

Chadashot

Hakafa School News

Note from the Director of Education

Shalom!

Purim is quickly approaching! Our Junior Choir and Purim Shpeil Performers, under the direction of Sara Goodman Atar, have been working hard in preparation for what promises to be a fabulous Purim Shpeil. Please plan to join us on March 12 for our annual Purim Carnival and Shpeil. Also, on Monday, March 13, plan to join us for a wonderfully creative Megilla reading. It should be a lot of silliness, some surprises, and fun for all ages.

Thank you so much to Beth McCullough and all the parent volunteers who helped make the Tu B'shevat seders run so well!! We have so much happening between now and spring break. Our fifth grade class will be having their mock wedding on March 19. We would like to wish the *chatan*(groom) and *kallah* (bride) and their families a *mazal tov* in advance!!

Speaking of spring, we would like to wish all of you a wonderful spring break (in advance)! We will begin our break on Sunday, March 26 and return on Tuesday, April 4. Until then, remember that spring is just around the corner!

L'shalom, *Bibi*



Junior Choir and Purim Shpeil Performers

In preparation for the upcoming Purim Shpeil performance on March 12, this will be our rehearsal schedule:

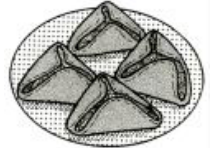
Sunday, March 5: 12:00-1:00 rehearsal

Sunday, March 12: Please come to the Glencoe Community Center early for our final rehearsal. We will meet in the Activity/Stage Room (L-4) from 9:00 to 9:45 a.m.

Please contact Sara Goodman-Atar (847-507-1454 or atarsara@yahoo.com) with questions.



Join us for fun, games, food, hamentachen, and prizes at Congregation Hakafa's Annual



PURIM CARNIVAL

and

PURIM SHEIL



Free prize tickets will be awarded to anyone wearing a costume!

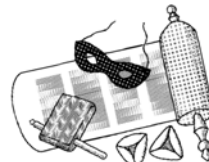


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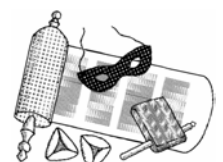
9:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Glencoe Community Center

Parent Volunteers are needed to help out this day. If you can volunteer, please contact Beth McCullough (847-419-1901 or MikeandBeth_60089@yahoo.com)



MEGILLA
READING



and Pre-Megilla-Reading

Dinner Extravaganza

Please come in costume to Congregation Hakafa's

Purim Megilla Reading

Monday, March 13, 2006

7:00 p.m., Winnetka Community House

And, for those who are interested, we will be holding a

Pre-Megilla-Reading Dinner Extravaganza

(Hot Dogs, Chips, and Drinks @ \$5 per person)

5:45 p.m., Winnetka Community House

Advance reservations are required for the dinner.

To make your dinner reservation, please contact

Beth Kaufmann by Tuesday, March 7.

(847-831-4438 or mkandbk2@comcast.net)

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SHALACH MANOT

It is customary to give gifts of food to family, friends, and those in need during Purim. These gifts usually include hamentachen, fruit, nuts, and candy and are called *Shalach Manot* or *Mishloach Manot* in Hebrew.

We are asking families who are interested in participating in this beautiful ritual to prepare a *Shalach Manot* box (a decorated shoe box is perfect) filled with **kosher** non-perishable foods that will be donated to those in need. Items must have one of the kosher symbols shown here:



Shalach Manot boxes will be collected at the Purim Carnival on Sunday, March 12. From there they will be delivered to The ARK (a social service agency that provides a large variety of services to care for the physical, emotional, social, and spiritual well-being of Chicago's Jews in need).

We are looking for a family who is willing to take the collected *Shalach Manot* boxes from the Glencoe Community Center on Sunday, March 12 and deliver them to the ARK sometime during the following business week. If you are interested and/or able, please contact Bibi Marcell Patt (847-955-9980 or bibimarc@comcast.net).

Sunday Bagels



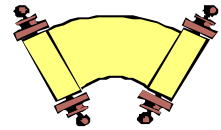
Todah Rabah (Thank you very much) to the Kindergarten families who set-up and cleaned-up the Sunday bagels in February. The Sunday bagels in March will be organized by the families of the First Grade Class. First Grade families will be receiving calls/emails from your room parents for help.



Coffee Room

Our monthly "Coffee Room" will take place at Religious School on Sunday, March 5. Please stick around after services and enjoy coffee, nosh, and schmoozing with other Hakafa members.

B'nai Mitzvah Workshop Shabbat Service



As part of the B'nai Mitzvah Workshop series that Rabbi Elder is teaching this year, students and families whose b'nai mitzvah celebrations will be taking place in the year after May 2006 are invited to attend the third of four Shabbat morning services on Saturday, March 11 from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. at the North Shore United Methodist Church in Glencoe. This service is designed to give b'nai mitzvah candidates and their families the opportunity to have hands-on "practice" and "experience" with all that is learned in the workshops. It will also help the students to become familiar and comfortable with the service. The setting will be informal and educational. Please contact Rabbi Elder (847-266-8854 or rabbi@hakafa.org) if you have any questions.



It's a Wedding !

The Fifth Grade Class will be holding a mock Jewish wedding as part of its Jewish Life Cycle curriculum. All fifth grade parents are invited to join us in the Activity/Stage Room on Sunday, March 19 at 10:30 a.m. Anyone else who is interested is welcome to stop by and enjoy the ceremony.



... Dates to Note

- March 3 - 5th and 6th Grade Shabbat Service and Ice Cream Sundae Oneg, 7:00 p.m., **GCC**
- March 11 - B'nai Mitzvah Workshop Service, 12:30 p.m., **NSUMC**
- March 12 - Purim Carnival and Shpeil, 9:45 a.m., **GCC**
- March 13 - Pre-Megilla-Reading Hot Dog Dinner (5:45 p.m.) and Purim Megilla Reading (7:00 p.m.), **WCH**
- March 19 - 5th Grade Mock Jewish Wedding, 10:30 a.m., **GCC**
- March 26 - No Religious School - Spring Break
- March 28 - No Hebrew School-Spring Break
- April 2 - No Religious School - Spring Break
- April 4 - Hebrew School Resumes
- April 9 - Religious School Resumes