

Hakafa High School Leadership Development Program: **Becoming a Jewish Adult** **2018-2019**

This will be the third year of our NEW program/curriculum for Hakafa students in high school (9th – 12th grades). It was developed in order to help our students gain knowledge and skills as community leaders while they grow into Jewish adulthood and become active, voting members of our congregation.

Structure Highlights:

- Classes for 9th through 11th grades meet (by grade) four times a year on Sunday late afternoons, and incorporate dinner, in place of weekly classes.
- Students participate in three social action and/or community projects/outings.
- There is a special program for 12th graders that culminates with Confirmation.
- High Schoolers do not attend school on Sunday mornings (unless they choose to work at Religious School).

Curriculum Highlights:

- Social action/community projects are incorporated into the curriculum.
- Jewish educational trips out-of-town are open to all registered high school students.
- The 12th grade curriculum focuses on Confirmation and Jewish life after high school.
- Emphasis is placed on encouraging students who are 16 years old and over to participate in our Congregation Meetings with the goal of becoming active, voting members.
- Members of our Senior Staff, Rabbi Elder and Bibi Patt, along with Sarah Chiren and Joe Greenberg teach the four grades.

New This Year:

- We have added a kick-off BBQ to build community among our students and kick off the academic program for the year.

Program Staff:

Bruce Elder, Rabbi

Bibi Patt, Director of Education

Sarah Chiren, Long-time Hakafa Teacher

Joe Greenberg, Hakafa Member and Volunteer Teacher

Rona Elder, Administrator

Kick-Off BBQ:

All 9th-12th grade students will spend a fun Saturday afternoon/evening together building community and kicking off our high school academic program for the year.

2018-19 Kick-Off BBQ Date: Saturday, September 15, 2018, 5:00-7:00 PM
at Crow Island Woods Park in Winnetka

Service Corps Projects:

All (9th -12th grades) Hakafa high school students will come together three times throughout the year to do social action projects and community work within our Hakafa community as well as in the greater Chicago area. Specific times (TBA) will vary depending on the project.

2018-19 Dates:

Sunday, November 4, 2018 (noon) – *Freedom Song* Performance and Discussion

Saturday, January 12, 2019 (morning) – Help sort and pack food at the *Northern Illinois Food Bank*

Saturday, April 13, 2019 (evening) - TENTATIVE – Prepare and Serve Dinner for *Family Promise*

9th-11th Grade Class Sessions:

Students will meet at the North Shore United Methodist Church by grade level 4 times throughout the year **on Sunday afternoons from 4:00-6:15 PM** for class sessions with our staff. Classes will be taught by Rabbi Elder and Joe Greenberg (11th Grade), Bibi Patt (10th Grade), and Sarah Chiren (9th Grade). **Dinner will be included.**

Curriculum:

9th Grade: *The Jew and the Self* - Judaism is a personal religion, and every Jew is unique. Our 9th graders will define what makes each of us uniquely Jewish. We will explore our individual relationships with God, Torah, and prayer and identify who or what it is that commands our beliefs and guides our values.

10th Grade: *The Jew Beyond the Self* – The individual lives within the realm of family and the relationships s/he develops with others over time; how Jews practice their Judaism is largely a reflection of the environment in which they are raised and the circles in which they travel. This year will explore Judaism through the lens of family and relationships. What, exactly, is family, and how does it define us? How does one make responsible, healthy decisions about relationships, especially during teenage years, and what does Judaism have to say about it?

11th Grade: *The Jew and the Greater Community* - It is no mistake that Jewish prayer is in the plural, for community has always been the backbone of Jewish existence. For Judaism to thrive, it must have an active, committed community that comes together to experience and express its unique Jewish perspective. This year will ask the question: "What is a Jew in the eyes of the greater Jewish community and beyond?" We will learn about other streams of Judaism and our relationship to them. And, we will explore other faith traditions and compare them with our own (see additional dates below).

2018-19 Class Sessions:

October 21, 2018
December 9, 2018
March 10, 2019
May 5, 2019

11th Grade Comparative Religions Field Trips:

Our 11th graders do a comparative religions study as part of their curriculum. In order to fully explore the other religions, the 11th graders take trips to visit other houses of worship. Therefore, in addition to the class sessions and hands-on social action opportunities mentioned above, our 11th grade students are expected to attend these trips to different houses of worship.

2018-19 Additional Dates:

Saturday, November 10, 2018 – Visit: Willow Creek Community Church (approx. 4:15-8:00 PM)
Sunday, January 27, 2019 – Visit: St. Sabina Catholic Church (approx. 10:15 AM-2:00 PM)
Sunday, March 17, 2019 – Visit: Sikh Temple (approx. 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM)
Sunday, April 28, 2019 – Visit: Buddhist Temple (approx. 9:15 AM – 12:45 PM)

Educational Trip / Jewish Roots Exploration:

Each year, all (9th-12th grades) high school students will have the opportunity to participate in an educational, out-of-town trip (trips will be partially subsidized) with Rabbi Elder and staff. *The trip will be available to those who have attended classes and participated in the service corps projects.*

2018-19:

February 3, 2019 – 12:00-1:00 PM: Trip Planning Session for Students (including lunch)
February 15-18, 2019: The Jewish South

Future Trips: 2019-20: Poland (Exact dates TBD)

2020-21: L'Taken Social Justice Seminar in Washington, D.C. (Exact dates TBD)

2021-22: Jewish New York (Exact dates TBD)

High School Seniors – Confirmation Students:

Our seniors are invited to join our other Hakafa high school students for the kick-off BBQ, three Service Corps projects, and our Educational Trip.

In addition, our 12th Grade program consists of both Confirmation Classes/Prep Meetings and participation in two senior-specific workshops.

Confirmation:

Our 12th graders will be confirmed at the end of their senior year. Students will have two Confirmation Class sessions with Rabbi Elder and two meetings to prepare for the Confirmation Ceremony. A parent/student meeting to plan for Confirmation will take place during first of the two meetings.

Senior Workshops:

We recognize that the senior year is a time of transition. As such, 12th graders will also participate in the following two, senior-specific workshops with Rabbi Elder, Bibi Patt, and staff from Metro Chicago Hillel:

Workshop I: What does it mean to be Jewish post high school?

Some of the topics to be covered include: As a Jewish student, what should I look for in a college? Are there meaningful Jewish gap-year opportunities? How do I take what I have experienced at Hakafa beyond our congregational “walls”?

Workshop II: Jewish Life on a College Campus - Shabbat Dinner and program at Loyola’s Hillel

Some of the topics to be covered include: Jewish life on campus; Being confronted with Anti-Semitism on campus; The difference between Anti-Zionism and Anti-Semitism on campus and in our current society.

2018-19 Confirmation (12th Grade) Class Dates:

Sunday, October 28, 2018 (3:00-6:30 PM) – Senior Workshop I

Sunday, December 2, 2018 (2:00-3:30 PM) – Confirmation Class I

Sunday, March 17, 2019 (3:00-4:30 PM) – Confirmation Class II

Friday, May 3, 2019 (5:00-9:00 PM) – Senior Workshop II

Wednesday, May 15, 2019 (7:00-8:30 PM) – Confirmation Service Prep I and
Parent/Student Meeting (7:00-7:30 PM)

Thursday, May 30, 2019 (5:00-7:00 PM) – Confirmation Service Prep II & Dinner with Rabbi Elder

Friday, June 7, 2019 – Confirmation Service and Ceremony (7:30 PM)

Please Note: The expectation is full participation throughout the year as a requisite for Confirmation.

Sunday School Assistant Teacher Opportunity:

Beginning in 9th grade, all high school students are invited to work as Assistant Teachers on Sunday mornings and/or Tuesday afternoons in our Religious and Hebrew School. The first year as an Assistant Teacher is a volunteer year. After that, it is a paid position. If you are interested in being a Sunday School Assistant Teacher, please let Bibi know ASAP (education@hakafa.org or 847-650-7720).

<u>9th Grade</u>	<u>10th Grade</u>	<u>11th Grade</u>	<u>12th Grade</u>
Kick-Off BBQ			
Teen Service Corps – 3 projects per year			
Educational Trip out of Town (1 trip per year) + 1 trip prep planning session per year			
4 class sessions	4 class sessions	4 class sessions	2 Confirmation Class sessions
		4 Visits to Different Houses of Worship	2 Confirmation Service Prep Meetings
			2 Senior-Specific Workshops regarding Jewish life after high school

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2018-19 Dates by Grade Level

9th Grade:

Saturday, September 15, 2018 (5:00-7:00 PM) – High School Program Kick-Off BBQ

Sunday, October 21, 2018 (4:00-6:15 PM) – Freshman Class Session I

Sunday, November 4, 2018 (12:00-2:00 PM) – Service Corps Project I: *Freedom Song* Performance and Follow-Up Discussion with all of Hakafa's high school students and other Jewish teens from the North Shore

Sunday, December 9, 2018 (4:00-6:15 PM) – Freshman Class Session II

Saturday, January 12, 2019 (8:30 AM-12:30 PM) – Service Corps Project II: Help sort and pack food at the *Northern Illinois Food Bank* with all of Hakafa's high school students.

Sunday, February 3, 2019 (12:00-1:00 PM) – Trip Planning Session (including lunch)

February 15-18, 2019 – Educational Trip to the Jewish South

Sunday, March 10, 2019 (4:00-6:15 PM) – Freshman Class Session III

Saturday, April 13, 2019 (evening) – Service Corps Project III: Prepare and Serve Dinner for *Family Promise* with all of Hakafa's high school students

Sunday, May 5, 2019 (4:00-6:15 PM) – Freshman Class Session IV

10th Grade:

Saturday, September 15, 2018 (5:00-7:00 PM) – High School Program Kick-Off BBQ

Sunday, October 21, 2018 (4:00-6:15 PM) – Sophomore Class Session I

Sunday, November 4, 2018 (12:00-2:00 PM) – Service Corps Project I: *Freedom Song* Performance and Follow-Up Discussion with all of Hakafa's high school students and other Jewish teens from the North Shore

Sunday, December 9, 2018 (4:00-6:15 PM) – Sophomore Class Session II

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11th Grade:

Saturday, September 15, 2018 (5:00-7:00 PM) – High School Program Kick-Off BBQ

Sunday, October 21, 2018 (4:00-6:15 PM) – Junior Class Session I

Sunday, November 4, 2018 (12:00-2:00 PM) – Service Corps Project I: *Freedom Song* Performance and Follow-Up Discussion with all of Hakafa's high school students and other Jewish teens from the North Shore

Saturday, November 10, 2018 – Visit: Willow Creek Community Church (approx. 4:15-8:00 PM)

Sunday, December 9, 2018 (4:00-6:15 PM) – Junior Class Session II

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