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D'varim

Light One Candle

Chanukah begins this Sunday evening. Around the world, Jews will gather by their *chanukiyot* (menorahs) for eight nights, lighting candles, singing songs, eating latkes, and exchanging gifts. We will do so to celebrate the victory, more than two thousand years ago, of a ragtag band of Maccabees over the powerful Syrian-Greek Empire that sought to pervert our ritual practice and, therefore, destroy us. And we will do so, because we are reminded of our vulnerability as a perennial minority and our refusal to let that vulnerability define us.

So many of us have been feeling that vulnerability as of late, and not only because of the massacre in Squirrel Hill. We feel as though much of what we, as Jews living outside of Israel, have felt as a basis for our safety, is now being threatened. Much of what we have considered to be quintessential, foundational Americanism (the rule of law, the health and vitality of our civic institutions, and the possibility inherent in the American Dream) is under attack by the very people whom we have elected to protect us. Our security blanket is being shredded, and we don't know what to do.

Hyperbole? Perhaps. But, that is what vulnerability triggers – a warping sense of dread that everything we have taken for granted for so long is starting to erode, that what we thought was steadfast is fleeting, and that what we were able to ignore as it was happening to others was a mere precursor of the potential for it to happen to us all.

Chanukah could not come at a better time this year.

Chanukah means “rededication,” and with its arrival, we can try to redirect the negative wave of defeatism, hopelessness, futility, and fatigue that has seeped into those of us who are feeling it. We can do so, once again, by reminding ourselves that our current malaise is a luxury; by reaffirming the strength of our voices in a time in which they appear to be ignored; and by nurturing one of the many movements of positive change that have been sprouting up to confront the attacks on our sensibilities. We can turn to the Maccabees and, like them, refuse to allow our insecurities to cause us to shrink away from our very legitimate spaces beside other minorities that refuse to shrink away as well. We are not alone, and neither are they. Our collective light can shine.

So, on this Chanukah, as my family gathers to light our *chanukiyot*, on each successive night, we will light one candle:

- For the children of Tornillo, imprisoned and separated from their families for the crime of seeking asylum in our country.
- For the children of Sandy Hook and Parkland, whose memories are stained by a Congress too cowardly to act to protect their classmates.
- For the children of Englewood, more fearful of the police patrolling their streets than the rival gang members living on the other side of them.
- For the children who are gender-fluid, non-binary, or queer, who still live with the stigma of difference and the constant fear of being ostracized and rejected for simply being them.
- For the children who suffer from depression, anxiety, and mental illness, who feel they have no one to whom they can turn.
- For the children who are hungry, who don't have a home, who don't have adequate health care or education, and who have no sense of what “economic recovery” means.
- For the children of Hakafa and all those like them who, even in their relative comfort and protection, fear that there won't be an America for them to enjoy in years to come.
- And, for our own children, to whom we have a responsibility to fight to make it better for all children.

We will light the candles and, as we do, we will rededicate ourselves to reasserting our sense of safety and belonging. We will follow the example of our ancestors. We will be a light. We cannot help feeling vulnerable; we can only decide what we will do with that feeling.

Chag Chanukah Sameach.

-Rabbi Bruce Elder

Prayer and Celebration

Friday Night Services



The congregation is cordially invited to attend services at the Winnetka Community House (unless noted) on the following evenings:

December 7 Shabbat Mikeitz
7:30 p.m. Torah Portion: Genesis 41:1-44:17
 Haftarah: Zechariah 4:7

Shabbat Service
Congregational Hanukkah Celebration

December 14 Shabbat Vayigash
7:30 p.m. Torah Portion: Genesis 44:18-47:27
 Haftarah: Ezekiel 37:15-28

Student-Led Service

December 21 Shabbat Va-y'chi
7:30 p.m. Torah Portion: Genesis 47:28-50:26
 Haftarah: I Kings 2:1-12

December 28 Shabbat Sh'mot
7:30 p.m. Torah Portion: Exodus 1:1-6:1
 Haftarah: Isaiah 27:6-28

Congregational Shabbat/Hanukkah Service and Celebration

Please join us at Shabbat services on **Friday evening, December 7 at 7:30 p.m.** in **Room 101 at the Winnetka Community House** (620 Lincoln Avenue, Winnetka) for a beautiful Hakafa tradition as we celebrate Hanukkah and Shabbat. Bring your *chanaukiot* (Hanukkah menorahs), candles, and matches, and help us celebrate Hanukkah as a community. A special Hanukkah oneg, hosted by our Kadima group, will follow. We are looking for volunteers to help with the oneg.

Please contact **Sharon Gutan** (847-256-0638 or EGutan627@comcast.net) if you can help. We hope you will join the fun!

Live Streaming of Services

If you are unable to make it to our worship services, but would like to participate from your home, you may live stream them through our website. Go to: hakafa.org and click on the "listen now" icon on the home page for instructions.

You may also view archived events using the link.

Please note: For optimal audio output, you must have the volume turned up on both your computer and on the live stream screen itself.

Shabbat Morning Minyanim

Please join us at **8:30 a.m.** on **Saturdays, December 1 and 15** at the home of **Barbara and Allen Anderson** (849 Oak Drive, Glencoe) for our December Shabbat morning *minyanim*. This hour-long service and study is a wonderful opportunity to enhance your celebration of Shabbat. People of all ages are encouraged and welcome to join us.

Oneg Hosts Needed

We are looking for hosts for Friday evening onegs throughout the upcoming year

Hosting a Friday evening oneg is a wonderful way to help support Hakafa and is also a nice way to celebrate a bar/bat mitzvah, birthday, anniversary, or other special occasion with the congregation. Many people honor the memory of a loved one on his/her *yahrzeit* by hosting an oneg.

If you would like to host an oneg, please sign up at this link (<http://tinyurl.com/oneg-hosting>) or contact one of our Volunteer Oneg Coordinators via email at oneg@hakafa.org. You can also contact them by phone: **Ellen/Henry Criz** (847-266-9981) or **Suzanne/Rick Shore** (847-722-6797).

Worship Committee Meeting

Please join us for our next Worship Committee meeting on **Sunday, December 9 at 2:00 p.m.** at the **North Shore United Methodist Church** (213 Hazel Avenue, Glencoe). At our last meeting on October 7, we discussed the new Erev Rosh Hashanah prayer book and any changes to it for next year. We also considered how we might improve the Family Service. And, we examined the possibility of adding a new service to Yom Kippur morning. At this December 9 meeting we will discuss how to enliven our Erev Shabbat services. Please contact **Brian Browdy** with questions or comments (847-942-7318 or brian.browdy@gmail.com).

Share Your Holidays

On occasion, there are Hakafa members who would like to share holidays with fellow congregants and do not have the opportunity to do so. If you would like to host a fellow congregant for a holiday meal, or if you need or want a place to go for the holidays, please contact **Sylvia Dresser** (847-945-6095).



HANUKKAH



The Hanukkah Menorah (or *Chanukiah* in Hebrew) is a candlestick that holds nine candles, specifically for Hanukkah. Eight of the candles each represent one of the eight days of Hanukkah. The ninth candle is raised above the others and is called the *Shamash*, meaning helper-candle. It is used to light all the other candles.

This year, Hanukkah begins **Sunday evening, December 2**. If possible, candles should be lit immediately after sunset and should be allowed to burn completely. One family member may light the candles on behalf of the whole family, but it is fun to have each family member light his/her own *Chanukiah*.

The first candle is lit (using the *shamash*) on the first night. On the next night, two candles are lit, and one more added each night up through the eighth night. The candles are placed in the *Chanukiah* from right to left (facing you); but, when lighting them, first kindle the “new” candle added that evening (using the *shamash*) and then proceed from left to right.

On the first night, all three of the blessings below are recited. On all other nights, only the first two blessings are recited.



בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו,
וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל חֲנֻכָּה.

*Ba-rooch a-ta A-do-nai, E-lo-hay-noo me-lech ha-o-lam, a-sher keed-sha-noo b'meetz-vo-tav
v'tzee-va-noo l'had-leek nayr shel cha-noo-kah.*

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe, Who makes us holy with commandments,
and commands us to light the Hanukkah candles.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ
בְּיָמִים הָהֵם בְּזִמַּן הַזֶּה.

*Ba-rooch a-ta A-do-nai, E-lo-hay-noo me-lech ha-o-lam, she-a-saw nee-seem la-a-vo-tay-noo
ba-ya-meem ha-hem baz-man ha-zeh.*

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe, Who made miracles for our ancestors
in those days, at this season.

Only on the first night:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁהֶחְיָנוּ וְקִיַּמְנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לְזִמַּן הַזֶּה.

*Ba-rooch a-ta A-do-nai, E-lo-hay-noo me-lech ha-o-lam, she-he-che-ya-noo, v'kee-y-ma-noo,
v'hee-gee-a-noo, laz-man ha-zeh.*

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe, Who gives us life and sustains us,
and brings us to this season.

Member News

Mazal Tov to:

Parents Matthew and Jacqui Shore along with grandparents Rick and Suzanne Shore on the birth Samuel Shore.

If you are having a simcha – a birth, wedding, or the like – please let us know (conghakafa@hakafa.org) so that we can share your joy with our congregational community.

Thank You to:

Lorena and Adam Blonsky for hosting our Saturday Evening Scholar-in-Residence program

Congregation Meeting

Please come to our next Congregation Meeting on **Sunday, December 16 at 10:35 a.m.** in **Community Room 1** at the **Takiff Center** (999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe). All members are welcome, so please attend, add your voice, and share your ideas. Look for the agenda for this meeting and minutes from the October meeting in the email announcements on December 12. If you have any questions, please contact **Nancy Goodman** (president@hakafa.org or 847-564-3273).

Please Offer Your Ideas for Endowment Fund Programs

Congregation Hakafa maintains an endowment fund that we use to support new programs and activities that aren't covered by our annual budgeting process. Congregants are welcome to offer suggestions and proposals for such programs and activities. **The Endowment Trustees will be meeting on Sunday, December 9 at 12:15 p.m.** in the **Conference Room at the Takiff Center** to consider new requests. This meeting is open to all congregants.

Please attend the meeting or contact the trustees with your ideas or questions. Our three trustees are **Seymour Rothstein** (sybike@yahoo.com or 847-432-1756), **Bonnie Koven** (ekoven@aol.com or 847-644-9105), and **Nancy Goodman** (president@hakafa.org or 847-564-3273). And please remember, financial contributions to the Endowment Fund are always welcome—any time of the year.

Shabbat in the Home: Hosts Needed for April 5, 2019

Shabbat in the Home takes place one Friday evening each year. Fifteen or more Hakafa families host a potluck Shabbat dinner, and every congregation member is invited to dine and share the evening at one of the homes.

If you are willing to open up your home to other Hakafa members for a potluck dinner on **Friday, April 5, 2019** please contact **Debbie Fogel** (curlyfogel@yahoo.com or 312-576-6775) or sign-up at this link: <http://tinyurl.com/shabbat-in-the-home>. We hope to get enough volunteer hosts and hope you will join us as we celebrate Shabbat, share a delicious meal, enjoy interesting conversation, meet new friends, and reconnect with old ones!

Please help us in welcoming our new members:

Ileen and Dave Jacobs and their children, Kolton and Emelia.

Condolences to:

Nancy Goodman and family on the loss of her aunt, Margery Thompson.

Allison Kommel and family on the loss of her mother, Rosemary Kayne.

Jon Kommel and family on the loss of his father, Aaron (Bill) Kommel

Betsy Nathan and family on the loss of her father, Walter Nathan.

Susan Zeller and family on the loss of her mother, Lee Zeller

Contributions

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.

General Fund: Our General Fund supports the day-to-day operations of the synagogue. To donate to the General Fund, please make your check payable to "Congregation Hakafa."

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund: Rabbi Elder's Discretionary Fund directly supports those in need in and around our community. Rabbi Elder directs the usage of these funds. To donate to the Discretionary Fund, please make your check payable to "Rabbi Elder's Discretionary Fund."

Endowment Fund: Our Endowment Fund supports special programming not covered by the budget. Endowment Trustees direct the usage of these funds. To donate to the Endowment Fund, please make your check payable to "Congregation Hakafa" and write "Endowment 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 them know about your donation. All donations can be mailed to: Congregation Hakafa, P.O. Box 409, Glencoe, IL 60022. If you are interested in a legacy giving plan, or if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact **Rona Elder** (admin@hakafa.org or 847-242-0687).

Member News (continued)

Chesed

Chesed is our congregation's attempt to reach out to one another. If you know of anyone in our congregation who is in crisis from an illness, death in the family, or personal stress, who could benefit from support, such as a visit, delivery and/or preparation of meals, or a ride to a health care appointment, please contact **Ana Bensinger** (anabensinger@att.net or 847-926-3223) or **Anita Goldberg** (anitagoldberg@gmail.com or 847-432-8973). You can also contact either of them if you would like to volunteer.

Congregation Directory

The 2018-2019 Congregation Hakafa Directory is in the process of being updated and will be delivered in January. Please contact Rona (admin@hakafa.org or 847-242- 0687) with any changes and/or updates.

Hakafa and Green Burial

Did you know that Hakafa was instrumental in the 2013 opening of a Jewish green burial section at Willow Lawn Memorial Park in Vernon Hills? Over 50 plots are owned by Hakafa members and their families. Hakafa owned plots are still available for purchase. Please contact **Deborah Brown** (847-421-3985 or dmb9476@gmail.com) for more information.

Check out these recent articles from the New York Times for more information on green burial:

- <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/11/15/business/green-burials-wendy-macnaughton.html>
- <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/03/22/smarter-living/green-funeral-burial-environment.html>

Accessibility at Hakafa

If you become aware of any accessibility issues within the congregation, please contact one of our Chesed Committee Chairs, **Ana Bensinger** (anabensinger@att.net or 847-926-3223) or **Anita Goldberg** (anitagoldberg@gmail.com or 847-432-8973).

Hakafa Location Accessibility Guide

The information provided below is designed to give general information about accessibility at the locations where we hold services, classes, programs, and events. For specific questions, please contact our office (admin@hakafa.org or 847-242-0687) or the actual location. **Please note: Large print prayer books are available at Shabbat services.**

- **A Just Harvest** (www.ajustharvest.org): Accessible building with street parking.
- **Anderson Household** (caabaa@sbcglobal.net): Ranch house with no steps. Two cats present.
- **Blonsky Household** (lorena@lmbassociates.com): Three steps into the house.
- **Davis Household** (ablakleydavis@gmail.com): Ranch House with no steps. Dogs and cats present.
- **North Shore United Methodist Church** (www.nsumcglencoe.org): No steps into the building; two-step stairway inside building (ramp available); elevator available (with help for the door) to second floor.
- **Office of Ned Robertson** (nrobertson595@gmail.com): 17th floor of accessible building
- **Office of Brad Reiff** (breiff@compasslexecon.com): 13th floor of accessible building.
- **Robertson Household** (mrobertson595@gmail.com): No steps into the house.
- **Takiff Center** (www.glencoeoparkdistrict.com/Facilities/Takiff-Center): Accessible building; programs that take place on the second floor accessible by elevator – a short walk on the second level to classrooms.
- **Winnetka Community House** (www.winnetkacommunityhouse.org): Ramp into building.

Adult Education

Hebrew Circle

If you are a Hebrew speaker (beginners welcome!) looking to practice your Hebrew with other Hebrew speaking Hakafa members, please join Rabbi Elder on **Thursday, December 6 at 10:30 a.m.** at the **office of Brad Reiff** (332 S. Michigan Avenue, 13th floor, Chicago) for an hour of conversation – all in Hebrew!

Midrash Class

Join us on **Tuesday mornings from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.** at the **North Shore United Methodist Church** (213 Hazel Avenue, Glencoe) to study *midrash*. 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: There will be no class on December 25.**

Adult Education (continued)

Mishneh Torah

Our December sessions of Mishneh Torah (Jewish law) class will be held on **Tuesdays, December 4 and 18 at 10:30 a.m.** at the home of **Allison Blakley Davis & Kenneth Davis** (2940 Moon Hill Drive, Northbrook). Come join us and Rabbi Elder to learn more about what *Halacha* has to say on almost every aspect of life.

Nosh and Know on the North Shore

"Nosh & Know on the North Shore" will take place on **Thursday, December 20 at 9:00 a.m.** at the home of **Cookie and Ned Robertson** (211 Dennis Lane, Glencoe). Join us for a lively conversation with Rabbi Elder! New participants are always welcome.

Two Weekly Opportunities for Torah Study

Tuesday Evening Torah Class:

7:30 to 8:45 p.m.

North Shore United Methodist Church
(213 Hazel Avenue, Glencoe)

Please Note: There will be no class on December 25.

Wednesday Afternoon Torah Class:

1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

North Shore United Methodist Church
(213 Hazel Avenue, Glencoe)

Please Note: There will be no class on December 26

Lunch and Learn in the Loop

Lunch & Learn in the Loop will take place at **noon** on **Thursday, December 6** at the office of **Ned Robertson** (330 N. Wabash Avenue, Suite 1700, Chicago). Bring your own lunch and prepare to participate in a lively discussion with Rabbi Elder! New participants are always welcome.

The Siddur: It's Meaning and Theology

How many of us know what our Hebrew prayers actually say? How many of us know what they mean? Join us at **10:15 a.m.** on **Tuesday, December 11** at the **North Shore United Methodist Church** (213 Hazel Avenue, Glencoe) as we explore the Jewish prayer book. During each session we will look at prayers in Hebrew, translate them together, discuss their theology, and parse what they might mean for us today

Sunday Morning Adult Education: December Schedule

All Hakafa adults are invited to participate in our Adult Study classes led by both congregational and community scholars who will delve into a variety of topics of special interest and expertise.

Feel free to come for one session or for all of them!

December 2: *Putting Judaism Under the Microscope: What Does the Promise of a Messiah Get Us?* with our Scholar-in-Residence, Dr. Kenneth Seeskin: See full-page Scholar-in-Residence Weekend details after page 5.

December 9: Two options:

- 1. *The Caregiving Conundrum: Laura Prohov*** will discuss caregiving resources available through the CJE and **Elizabeth Gordon** will discuss the North Shore Options suite of programs and other social services provided by the North Shore Senior Center.

 - Laura Prohov has worked for CJE SeniorLife since 2004. She now has overall operational, financial and planning responsibility for the full range of home and community-based services available to older adults and their families through CJE.*
 - Elizabeth Gordon, PhD, is the director of the North Shore Senior Options at North Shore Senior Center, where she leads a team dedicated to providing care management, behavior health services and guardianship to older adults and their families. The team also offers daily money management and home safety assessments*
- 2. *One Congregation, One Book Discussion of Tova Mirvis' The Book of Separation: Please join Hakafa*** member, Jonah Orlofsky, to discuss *The Book of Separation* by Tova Mirvis, the memoir of a woman born and raised in a tight-knit Orthodox Jewish family who came to doubt her faith. At age forty, she left her husband and her faith, even though it meant the loss of her friends, her community, and possibly even her family. After years of not fitting in, she strikes out on her own to discover what she does believe and who she really is. This meant forging a new way of life not just for herself, but for her children, who are struggling with what the divorce and her new status as "not Orthodox" mean for them. All Hakafa members are welcome to join the discussion – even if you have not read the book!

Congregation Hakafa Scholar-in-Residence Weekend November 30-December 2, 2018



Please join us as we welcome Dr. Kenneth Seeskin as our Scholar-in-Residence.

Dr. Seeskin will be speaking on Friday evening, Saturday evening, and Sunday morning.
We look forward to having him with us and hope you will be able
to join us at one or all of the following events:

❖ **Friday, November 30, 7:30 PM**

Winnetka Community House (620 Lincoln Avenue, Winnetka)

Putting Judaism Under the Microscope: Is Our Religion Really Monotheistic?

Please join us for our Weekly Shabbat Service at which Dr. Seeskin will be our guest speaker.
An oneg will follow our service.

❖ **Saturday, December 1, 7:00 PM**

Home of Lorena & Adam Blonsky (1468 Sunnyside Avenue, Highland Park)

Putting Judaism Under the Microscope: Did the Exodus from Egypt Really Succeed?

Join Dr. Seeskin for this lecture and discussion. The program will begin with a short *Havdallah* service to end Shabbat and will be followed by a potluck dessert.

Please bring something sweet or savory to share!

❖ **Sunday, December 2, 10:35 AM**

Takiff Center (999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe)

Putting Judaism Under the Microscope: What Does the Promise of a Messiah Get Us?

Dr. Seeskin will teach our Sunday Morning Adult Study class. All Hakafa adults are invited to attend.

Dr. Kenneth Seeskin is the Philip M. and Ethel Klutznick Professor of Jewish Civilization at Northwestern University's Department of Philosophy. With a PhD from Yale University, Dr. Seeskin specializes in Jewish Philosophy, Ancient and Medieval Philosophy, and Philosophy of Religion. His work uses classic texts in the history of philosophy to shed light on problems of perennial interest. His latest book is *Maimonides on the Origin of the World* (Cambridge UP, 2005). Previous books include *Autonomy in Jewish Philosophy* (Cambridge UP, 2001), *Searching for a Distant God: The Legacy of Maimonides* (Oxford UP, 2000), *Jewish Philosophy in a Secular Age* (SUNY Press) and *Maimonides: A Guide for Today's Perplexed* (Behrman House). Among his published articles are: "Is the Apology of Socrates a Parody?" "Socratic Philosophy and the Dialogue Form," "Vlastos on Elenchus and Mathematics," "Maimonides' Appropriation of Aristotle's Ethics," and "From Maimonides to Spinoza." He has won several teaching awards at Northwestern and has edited the *Cambridge Companion to Maimonides*.

Note from the Director of Education

We begin this month celebrating the Festival of Lights. On December 14th we are excited to have our first student-led service of the year. I will be giving out parts throughout this month. It is so important for our students to experience a full service, and we have had such success with this format! It will take place at the Winnetka Community House at 7:30 pm. Hope to see your child there!

December is a short month. Please make a note in your calendars that our last day of Religious School will be on December 16th, and our last day of Hebrew School will be on Tuesday, December 18th.

Wishing all of you a *Chag Chanukah Sameach* and a wonderful and warm Winter Break! School resumes on January 8th for Hebrew School and January 13th for Sunday School.

L'shalom,
Bibi



Dates to Note:

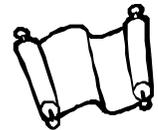
- December 2-9 – Hanukkah
- December 14 – Student-Led Shabbat Service, 7:30 pm (WCH)
- December 16 – B'nai Mitzvah Workshops, 12:15 pm OR 1:30 pm (TC)
- December 19 through January 7:
No Religious School or Hebrew School (Winter Break)
- January 8 – Hebrew School Resumes
- January 13 – Religious School Resumes



Student-Led Shabbat Service and Oneg

Please join us on **Friday, December 14** at **7:30 pm** at the **Winnetka Community House** (620 Lincoln Avenue, Winnetka) for Shabbat Services at which our Religious School and Hebrew School students will help lead the service. Services will be followed by a special oneg in their honor, hosted by our students' families! We look forward to sharing a wonderful evening together.

B'nai Mitzvah Workshops



Rabbi Elder's "Walk through the Shabbat Service" b'nai mitzvah workshop series will continue with our second session on **Sunday, December 16** in Community Room 1 at the **Takiff Center** (999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe). **Families with morning services will meet from 12:15 to 1:30 pm, and families with evening services will meet from 1:30 to 2:45 pm.** This series is designed for families of students whose b'nai mitzvah celebrations will be taking place from now through April 2020. Students and their parents should attend. All b'nai mitzvah candidates and families are welcome, even if you missed the first one. If you have any questions, please contact Rabbi Elder (rabbi@hakafa.org or 847-266-8854).



Social Action

New Refugee Family Arriving in December: See sign up link below

We are happy to announce that a Russian Jewish family from Belarus is coming to the U.S. to be resettled in the Chicagoland area on December 13 (arriving at O'Hare). They are arriving under the Lautenberg Amendment of 1990 which allows relatives of refugees from Iran and the former Soviet Union who experienced religious persecution to be reunited with their families. The father's mother, who is blind, lives here in a nursing home. The father (32) is Russian and Jewish (not orthodox); the mother (27) is Christian and was born in Belarus; and, they have a 3-year-old daughter. They can read, write, and speak Russian & Belarusian, but they speak no English. The father has worked as a truck driver & in construction. The mother has worked as a plasterer. We are looking to the Hakafa community to help resettle this family. Please let us know if you are interested in helping this refugee family on an ongoing basis (visiting an average of twice per month at the beginning). We are also looking for volunteers to:

- set up the apartment the weekend of 12/8
- stock their pantry with groceries
- meet them at the airport on 12/13
- prepare/pick up a welcome meal on 12/13
- donate needed household items
- **we are also looking for 2 slightly used T.V. sets for some of the refugees we support**

Contact **Allison Stein** (ajzstein@gmail.com) or **Bob Turner** (turner.r@comcast.net) with questions. To sign up to help, go to this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d4aa4a72fa57-welcome>

Save Your Bikes for a Bike Drive This Spring

Hakafa's Third Annual WorkingBikes.org Bike Drive 2019 will take place on **Sunday, April 28**. Donations of new, old, or broken bikes will be collected at the Takiff Center (999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe) from **8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.** If you have any questions, please contact **Barb Scott** (bams4@comcast.net) or **Sara Hoffman** (saramax58@gmail.com).

Suicide in the Jewish Community: Shining a Light in the Darkness

All are invited to join Jewish Child & Family Services, MISSD (The Medication Induced Suicide Prevention and Education Foundation in Memory of Stewart Dolin) and No Shame On U to start the conversation about suicide prevention and support in the Jewish community on **Wednesday, December 12 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.** at **Beth Hillel B'nai Emunah Congregation** (3220 Big Tree Lane, Wilmette). The Keynote speaker will be **Michael Fine**, and a panel will include community members whose loved ones completed suicide.

To register for this program, go to: https://jcfs.formstack.com/forms/suicide_jewish_community. If you have any questions, contact Hakafa member, **Wendy Dolin** (wdolin07@gmail.com or 312-649-9515).

New Ways to Help at A Just Harvest

On the 2nd Sunday of each month, Hakafa brings and serves dinner at A Just Harvest's Community Kitchen. AJH serves approximately 150 hot meals 365 days a year, making it the only year-round community kitchen in Chicago. There are many ways to help, and no financial contribution is necessary. This year, Hakafa's tzedakah fund will cover the cost of the main course - Popeye's chicken dinner! Your help is needed to:

- pick up the chicken at Popeye's and help serve
- bring milk, fruit, vegetables, or dessert and help serve
- serve food (no contribution necessary)
- drop off food at Religious School the 2nd Sunday of each month
- donate to Hakafa's tzedakah fund to support this worthy effort

Please contact **Monique Parsons** with questions (312-420-1248 or monique.parsons@gmail.com) Sign up here: <http://tinyurl.com/a-just-harvest>

Winter Coat Drive

Hakafa member, **Barbara Scott**, is collecting **CLEAN and gently used OR new coats, and new only hats and mittens for children**. Please bring the items to the box in the lobby of the Takiff Center (999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe) through December. For more information, please contact **Barbara Scott** (bams4@comcast.net or 847-707-5795)

Hakafa Invited to NCJW Salon Discussion on Migrant Caravans

The National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) will hold its monthly meeting on **Thursday, December 13 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Bob Dlinger** (1601 Oakwood Ave., Highland Park). Hakafa has been invited as it will focus on immigration, asylum, and the migrant caravans. The guest speaker will be **Esteban Carvajal** from the Department of Justice Representative and Immigration Case Worker at the Highland Park-Highwood Legal Aid Clinic. Please contact **Donna Fishman** (donnafishman14@gmail.com) with questions or to R.S.V.P.

Congregation Hakafa Calendar

December 2018 – Kislev / Tevet 5779

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>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)</p>						1 8:30 am Shabbat Morning Minyan (Home of Barbara & Allen Anderson) 7:00 pm Scholar-in-Residence Program (Home of Lorena & Adam Blonsky)
2 9:45 am-12:00 pm Religious School (TC) 10:35 am-12:00 pm – Adult Ed (TC) Scholar-in-Residence: <i>Putting Judaism Under the Microscope: What Does the Promise of a Messiah Get Us?</i>	3	4 9:00 am Midrash Class (NSUMC) 10:30 am Mishneh Torah Class (Home of Allison & Ken Davis) 4:15-6:00 pm Hebrew School (TC) 7:30 pm Torah Study (NSUMC)	5 1:00 pm Torah Study (NSUMC)	6 10:30 am Hebrew Circle (Office of Brad Reiff) 12:00 pm Lunch & Learn in the Loop (Office of Ned Robertson)	7 7:30 pm Shabbat Service & Congregational Hanukkah Celebration (WCH)	8
1st Night of Hanukkah	2nd Night of Hanukkah	3rd Night of Hanukkah	4th Night of Hanukkah	5th Night of Hanukkah	6th Night of Hanukkah	7th Night of Hanukkah
9 9:45 am-12:00 pm Religious School (TC) 10:35 am-12:00 pm – Adult Ed (TC) <u>Community Room 1:</u> <i>Community Resources for People who are Aging</i> <u>Community Room 2:</u> <i>One Congregation, One Book Discussion of Tova Mirvis' <u>The Book of Separation</u></i> 12:15 pm - Endowment Fund Meeting (TC) 2:00 pm - Worship Committee Mtg (NSUMC) 4:00-6:15 pm 9th-11th Grade Class Session II (NSUMC)	10	11 9:00 am Midrash Class (NSUMC) 10:15 am Siddur Class (NSUMC) 4:15-6:00 pm Hebrew School (TC) 7:30 pm Torah Study (NSUMC)	12 1:00 pm Torah Study (NSUMC)	13	14 Newsletter Articles Due 7:30 pm Student-Led Shabbat Service (WCH)	15 8:30 am Shabbat Morning Minyan (Home of Barbara & Allen Anderson)
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January 2019 – Tevet / Shevat 5779

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 New Year's Day	2	3	4 7:30 pm Shabbat Service (WCH)	5 8:30 am Shabbat Morning Minyan (Home of Barbara & Allen Anderson)
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