

HAKAFA WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 8, 2017

Wednesday Afternoon Torah Study – NOTE DIFFERENT LOCATION THIS WEEK

Wednesday, November 8, 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Lloyd Room at the Winnetka Public Library (768 Oak Street, Winnetka)

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.

Adult Hebrew Class – NOTE DIFFERENT LOCATION THIS WEEK

Wednesday, November 8, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Home of Ellen and Henry Criz (545 Green Bay Road, Highland Park)

Lunch & Learn in the Loop

Thursday, November 9, noon

Office of Ned Robertson (330 N. Wabash Avenue, Suite 1700, Chicago)

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

Shabbat Service

Friday, November 10, 7:30 p.m.

Winnetka Community House (620 Lincoln Avenue, Winnetka)

Please join us for our weekly Shabbat Service. As always, our service will be followed by an oneg.

Shabbat Morning Minyan

Saturday, November 11, 8:30 a.m.

Home of Barbara and Allen Anderson (849 Oak Drive, Glencoe)

Please join us for this hour-long service and study. It is a wonderful opportunity to enhance your celebration of Shabbat. People of all ages are encouraged and welcome to attend.

Scholar-in-Residence Weekend THIS SATURDAY & SUNDAY – November 11-12

Please join us THIS weekend, November 11-12, as we welcome **Dr. Zachary Ebin** (www.zacharyebin.com) as our Scholar-in-Residence. He is the Director of the Suzuki Program at Vanderbilt University's Blair School of Music and the Creator and Artistic Director of *The Silent Voices Project* (www.silentvoicesproject.com). Dr. Ebin will be teaching and performing on Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon. We look forward to having him with us and hope you will be able to join us at one or both of the following events:

- **Dialogue and Performance: Music and the Jewish Experience**
Saturday, November 11, 7:00 p.m.
Home of Harriet and Stan Rosenthal (745 Sunset Court, Deerfield)

Join Dr. Ebin for a dialogue and performance charting music through Jewish History. He will discuss the significance of music in the Torah and its enduring importance to contemporary Jewish life. The program will begin with a short *Havdallah* service to end Shabbat and will be followed by a potluck dessert. Please bring something sweet or savory to share!

- **Concert: The Sound of Silent Voices**

Sunday, November 12, 3:00 p.m.

Winnetka Congregational Church (725 Pine Street, Winnetka)

Dr. Ebin is the Creator and Artistic Director of **The Silent Voices Project**, designed to use the voices of contemporary children to recreate the voices of children silenced at the hands of the Nazis. Please join us at this concert to hear children's poetry from the Holocaust reflected in musical compositions by young composers, including Hakafa's own **Jasper Bickers**. The compositions will be performed by the **Ton Beau String Quartet**. Hakafa member and child survivor of the Holocaust, **Doris Fogel**, will be the program narrator, and **Rabbi Elder** will give the address. We are hosting this program along with Winnetka Congregational Church. Admission is free.

Religious School

Sunday, November 12, 9:45 a.m. to noon

Takiff Center (999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe)

Sunday Morning Adult Educational Programming

Sunday, November 12, 10:35 a.m. to noon

Takiff Center (999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe)

Study in Community Room 1:

"The Hoax of Terezin: An Examination of the Historical Terezin" with Barbara Jo Scott

Join **Barbara Jo Scott** who will provide historical background for this Sunday afternoon's Scholar-in-Residence concert: *The Sound of Silent Voices*, which presents children of Terezin's poetry from the Holocaust reflected in musical compositions by young composers.

Barbara Jo Scott is a retired teacher and docent at the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center.

Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class

Sunday, November 12, 12:15-1:45 p.m.

Community Room 2 at the Takiff Center (999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe)

Midrash Class

Tuesday, November 14, 9:00-10:00 a.m.

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.

Hebrew School

Tuesday, November 14, 4:15-6:00 p.m.

Takiff Center (999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe)

Join Us to Help People who are Homeless in Chicago

Please join with other Hakafa members for a meeting on this important issue on **Thursday, November 16 at 4:30 p.m.** at **Panera Bread** (722 Skokie Blvd, Northbrook). We will be discussing ways in which we can help to make a difference in the lives of those children and adults who need temporary and permanent housing. Please contact **Barbara Scott** (bams4@comcast.net or 847-432-2007) for more information or with any questions.

Refugee Sponsorship Update

It has been a busy few weeks for our refugees and mentors:

Jonathan, who is from the Congo and recently graduated from Evanston Township High School, has a new home and a new roommate.

Jonathan's new roommate, Emma (a male), is from Uganda. He arrived three months ago and works at Evanston Hospital. He has excellent English. **We're looking for a few mentors to work with him. We also need a small men's winter coat for Emma.**

Adhaman, who arrived from Israel right after the high holidays, has moved to Denver to be closer to a nephew. Teklebraun, who arrived the same week, is taking English classes at Truman College and working at Uncommon Ground in Rogers Park.

Rosie and her three children - Zolfeghar, Zoya, and Zohal - enjoyed a trip to the pumpkin patch and their first Halloween.

Mostafa, who is 22 and arrived from Afghanistan last winter, recently got his driver's license.

Our refugees are close to ready for the winter ahead, thanks to the generosity of our Congregation, and a winter giveaway at Refugee One.

Thanks to our many volunteers who do so much for our refugees!

Shabbat in the Home: Rescheduled for April 20, 2018 – HOSTS NEEDED!

We were not able to find enough hosts to hold Shabbat in the Home on November 3, so we have rescheduled it for **April 20, 2018**. We hope to have better luck finding hosts for that date. **If you are able to host, please contact Debbie Fogel (curlyfogel@yahoo.com or 312- 576-6775) or sign up at <http://tinyurl.com/shabbat-in-the-home>.**

Stock the Shelves for Refugees

Stock the Shelves is a North Shore grassroots organization that was organized earlier this year to provide refugee families in Rogers Park with essential daily items not covered by food stamps (i.e. diapers, laundry soap, feminine products, cleaning products, deodorant, and toilet paper). It is led by First Presbyterian Church Wilmette (FPCW) and partners with Congregation Sukkat Shalom, First Congregational Church of Wilmette, and most recently with Congregation Hakafa. *Stock the Shelves* solicits donations from schools and individuals that are distributed the fourth Wednesday of each month at Warren Park in Chicago. Hakafa member, **Judy Bramson**, is looking for volunteers who would like to help create opportunities for donations and distribute the items at Warren Park. This would be a wonderful bar or bat mitzvah project for a family looking for a way to support those in need. Please contact Judy (847-204-9770 or jdbramson@gmail.com) for more information.

Winter Coat Drive

Hakafa member, Barbara Scott, is collecting CLEAN and gently used OR new coats, hats, mittens, and boots for children in grades K-8 at various Chicago Public Schools on the west side. Please bring the items to the box that is currently in the lobby of the Takiff Center (999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe) The box will be in the lobby through the end of this December. For more information, please contact Barbara Scott (bams4@comcast.net or 847-707-5795).

Composting Drop-Off at the Takiff Center Resumes

You can once again **drop off** your **fruit and veggie scraps** on **Sunday mornings at the Takiff Center** (999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe) from **9:30-11:30 a.m.** Dump your scraps into the containers that are inside the labeled bin that is located at the Takiff Center Main Entrance Parking Lot (near the dumpsters). If you have any questions, or for further information, please contact Barbara Miller (barbarasmiller01@yahoo.com or 847-835-8000).

Save Your Bikes for a Bike Drive This Spring

SAVE YOUR BIKES! Old or New! Working or Broken! Hakafa's Second Annual WorkingBikes.org Bike Drive 2018 will take place on **EARTH DAY: Sunday, April 22nd**! Donation drop-off will again be at the Takiff Center from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Questions: Barb Scott (bams4@comcast.net) or Sara Hoffman (saramax58@gmail.com).

Taking Action

Let Hakafa support, facilitate, and empower you to make your voice heard at the federal, state, and local levels! Visit the "Taking Action" page on Hakafa's website (<https://hakafa.org/justice/taking-action>) for weekly positive actions that you may wish to take at the local, state, and federal level. Also available on this page are links to issue updates from the Religious Action Center (RAC), National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW), and League of Women Voters along with resources for or about kids.

VOLUNTEERS 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>

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

Sunday Morning Bagels: <http://tinyurl.com/bagels-on-sunday>

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

Shabbat-in-the-Home 4/20/18: <http://tinyurl.com/shabbat-in-the-home>

ENROLL YOUR CHILD IN SKIP NOW and INVEST IN YOUR CHILD'S JEWISH FUTURE

The SEND-A-KID-TO-ISRAEL PARTNERSHIP (SKIP) program is a special savings plan that helps Chicago area Jewish youth visit Israel as an integral part of their Jewish education. Young people who participate in the program for the full seven years (grades 3 through 9) will have approximately \$2,000, including interest, saved to help meet the cost of an Israel Experience program. SKIP funds can be used beginning the summer after 9th grade through age 26. Furthermore, SKIP contributions, plus interest, are FULLY REFUNDABLE at any time should your son or daughter not participate on an Israel Experience program.

SKIP GOAL - an Israel Experience program as part of each child's Jewish education. SKIP funds can be used for your family's choice of a wide variety of approved high school or college Israel Experience programs.

SKIP PARTNERS - your family, your congregation, and the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago each contribute to the SKIP savings plan.

SKIP ENROLLMENT - enroll in school grades 3-6 and continue to make contributions through 9th grade.

SKIP FACTS – Thousands of participants are currently enrolled in SKIP through more than 50 participating congregations, and many teens and young adults have used their SKIP funds to help them participate on an Israel Experience program.

SKIP INFORMATION - for more information on the SKIP program or enrollment in SKIP, contact Jenny Patterson at 312-217-0724 or jrpatterson1959@gmail.com.

Kadima Hosts Annual Hanukkah Celebration – Volunteers Needed

Hakafa will be holding our annual Shabbat Service and Hanukkah Celebration on the evening of **Friday, December 15 at 7:30 p.m.** at the **Winnetka Community House**. Once again, our Kadima Group will be hosting the oneg and other fun games/treats. **We are looking for volunteers to help put together a great party/oneg.** Please contact Betsy Hersher (847-945-5974 or Hersherb@hersher.com) or Sharon Gutan (847-256-0638 or EGutan627@comcast.net) if you can help. We hope you will join the fun!

Please offer your ideas for Endowment Fund programs

Congregation Hakafa maintains an endowment fund that we use to support new programs and activities that aren't covered by our annual budgeting process. Congregants are welcome to offer suggestions and proposals for such programs and activities. The Endowment Trustees will be meeting on **Sunday, December 10 at 12:15 p.m.** at the **Takiff Center** (999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe) to consider new requests. This meeting is open to all congregants. Please attend or contact the trustees with your ideas or questions. Our three trustees are **Scott Lowtwait** (scottlowtwait@gmail.com or 847-650-6906), **Seymour Rothstein** (sybike@yahoo.com or 847-432-1756), and **Nancy Goodman** (president@hakafa.org or 847-564-3273). And, please remember, financial contributions to the endowment fund are always welcome—any time of the year.

REAL ISRAEL

You've planned your trip to Israel, but this time you decided to forgo the package tour – been there, done that. Where you go, what to do - it's all up to you. If you were going to New York, you would visit a magazine stand, pick up the latest Time Out New York, annotate it, and head for the streets.

Visiting Israel isn't any different, except the magazine you're purchasing is Time Out Tel Aviv. Scan the "things to do" section. You'll find everything from a Guide to Jaffa Port where old warehouses have been transformed into galleries and restaurants, to where to hang out on King George Street, to the Tel Aviv Night Run.

But this Real Israel isn't about Time Out Tel Aviv. It's about Time Out Ramallah. This story comes to us from Reuters. Instead of its usual artsy or humorous front page, the October 13, 2017 special

edition of Time Out Tel Aviv sports an image of an Israeli security barrier so high it blots out the horizon. It also has a different name: Time Out Ramallah.

The issue marks 50 years since Israel's occupation of the Gaza Strip and the West Bank and its content also drastically departs from Time Out Tel Aviv's normal fare of arts and entertainment in Israel's cultural hub.

Stories provided by freelance Palestinian reporters and photographers shed light on the hardships of life and culture in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. A Gazan correspondent tells of soirees timed around daily power cuts; in the West Bank, a rare woman DJ awaits an elusive permit to perform in Israel.

"Most of the readers and a lot of Israelis don't know what is happening now in Ramallah and Hebron and Bethlehem," Time Out editor Nof Nathansohn said at her office. All three West Bank cities are within 130 km (80 miles) of Tel Aviv, Israel's free-wheeling metropolis on the Mediterranean. They don't know how the art scene looks, music, city life. And we want to expose our readers to life under occupation that is just half an hour drive from here in Tel Aviv," Nathansohn told Reuters.

"I hope that knowing the other side ... will help create a change and make Israeli people think about it more." Within Israel, 70,000 copies of "Time Out Ramallah" came out in Arabic and Hebrew, and around 2,000 more appeared in English in the Palestinian territories, Nathansohn said.

In Tel Aviv, one of the most socially and politically liberal places in Israel, the issue was getting a positive response. "The Arab world is very interesting. Ramallah in particular is something that is very close but yet far to get to.

-Bob Rifkin

Watch Nof Nathansohn talk about the special addition

<http://www.reuters.com/video/2017/10/31/time-out-magazine-trades-tel-aviv-hip-fo?videoid=372853916&videoChannel=117760>

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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. Articles must be submitted by the 15th of the month prior to the newsletter's publication.