

HAKAFA WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEK OF DECEMBER 5, 2018

Best wishes for a *Chag Chanukah Sameach* – a happy Hanukkah!

Wednesday Afternoon Torah Study - NOTE DIFFERENT LOCATION TODAY

Wednesday, December 5, 1:00-2:30 PM

Northfield Community Room at the Northfield Public Library (1785 Orchard Lane, Northfield)

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.

New Refugee Family Arriving Next Week

The new refugee family that Hakafa is supporting will be arriving next week from Russia! If you are able to meet them at the airport on 12/13 at 2:00 PM or help with a welcome meal, please contact Allison Stein at ajzstein@gmail.com.

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.

Hebrew Circle

Thursday, December 6, 10:30 AM

Office of Brad Reiff (332 S. Michigan Avenue, 13th 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, December 6, noon

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

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

Hakafa's Hanukkah Celebration – THIS FRIDAY

Friday, December 7, 7:30 PM

Room 101 at the Winnetka Community House (620 Lincoln Avenue, Winnetka)

Make plans to celebrate Hanukkah with Hakafa at our annual **Congregational Shabbat Service and Hanukkah Celebration!** Join us for a beautiful Hakafa tradition as we celebrate Hanukkah and Shabbat. Bring your *chanaukiot* (Hanukkah menorahs), candles, and matches, and help us celebrate Hanukkah as a community. A special Hanukkah oneg, hosted by Kadima, will follow.

Religious School

Sunday, December 9, 9:45 AM – 12:00 PM

Takiff Center (999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe)

Bagel Volunteers Needed THIS SUNDAY

We are in need of volunteers **THIS SUNDAY, December 9**, as well as on many upcoming Sundays this year, to help prepare the bagels from **11:30 AM to 12:15 PM**. The job is very easy and involves

slicing bagels, putting them on platters, setting out cream cheese, cleaning up, and putting supplies away. Detailed instructions will be provided. If you can help, please go to the following link (<http://tinyurl.com/SundayBagels>) or contact Laura Glick (lauraglick@gmail.com or 847-644-8746). We depend on volunteers for this weekly task and truly appreciate any time you can give. Thanks!

Sunday Morning Adult Education

Sunday, December 9, 10:35 AM to 12:00 NOON

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 Room 1, Laura Prohov and Elizabeth Gordon will discuss

“The Caregiving Conundrum”

Laura Prohov will discuss caregiving resources available through the CJE, and **Elizabeth Gordon** will discuss the North Shore Options suite of programs and other social services provided by the North Shore Senior Center.

Laura Prohov has worked for CJE SeniorLife since 2004. She now has overall operational, financial and planning responsibility for the full range of home and community-based services available to older adults and their families through CJE.

Elizabeth Gordon, PhD, is the director of the North Shore Senior Options at North Shore Senior Center, where she leads a team dedicated to providing care management, behavior health services and guardianship to older adults and their families. The team also offers daily money management and home safety assessments.

In Community Room 2, Jonah Orlofsky will lead a discussion of

Tova Mirvis’ *The Book of Separation*

Please join Hakafa member, **Jonah Orlofsky**, to discuss **The Book of Separation** by **Tova Mirvis**, 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 not fitting in, 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. All Hakafa members are welcome to join the discussion – even if you have not read the book!

Endowment Fund Meeting THIS SUNDAY – Please join us to offer your ideas

Sunday, December 9, 12:15 PM

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

Hakafa maintains an endowment fund used to support new programs and activities not 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 this Sunday to consider new requests. This meeting is open to all congregants. Please attend the meeting or contact the trustees with your ideas/questions. Our three trustees are Seymour Rothstein (sybike@yahoo.com or 847-432-1756), Bonnie Koven (ekoven@aol.com or 847-644-9105), 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.

Worship Committee Meeting THIS SUNDAY

Sunday, December 9, 2:00 PM

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

At our last meeting on October 7, we discussed the new Erev Rosh Hashanah prayer book and any changes to it for next year. We also considered how we might improve the Family Service. And, we examined the possibility of adding a new service to Yom Kippur morning. At this Sunday's meeting we will discuss how to enliven our Erev Shabbat services. Please contact Brian Browdy with questions or comments (847-942-7318 or brian.browdy@gmail.com).

Midrash Class

Tuesday, December 11, 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, December 11, 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, December 11, 4:15-6:00 PM

Takiff Center (999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe)

Tuesday Evening Torah Study

Tuesday, December 11, 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.

Suicide in the Jewish Community: Shining a Light in the Darkness

All are invited to join Jewish Child & Family Services, MISSD (The Medication Induced Suicide Prevention and Education Foundation in Memory of Stewart Dolin) and No Shame On U to start the conversation about suicide prevention and support in the Jewish community on **Wednesday, December 12** from **7:00 to 9:00 PM** at **Beth Hillel B'nai Emunah Congregation** (3220 Big Tree Lane, Wilmette). The Keynote speaker will be **Michael Fine**, and a panel will include community members whose loved ones completed suicide.

To register for this program, go to: https://icfs.formstack.com/forms/suicide_jewish_community. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Hakafa member, Wendy Dolin (wdolin07@gmail.com or 312-649-9515).

Hakafa invited to NCJW Salon discussion on Migrant Caravans

The National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) holds monthly meetings to discuss issues of topical concern. Hakafa has been invited to attend the December discussion focusing on immigration, asylum, and the migrant caravans making their way through Mexico.

Date: Thursday, December 13

Time: 7:00 pm - Refreshments, 7:30 pm - Program begins

Place: Home of Barb Dolinger, 1601 Oakwood Avenue, Highland Park

Speaker: Esteban Carvajal, Department of Justice Representative and Immigration Case Worker at the Highland Park-Highwood Legal Aid Clinic

Please contact Donna Fishman (donnafishman14@gmail.com) with questions or to RSVP.

Toy Drive

The NCJW National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) is doing a community service project for the YWCA women's shelter. The Evanston YWCA collects unwrapped toys/gifts and sets up a holiday shop for the 20 homeless women in the shelter, so they can "shop" for gifts for their children this holiday season. Wrapping paper and tape are also welcome items. **Please consider bringing a new, unwrapped toy or book to services this Friday evening**, and Hakafa member, Joan Zahnle, will bring them to the Evanston YMCA. Feel free to contact Joan (joanzahnle@comcast.net or 847-217-6438) with any questions.

Please come to our next Congregational Meeting – December 16

Our next congregational meeting will be held **Sunday, December 16**, at **10:35 AM** at the **Takiff Center** (999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe). Please attend, add your voice, and share your ideas. At this meeting, we'll elect a new Operations Treasurer, discuss action plans following our Tornillo, TX protest, and more. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Goodman (president@hakafa.org or 847-564-3273).

Winter Coat Drive

Hakafa member, Barb Scott, is collecting **coats** (clean and gently used OR new), **hats** (new only) and **mittens** (new only) **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 Barb Scott (bams4@comcast.net or 847-707-5795).

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, please contact Hakafa member, Joan Zahnle (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) 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. Articles must be submitted by the 15th of the month prior to the newsletter's publication.