

HAKAFA WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 6, 2019

REMINDER: NO Wednesday Afternoon Torah Study Today

Just a reminder that there is no Torah Study scheduled for today. **We will resume next Wednesday, February 13.**

More Hosts STILL NEEDED for Shabbat in the Home - April 5

If you are willing to open up your home to other Hakafa members for a potluck dinner on **Friday, April 5, 2019** please contact **Debbie Fogel** (curlyfogel@yahoo.com or 312-576-6775) or sign-up at this link: <http://tinyurl.com/shabbat-in-the-home>. We hope to get enough volunteer hosts and hope you will join us as we celebrate Shabbat, share a delicious meal, enjoy interesting conversation, meet new friends, and reconnect with old ones!

Shabbat in the Home takes place one Friday evening each year. Fifteen or more Hakafa families host a potluck Shabbat dinner, and every congregation member is invited to dine and share the evening at one of the homes.

Call for Artists/Performers and Volunteers for Hakafa's Artfest 4

Hakafa will present its fourth tribute to the visual and performing arts on **Sunday, April 14 at 2:00 PM** at the **Winnetka Community House** (620 Lincoln Avenue, Winnetka). There will be displays by Hakafa's visual artists plus a program of Hakafa's performing artists. **Visual or performing artists (high school or older) who would like to participate should contact Jonah Orlofsky at 847-835-3816 or jorlofsky@orlofskylaw.com.** Volunteers are also needed to help set up both the Artfest and the oneg/reception. If interested, contact Betsy Hersher at 847-945-5974 or hersherb@hersher.com.

Shabbat Service

Friday, February 8, 7:30 PM

Winnetka Community House (620 Lincoln Avenue, Winnetka)

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

Shabbat Morning Minyan

Saturday, February 9, 8:30 AM

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.

Religious School

Sunday, February 10, 9:45 AM – 12:00 NOON

Takiff Center (999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe)

Sunday Morning Adult Education

Sunday, February 10, 10:35 AM – 12:00 NOON

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

Please join us as **Dr. David Shyovitz** returns to present the second of three sessions on "**The Outsider**." In pre-modern Europe, Jews were the consummate "outsiders": they lived in self-segregated communities, and their practices and beliefs differed from those of their non-Jewish neighbors. As such, they were often confined to the margins of Christian society, were regarded with suspicion and antipathy, and were frequently subjected to discrimination and persecution. But pre-modern Jewish communities were themselves hardly homogeneous or socially undifferentiated. "Marginalized" Jewish communities had margins of their own, and in this series, we will examine the criminals, physically and mentally ill individuals, and other socially disadvantaged groups who occupied tenuous positions within Jewish society. How did Jewish traditions and values contribute to, or help mitigate, societal boundaries and hierarchies? What lessons--about social boundaries, religious tolerance, or communal ethics--might we learn from the Jewish past that can inform the tensions and debates of the Jewish present?

Dr. David Shyovitz is Associate Professor of History at Northwestern University, & has a joint appointment at the Crown Center for Jewish & Israel Studies. His research & teaching focus on pre-modern Jewish cultural & intellectual history, with a particular emphasis on Jewish-Christian relations. He is the author of the recently published book A Remembrance of His Wonders: Nature and the Supernatural in Medieval Ashkenaz.

Join us for a Violin Recital THIS SUNDAY

Hakafa's Kadima Group invites the entire Congregation to an afternoon violin recital with Hakafa member and violinist, **Henry Criz**, along with pianist **Neil Posner** on **Sunday, February 10** at **2:00 PM** at the **Highland Park Community House** (1991 Sheridan Road, Highland Park). Music will include sonatas by Beethoven, Brahms, and Mozart. A dessert reception will follow the recital. Mark your calendars now and don't miss this wonderful event!

***Henry Criz** (He played Kol Nidre at Hakafa's Yom Kippur Service this year.) 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.*

***Neil Posner, Esq.** has played piano since he was 5 and performed on and off-Broadway, at Lincoln Center and Carnegie Hall. He owned a successful Los Angeles recording studio but changed careers to law after 40. He is now chair of the insurance coverage group at the law firm of Much, Shelist, although he continues to perform publicly a few times a year.*

Midrash Class

Tuesday, February 12, 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, February 12, 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, February 12, 4:15-6:00 PM

Takiff Center (999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe)

Tuesday Evening Torah Study

Tuesday, February 12, 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.

Help Support Refugees

The refugees that Hakafa is supporting are doing amazingly well and have achieved a lot in a short time, but it still isn't easy. As the new year and new challenges arrive for each of the refugees, as they struggle to make ends meet, **we are asking for small donations to help them buy necessities that they can't afford on their own.**

Please make any donations payable to "Rabbi Elder's Discretionary Fund," and put "Refugees" on the memo line of your check. Donations can be mailed to: Congregation Hakafa, P.O. Box 409, Glencoe, IL 60022.

Birthright Summer 2019 FREE Israel Trip Opportunity for 18-32 Year Olds

Registration for the Summer 2019 Taglit-Birthright Israel trips opened last

Monday! Summer trips are offered in May, June, July, August, and September. If you are eligible for the Taglit-Birthright Israel program and are interested in a Birthright trip, you can now sign up at www.birthrightisrael.com. Eligibility criteria are:

- Jewish young adults who are 18-26 years of age and who have not participated on an educational trip to Israel since they turned 18 nor lived in Israel past the age of 12.
- **Birthright now also offers trips with *limited availability* for 27-32 year olds.**

There are many different Birthright trip organizers. Trip Organizers are tour companies/organizations that have been accredited by Birthright Israel to run trips. Each has a unique approach and perspective on how to introduce and show Israel to you. At the same time, there is a core program with several themes that are common to all trips. **Shorashim** is one of the trip organizers. If you would like to travel on a Shorashim Birthright trip, their direct application link is www.israelwithisraelis.com/go, and ***Rona can put you on a priority list with Shorashim if you let her know you are interested.***

If you have any questions, or if you would like trip recommendations, please contact Rona (admin@hakafa.org or 847-242-0687).

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>

Condolences to:

Michael Rosen and family on the loss of his mother, Renee Pastor

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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.*