call someone to bless the Torah, to become a bar/bat mitzvah, to be confirmed, at marriage, and on many other important Jewish ritual occasions. At Hakafa, we feel that having a Hebrew name is completely optional. If your child does not have a Hebrew name, and you would like him/her to have one, please contact Rabbi Elder.