

# Chadashot

## Hakafa School News

### Note from the Director of Education

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who made our Purim Carnival a wonderful success and so much fun! Thanks to Beth McCullough for her hard work and for organizing parent volunteers. Thanks also to Gail and Michael Solotke for their incredible attention to detail and wonderful planning which resulted in making our carnival run so smoothly. Thanks also to the 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> grade classes, to Cathy Kaplan, and all staff and parent volunteers who came to lend their help! *Maza! Tov* to Sara Goodman-Atar and the Purim Shpeilers for a wonderful performance. We should be proud of our Hakafa community!

Turning to the month of April, the kindergarten class and their parents will be visiting a Model Matzah Factory. And, at month's end, we will be having a very special and important Family Education Day (see details in the first article in the next column). We hope that all families will make it a priority to participate in what promises to be an amazing educational opportunity.

We have so much more to do before the end of the school year, which is literally around the corner. In the meantime, on behalf of the Religious School, I would like to wish everyone a *Chag Pesach Sameach* (Happy Passover).



L'shalom,  
*Bibi*

### Coffee Room



Our monthly "Coffee Room" will take place at Religious School on Sunday, April 9. Please stick around after services and enjoy coffee, donuts, and schmoozing with other Hakafa members.

### Yom HaShoah Family Education Day



On Sunday, April 23, parents are asked to join their children at Religious School for a special Family Education Day to commemorate Yom HaShoah - Holocaust Remembrance Day. All families will be receiving letters in the mail with details about this very important educational day that has been planned with the ages of our students in mind. Our Kindergarten through Third Graders and their parents will participate in a program that focuses entirely on tolerance for all people. Our Fourth through Sixth Graders and their parents will hear a professional speaker from the Holocaust Foundation of Illinois who was a hidden child in Belgium during the Holocaust. And, our Seventh through Ninth Graders and their parents will hear a professional speaker from the Holocaust Foundation of Illinois who is a labor camp survivor. We have divided the students into these age groups so that our program will be both age- and emotionally- appropriate. Please do not hesitate to contact Bibi Marcell Patt with any questions or concerns you may have. We are looking forward to spending another academically and Jewishly enriching day with all of our students and their families.

### Passover Food and Religious/Hebrew School



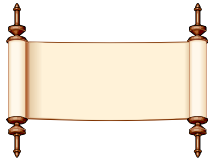
**KOSHER-FOR-  
PASSOVER**



Because both Religious School and Hebrew School will be meeting during Passover (April 16 and April 18), we are asking students to bring snacks and drinks that are only Kosher-for-Passover out of respect for those who keep Passover. We will NOT be allowing any food or drinks to be purchased from the vending machines, because the snacks and drinks they contain are not Kosher-for-Passover. Please keep this in mind when packing a snack to be eaten at Hebrew School or if you are providing snack for your Kindergarten, First, or Second Grader's class. If you have any questions, please contact Bibi Marcell Patt (847-955-9980 or [bibimarcell@comcast.net](mailto:bibimarcell@comcast.net)).

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# חדשות



## FINAL B'nai Mitzvah Workshop

Rabbi Elder's "Walk through the Shabbat Service" b'nai mitzvah workshop series will **conclude** on Sunday, April 16 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the North Shore United Methodist Church. At that time, Rabbi Elder will break down the concluding part of the service, explaining themes and language. Also, there will be the opportunity to discuss music options for your service. If you have any questions, please contact Rabbi Elder (847-266-8854 or [rabbi@hakafa.org](mailto:rabbi@hakafa.org)).



## Sunday Bagels

*Todah Rabah* (Thank you very much) to the First Grade families who set-up and cleaned-up the Sunday bagels in March. The Sunday bagels in April will be organized by the families of the Second Grade Class. Second Grade families will be receiving calls/emails from your room parents to help out. Please offer your time generously!

## Junior Youth Group Social Action Opportunities



JUF's TOV Volunteer Network is holding its Spring Mitzvah Mania April 2 through May 14. All 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders should watch their mail for exciting Social Action opportunities through Hakafa during this time. If you have any questions, please call or email Gaby Siegal (847-494-6898 or [gsiegal@cfje.org](mailto:gsiegal@cfje.org)).

## Junior Choir



*Mazal Tov* (Congratulations) to the Junior Choir and the Purim Shpeil Performers for their wonderful Purim Shpeil! The Junior Choir will be sharing their talents once again at Family Shabbat Services on Friday, May 5. In preparation for this performance, we will continue to practice on Sundays when there is Religious School, immediately following bagels until 12:30 p.m. Please contact Sara Goodman-Atar (847-507-1454 or [atarsara@yahoo.com](mailto:atarsara@yahoo.com)) with any questions.



## Dates to Note...

- April 2 - No Religious School - Spring Break
- April 4 - Hebrew School Resumes
- April 9 - Religious School Resumes
  - Coffee Room
  - Kindergarten Field Trip to Matzah Factory
- April 12 - Erev Pesach - First Passover Seder
- April 13 - Pesach - 2<sup>nd</sup> Seder (Congregational Seder)
- April 16 - Final B'nai Mitzvah Workshop, 3:30 (NSUMC)
- April 23 - Yom HaShoah Family Education Day  
(Parents attend Religious School WITH children)
- April 25 - Yom HaShoah - Hebrew School meets
- April 30 - No Religious School (Family Day)
- May 4 - Junior Choir sings at Family Shabbat Services

# Happy Passover

