

# HAKAFA WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

## WEEK OF OCTOBER 10, 2018

### VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED THIS SUNDAY - October 14 - at A Just Harvest

**Volunteers are still needed to help at A Just Harvest THIS SUNDAY, October 14!**

**Please sign up here: <http://tinyurl.com/a-just-harvest>**

**or contact Monique Parsons: 312-420-1248, [monique.parsons@gmail.com](mailto:monique.parsons@gmail.com)**

On the 2nd Sunday of each month, Hakafa brings and serves dinner at A Just Harvest's Community Kitchen. AJH serves approximately 150 hot meals 365 days a year, making it the only year-round community kitchen in Chicago. There are many ways to help, and no financial contribution is necessary. This year, Hakafa's tzedakah fund will cover the cost of the main course - Popeye's chicken dinner! Your help is needed to:

- pick up the chicken at Popeye's and help serve
- bring milk, fruit, vegetables, or dessert and help serve
- serve food (no contribution necessary)
- drop off food at Religious School the 2nd Sunday of each month
- donate to Hakafa's tzedakah fund to support this worthy effort

### Wednesday Afternoon Torah Study

**Wednesday, October 10, 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.

### THIS EVENING:

#### Winnetka Congregational Church and Hakafa to Co-Sponsor Event on Racial Justice and Gun Violence

Last year in Chicago, 650 people were killed by gun violence, and nearly 3,000 people were shot. Compounding the tragedy is the concentration of bloodshed in economically depressed neighborhoods on the South and West Sides. Navigating the violence is a way of life for too many, especially young people. In 2016, almost twenty percent of homicide victims and a quarter of homicide suspects were between the ages of 10 and 19.

Join us on **Wednesday, October 10 at 7:00 PM** at the **Winnetka Congregational Church** (725 Pine Street, Winnetka) for a presentation and discussion on the intersection of poverty and violence, and the disproportionate impact that intersection has on people of color in our region.

Former Secretary of Education and now the Managing Partner of Chicago CRED (Creating Real Economic Destiny), **Arne Duncan**, will offer opening remarks. Next, some of the young men in the Chicago CRED program will share about their life on the streets, how gun violence has affected them, and their motivation for seeking a way out. The panel will also include some of the dedicated professionals who are working with these young men. Mr. Duncan will moderate. The conversation promises to be candid, courageous, and creative.

## Legacy Letters Class – Session 2

**Thursday, October 11, 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM**

**North Shore Congregation Israel (1185 Sheridan Road, Glencoe)**

This will be the second session of six Legacy Letter classes with members from both Hakafa and North Shore Congregation Israel. The class is taught by Carole Mark Gingiss. Please contact Carole ([cmgingiss@att.net](mailto:cmgingiss@att.net) or 847-432-5576) with any questions. Contact Rona ([admin@hakafa.org](mailto:admin@hakafa.org) or 847-242-0687) regarding class registration.

## Hakafa to see *Indecent* THIS THURSDAY

Join Hakafa members to see the play *Indecent* on **Thursday, October 11** at **7:30 PM** at the **Victory Gardens Theater** (2433 N. Lincoln Avenue, Chicago). Tickets are available at a reduced rate of \$26.50 per person for our group. **Please contact Dave Millman ([dave\\_millman@yahoo.com](mailto:dave_millman@yahoo.com)) ASAP to make sure tickets are still available.**

## Shabbat Service

**Friday, October 12, 7:30 PM**

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

Please join us for our weekly Shabbat Service. As always, an oneg will follow.

## Chicago March To The Polls on October 13: We March to Vote!

**Join Hakafa on October 13** at the **Chicago Women's March to the Polls** at Grant Park on Columbus (main entrance at Congress) to send a clear message to our government: We are engaged in protecting our Democracy - and WE VOTE!

**If you plan to attend with Hakafa, please email Beth Gordon ([bbgordon1@gmail.com](mailto:bbgordon1@gmail.com)) with your cell phone number.**

## Groups may travel by:

- El train from the Linden CTA Station in Wilmette @ 7:44 AM or 7:55 AM (exit at the Harrison stop, red line)
- Metra train from Wilmette @ 7:55 AM
- Metra train from Northbrook @ 7:33 AM w/ Nancy and Lee Goodman (847-564-3273 - calls only).

**No matter how you get there, we'll meet between 9:00 and 9:15 AM at Panera (501 S. State St/Congress) and then walk down Congress into Grant Park.** Our group leaders will be Nancy and Lee Goodman!

## March Schedule:

9:00 AM-1:00 PM: Festival-Style Voter Village - Meet candidates and activists!

9:00 AM: First Time Voter Experience opens- Celebrate your voting power!

10:00 AM: Rally activities begin on Main Stage

12:30 PM: March begins after Rally

**Join us and spread the word:** <http://womens121marchonchicago.org/spread-the-word-2018-2/>

**Register:** <http://womens121marchonchicago.org/register-for-the-march-2-2/>

**First Time Voters reserve your spot now:** <https://tinyurl.com/WMCFirstTimeVoters>

**Please direct March questions to Women's March Chicago Outreach Coordinator and Hakafa member, Sara Kurensky at [kurloon@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kurloon@sbcglobal.net).**

## Religious School

**Sunday, October 14, 9:45 AM – 12:00 PM**  
**Takiff Center (999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe)**

## Sunday Morning Adult Education

**Sunday, October 14, 10:35 AM – 12:00 PM**

**Community Rooms 1 and 2 at the Takiff Center (999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe)**

All Hakafa adults are invited to join us this Sunday when we will have two options for Adult Study:

### **In Community Rm 1, Rabbi Allison Abrams will discuss “Judaism and the #metoo Movement”**

What does our tradition have to say about the issues being addressed by the #metoo movement? How can we reflect and take action on these important issues as a Jewish community? Come explore these questions and more through text study and conversation.

### **In Community Rm 2, Stacey Zizook Robinson will discuss “You Turned My Mourning into Dancing – Finding God in the Psalms”**

Our Psalms, all 150 of them, are said to have been written by King David. If that's true, David used them to explore his relationship with God. Even if not true, they are a glorious collection of songs that help us find God, through praise and blessing and doubt. In this class, we'll take a look at Psalm 30, to do our own grappling with a way to approach God that is part wrestling match, part tango, intimate as a lover's kiss.

## Hebrew School

**Tuesday, October 16, 4:15-6:00 PM**  
**Takiff Center (999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe)**

## Please come to our Congregational Meeting – Sunday, October 21

Our next Congregational Meeting will be held on **Sunday, October 21 at 10:35 AM** at the **Takiff Center** (999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe). The agenda for this meeting and minutes from the August 24 meeting will be sent out in next Wednesday's announcements. All members are welcome and are encouraged to attend. We'll hear updates on social action initiatives, review our new Erev Rosh Hashanah prayer book, and discuss an option to add an additional Yom Kippur service for next year. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Goodman ([president@hakafa.org](mailto:president@hakafa.org) or 847-564-3273).

For those who are new to Hakafa, we hold six congregational meetings per year, and at these meetings, we discuss and make decisions about how our congregation is run, how we can build our community, and how we can seek justice in the world. We don't have a board, so these tasks fall to every one of us, individually and collectively. Our meetings are both energizing and informative, and they provide a great opportunity to get to know your fellow Hakafa members.

## Inaugural JCUA Congregational Summit: Join Hakafa's Delegation

Please join us on **Sunday, October 21 from 2:00 to 5:00 PM** at **Anshe Emet Synagogue** (3751 N. Broadway, Chicago) as Congregation Hakafa joins with other Chicago area partner congregations of the Jewish Council in Urban Affairs at its first ***Hineinu Congregation Summit***. The Summit will be an excellent opportunity to further our social action agenda with a focus on advocacy. We will learn about the power of effective organizing and have the opportunity to build relationships with social action leaders and our fellow congregations. The agenda includes multiple tracks to delve into JCUA's current campaigns focused on immigration and police accountability, and to provide input to

help inform JCUA's future agenda. All are welcome to participate. If you are interested in joining the delegation or learning more about the event, please contact Jeff Rosenberg ([jsrosenberg964@gmail.com](mailto:jsrosenberg964@gmail.com)).

### **Chicago Jews for Refugees Assembly**

Join HIAS, Jewish Child & Family Services of Chicago, Hakafa, elected officials, refugee speakers, policy experts, community leaders, and the greater Chicago community, to sound a rallying cry to the leadership of our country that we must continue to welcome people who are seeking refuge.

Please join us on **Sunday, October 28** from **2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.** for the **“Chicago Jews for Refugees Assembly”** at **Anshe Emet Synagogue** (3751 North Broadway, Chicago). After eighteen months of attacks on the U.S. refugee and asylum program, the number of refugees entering the country has dramatically slowed, and asylum-seeking families have been torn apart at our southern border. In this time of unprecedented need, the U.S. is failing to live up to its responsibilities to victims of war, terror, torture, and persecution. Come sound a rallying cry to the leadership of our country that we must continue to welcome people who are seeking refuge. We hope to see you there!

### **“Freedom Song” Performance**

Please join us on **Sunday, November 4** at **12:30 PM** at **North Shore Congregation Israel** (1185 Sheridan Road, Glencoe) for a free, special performance of **Freedom Song**. Produced by Beit T'Shuvah, a Los Angeles addiction treatment center and congregation, **Freedom Song** interweaves a Passover Seder with personal stories of addiction and poses one stark question, "What are you a slave to?" The cast of this original musical are not actors; they are actual addicts in recovery that have broken off the shackles of drugs, alcohol, gambling, and other destructive behaviors. Using song and dance, tears and laughter, and a powerful post-show discussion with the cast, **Freedom Song** will open your eyes to the real life struggle against the 'bondage of self' that many fight every day.

**Tickets are required (free) and can be reserved at:** <https://www.nsci.org/event/freedomsong>.

*Hakafa is co-sponsoring this performance and program with Am Shalom, BJB, Congregation Sukkat Shalom, Har-Shalom, Jewish Child & Family Services, Lakeside Congregation, North Shore Congregation Israel, and Solel.*

### **Volunteers Needed to Help with Family Promise – November 4-11**

**Help families who are homeless!** *Family Promise* is an interfaith network of congregations that helps families in homeless situations return quickly to permanent housing. The churches and synagogues in the Family Promise network rotate the responsibility of housing and feeding the guest families. Typically, families are housed at each congregation for a week, remaining there between 5:30 PM and 7:00 AM. The North Shore United Methodist Church (NSUMC) in Glencoe and Hakafa members will be hosting Family Promise at NSUMC from **November 4-11**. **We have opportunities available to donate food, prepare meals, enjoy dinner with the guests, and stay overnight at the church.** This is a great opportunity for Hakafa members, of all ages, to volunteer in our own community! Please contact Hakafa member, **Peggy Salamon** (312-286-4055 or [peggysalamon@me.com](mailto:peggysalamon@me.com)), for more details. **To sign up, go to:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c084baba72da20-signup>

## **Hakafa's One Congregation, One Book Selection: Tova Mirvis' *The Book of Separation***

***The Book of Separation*** is the memoir of a woman born and raised in a tight-knit Orthodox Jewish family who came to doubt her faith. At age forty, she left her husband and her faith, even though it meant the loss of her friends, her community, and possibly even her family. After years of trying to silence the voice inside her that said she did not agree, did not fit in, and did not believe, she strikes out on her own to discover what she does believe and who she really is. This meant forging a new way of life not just for herself, but for her children, who are struggling with what the divorce and her new status as "not Orthodox" mean for them.

We will be discussing ***The Book of Separation*** on **Sunday morning, November 11 at 10:35 AM** at the **Takiff Center** (999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe). Get your copy and start reading now!

## **It's Time to Sign Up for this Year's Volunteer Opportunities!**

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>

## **REAL ISRAEL**

Last week TIME Magazine released a list of 50 businesses they call Genius Companies, companies which are "inventing the future" by developing "creative solutions to problems,... solutions which may change the world." Nominations for the list came from TIME's global network of editors and correspondents.

Appearing on their 2018 list are familiar names such as Airbnb, Amazon, Apple, Disney, Lockheed Martin, and Netflix. Also included are two Israeli companies, Lishtot Detection, a water tech company, and Aidoc, a medical intelligence company.

Clean water has always been a concern for people in third world nations. But this is a problem that touches us as well, as exemplified by the water crises in Flint, Michigan and potentially here in Chicago (lead pipes). Lishtot developed a patented device small and sleek enough to fit on a keychain that can tell at the press of a button if water is contaminated. The device is now on sale to the general public.

Aidoc analyzes medical images, like CT scans, at high rates of speed to help radiologists identify abnormalities. According to TIME, to date, its software has scoured more than 260,000 images, saving 50,000 hours of human work.

-Bob Rifkin

Inventing the Future – 1964-65 NY World's Fair  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2-5aK0H05jk>

### Condolences to...

... Alan Meyers and family on the loss of his brother, Ross Meyers.

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- 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.