

Rabbi Bruce Elder
 Phone/Fax: 847-266-8854
 E-mail: rabbi@hakafa.org

Jay Hesdorffer	President
Janice Halpern	Vice President
Beth McCullough	Secretary
Thomas Gutman	Dues Treasurer
Terry Rosenthal	Operations Treasurer

* * * * *

Bruce Elder	Rabbi
Robert J. Marx	Rabbi Emeritus
Bibi Marcell Patt	Director of Education
Rona Elder	Assistant to Director of Education
Sara Goodman Atar	Music Director
Gaby Siegal	Youth Program Director
Mareon Arnold	Administrator

Mareon Arnold, Administrator
 Phone/Fax: 847-242-0687
 E-mail: admin@hakafa.org
 Web site: www.hakafa.org

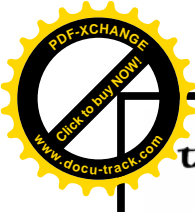
Membership Renewal Forms

2006-2007 Membership Packets (including the “Fair Share” Pledge Form and Religious School Forms) were mailed in July to all current and prospective members for the new fiscal year. Your full or partial payments should be mailed to the Hakafa office as soon as possible. Thank you, in advance, for your timely payments. If you have any dues questions, please contact our Dues Treasurer, Thomas Gutman (tgutman@sbcglobal.net or 847-853-1766).

If you know of someone interested in learning more about Hakafa, please contact Mareon Arnold in the Hakafa office so that she can mail them a packet of information.

High Holiday Tickets

2006 High Holiday information and ticket order forms have been mailed separately. If you have not received this High Holiday mailing, or if you have any questions, contact our High Holiday Coordinators, Gerald Friedman, 847-272-6321 or Jim Buckman. 847-948-7330.



Congregation Hakafa Newsletter
September 2006
Elul 5766 / Tishrei 5767

BRUCE ELDER, RABBI A ROBERT J. MARX, RABBI EMERITUS

D'VARIM

Stewardship

In 2000, the annual Elder family reunion took place along the shores of Lake Tahoe, one of my favorite places in the United States. We spent the week appreciating clean air and cloudless skies as we hiked through the hills that envelop this mountain oasis. The crystal clear, blue waters that have made Lake Tahoe famous are in trouble, though. A loss of clarity at a rate of over one foot per year is attributed to, among other factors, high levels of development, urban runoff, and air pollution.¹ Unless drastic measures are taken soon, Lake Tahoe will become nothing more than a muddy, green shadow of its former self.

In 2004, the annual Elder family reunion took place in Rockport, Massachusetts, a quaint refuge on the tip of Cape Ann just outside of Boston. A week of orange sunrises, sandy beaches, and cool ocean breezes brought welcome relief from Chicago's muggy August days. A highlight of our trip was a boat expedition fifteen miles off the Massachusetts coast to go whale watching. Whales were scarce, however. According to our guide, desalinized water pumped into the ocean from Boston's Water Reclamation Plant has changed the ocean's ecosystem. The plankton upon which the whales feed are not as plentiful as they once were. The whales are staying south for the summer.

This year, the annual Elder family reunion took place just outside Bigfork, Montana. Rona, the boys, and I visited the Canadian Rockies *en route* to our yearly gathering. The Athabasca Glacier cascades down from the Columbia Icefield. It is as awe-inspiring to walk upon its snowy crags as it is frightening to realize the alarming rate at which it is melting, the result of unprecedented global warming. We are shrinking the glacier by fifteen feet in length and four feet in depth *every year*. It will be gone before too long.

When G-d created humanity, G-d enjoined us to "behold My works, how beautiful and commendable they are! All that I have created, for your sake I created it. Pay heed that you do not corrupt and destroy My universe; for if you corrupt it there is no one to repair it after you."² G-d placed us as stewards of this world. It is the only one we have. Do we really want to continue squandering it away?

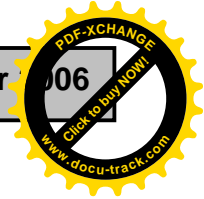
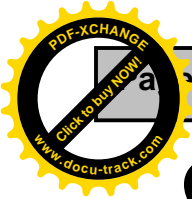
The sweetness of the coming New Year depends upon an Earth sustained by each of us. May the shrill of the shofar blast this Rosh Hashanah, this birthday of the world, reawaken within us all an appreciation for what G-d continues to create each and every day and our precious, precarious role in maintaining it.

Shanah Tovah.

Rabbi Bruce Elder

¹ <http://www.keeptahoeblue.org>

² Ecclesiastes Rabbah 7:20



HIGH HOLIDAYS 5767



Shanah Tovah

Rabbi Elder, Rabbi Marx, Jay Hesdorffer, and their families wish you all a *Shanah Tovah U'metukah* - a sweet and happy New Year. We look forward to sharing our High Holy Days with you and your families. May the year to come be filled with joy and blessing, peace and gratitude.

Rosh Hashanah

Friday, September 22 – 8:00 p.m.
Evening Service (Wilmette Junior High)

- Saturday, September 23
- 10:00 a.m. Morning Service (Wilmette Junior High)
 - 12:25 p.m. Service for CJE's Robineau House
 - 1:30 p.m. Family Service (Wilmette Junior High)
 - 2:30-4:00 p.m. Rabbis' and President's Reception (Wilmette Junior High)
 - 4:30 p.m. *Tashlich* (Skokie Lagoons)

Sunday, September 24 – 10:00 a.m.
Second Day Rosh Hashanah Service, Home of Annette & Scott Turow

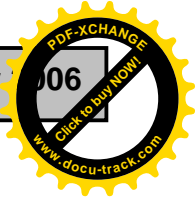
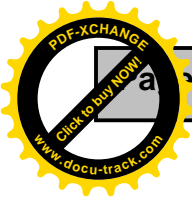
High Holiday Services will be held at Wilmette Junior High School (620 Locust Road), located east of the Edens and west of Hunter Road between Lake and Wilmette Avenues on Locust Road in Wilmette.

Yom Kippur

Sunday, October 1 - 8:00 p.m.
Evening Service (Wilmette Junior High)

- Monday, October 2
- 10:00 a.m. Morning Service (Wilmette Junior High)
 - 12:15-1:15 p.m. Study Session (Wilmette Junior High)
 - 12:25 p.m. Service for CJE's Robineau House
 - 1:30 p.m. Family Service (Wilmette Junior High)
 - 2:30-3:20 p.m. Study Session (Wilmette Junior High)
 - 3:30 p.m. Afternoon Service (Wilmette Junior High)
 - 5:00 p.m. *Yizkor* (Memorial Service) (Wilmette Junior High)
 - 5:20 p.m. Concluding Service (Wilmette Junior High)

Break-the-Fast bagels and nosh immediately following Concluding Service.



HIGH HOLIDAYS, continued

Food Donations for the New Trier Food Pantry

Continuing our congregation's tradition, we will be passing out grocery bags at Rosh Hashanah services (September 22 and 23). Please fill them with non-perishable food items and practical paper goods and return them to the lobby outside the auditorium of Wilmette Junior High School on **Erev Yom Kippur** (October 1) or **Yom Kippur Day** (October 2) **up to 1:30 p.m.** Please contact Allyson Haut (847-256-2941 or ahaut@earthlink.net) or Ellen Alter (847-441-5632 or altereln@aol.com) to volunteer with delivery to the New Trier Food Pantry.

Rabbis' and President's Reception

Please join your Hakafa friends and family on
Saturday, September 23
2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Wilmette Junior High School
for our annual
Rabbis' and President's Reception.

All congregants and their guests are invited to a reception on Rosh Hashanah afternoon in honor of the New Year, hosted by Rabbi Bruce and Rona Elder, Rabbi Robert and Ruth Marx, and Jay and Marietta Hesdorffer.



Tashlich

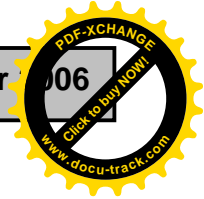
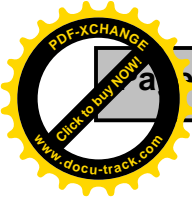
Tashlich (tahsh-leeckh) is a popular custom during Rosh Hashanah. Created more than six hundred years ago, it is the act of going to a place with natural flowing water, such as a creek or river, on the afternoon of the first day of Rosh Hashanah to symbolically cast off our sins by tossing bread crumbs into the water. *Tashlich* is a wonderful way to teach our children about *t'shuvah* (repentance) and forgiveness, but is most definitely appropriate for people of all ages! Please B.Y.O.B. (bring your own bread) and join with other Hakafa families for a short and enjoyable service, lasting no more than fifteen minutes on **Saturday, September 23 at 4:30 p.m.** (following the Rabbis' and President's Reception). We will meet at the William "Bill" Erickson Forest Preserve at the Skokie Lagoons. Proceed west on Willow Road to the park entrance on the north side of the street that is immediately before the Edens Expressway. Please contact Rabbi Elder (847-266-8854 or rabbi@hakafa.org) with any questions.

Second Day Rosh Hashanah Services

Hakafa will be holding second day Rosh Hashanah services at the home of Scott and Annette Turow (325 Shoreline Court, Glencoe) on **Sunday, September 24 at 10:00 am.** This service will be less formal and more intimate than our regular High Holiday services and will be followed by a simple Kiddush. Please RSVP to Annette (847-786-4084 or artur1484@aol.com), and contact Rabbi Elder (847-266-8854 or rabbi@hakafa.org) with questions. We hope to see you there.

Services at CJE's Robineau House

Hakafa will again provide High Holiday services for the residents of the **Robineau House**, a Council for Jewish Elderly (CJE) Residence in Skokie. The Robineau service will start at 12:25 p.m. on both holidays and will last for approximately 40 minutes. Hakafa's Family Services begin at 1:30 p.m. in order to accommodate those wishing to participate in both the Robineau and Family services. Call Dave Youngerman at 847-853-9134 with questions.



HIGH HOLIDAYS, continued

Selichot

The Saturday evening prior to Rosh Hashanah is the time to officially welcome the High Holiday season. We do so through communal study and the recitation of penitential prayers (known as *selichot*). **This year, *Selichot* falls on Saturday, September 16.** We will be meeting at the home of Leo and Linda Gordon (1100 Pine Street, Winnetka, 847-446-7526) at 8:00 p.m. After schmoozing and Havdallah, we will watch and then discuss the award winning movie, *Ushpizin*. A heartwarming and humorous Israeli drama set in the customarily closed world of ultra Orthodox Jews, *Ushpizin* is the story of Moshe and Malli, a married couple, who are suffering through a financial crisis. Naturally they pray for help, but instead of a miracle, two suspicious strangers with criminal pasts appear on their doorstep. The couple believes their guests were sent to them by God as a test of faith.

Following our discussion, we will hold a short *selichot* service, hear the *shofar* blast for the first time, and finish the night with some nosh. Please RSVP to Linda (847-446-7526 or lrgordon@comcast.net) and let her know if you can bring something for the oneg. Contact Rabbi Elder (847-266-8854 or rabbi@hakafa.org) with questions. We hope to see you there.

High Holiday Choir

For those interested in singing for the High Holidays, please contact Andrea Swan (847-784-9903 or aakey1999@aol.com). Rehearsals will begin on **Thursday evening, September 7 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.** at the North Shore United Methodist Church in Glencoe.

Maot Chitim

Hakafa's volunteer participation in the mitzvah of *Maot Chitim* (providing meals to Jewish families in need) is scheduled this fall for **Sunday, September 10, from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.**, in preparation for the High Holidays. Join Hakafa members and other in the Chicago Jewish Community in packing boxes of food and other holiday necessities. Please contact Carol Anne Been (cab@sonnenschein.com or 847-835-3677) if you are interested in participating. In addition, volunteers are welcome to deliver packed boxes to area Jewish homes on Sunday, September 17 between 6:00 and 10:00 a.m.

Babysitters Needed

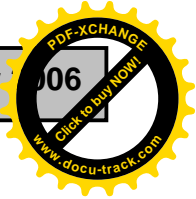
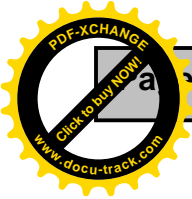
If you or your friends love working with children and would like to babysit for a small number of our congregation's younger generation during High Holiday morning services, please contact Rona Elder (847-266-8834 or jjelder@sbcglobal.net) prior to September 10. Babysitters are needed for both Saturday, September 23 and Sunday, October 1 from 9:30 a.m. until noon.

Prayer Book Orders

Since the Congregation does not own a supply of High Holiday prayer books, it is desirable that each congregant has his or her own prayer book. ***The New Union Prayer Book: Gates of Repentance*** is available to order for \$32 each. The books you order will be available at the desk inside of the entrance to Wilmette Junior High Auditorium before services. They must be ordered in advance by using the order form in the High Holiday packet sent out in July.

Ticket Orders

We urge you to send in your requests for High Holiday tickets **as soon as possible**. Your ticket guarantees you a place with us and enables us to plan a more meaningful service.



Prayer and Celebration

Friday Night Services

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

- September 1** ***Shabbat Ki Tetze***
7:00 p.m. Torah Portion: Deuteronomy 21:10-25:19
Family Service Haftarah: Isaiah 54:1-10

- September 8** ***Shabbat Ki Tavo***
8:00 p.m. Torah Portion: Deuteronomy 26:1-29:8
 Haftarah: Isaiah 60:1-22

- September 15** ***Shabbat Nitzavim-Vayelech***
8:00 p.m. Torah Portion: Deuteronomy 29:9-31:30
 Haftarah: Isaiah 61:10-63:9

- September 22*** ***Shabbat Rosh Hashanah***
8:00 p.m.

- September 29** ***Shabbat Shuvah – Shabbat Ha'azinu***
8:00 p.m. Torah Portion: Deuteronomy 32:1-52
 Haftarah: Hosea 14:2-10, Micah 7:18-20

*Services this evening will be held at Wilmette Junior High School

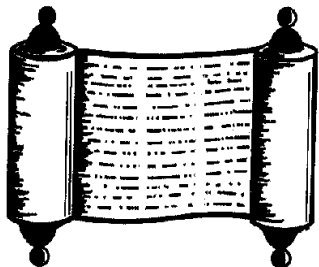
4

Family Shabbat Service

Please join us at our monthly Family Shabbat Service on Friday evening, September 1 at 7:00 p.m. Our Family Service is shorter than our regular services and is geared toward families with children. As always, people of all ages are welcome and encouraged to attend. Please contact Rabbi Elder (847-266-8854 or rabbi@hakafa.org) with any questions. Please note that there will be no 8:00 p.m. service on this evening.

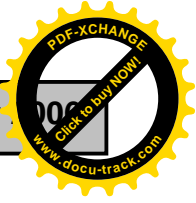
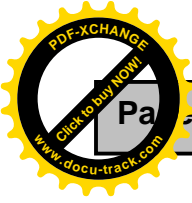
Shabbat Morning Minyan

Our September Shabbat Morning *minyanim* will take place on **September 2** and **September 16** at the home of Barbara and Allen Anderson (849 Oak Drive, Glencoe, 847-242-9884). Services begin at **8:30 a.m.** and last one hour. Please contact Rabbi Elder (rabbi@hakafa.org or 847-266-8854) with any questions.



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 at 847-945-6095.



W

Member News

W

New Members

Please join us in extending a warm welcome to our newest members:
 Ellen Freedman
 Julie and David Kaplan and their children: Ari and Noah
 Nancy Pred and Wade Thoma and their children: Evan, Trevor, and Max.

Mazal Tov to

Dottie Hammel on the birth of her 3rd grandson, Logan Jake Dubansky, on August 11. Parents are Jennifer and Howard Dubansky of Wilmette.

Mazal Tov to the following B'nai Mitzvah:

September 9	Alex Philoon
September 16	Benjamin and Naomi Friedman Kimberly and Kyle Kahnweiler

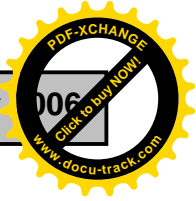
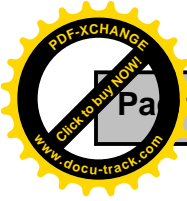
Condolences to

Gayle Inbinder and family on the death of her mother, Irma Inbinder.



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 Rabbi Elder (rabbi@hakafa.org or 847-266-8854). You can also contact Judy Solway (835-9025) or Judy Abramson (853-1350) to volunteer.



Member News, continued

Friday Night Oneg Hosts Needed

Now is the time to reserve the dates you want to host a Friday night oneg. It is a nice way to celebrate a birthday, anniversary, bar or bat mitzvah, or other special occasion with the Congregation. Please contact Jacque Spector (773-761-2987 or jll1512@comcast.net) to reserve a date!



New Member Orientation

All members new to Hakafa over the past year are invited to an Orientation Meeting on **Sunday, September 17 at 10:30 a.m.** at the **Glencoe Community Center** (during Religious School). You will have the opportunity to meet with other members and learn about all that Hakafa has to offer while schmoozing over coffee and nosh. Please contact our membership chairperson, Karen Lieberman (k.lieberman@sbcglobal.net or 847-251-1339), with questions. Hope to see you there!



Havdallah Hayride

Please join us for Hakafa's annual Havdallah Hayride! Families of all ages are invited to join us for a wonderful evening of song, friendship, and fun as we end Shabbat together at Hakafa's annual Horse-drawn Hayride, Havdallah, Hot Dog Dinner, and Bonfire. Please join us on **Saturday, September 9, 5:00-7:30 p.m.** at **Chain O'Lakes State Park Riding Stables** (8916 Wilmot Road, Spring Grove). The cost is \$9.00 per person and includes the hayride, hot dogs, chips, drinks, and smores. Please contact Ilene Holt-Turner (i.holtturner@comcast.net or 847-433-6910) with any questions. Please RSVP by September 5 by filling out the form below.

\$

Havdallah Hayride - Saturday, September 9th - 5:00-7:30 pm
RSVP NO LATER THAN 9/5/06

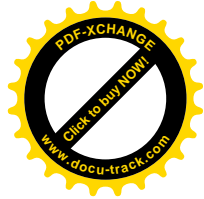
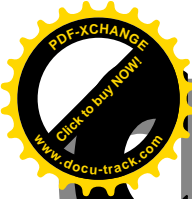
Family Name: _____

Attending: _____ @ \$9.00 each
Total Enclosed \$ _____



Please return this form with your check made payable to: Congregation Hakafa to Ilene Holt-Turner, 1355 McDaniels Avenue, Highland Park, IL 60035

This is a rain or shine event (thunderstorms excluded). There can be no refunds!



Chadashot

Hakafa School News

Note from the Director of Education

As the days of summer are quickly passing, we are very excited to begin a new school year. Our wonderful and talented faculty are busily preparing for their classes and eagerly anticipating meeting your children. In addition, we are thrilled to launch our new *Chugim* Program.

Our opening day will have a special schedule in order to provide the opportunity for parents and students to "meet & greet" their teachers, in addition to meeting other Hakafa families (see article to the right for more details).

We have many excellent programs planned for family participation this year! In addition, the High Holidays are rapidly approaching. If any student is interested in participating as a reader at High Holiday Family Services, please contact me immediately.

We are anxiously awaiting the beginning of school and look forward to seeing you and your children and together sharing a year full of Jewish tradition and learning.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at bibimarcell@comcast.net or 847-955-9980.

L'shalom,
Bibi



Special "Meet and Greet" Planned for Opening Day!

Parents should plan to attend Religious School with your children on the first day of class, Sunday, September 10. Our faculty has planned a special morning that will include . . .

- Ø a short visit to your child/ren's class/es to meet their teachers, hear about their background, and learn about the curriculum and plans for the year.
- Ø time to "schmooze" with other Hakafa parents in our opening day "Coffee Room."
- Ø a First Day Kick-Off Event that will include a light pizza snack!



Youth Group Kickoff 2006

Our Youth Groups have been reorganized! All 3rd through 5th graders are invited to participate in our Junior Youth Group. All 6th through 8th graders are invited to participate in our Senior Youth Group.

Both the Junior and Senior Youth Groups (grades 3-8) will kickoff the year together at an Ice Cream Party on Sunday, September 10 from 12:45 to 1:30 p.m. at the Glencoe Community Center. While everyone enjoys the ice cream, Gaby Siegal, our Youth Programs Director, will talk about all of the exciting activities planned for the youth groups this coming school year. If you have any questions, please contact Gaby (847-494-6898 or gsiegal@cfje.org).

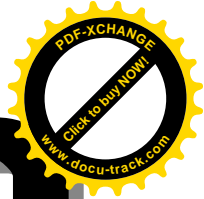
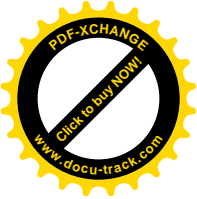


The first day of Religious School is September 10.
The first day of Confirmation Class is September 10, 1:30 p.m. at North Shore United Methodist Church.
The first day of Hebrew School is September 12.

Please note that Religious School begins promptly at 9:45 a.m. and ends at 12:00 noon.

The NEW Tuesday Hebrew School hours are from 4:15 to 6:00 p.m.

Timeliness is appreciated!



September 2006

חדשות

Just a Reminder . . .

If you have not yet completed and sent in your Religious School / Hebrew School / Confirmation Class Registration Form, please do so as soon as possible so that we can better prepare for the start of school.



High Holiday Family Services

Family Services will be held at 1:30 p.m. on both Rosh Hashanah (Saturday, September 23) and Yom Kippur (Monday, October 2) at Wilmette Junior High School (620 Locust Road, Wilmette). We are looking for student volunteers to read during these wonderful Family Services. If you are interested, please contact Bibi Marcell Patt at 847-955-9980 or bibimarcell@comcast.net.



Sunday Bagels

The Sunday bagels in September will be sponsored by the families of the Fourth Grade Class.

J J Junior Choir J J

All children in 2nd grade and up are invited to be part of Hakafa's Junior Choir. We will be singing at the 1:30 p.m. Family Services on Rosh Hashanah (Saturday, September 23) and Yom Kippur (Monday, October 2). If you are interested in being part of the Junior Choir, please contact Sara Goodman-Atar (atarsara@yahoo.com or 847-507-1454) and plan to attend rehearsals on Sunday, September 10 and Sunday, September 17, 12:00 - 12:45 p.m., at the Glencoe Community Center, immediately following Religious School bagels. We will also meet to rehearse one hour prior to High Holiday Family Services on both Saturday, September 23 and Monday, October 2 at 12:30 p.m. at Wilmette Junior High School.

U

Your Help Is Needed

Wanted: Parents to volunteer as room parents for their child's Religious School class. This easy job is a small commitment, a great way to be involved in your child's religious education, and a nice chance to meet other families in your child's class. Responsibilities include communication with class parents, assisting with volunteers for a Kabbalat Shabbat dinner, and organizing volunteers for the class Sunday Bagels month and Soup Kitchen month. Please contact Allyson Haut (aehatu@earthlink.net, 847-256-2941) to take part.

Religious Education Committee News

We would like to thank Beth McCullough for two wonderful years of service as the Religious Education Committee Chair. Beth will continue to volunteer her time to the congregation as an officer, but plans to stay involved in the Religious Education Committee.

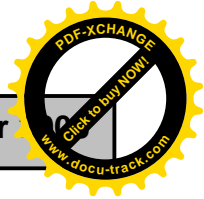
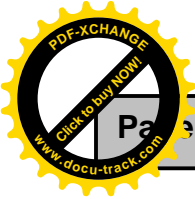
We would like to welcome Allyson Haut as the new Religious Education Committee Chair. Allyson has been an active participant in the Religious Education Committee and we are looking forward to her leadership.

All members of Hakafa are invited and encouraged to participate in the Religious Education Committee. We hope you will join us.



Dates to Note . . .

- September 9 – Havdallah Hayride, 5:00 p.m.
- September 10 – Religious School Begins
- September 12 – Hebrew School Begins
- September 23 – Rosh Hashanah
- September 24 – No Religious School – 2nd Day of Rosh Hashanah
- October 2 – Yom Kippur



Adult Education

Adult Study: Fall 2006

All Hakafa members are encouraged and welcome to attend the Hakafa Adult Study Group, which meets Sunday mornings during Religious School. This year, we will study the history and culture of Sephardic Jews with our teacher, Yohanan Petrovsky-Shtern, Professor of History at Northwestern University. This is a *golden* opportunity to learn about the so-called Golden Age in Spain, and much more! Please feel free to attend, even if you can't make all the classes.

Beginning **Sunday, September 17** from **10:30 a.m. to noon**, and continuing throughout the year, we will learn about *Sephardim*, the Jews who settled in Spain, and later dispersed to Holland, the New World, and Arab countries after their expulsion in 1492. We will learn about their relations with the Muslim world and Christians, Judeo-Arabic poetry, mystical writings such as the Kabbalah, crypto-Jews in the New World, the role of expelled Jews in Holland in the exploration and economy of the New World, etc. Additionally, we will study their formidable cultural and political impact in today's Israeli society.

Our teacher, Professor Yohanan Petrovsky-Shtern, specializes in Pre-Modern and Modern Eastern Europe and Jewish history. He received a Ph.D. in comparative literature (The Poetics of Gabriel Garcia Marquez) from Moscow University (1988) and a Ph.D. in Modern Jewish History from Brandeis University (2001). He has been a Rothschild Fellow at Hebrew University (Jerusalem) and is now an Associate Fellow at Davis Center for Russian Studies at Harvard University.

If you have any questions about Hakafa Adult Study, please contact Judith Joseph (847-204-4043 or judithkjoseph@yahoo.com).



Lunch & Learn in the Loop

Our next Lunch & Learn in the Loop will take place at **noon** on **September 7** at the office of Seymour Rothstein (Lyric Opera Building, 20 N. Wacker Dr., 36th floor, 312-580-1180).

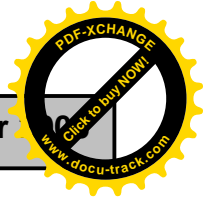
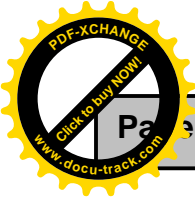
Our **October 5** discussion will take place at the office of Clint Krislov (Lyric Opera Building, 20 N. Wacker Dr., Suite 1350, 312-606-0500)

Bring your own lunch and prepare to participate in a lively discussion! New participants are always welcome.

Lunch & Learn on the North Shore

Our next Lunch & Learn on the North Shore will take place at **noon** on **September 14** at the home of Steve and Vicki Birenberg (2006 Kenilworth Avenue, Wilmette, 847-251-6862).

Bring your own lunch and prepare to participate in a lively discussion! New participants are always welcome.



Adult Education, continued

Tanach Study

Come enjoy the Books of Samuel with other Hakafa members! We meet on **Wednesdays** at the home of Sandy Gelber (1527 Washington Avenue, Wilmette) from **1:00 to 2:30 p.m.**

As always, all are welcome and encouraged to attend this stimulating conversation.

Mishneh Torah

Interested in studying *Halacha* (Jewish Law)? Our next sessions of Mishneh Torah will be held Tuesday mornings, **September 5 and 19 at 10:00 a.m. at the home of Gerri and David Kahnweiler** (1070 Westmoor Road, Winnetka, 847-441-6402). Come join us to learn more about what Jewish law has to say on almost every aspect of life.

Hebrew Circle

Are you a Hebrew speaker looking for the opportunity to utilize your Hebrew skills with fellow Hakafa members in an informal setting? If so, our Hebrew Circle is for you! Join us on **Tuesday, September 19, at noon, at Brad Reiff's office** (332 S. Michigan Avenue, 13th floor, 312-322-0290) for an hour of lunch and conversation
, hrcgc er!

Contact Rabbi Elder (847-266-8854 or rabbi@hakafa.org) with questions.

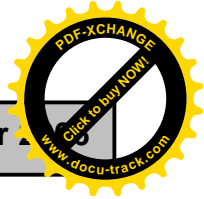
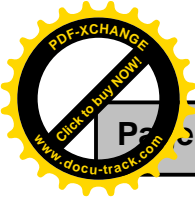


AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA

Hakafa Website

Check out <http://www.hakafa.org> for Congregation Hakafa news and pictures.

Please contact the Hakafa office (847-242-0687 or admin@hakafa.org) if you or someone you know would benefit from a call or visit. We want to keep in touch.



Social Action

Glencoe Interfaith Builders Launches its Second Annual Car Raffle

Tired of paying \$50 to fill up your car? Now you can have the chance to win a brand new 2006 Toyota Prius, which gets 60 miles per gallon! Due to the tremendous success of our last raffle, Glencoe Interfaith Builders (GIB) is doing it again. We have just begun to sell raffle tickets for our 2nd raffle, the proceeds of which will go towards the cost of our 4th Habitat for Humanity home. In addition to the Prius, you can also win a week's getaway in a 3-bedroom beach house in Seabrook, South Carolina or a new computer and printer. Tickets are \$100. The drawing is in October, and there will be tickets available at Sunday School in September.

Thanks to the generosity of the members of our Glencoe congregations, GIB is in its 5th year of existence and has completed 3 homes. We hope you will consider making a donation to help this great organization continue to provide housing for those in need. Please contact Laura Egerter (847-441-5194) if you would like to know more about GIB or are interested in purchasing a raffle ticket.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to prepare and/or donate food, as well as to serve, at the Good News Community Soup Kitchen. Please contact John or Libby Lewis (jjlek1@ameritech.net or 847-446-0738) if you are interested.

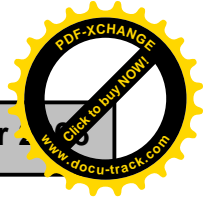
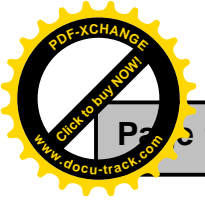


The Jewish Employment Network

The Jewish Employment Network (JEN) is an exclusive networking program for unemployed members of participating Jewish congregations (of which Hakafa is one) and their adult children. It serves middle and upper level managers and professionals who have been impacted by job loss, women returning to the workforce, career changers, young professionals, and college and post-graduate students. The program offers a variety of career counseling and job search strategies, roundtable discussions and other networking opportunities, a job bank, and techniques to help JEN clients create effective job campaigns. For more information, contact Laurie Rosen at 847-568-5154, or check their website at www.jvschicago.org.

Help Stop Global Warming

Join Rabbi David Saperstein of the Reform Movement's Religious Action Center in the Stop Global Warming Virtual March on Washington by visiting the following link: http://www.stopglobalwarming.org/sgw_marcher.asp?9393.



T Israel T

ARZA

ARZA is the Zionist arm of the Reform Movement and an affiliate of the Union for Reform Judaism, serving 1.5 million Reform/Progressive Jews. It is the vehicle for the mass participation of American Reform Jews focusing on Israel, with an emphasis on advocacy, travel, and Zionist education in America.

ARZA's website (www.arza.org) has a variety of resources about the recent conflict and suggestions of ways to support Israel through this difficult time.

For information on the Congregation Hakafa trip to Israel in November 2006, visit the following link to Shorashim's website:
<http://www.shorashim.org/specialprograms/index.php>

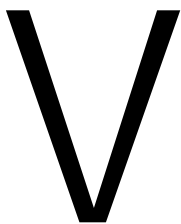
Hakafa Trip to Israel

Moments that Matter: A People to People Israel Journey – A journey like never before . . . this is a unique opportunity to experience Israel with Congregation Hakafa! Rabbi Elder and Shorashim Educational Staff will lead what plans to be an outstanding trip. Through intimate meetings with distinctive and significant Israelis – including Israeli parents – get to know the people who make Israel what it is today. From the warmth of Shabbat hospitality in an Israeli home to the pleasure of a wine tasting on the Golan; from the liveliness of Tel Aviv, to the diversity and spirituality of Jerusalem, experience the history, the vibrancy, and the challenges of Modern Israel.

Dates: November 15 (late afternoon) – November 26, 2006

Cost: \$2950 per person based on half-board/double occupancy

For More Information: View the full sample itinerary at www.hakafa.org, contact Anne Lanski (anne@shorashim.org) or Adam Stewart (adam@shorashim.org), call 773-342-3868, or contact Rabbi Elder (rabbi@hakafa.org or 847-266-8854). Join us for a trip to remember!



At this time, we are still planning this trip. However, if the current situation continues, we will postpone it until the spring.

