



BRUCE ELDER, RABBI

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## Celebrate the Second Night of Passover with Hakafa

Our congregation will be hosting its annual second-night Passover Seder on **Tuesday, March 30 at 6:00 p.m. at the Winnetka Community House**. This is always a very festive and memorable event. Members and their guests are cordially invited to attend. Expect delicious food, lively music, and wonderful companionship. For reservations, please complete the enclosed registration form on the **insert after page 2 and return it by March 10**.

## Yizkor - Last Day of Pesach

Jewish tradition tells us that four times during the year, in addition to the anniversary of the death of a loved one, we are to recall the memories of those who have died. These four times, known as *yizkor* (remembrance), coincide with major holidays on the Jewish calendar. The last day of Pesach is a day on which *yizkor* is traditionally recited. Please join us at **Lakeside Congregation (1221 County Line Road, Highland Park)** at **10:30 a.m. on Monday, April 5**. Contact Rabbi Elder (847-266-8854 or [rabbi@hakafa.org](mailto:rabbi@hakafa.org)) with questions.

## Second Seder at CJE SeniorLife Robineau Residence

Hakafa will again participate in a Passover seder with the residents of the **Robineau Residence**, a CJE SeniorLife Residence (7550 N. Kostner Avenue, Skokie). The Robineau seder will begin promptly at **3:45 p.m. on Tuesday, March 30**. The seniors really appreciate our friendship. Please arrive a few minutes early, and be prepared to have a fun time! Contact Lynn Sanders (847-501-2768 or [lynnb0608@yahoo.com](mailto:lynnb0608@yahoo.com)) with questions.

## Passover Boxes for College Students

Send a care package to your college students at Passover this year! Members of the Hakafa community will prepare and mail boxes (which will include items like matzah, candy, snacks, etc.). This is a mitzvah for our college-age children, reminding them that they are an important part of our Hakafa family and that we are thinking of them. Families can include a note to their college student as well... just clip it to the order form with the **\$30.00**. A letter from Rabbi Elder will be included with the Passover items.

Please fill out this form and **return it by March 15** to Linda Weinstein (719 Harvard Street, Wilmette, IL 60091). If you have any questions, please contact Linda (847-256-6323 or [gromimomi@aol.com](mailto:gromimomi@aol.com)).

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**Please send this slip and \$30 (made out to "Congregation Hakafa") by 3/15/10 to:  
Linda Weinstein, 719 Harvard Street, Wilmette, IL 60091**

From \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed is \$30.00 to cover the cost of each package, including shipping.

\*Please make checks payable to "Congregation Hakafa"

\_\_\_\_\_ I have enclosed a note for my student.

## 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:

**March 5**                      **Shabbat Parah**  
*Parshat Ki Tisa*  
 Torah Portion: Exodus 30:11-34:35  
 Haftarah: Ezekiel 36:22-36

**Shabbat in the Home**  
**No services at Winnetka Community House**

**March 12**                      **Shabbat HaChodesh**  
*Parshat Vayak'heil-Pkudei*  
 8:00 p.                      Torah Portion: Exodus 35:1-40:38  
 Haftarah: Ezekiel 45:16-25

**March 19**                      **Shabbat Vayikra**  
 8:00 p.m.                      Torah Portion: Leviticus 1:1-5:26  
 Haftarah: Isaiah 43:21-44:23  
**5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Lead Service**

**March 26**                      **Shabbat HaGadol**  
*Parshat Tzav*  
 8:00 p.m.                      Torah Portion: Leviticus 6:1-8:36  
 Haftarah: Malachi 3:4-24

### Oneg Hosts Needed

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 have traditionally honored the memory of a loved one on his/her *yahrzeit* by hosting an oneg.

### 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](mailto:rabbi@hakafa.org) or 847-266-8854). You can also contact Janet Hersh ([jjahsh@aol.com](mailto:jjahsh@aol.com) or 847-256-0966) to volunteer.

### Shabbat in the Home is Back!



**Make March 5 a special Shabbat for your Hakafa community, your family, and you!**

On **Friday evening, March 5**, Hakafa will be engaging in our annual "Shabbat in the Home." Every congregant has been invited to dine and share a potluck Shabbat at someone's home. We hope you will join us as we sing Shabbat songs, light Shabbat candles, share a delicious meal, enjoy interesting conversation, meet new friends, and reconnect with old ones! Help make Hakafa the encirclement that it is! Contact Debbie Fogel (847-920-0324 or [curlyfogel@yahoo.com](mailto:curlyfogel@yahoo.com)) with questions or if you have not received an invitation.

**PLEASE NOTE: There will be no services at the Winnetka Community House that evening.**

### Shabbat Morning Minyanim

Please join us on **March 6** at **8:30 a.m.** at the home of **Barbara and Allen Anderson** (849 Oak Drive, Glencoe, 847-242-9884) and **March 27** at our offices at the **North Shore United Methodist Church** (213 Hazel Avenue, Glencoe) for our March 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.

Please contact Rabbi Elder (847-266-8854 or [rabbi@hakafa.org](mailto:rabbi@hakafa.org)) with 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 need or want a place to go for the holidays, please contact Sylvia Dresser (847-945-6095).



You are cordially invited to

# Congregation Hakafa's Second-Night Passover Seder

Tuesday, March 30, 2010, 6:00 p.m.

Winnetka Community House

\* Please bring your own copy of **A Passover Haggadah** (published by the Central Conference of American Rabbis).  
Copies can be purchased at The Book Stall (811 Elm Street, Winnetka, 847-446-8880).

\* Please also bring a **Kosher-for-Passover item for the dessert buffet**  
and a **Kosher-for-Passover bottle of wine** to share.

Contact Rona Elder (admin@hakafa.org or 847-242-0687) with questions.

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PLEASE RETURN THIS RSVP WITH PAYMENT BY MARCH 10 TO:

Congregation Hakafa, P.O. Box 409, Glencoe, IL 60022

\_\_\_\_ # of Adults and Children 12 & over @ \$40.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ # of Children 11 & under @ \$20.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total enclosed** (please make checks payable to "Congregation Hakafa") = \$ \_\_\_\_\_



NAME \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

I/We will help with:    \_\_\_ advance preparations    \_\_\_ set-up    \_\_\_ clean-up

Please list the names of all guests (and ages of children): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Please seat us with \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

(All attempts will be made to honor seating requests received **by March 10th.**)

## Member News

### Thank you to...

Debbie and Dan Fogel for hosting the Congregational Tu B'Shevat Seder.

Gail Solotke for once again coordinating Hakafa's Purim Carnival.

Ilene Holt-Turner for organizing our Pre-Megilla-Reading Pizza dinner.

### Mazal Tov to the following Bar Mitzvah:

March 6 – Nathan Reiff

### Condolences to:

Rafer Caudill and family on the loss of his grandfather, Ralph Caudill.

Florence Elliot and family on the loss of her husband, Leonard Elliot.

### Minutes from the February Congregation Meeting

Due to the increased awareness of the financial situation, more accurate budgeting, more concise and considerate collection techniques, the congregation has managed to be on target to replenish the reserves lost in last year's financial situation. While the Congregation is not yet, "out of the woods," we have been able, to this point, to increase our participation and commitments to traditional causes and concerns. That being the case, the congregation voted to continue membership in URJ for two years at an average cost per year of about \$15,000. This represents a per family commitment of about \$60, down from previous amounts topping \$150 per family. The continued membership will allow the Congregation to do its part for the Reform Movement, as well as garner the benefits and services that URJ has to offer.

The Congregation Member Services and Skills Resource Guide Committee has commenced its fine work and is looking to expand its list of resources available. The Education Justice Group discussed its agenda and approaches to "spreading the word" about public education reform. The Hakafa committee structure was discussed. The focus was on ways to make the committees more responsive and open to the membership. The need for a more formal record keeping of committee meetings, specific goals, and ways to better present resolutions and proposals to the congregation was discussed. The Israel trip has 65 people going, of which 26 will be hiking and 5 or 6 will become b'nai mitzvah. The Teen Service Corps has been successful, and the next event will packing Passover boxes for people who can not afford Pesach food.

### Congregation Meeting

The next congregation meeting will take place on **Friday, March 26**, at **6:45 p.m.** at the **Winnetka Community House** (620 Lincoln Avenue, Winnetka). All Hakafa members are encouraged to attend the meeting and to stay for Shabbat Services immediately following the meeting.

Please contact our President, Janice Halpern ([janice.halpern@chicagopartners.com](mailto:janice.halpern@chicagopartners.com) or 847-256-5340) with questions.

### Nominating Committee Meeting

This year's Nominating Committee meeting will be held on **Thursday, March 18** at **7:30 p.m.** at the **home of Jay and Marietta Hesdorffer** (820 Humboldt Avenue, Winnetka). The committee will propose a slate of officers for the 2010-2011 fiscal year. All Hakafa members are invited. Anyone who wishes to attend must notify Jay **in writing** prior to the meeting. Please contact Jay (847-441-0114 or [Hesdor@aol.com](mailto:Hesdor@aol.com)) with questions.

### Finance Committee Meeting

All Hakafa members are invited to our next Finance Committee meeting which will take place on **Sunday, March 14** at **7:00 p.m.** at the **home of Beth and Mark Kaufmann** (1874 Garland Avenue, Highland Park). Please contact Beth (847-831-6338 or [mkandbk2@comcast.net](mailto:mkandbk2@comcast.net)) with questions.

## Member News (continued)

### Hakafa Teen Corner

#### Hakafa Teen Service Corps

Rise and shine! It's time for another early morning activity. On **Sunday morning, March 21 at 6:00 a.m.**, we will work with Maot Chitim, finishing packing boxes of Passover food and other necessities that will be delivered to Jewish families in need in time for the Passover holiday. We will **finish by 8:00 a.m.** and then **head off to breakfast** before Religious School begins.

Please plan on joining us for this fun and important opportunity!

#### High School Juniors and Seniors

Looking for a place to study or hang out with your Hakafa friends? Rabbi Elder will be at **Borders** at Edens Plaza in Wilmette the last Wednesday of every month from **8:00-10:00 p.m.** This month we will meet on **Wednesday, March 24**. Bring your homework, a book, a game, or nothing at all. Drinks and snacks are on him! Please contact Rabbi Elder (847-266-8854 or [rabbi@hakafa.org](mailto:rabbi@hakafa.org)) with questions.

### Hakafa and Faith

#### Community Church are going to a Bulls Game

Join us as we cheer the Bulls to victory over the Houston Rockets on **Monday, March 22 at 7:00 p.m.** at the **United Center**. We will be joined by our friends from Faith Community Church. Tickets are limited, so sign up quickly.

Contact Mark Weisbard ([mweisbard@dykema.com](mailto:mweisbard@dykema.com) or 847-256-0270) with questions or to buy tickets.

## Reaching Out in these Challenging Economic Times

**Congregation Member Services and Skills Resource Guide** : The congregation has assembled a resource guide of members' services and skills in order to support one another. *This is a completely voluntary endeavor.* Please contact **Betsy Hersher** (847-272-4050 or [HersherB@hersher.com](mailto:HersherB@hersher.com)) if you:

- 1) are willing to be a networking contact in your profession;
- 2) have a professional skill about which you would like other members of the congregation to know in case they have a need for such services; or,
- 3) have expertise in a particular field and want others to be aware of it (e.g. You are a quilter who can be contracted to make a quilt or to teach how to quilt, a cook or baker who caters or who loves to teach cooking classes, a computer whiz, or someone who has experience with children with special needs or a disability who can provide support to others).

These services are already in effect:

**Hakafa Emergency Fund** – If you are in need of financial assistance or a small loan to pay a bill or help with basic necessities, please contact Rabbi Elder (847-266-8854 or [rabbi@hakafa.org](mailto:rabbi@hakafa.org)) to see how we can help, and know that this will remain completely confidential.

**Career Counseling** – Betsy Hersher, long-time Hakafa member and career counselor, is offering her services *at no cost* to Hakafa members who are currently unemployed. She can be reached at 847-272-4050 or [HersherB@hersher.com](mailto:HersherB@hersher.com).

**Partnerships with Community Employment Support Systems** – Hakafa is in partnership with the following community agencies:

- **Jewish Employment Network** (JEN – contact Laurie Rosen at 847-568-5154 or [www.jvschicago.org](http://www.jvschicago.org))
- **Career Resource Center** (CRC – contact Jan Cline Leahy at 847-295-5626 or [www.careerresourcecenter.org](http://www.careerresourcecenter.org))
- **parnossahworkschicago.org**- a new, free website for the community. It allows individuals to search for jobs online and provides employers with qualified candidates for their job openings.



March 2010

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## Tween Youth Group Social Action Baking Event

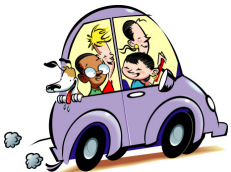
Calling all Hakafa 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders:

Come bake mandel bread\* that  
will be delivered to the  
Good News Community Kitchen!

Our kick-off pool party was a huge success with 25 participants! One of the fabulous ideas for future events, suggested by our 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders, was to bake cookies for a soup kitchen. So . . .

Please join us from 12:00-2:00 p.m.  
on Sunday, March 7 for

**Mandel Bread Baking & Pizza**  
at the Takiff Center immediately  
after Religious School  
(999 Green Bay Rd., Glencoe)



The mandel bread will be delivered  
to the Good News Community Kitchen.

At this event you'll have the chance to eat some pizza,  
bake mandel bread, have fun hanging out with  
other Hakafa middle school-age kids,  
and help feed those who are hungry!

**Bring \$8 to help cover the cost of the mandel bread  
ingredients & pizza and don't miss the fun!**

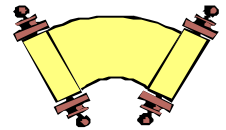
**Please RSVP by March 5 to:**

Joe and Jennifer Greenberg

(JoeJenny101@sbcglobal.net or 847-433-4660)

\*Known throughout Germany/Europe as *Mandelbrot*, mandel bread is a traditional old world cookie/bread that is distinguished by a tough exterior that is paired with a wide range of ingredients to create a tasty treat. Popular in a number of cultures, mandel bread is similar to the hard cookie/bread, Italian biscotti.

## 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 ceremonies will be taking place during the year after May 2010 are encouraged to attend the third of four Shabbat services on **Saturday, March 6 (PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE)** at the North Shore United Methodist Church (213 Hazel Avenue, Glencoe). The Workshop 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. **There will be two services: The 1:00 p.m. service is for those who are having morning ceremonies. The 2:00 p.m. service is for those who are having evening ceremonies (PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE).** The setting will be informal and educational. Please contact Rabbi Elder (847-266-8854 or [rabbi@hakafa.org](mailto:rabbi@hakafa.org)) with questions.

## Dates to Note...



- March 6 - B'nai Mitzvah Workshop Service, 1:00 p.m.  
**OR** 2:00 p.m. (NSUMC)
- March 7 - Tween Youth Group Social Action Baking Event, 12:00-2:00 p.m. (Takiff Center)
- March 14 - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to IHMEC, 12:30-4 pm
- March 19 - 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Shabbat Service and Ice Cream Sundae Oneg, 8:00 p.m. (WCH)
- March 21 - Kdg/1<sup>st</sup> Grade Field Trip to Matzah Factory  
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Mock Wedding, 10:30 a.m. (Takiff)
- March 28 - No Religious School - Spring Break
- March 29 - Erev Pesach - First Passover Seder
- March 30 - Pesach - 2<sup>nd</sup> Seder (Congregational Seder)  
- No Hebrew School (Pesach/Spring Break)

## Adult Education

### Hakafa Adult Study

Adult Study meets on Sunday mornings during Religious School from 10:30 a.m. to noon in **Community Room 4** at the **Glencoe Park District's Takiff Center** (999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe).

**March 7:** Hakafa member and musician, **Steve Justman**, will discuss the history and impact of Jews on American folk music and will perform a few of his favorites.

**March 14:** Hakafa member and cook extraordinaire, **Susie Silvers**, will bring us into the kitchen for ***Beyond the Matzah Ball: A New Twist on Pesach Cuisine***. This is the first of three adult learning opportunities with Susie in the kitchen during the coming months. Bring your appetites and a willingness to learn new and interesting recipes.

**March 21:** Hakafa's Israel Committee will hold a discussion about current events in Israel.

Contact Judith Joseph (847-204-4043) with any questions.

### Mishneh Torah Class

*Are you interested in studying Halacha (Jewish Law)?*

Our next sessions of Mishneh Torah class will be held on **Tuesdays, March 9 and 23 at 10:00 a.m.** at the **North Shore United Methodist Church** (213 Hazel Avenue, Glencoe). New participants are welcome.

Please contact Rabbi Elder (847-266-8854 or [rabbi@hakafa.org](mailto:rabbi@hakafa.org)) with questions.

### Tanach Study

Tanach study continues on **Wednesdays** at the **home of Sandy Gelber** (1527 Washington Avenue, Wilmette) from **1:00 to 2:30 p.m.** Please contact Rabbi Elder (847-266-8854 or [rabbi@hakafa.org](mailto:rabbi@hakafa.org)) with questions. New participants are welcome.

**Please Note: There will be no Tanach Study on March 31.**

### Rosh Chodesh

*We meet once a month, at the time of the new moon, for discussion, examination of a topic, and conversation. Although Rosh Chodesh is traditionally a woman's holiday, any adult is welcome to attend.*

The next meeting of Hakafa's Rosh Chodesh Group will be held **March 14 at 3:00 p.m.** Watch the weekly electronic bulletin for the place and topic. Please contact Sylvia Dresser (847-945-6095 or [sdresser24@comcast.net](mailto:sdresser24@comcast.net)) for more information.

### Lunch & Learn



#### 1) ...in the Loop:

Our next *Lunch & Learn in the Loop* will take place at **noon** on **Thursday, March 4** at the office of **Clint Krislov** (20 North Wacker Drive, Suite 1350).

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

#### 2) ...on the North Shore (to become Nosh and Know on the North Shore)

Lunch and Learn on the North Shore is moving to a new time. Please join us on **Thursday, March 11 at 9:00 a.m. (please note earlier time)** at the home of **Cookie Robertson** (211 Dennis Lane, Glencoe).

Please contact Rabbi Elder (847-266-8854 or [rabbi@hakafa.org](mailto:rabbi@hakafa.org)) with questions.

### Hebrew at Hakafa

#### 1) Hebrew Circle

The next meeting of our Hebrew Circle will take place on **Tuesday, March 23 at noon** at the **office of Brad Reiff** (332 S. Michigan Avenue, 13<sup>th</sup> floor, 312-322-0290). Join us for an hour of lunch and conversation! New participants are welcome.

#### 2) Prayerbook Hebrew

Our Prayerbook Hebrew Class continues on **Fridays at 9:30 a.m.** at the **North Shore United Methodist Church** (213 Hazel Avenue, Glencoe). In this weekly class, we look at various prayers and their meanings, and learn to speak and chant them. This is a continuation of last year's class. New participants are welcome.

Contact Rabbi Elder (847-266-8854 or [rabbi@hakafa.org](mailto:rabbi@hakafa.org)) for details.

**Please Note: Class will not meet on Friday, March 26**

## Adult Education (continued)

### Book Group

Our book group will be meeting on **Wednesday, March 17 at 7:30 p.m.** at the **North Shore United Methodist Church** (213 Hazel Avenue, Glencoe) to discuss **36 Arguments for the Existence of God: A Work of Fiction** by, **Rebecca Newberger Goldstein**. All are welcome to join our informal discussion led by Rabbi Elder. Coffee and dessert will be served. Contact Dottie Hammel (dottiehammel@comcast.net or 847-446-5266) with questions.

### Movie Group

Hakafa's film group will screen *Persepolis* at **7:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 20** at the **North Shore United Methodist Church** (213 Hazel Avenue, Glencoe). This moving autobiographical film tells the story of Marjane Satrapi, who grew up in Iran during the Islamic Revolution and struggled to find her place in the world. The film is made by Ms. Satrapi and adapted from her graphic novel of the same name. We will meet for a light dinner together at **5:45 p.m.** at Vernon's (Vernon Avenue, Glencoe). Join us there or come directly to the church for the movie. Everyone is invited! Feel free to bring friends, family, and a nosh. Please contact Mike Solomon (847-835-2040) with questions.

## Social Action

### Maot Chitim

Hakafa's volunteer participation in the Passover mitzvah of Maot Chitim is scheduled for **Sunday, March 14 from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.** Join Hakafa members and others in the Chicago area's Jewish community in packing boxes of Passover food and other necessities that will be delivered to Jewish families in need in time for the Passover holiday. In addition, anyone who would like to volunteer for packing duties at other times can visit Maot Chitim's website at: [www.maotchitim.org](http://www.maotchitim.org). If you would like to deliver the boxes to Chicago-area Jewish families in need, you can participate in the deliveries on Sunday morning, **March 21**. Location details for both packing on **March 14** and deliveries on **March 21** will follow. If you are interested in participating please contact Carol Anne Been (cbeen@sonnenschein.com or 847-835-3677).

### Committee on Race and Racism

For a number of years, we have had warm relations with Faith Community Church from Chicago's West Side. Through that relationship, we have begun a series of thoughtful discussions on race relations in America. Our next conversation will take place on **Sunday, March 14 at 3:00 p.m.** at **Faith Community Church**.

Contact **Rabbi Elder** (847-266-8854 or [rabbi@hakafa.org](mailto:rabbi@hakafa.org)) for more information.

### Glencoe Interfaith Builders Complete 5<sup>th</sup> House

This past October, sponsors, current Habitat families, and friends gathered for the dedication of GIB's 5<sup>th</sup> house. We want to thank those that generously supported GIB and Habitat for Humanity. Thanks also to the volunteers that have gone up to Waukegan for a day to help build. You made this house possible. GIB is going strong after 8 years and we are looking forward to building our 6<sup>th</sup> and final home in the Carter Crossing subdivision. Habitat and GIB will then turn our sights to home construction in Zion. We will soon be announcing a new fund raising effort to raise the needed capital. You will be receiving a letter in the mail with an enclosed donation envelope. We will also be announcing GIB build days that will provide you with a hands on opportunity to help construct your house. Please contact John Wolfson at 847-344-9323 with questions.

### Food Drive: Sunday, March 21

Food supplies are low at the New Trier Township Food Pantry. The number of families using the pantry has almost doubled from last year.

The 7<sup>th</sup> grade Hakafa Sunday School class is organizing a food drive for **Sunday, March 21**. Please bring a bag, two bags, a half-bag or whatever you can to **Religious School** (Takiff Center, 9:45 a.m.).

Items that are particularly low are: canned fruits, rice, canned soups with meat, canned tuna, cooking oil, crackers and cookies. Contact **Kayla Shonberg** (874-331-8832 or [KShonberg@comcast.net](mailto:KShonberg@comcast.net) or 847-331-8832) with questions.

## Social Action (continued)

### Opportunity to Help Immigrants

Hakafa's Committee on Immigration Reform will hold a Citizenship Application Assistance training session - open to all Hakafa members - on Wednesday, **March 3** from **6:00 to 9:00 p.m.**, at the **North Shore United Methodist Church**, (213 Hazel Ave, Glencoe). At this session, we will learn how to help immigrants complete their citizenship applications at upcoming workshops.

For more information or to sign up, contact Nancy Goodman 847-564-3273 (nlreg@aol.com) or Rebecca Cohen 847-224-0560 (rcohen@canada-klein.com).

### Can We Afford Immigration Reform?

Our immigration system is broken and needs reform – but at what cost? Can we afford it now? High unemployment + more new workers = fewer jobs and lower pay for current workers. This simple analysis seems to mean giving legal status to the undocumented and letting more cross the border legally in the future would exacerbate an already difficult problem.

Informed voices on both the right and left send a different message.

A new study by Dr. Raúl Hinojosa-Ojeda of UCLA tells us that immigration reform would benefit both immigrant and native born workers and be a boon to our economy. “Comprehensive immigration reform that legalizes currently unauthorized immigrants and creates flexible legal limits on future immigration in the context of full labor rights would help American workers and the U.S. economy. Unlike the current enforcement-only strategy, comprehensive reform would raise the “wage floor” for the entire U.S. economy—to the benefit of both immigrant and native-born workers.”<sup>1</sup>

Dr. Hinojosa bases his work on the historical experience of legalization under IRCA – the amnesty bill of 1986. In effect at a time of economic recession and high unemployment, research shows that both the immigrants, their fellow workers and our country benefited from resulting raised wages and the increase in educational, home and small business investment by newly legalized immigrants. This shot in the arm to the economy did not take a generation to kick in. Using historical data, a comprehensive immigration reform model analysis projects an increase in wages of \$4,000 to \$6,000 a year for newly legalized workers within the first three years. This income generates consumer spending sufficient to support 750,000 to 900,000 jobs and \$5.4 billion in additional net tax revenue. Immigrant heavy industries are especially impacted. Thinking agriculture, lawn care and hospitality? Immigrants provide critical labor in dozens of industries including textiles, ferrous metals, transportation and electronic equipment, motor vehicles and parts, non-electric machinery and equipment, capital goods, mineral products and construction. The wage floor rises particularly in industries with large numbers of exploited undocumented workers. It is this realization that has brought unions into the ranks of those in support of reform. Over a 10 year period legalization would yield \$1.5 trillion to the US gross domestic product.

Looking to the other end of the political spectrum for responsible well-documented comment, I checked out the website of the Cato Institute. On their list of frequently asked questions: Is immigration bad for average Americans? I will let them have the final word:

“Immigration has been good for the US economy and the average American worker. Foreign-born workers fill gaps in the labor force where demand is greatest, allowing US companies to produce more efficiently and to keep prices down. Immigrants increase the domestic demand for goods and services, creating employment opportunities for other American workers. Highly skilled immigrants have been especially important to America's high-tech sectors, creating new products and production methods, and allowing the industry to expand production and reach new markets abroad. Much of America's New Economy could not function without the contributions of foreign-born workers. According to a major study by the National Research Council, immigrants and their children pay more in taxes than they consume in government services. They contribute to the richness and wide appeal of American culture.”<sup>1</sup>

-Peggy Slater

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.immigrationpolicy.org/special-reports/raising-floor-american-workers>

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.cato.org/trade-immigration/faqs>

## Congregation Hakafa Calendar

March 2010 – Adar / Nisan 5770

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>  4:15–6:00 p.m. Hebrew School (TC)	<b>3</b> 1:00 p.m. Tanach Study  6:00-9:00 p.m. Citizenship Application Assistance Training Session (NSUMC)	<b>4</b>  12:00 p.m. Lunch & Learn in the Loop	<b>5</b> 9:30 a.m. Prayerbook Hebrew Class (NSUMC)  10:45 a.m. Trope Class (NSUMC)  <b>Shabbat in the Home</b>	<b>6</b> 8:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Minyan Bar Mitzvah Service of Nathan Reiff (am) 1:00 p.m. <b>OR</b> 2:00 p.m. Third B'nai Mitzvah Workshop Service (NSUMC)
<b>7</b> 9:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Religious School 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Adult Study (TC) 12:00-2:00 p.m. Tween Youth Group Social Action Baking Event (TC) Time TBA Confirmation (NSUMC)	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 10:00 a.m. Mishneh Torah (NSUMC)  4:15–6:00 p.m. Hebrew School (TC)	<b>10</b>  <b>Passover Seder RSVPs Due</b>  1:00 p.m. Tanach Study	<b>11</b>  9:00 a.m. Lunch & Learn on the North Shore	<b>12</b> Third 10 <sup>th</sup> Grade Retreat  9:30 a.m. Prayerbook Hebrew Class (NSUMC)  10:45 a.m. Trope Class (NSUMC)  8:00 p.m. Shabbat Service (WCH)	<b>13</b>  Third 10 <sup>th</sup> Grade Retreat
<b>14</b> 9:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Religious School (TC) 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Adult Study (TC) 1:00 p.m. Confirmation Parent/Student Meeting (NSUMC) 1:30-2:30 p.m. Maot Chitim Packing 3:00 p.m. Rosh Chodesh (place to be determined) 3:00 p.m. Race & Racism Discussion (Faith Community Church) 7:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting (Kaufmann Home)	<b>15</b> Newsletter Articles Due  <b>Passover Boxes for College Students Orders Due</b>	<b>16</b>  4:15–6:00 p.m. Hebrew School (TC)	<b>17</b>  1:00 p.m. Tanach Study  7:30 p.m. Book Group (NSUMC)	<b>18</b>  7:30 p.m. Nominating Committee Meeting (Hesdorffer Home)	<b>19</b> 9:30 a.m. Prayerbook Hebrew Class (NSUMC)  10:45 a.m. Trope Class (NSUMC)  8:00 p.m. 5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Students help lead Shabbat Service and celebrate with a special ice cream sundae oneg (WCH)	<b>20</b> 9:45 a.m. Confirmation Class to <b>Beth Shalom B'nai Zaken Ethiopian Hebrew Congregation</b>  7:00 p.m. Movie Group (NSUMC)
<b>21</b> Maot Chitim Deliveries  6:00-9:30 a.m. Teen Service Corps does Maot Chitim Packing 9:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Religious School and Food Drive 10:30 a.m. 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade "Wedding" (TC) 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Adult Study (TC)	<b>22</b>  7:00 p.m. Hakafa to Bulls Game with Faith Community Church	<b>23</b> 10:00 a.m. Mishneh Torah (NSUMC)  12:00 p.m. Hebrew Circle  4:15–6:00 p.m. Hebrew School (TC)	<b>24</b>  1:00 p.m. Tanach Study  8:00-10:00 p.m. Rabbi Elder at Borders with High School Juniors & Seniors	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>  6:45 p.m. Congregation Meeting (WCH)  8:00 p.m. Shabbat Service (WCH)	<b>27</b> 8:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Minyan (NSUMC)  <b>Shabbat HaGadol</b>
<b>28</b>  No Religious School (Spring Break)	<b>29</b>  <b>Erev Pesach – First Passover Seder</b>	<b>30</b> <b>Passover 1</b> (Hakafa Office Closed)  3:45 p.m. Robineau Residence Seder  6:00 p.m. Second Passover Seder – Congregational Seder	<b>31</b> <b>Passover 2</b>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p><b>TC</b> = Glencoe Park District Takiff Center (999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe)  <b>WCH</b> = Winnetka Community House (620 Lincoln Avenue, Winnetka)  <b>NSUMC</b> = North Shore United Methodist Church (213 Hazel Avenue, Glencoe)</p> </div>		



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