

# **HAKAFA WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **WEEK OF JANUARY 9, 2019**

### **Volunteers are Needed THIS SUNDAY to Help Prepare and Pack Meals for People who are Experiencing Homelessness**

Hakafa will be serving dinners to 60 people who are experiencing homelessness on Monday night, January 14. **Volunteers of all ages** are needed **THIS Sunday, January 13**, from **12:00 to 1:00 PM** at the **Takiff Center** (999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe) to help prepare and pack 60 meals. Stick around after Religious School/Adult Ed, or join us at noon, and help with this important task! **Please contact Barb Scott ([bams457@gmail.com](mailto:bams457@gmail.com) or 847-707-5795) to sign up to help with this important task.** You can also contact Barb for more information or if you are looking for other ways to help.

*The Night Ministry is a Chicago-based organization that works to provide housing, health care and human connection to members of the Chicago community struggling with poverty or homelessness. Here is the link to the Night Ministry's website: <https://www.thenightministry.org/>*

OTHER UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES WITH THE NIGHT MINISTRY: Hakafa will also be serving breakfast at The Night Ministry's LGBTQ shelter in Uptown – The Crib (which provides emergency overnight shelter for 25 young adults) on three different Sunday mornings this winter/spring (February 17, April 21, and June 16). We are looking for two to four volunteers, age 25 and older, to assist in bringing and serving breakfast from 7:00 to 9:00 AM in Uptown on these three Sundays. Contact Barb if you can help out.

### **Hakafa to Receive Faith in Action Award**

**Sunday, January 20, 3:00 PM**

**St. Paul AME Church (336 Washington Avenue, Glencoe)**

Hakafa is being honored by St Paul AME Church of Glencoe with one of its Faith in Action Awards during its annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration. We are receiving it for our work in Tornillo, TX outside the children's detention camp. Join us as we celebrate the legacy of Dr. King with our Glencoe neighbors and accept the award.

### **Wednesday Afternoon Torah Study**

**Wednesday, January 9, 1:00-2:30 PM**

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

Join us for weekly Torah Study! Each Wednesday afternoon we proceed through the Bible, verse by verse, discussing its content and various interpretations with Rabbi Elder.

## Hebrew Circle

**Thursday, January 10, 10:30 AM**

**Office of Brad Reiff (332 S. Michigan Avenue, 13<sup>th</sup> floor, Chicago)**

If you are a Hebrew speaker (beginners welcome!) looking to practice your Hebrew with other Hebrew speaking Hakafa members, please join us for an hour of Hebrew conversation with Rabbi Elder! New participants are welcome.

## Lunch & Learn in the Loop

**Thursday, January 10, Noon**

**Office of Phil Zisook (225 W. Washington Street, Suite 1700, Chicago)**

Bring your own lunch and join us for a lively conversation! New participants are always welcome.

## Shabbat Service – Guest Speaker: Rev. Randall Harris

**Friday, January 11, 7:30 PM**

**Winnetka Community House (620 Lincoln Avenue, Winnetka)**

Please join us for our weekly Shabbat Service. Once again, we welcome as our guest speaker **Reverend Randall Harris** of Faith Community Church. Rev. Harris is a man of deep spirit and conviction and a passionate advocate for justice and change. We hope you will join us in welcoming him. As always, an oneg will follow our service.

## Religious School

**Sunday, January 13, 9:45 AM – 12:00 NOON**

**Takiff Center (999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe)**

## Sunday Morning Adult Education

**Sunday, January 13, 10:35 AM – 12:00 NOON**

**Community Room 1 at the Takiff Center (999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe)**

During the month of January, **Dr. Claire Sufrin** will discuss ***Themes of American Jewish Life through the Eyes of Philip Roth (1933-2018)*** as part of our Sunday Morning Adult Education Classes.

This Sunday's topic is: ***How it all began: Philip Roth, American Jewry's Enfant Terrible***. The suggested (optional) reading is Goodbye Columbus (1959). In this class, we will look at selections from Philip Roth's novella and story collection, Goodbye Columbus, and the sharp reactions his early writings received from American Jews. What was at stake for Jews of the late 1950s that this exposure of their "dirty laundry" felt so threatening?

*Dr. Claire Sufrin is Associate Professor of Instruction and Assistant Director of Jewish Studies at the Crown Family Center for Jewish and Israel Studies at Northwestern University. Born and raised in the Chicago-area, she holds a BA in Religious Studies from Yale University and a PhD in Religious Studies from Stanford University. Her research and teaching interests include religion and literature, modern Jewish thought, and gender and religion.*

## **These are the details and optional readings for our future January sessions with Dr. Sufrin:**

### **January 20: *Jews and Race: The Human Stain***

Suggested Reading: [The Human Stain](#) (2000)

We skip forward here to a much later period in Roth's wide-ranging literary career. In the [Human Stain](#), the third volume in his American Trilogy, Roth's alter ego, Nathan Zuckerman, narrates the story of a college professor, Coleman Silk, after he is accused of using racially offensive language in class. The accusation leads Silk to re-examine his own identity and the costs of fitting into American society. Read today, Zuckerman offers a lens onto American discourse in the 1990s and how Jews and other minorities might find a place within it.

### **January 27: *What if? Roth and the Genre of Alternative History***

Suggested Reading: [The Plot Against America](#) (2004)

This novel imagines that Roosevelt lost the presidential election in 1940 to Charles Lindbergh, who subsequently used his presidency to legitimize and institute the persecution of Jews. The novel follows the young Roth and his family through these turbulent and terrifying years. The novel represents Roth's experiment with the genre of "alternative history," which has proven to be particularly popular among Jewish novelists; we will consider what its particular appeal for Jews might be.

### **Meeting About Disaster Relief Trip to Puerto Rico**

**Sunday, January 13, 1:00 PM**

**Takiff Center (999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe)**

We are looking to return to Puerto Rico to do more hurricane clean-up and rebuilding with Jim Goodine during the first two weeks of April. Join us this Sunday to learn about the trip. We will also discuss joining with the Winnetka Congregational Church and the Muslim Community Center of Morton Grove on a trip in the coming months to Houston or North Carolina for disaster relief within the contiguous United States. Contact Rabbi Elder ([rabbi@hakafa.org](mailto:rabbi@hakafa.org) or 847-266-8854) with questions.

### **Midrash Class**

**Tuesday, January 15, 9:00-10:00 AM**

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

Join us to study *midrash* with Rabbi Elder. Midrash is the creative, interpretative process of the rabbis over generations.

### **Siddur Class**

**Tuesday, January 15, 10:15 AM**

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

Join us for this class as we explore the Jewish prayer book with Rabbi Elder. During each class, we look at prayers in Hebrew, translate them together, discuss their theology, and parse what they might mean for us today.

## Hebrew School

**Tuesday, January 15, 4:15-6:00 PM**

**Takiff Center (999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe)**

## Tuesday Evening Torah Study

**Tuesday, January 15, 7:30-8:45 PM**

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

Join us for weekly Torah Study! Each Tuesday evening, we proceed through the Bible, verse by verse, discussing its content and various interpretations with Rabbi Elder.

## Winter Coats/Hats/Gloves Needed

The Jewish Community Against Sex Trafficking (JCAST) Chicago is partnering with the Dreamcatcher Foundation to collect WINTER COATS, HATS, and GLOVES (new or gently used) in ALL SIZES for youth and women who are trafficked, prostituted, or at-risk in Chicago. **Bring any of these items to the donation box in the Takiff Center lobby (999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe) during the month of January**, or email Hakafa member, Beth Gordon ([bbgordon1@gmail.com](mailto:bbgordon1@gmail.com)) to arrange pick-up.

## Kadima Happenings

Kadima ("forward" in Hebrew) was formed fall 2013. Primarily "forward" thinking, dynamic empty-nesters, Kadima is open to all congregants and prospective congregants. Kadima organizes and hosts many special events each year. SAVE THESE DATES:

**February 10** - Kadima is hosting Hakafa's own **Henry Criz** (he played Kol Nidre this year) in a **violin recital** with pianist Neil Posner at the **Highland Park Community House** on **February 10** at **2:00 PM**. Henry has played violin since he was 7 and has spent his life performing professionally. He has been a soloist in Europe, Eastern Europe, the Middle East, and in numerous places in the U.S. (including the White House). He was concertmaster at Lyric Opera of Chicago for 10 seasons. Mark your calendars!

**April** - Volunteers are needed NOW for April's **Hakafa Art Fest**, hosted by Kadima. Committee volunteers are needed to schedule Hakafa musicians, dancers, and visual artists for a wonderful event for the whole family. Please contact Betsy Hersher ASAP to help organize. Betsy can be reached at [hersherb@hersher.com](mailto:hersherb@hersher.com), 847-454-5109 (cell), or 847-945-5974 (home).

## Items Needed for New Refugee Family

We were happy to welcome Frank, Dina, and Eva who arrived in December from Belarus! **They need a few more items as they head into their first Chicago winter. If you are able to help, please see our updated SignUp Genius: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d4aa4a72fa57-welcome>**

## Donations Needed for Refugee Apartment

One of the refugees Hakafa supports, Jon, who is 21 years old, just moved to a new apartment. He was unable to take anything from his old apartment and needs almost everything. Please check our SignUp Genius (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d4aa4a72fa57-apartment>) if you are able to help. Gently used items are welcome.

### **Help at MLK Day of Giving!**

If you would like to join other Hakafa members to help lead the "Kicking Kancer" table at the Martin Luther King Day of Giving in Highland Park on **Monday, January 21**, please contact Hakafa member, Joan Zahnle ([joanzahnle@comcast.net](mailto:joanzahnle@comcast.net) or 847-217-6438). We are looking for 4-5 volunteers to help children decorate "You got this" cards which will go on the walls at Milwaukee Hospital. Thanks!

### **Volunteers are Needed!**

Volunteers are needed this year to host **Friday Evening Onegs**, to host a **Shabbat-in-the-Home** potluck dinner, to volunteer at **A Just Harvest**, to help with **Sunday Morning Bagels**, and to provide **Coffee/Snacks for the Adults** on Sunday mornings. It's easy to sign up to help out for any of these volunteer opportunities!

**Go to this link, scroll through the different options, and click on the links to sign up:** <https://hakafa.org/community/volunteer-opportunities>

**If you would like to go directly to a specific volunteer opportunity, follow these links:**

**Friday Evening Onegs:** <http://tinyurl.com/oneg-hosting>

**Shabbat-in-the-Home:** <http://tinyurl.com/shabbat-in-the-home>

**A Just Harvest:** <http://tinyurl.com/a-just-harvest>

**Sunday Morning Bagels:** <http://tinyurl.com/SundayBagels>

**Sunday Coffee/Snacks for Adults:** <http://tinyurl.com/coffee-on-sunday>

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- If you would like an announcement included in this weekly update, please email your announcement to Rona Elder ([admin@hakafa.org](mailto:admin@hakafa.org)) by Tuesday afternoon.
- If you would like an article included in the monthly newsletter, please contact Lori Wilansky, our volunteer newsletter editor at [wilanskyl@comcast.net](mailto:wilanskyl@comcast.net). Articles must be submitted by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to the newsletter's publication.