

Hakafa Weekly Announcements

Week of March 13, 2019

CELEBRATE PURIM WITH HAKAFA ON MARCH 20!

Wednesday, March 20, 6:30 PM

Winnetka Community House (620 Lincoln Avenue, Winnetka)

Please join us NEXT Wednesday (March 20) as we read from the Megilla and nosh some hamentashen! We've heard it from the Grammys, through the grapevine, leaving on a jet plane, in a yellow submarine, amidst the sounds of silence, wishing upon a star, with all our heart and soul, under a disco ball, on the television, through the painful 80's, with Glee, on Broadway, and more. **This year? You'll need some "Elbow Room" to figure it out....**

Stay after the Megilla reading and dare to be judged by Haman and Esther as you sing your favorite karaoke tunes. Who will become this year's Shushan Idol?

There will be **hamentashen for everyone** and **free prizes for anyone wearing a costume!**

Wednesday Afternoon Torah Study

Wednesday, March 13, 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.

Nosh & Know on the North Shore

Thursday, March 14, 9:00 AM

Home of Cookie Robertson (211 Dennis Lane, Glencoe)

Please join us for a lively conversation with Rabbi Elder! New participants are always welcome.

Bylaws Vote at March Congregation Meeting - THIS FRIDAY

Friday, March 15, 6:15 PM

Winnetka Community House (620 Lincoln Avenue, Winnetka)

Please come to our next Congregation Meeting immediately before Shabbat Services this Friday. All members are welcome, so please attend, add your voice, and share your ideas. **At this meeting, the 2019-2020 slate of officers will be announced, and we will vote on an amendment to Hakafa's bylaws that has been proposed regarding the election of our officers.** If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Goodman (president@hakafa.org or 847-564-3273).

Shabbat Service

Friday, March 15, 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, March 16, 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.

Film Group

Saturday, March 16, 7:00 PM

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

Please join us this Saturday evening when we screen ***Disobedience***. This film, based on Naomi Alderman's book, takes place in a North London ultra-Orthodox community. Ronit left the Orthodox community to be a professional photographer in New York City. She never communicated with her father or others until she is notified of her father's (the Rabbi's) death. Her return for the funeral leads to an exploration of a transgression years before. The film provides an intimate examination of personal faith, free will, forbidden love, and familial relationships. We're happy to have **Stan Selinger**, a clinical psychologist and family therapist, present this thought-provoking movie.

Come for dinner at 6:00 PM! We'll be ordering pizza from Little Red Hen, so please R.S.V.P. to Carol McCardell (mcsolomon@comcast.net or 847-727-0029) for dinner (\$5 per person). Or, simply come for the movie at 7:00. Feel free to bring friends, family, beverages, salad (especially welcome), or a nosh, **but please no popcorn.**

Religious School

Sunday, March 17, 9:45 AM – 12:00 NOON

Takiff Center (999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe)

Sunday Morning Adult Education

Sunday, March 17, 10:35 AM – 12:00 NOON

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

All Hakafa adults are invited to join us this Sunday as we welcome **Rev. Mitchell Brown** who will present the first of two sessions on the ***Seven Types of Atheism***. What type of atheist are you? In any kind of traditional sense, we are all atheists today. This two-part class will look at John Gray's *Seven Types of Atheism*. The book offers a useful starting point for discussing what it means to believe in God in a world dominated and defined by Science.

Rev. Brown encourages us to read the book, *Seven Types of Atheism*, but it is not required for appreciation of his class. **Part II of this class will take place on Sunday, April 7.**

***Mitchell Brown** is the pastor of the Evanston Mennonite Church and an expert on the theology and history of early Christianity and how it emerged out of Judaism.*

DATE CHANGE: B'nai Mitzvah Workshop Moved to April 7

Please note that the B'nai Mitzvah Workshop originally scheduled for this Sunday has been moved to **Sunday, April 7 at 12:15 PM** at the **Takiff Center** (999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe).

Confirmation Class (12th Grade) Parent/Student Meeting and Service Prep Session

Sunday, March 17

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

3:00-3:30 PM – Parent and Student Meeting

3:30-4:30 PM – Service Prep (students only)

Kadima Spring Potluck THIS SUNDAY

Sunday, March 17, 4:30 PM

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

Kadima's mid-year pot luck is THIS Sunday! We'll have the ever-popular "Ask the Rabbi" with our own **Rabbi Bruce Elder**. There must be a question you always wanted to ask a rabbi, and this is your chance!

It's not too late to join the fun! **Please RSVP to Betsy Hersher**

(hersherb@hersher.com or 847-945-5974) **or Sharon Gutan** (Gutan627@comcast.net or 847-256-0638).

Midrash Class

Tuesday, March 19, 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.

Mishneh Torah Class

Tuesday, March 19, 10:30 AM

Home of Allison Blakley Davis & Kenneth Davis (2940 Moon Hill Dr, Northbrook)

Are you interested in studying *Halacha* (Jewish law)? If so, please join us for our next Mishneh Torah class with Rabbi Elder.

Hebrew School

Tuesday, March 19, 4:15-6:00 PM

Takiff Center (999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe)

Tuesday Evening Torah Study

Tuesday, March 19, 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.

Volunteers Needed to Help with Family Promise – April 7-14

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 **April 7-14. 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), for more details. **To sign up, go to:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c084baba72da20-april>

SAVE THE DATE: Hakafa's Art Fest 4

Sunday, April 14, 2:00-4:30 PM

Winnetka Community House (620 Lincoln Avenue, Winnetka)

Bring friends and family to celebrate the arts at Hakafa's fourth Art Fest - a showcase of our many talented congregation members!

2:00 PM - More than a dozen Hakafa visual artists will display and discuss their work.

2:45 PM - Performers will present an eclectic mix of musical genres as well as a poetry reading.

The afternoon will end with a dessert reception.

Volunteers are needed to bring desserts for the reception and to help with set-up and clean-up. If you can help, please contact Betsy Hersher (847-945-5974 or hersherb@hersher.com).

We are looking forward to sharing a wonderful afternoon of art with you!

Hakafa Serves Breakfast at The Crib (The Night Ministry) – Volunteers Wanted

Once again, Hakafa will be serving breakfast at **The Crib** - The Night Ministry's LGBTQ shelter in Uptown on **Sunday mornings, April 21 and June 16**. We are looking for two to four volunteers, age 25 and older, to assist in bringing and serving breakfast from **7:00 to 9:00 AM** in **Uptown** on these Sundays. Please contact Barb Scott (bams457@gmail.com or 847-707- 5795) to sign up to help.

Refugee Sponsorship Update

It has been a great few weeks for our refugee families. Emma and Ambrose, both from Uganda, have landed new jobs - hired by Heartland Alliance to be Case Workers assisting new refugees with resettlement and medical issues. This is work that they both performed back in Kenya and are excited to return to, as these jobs are a clear step in a better life in the U.S. This is a great opportunity for both to do rewarding resettlement work.

Our newest family, Franik and Dzina, who arrived from Belarus in December, have adjusted quickly. Franik, who was a truck driver in Belarus, has his driver's license and is attending classes to obtain a CDL (Commercial Driver's License) so he can return to working as a truck driver. Dzina has a driver's permit and is continuing to take English classes. Their daughter, Eva, just turned four. They are in the process of enrolling her at preschool at the JCC on Touhy.

Finally, Efrata Ghetu Danial, the first of our refugee children to be born in the U.S., just turned 2! Her family hosted a party which included some of the many friends they have made in the 2.5 years in the U.S. Mom and Dad have improved their English and have a wonderful team of Hakafa mentors for support.

Thank you each of you who have supported Hakafa families!

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>

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.*