

# **HAKAFA WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **WEEK OF MARCH 7, 2018**

### **PASSOVER 5778**

This year, Passover begins with the first seder on Friday, March 30. If you'd like to join us for our second night Passover Seder on Saturday, March 31, or if you would like to send a Passover Care Package to your undergrad, please see the links below and **NOTE THE DEADLINES:**

#### **Passover Boxes for College Students - ORDERS DUE THIS FRIDAY, MARCH 9!**

Send a care package to your undergrad at Passover this year! Members of the Hakafa community will prepare and mail boxes (which will include items like matzah, candy, snacks, etc.). This reminds our college undergrads that they are an important part of our Hakafa family and that we are thinking of them.

#### **Orders must be placed by March 9.**

To order a care package online, go to:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc9DKnSs9XYbyxqdBwsPt9x0WVMsPS2Ma72kla9mvUkHtlzTg/viewform>

If you prefer to fill out a paper order form, it can be found at the following link on the Hakafa website:

[https://hakafa.org/sites/hakafa.org/files/uploaded\\_images/2018%20Passover%20Boxes%20for%20College%20Students.pdf](https://hakafa.org/sites/hakafa.org/files/uploaded_images/2018%20Passover%20Boxes%20for%20College%20Students.pdf)

Please contact Karen Berman (847-251-1339 or [k.lieberman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:k.lieberman@sbcglobal.net)) with any questions.

#### **Congregational Passover Seder – RESERVATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 16!**

Our congregation will be hosting its annual second-night Passover Seder on **Saturday, March 31** at **6:00 PM** at the **Winnetka Community House** (620 Lincoln Avenue, Winnetka). This is always a very festive and memorable event. Members and their guests are cordially invited to attend. Expect delicious food, lively music, and wonderful companionship.

#### **Reservations must be made by March 16.**

To make a reservation online, go to:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf5wgFEUwjEKj1FJGxjjZVZ\\_NoobNlqxGtDnfFJAixcPF-Mgg/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf5wgFEUwjEKj1FJGxjjZVZ_NoobNlqxGtDnfFJAixcPF-Mgg/viewform)

If you prefer to fill out a paper reservation form, it can be found at the following link on the Hakafa website:

[https://hakafa.org/sites/hakafa.org/files/uploaded\\_images/2018%20Congregational%20Seder%20Flyer.pdf](https://hakafa.org/sites/hakafa.org/files/uploaded_images/2018%20Congregational%20Seder%20Flyer.pdf)

Please contact Amy Acri ([iacri3@comcast.net](mailto:iacri3@comcast.net) or 847-501-4813) with any questions.

### **Maot Chitim with Special Opportunity for Delivering to Hakafa's Refugee Families this year!**

Please join Hakafa members and others in the Chicagoland Jewish community in **delivering boxes of Passover food and other necessities** to Jewish families in need on **Sunday morning, March 25**. Box pick-up at the **warehouse** (7100 North McCormick Blvd, Lincolnwood) will begin at **9:00 AM**. Come with your car (especially large cars and vans) and families! **No pre-registration is required to deliver Passover food boxes**. Just leave plenty of room in your vehicle and empty your trunk. If you have any questions, please contact Hakafa member, Carol Anne Been ([cabeen120@gmail.com](mailto:cabeen120@gmail.com) or 847-309-3677).

- ▶ **SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY THIS YEAR:** Maot Chitim generously donated Passover meals to our refugees who live in Skokie, Evanston, and the north side of the city. **If you would like to help deliver meals to Hakafa's refugee families on Sunday, March 25, please contact Allison Stein** ([ajzstein@gmail.com](mailto:ajzstein@gmail.com)). This is a great opportunity to meet our families!

### **Seder for the Robineau Residents**

Hakafa will again lead a Passover Seder for the residents of Robineau, a CJE SeniorLife Residence at **7550 N. Kostner Avenue in Skokie**. The Robineau Seder will begin promptly at **3:30 PM** on **Saturday, March 31**. The seniors really appreciate our friendship. If you would like to participate and/or if you have any questions, contact Hakafa member, Don Pollak ([donpollak@me.com](mailto:donpollak@me.com) or 847-256-7445).

### **Hakafa Community Biyur Chametz**

On the evening before Passover, it is customary to make a formal search of one's home for any remaining *chametz* (leavened bread) which is then to be burned in a special fire. This act of burning chametz is called *Biyur Chametz*. Again this year, we are holding a Hakafa Community Biyur Chametz. Anyone who would like to come and toss into our pit fire a symbolic crumb of bread or two - either one found in your home or extras we will have with us - should join us on **Thursday, March 29** anytime between **6:00 and 8:00 PM** at **Crow Island Woods Park** (1140 Willow Road, Winnetka). Help us prepare for Passover, and bring your *chametz* to add to the fire!

*Location and Parking: Crow Island Woods Park lies directly west of Crow Island School on Willow Road in Winnetka. Parking is available in the center of the park via a gravel road off of Willow Road. A picnic shelter with restrooms and stone fellowship circle/fire pit is located just south of the parking area.*

### **Wednesday Afternoon Torah Study**

**Wednesday, March 7, 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.

### **Hebrew Circle**

**Thursday, March 8, 10:30 AM**

**Office of Brad Reiff (332 S. Michigan Avenue, 13<sup>th</sup> 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 conversation in Hebrew with Rabbi Elder! New participants are welcome.

### Lunch & Learn in the Loop

**Thursday, March 8, noon**

**Office of Sam Goldman (333 N. Michigan Avenue, Suite 602, Chicago)**

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

### Ending-Homelessness Initiative – Guest Speaker

**Thursday, March 8, 4:30 PM**

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

Please join us as **David Goodwin, from The Night Ministry**, will be speaking about volunteer opportunities for our congregation. For more information, contact Barb Scott: [bams4@comcast.net](mailto:bams4@comcast.net).

*The Night Ministry is a Chicago-based organization that works to provide housing, health care, and human connection to members of the community struggling with poverty or homelessness. Through The Night Ministry's Health Outreach Bus, Youth Outreach Van, and Youth Shelter Network, each year they provide services to 5,200 adults, teens, pregnant and new moms who have nowhere else to go.*

### Please Come to our Next Congregation Meeting – THIS Friday, March 9

**Friday, March 9, 6:15 PM**

**Winnetka Community House (620 Lincoln Avenue, Winnetka)**

Our next congregational meeting will be held this **Friday** before our 7:30 PM Shabbat service. All members are welcome, as we each have a voice in how our congregation is run. **If you'd like an agenda for this meeting and minutes from the January 14 meeting emailed to you, please contact Rona ([admin@hakafa.org](mailto:admin@hakafa.org))**. At this meeting, we'll follow up on our social action initiatives, consider LGBTQIA+ inclusion efforts, announce the slate of 2018-19 officers, and more. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Goodman ([president@hakafa.org](mailto:president@hakafa.org) or 847-564-3273).

### Shabbat Service

**Friday, March 9, 7:30 PM**

**Winnetka Community House (620 Lincoln Avenue, Winnetka)**

Please join us for our weekly Shabbat Service and Oneg.

### Sunday Bagel Volunteers Needed

**Volunteers are needed to help with bagels on almost all of the remaining Sunday mornings this school year.** Volunteers spend 45 minutes (11:30 AM-12:15 PM) slicing bagels, putting them on platters, setting out cream cheese, cleaning up, and putting supplies away. If you can help out, please sign up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a45a8a928a13-congregation2> or contact Jennifer Braun ([jenniferwbraun1@icloud.com](mailto:jenniferwbraun1@icloud.com) or 847-220-1694). Thank you!

### Volunteers Needed to Bring Sunday Morning Coffee/Snacks

We are looking for volunteers to bring coffee and breakfast snacks for the adults **on many of the Sundays through the end of the school year**. If you can help out, please sign up at <http://tinyurl.com/coffee-on-sunday> or contact Daphna Neirick ([dneirick@gmail.com](mailto:dneirick@gmail.com) or 847-224-6325). Please note that Hakafa will reimburse you for a portion of the cost. Thank you!

### Religious School

**Sunday, March 11, 9:45 AM - 12:00 PM**

**Takiff Center (999 Green Bay Rd, Glencoe)**

## Sunday Morning Adult Educational Programming

Sunday, March 11, 10:35 AM to 12:00 NOON

Takiff Center (999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe)

### Study in Community Room 1:

#### ***Sabbatai Sevi: The Viral Messiah (Part II) with David Rieser***

Hakafa member, **David Rieser**, will teach the second of two sessions on **Sabbatai Sevi: The Viral Messiah**. In 1665, Rabbi Nathan of Gaza announced to the Jewish world that he had determined that Sabbatai Sevi, was the Messiah sent to redeem them. The news spread with incredible speed and within three months, Jews throughout Europe and the Middle East prepared for a Messianic Age by halting their business, selling their possessions and making plans to move to the Holy Land. The Ottoman rulers jailed Sabbatai and when that did not calm the excitement offered him the choice between converting to Islam and death. What happened next will shock you! Sabbatai's story is a fascinating and remarkably modern mix of faith and frenzy that spread rapidly along existing communication lines but mirrors movements in the internet age. We will discuss the historical setting, Sabbatai's rise, the Jewish world's excited reaction, what happened after he made his choice and how it impacts Jewish life today.

*David Rieser is a lawyer by profession and while he was always a history buff, his B'nai Mitzvah at Hakafa ten years ago sparked an apparently insatiable interest in Jewish history. He made the mistake of telling Rabbi Elder about some of his reading so this is now his ninth adult education discussion.*

### Discussion in the Community Hall:

#### ***Anti-Oppression Workshop II with Vickie R. Sides***

Join us for Part II of our conversation about anti-racism in today's context. We will again be joined by **Vickie R. Sides**, who will lead us in a dialogue about:

- The types of privilege we each experience daily, and how that ties to oppression for others (and vice versa).
- How to reflect on our role as Jews in understanding and addressing the legacy of racism in the U.S.

*Vickie R. Sides is originally from Benton Harbor, Michigan and has lived in the Chicagoland area most of her life. She currently serves as Director of Resources for Sexual Violence Prevention, a campus anti-violence program at the University of Chicago. She is the past Associate Director of Racial Justice and Activism at YWCA Metropolitan Chicago. Additionally, she has worked with Adult Education students at City Colleges to address barriers to retention in their educational pursuits. Vickie has spent the last twenty years working in various social justice movements, including the movement to end violence against women. She is dedicated to using education to advance an understanding of the connections between inequality and violence as central to that work. As an educator, she is committed to educating for social justice and to being active in movements for equality in both her professional and personal life. Vickie earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from Chicago State University. In addition, she holds a Master's degree in Social and Cultural Studies in Education and Human Development from DePaul University in Chicago, IL.*

### B'nai Mitzvah Workshop

**Sunday, March 11, 12:15 PM**

**Community Room 4 at the Takiff Center (999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe)**

The final workshop in Rabbi Elder's "Walk through the Shabbat Service" b'nai mitzvah service prep series will be held THIS Sunday. At that time, Rabbi Elder will break down the concluding part of the service, explaining themes and language. Also, there will be the opportunity to discuss music options for your service. If you have any questions, please contact Rabbi Elder.

### Help Us Create the Content of Hakafa's New Erev Rosh Hashanah Prayer Book

**Sunday, March 11, 2:30-4:00 PM**

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

We are beginning the process of writing our own prayer book for Hakafa's Rosh Hashanah evening service. **All Hakafa members who are interested in helping to work on the content of this prayer book are welcome and encouraged to join us.**

If you are interested in possible changes in the music for the Erev Rosh Hashanah service, plan to join us on Tuesday, March 27 from 5:45 to 7:00 PM.

Contact Brian Browdy (847-942-7318 or [brian.browdy@gmail.com](mailto:brian.browdy@gmail.com)) if interested and/or if you have any questions.

### Hebrew School

**Tuesday, March 13, 4:15-6:00 PM**

**Takiff Center (999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe)**

### Program: DACA and the Dreamers Act – RESERVATIONS DUE BY MARCH 11

**Wednesday, March 14, 7:00 PM**

**1601 Oakwood Avenue, Highland Park**

Please join us to hear from **Erendira "Ere" Rendon**, Director of National Partnerships at The Resurrection Project in Pilsen. Ere is a DACA immigrant from Oaxaca, Mexico and has played a leading role in the successful passage of pro-immigrant legislation in Illinois including Drivers' Licenses for the undocumented and the renewal of "All Kids." *We are presenting this program in partnership with the North Shore chapter of the NCJW (National Council of Jewish Women).*

Doors open at 7:00 PM, and the program begins at 7:30 PM.

**Seats are limited and must be reserved by March 11.** To reserve your seat, please contact Hakafa member, Peggy Slater ([peggyslater@msn.com](mailto:peggyslater@msn.com) or 630-287-1772) by March 11.

#### **NOTE ABOUT THE LOCATION:**

Building is located at the intersection of Oakwood and Walnut near the Highland Park train station. Buzzer entrance is in BACK of building at the guest parking lot. Select "Taymor-Dolinger" to enter. NCJW volunteers will guide you to the elevators for the 4th floor party room.

### **SAVE THE DATE: Join Hakafa at the “March for our Lives” Chicago**

Join Hakafa and thousands of others on **March 24** for the “March for Our Lives” Chicago. This march is in response to the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shooting in Parkland, Florida. It is a protest of the lack of gun control which has created an epidemic of gun violence. The March begins at 11:00 AM in Grant Park.

If you would like to go with Hakafa, Mark Kusatzky and Julie Campbell will be your contact people at the Linden El at 9:30 AM. We will all ride down together. More information regarding signs and purses, etc. will be given later. Please contact Mark at [Mkusatzky@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Mkusatzky@sbcglobal.net) or Julie at [Juliemarie9114@gmail.com](mailto:Juliemarie9114@gmail.com) if you want to go with the Hakafa group.

Any **HAKAFA TEENS** who would like to participate in the March as a group should contact Bibi ([education@hakafa.org](mailto:education@hakafa.org)) ASAP.

### **JCC Chicago Jewish Film Festival – March 2018**

The 5<sup>th</sup> annual JCC Chicago Jewish Film Festival will feature 31 films on screens at Arclight Cinemas and Cinemark Theaters across the city and suburbs, as well as the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center. The festival will span three weekends in March 2018: March 1-4; March 8-11; and March 15-18. Here is a link to the online schedule: <https://jccfilmfest.iccchicago.org/films-2018/> Tickets may be purchased through the JCC website or the theater box office.

### **Hakafa Annual Canoe Trip – Sign Up by March 30**

Are you the outdoors type? Do you like to canoe and camp? Have no prior experience but you want to try something new? If so, Hakafa’s summer Shabbaton is for you! Join us for gourmet dining and a community experience on the river **July 19-22, 2018**.

This year we will return to the Pine River Paddle Sports Center (PRPSC) in Wellston, MI where we will establish a base camp. PRPSC is privately owned and extremely well maintained. We have reserved a wooded site that provides ample space for a large group. We have potable water available in the site. A short walk from our campsite are bathrooms equipped with sinks, flush toilets and hot showers. At our planning meeting(s) we will divvy out meals responsibility - though we all help with meal preparation and clean-up. Children are welcome, but they must be strong swimmers.

Our itinerary is as follows:

- Arrive Thursday July 19 and set-up camp. Dinner at the Twin Creek Inn, a Northwood’s supper club at 7:00 PM.
- Friday July 20: Paddle the Menominee River.
- Saturday July 21: Paddle the Pine River.
- Sunday July 22: Paddle the Pierre Marquette River. Drive home.

Based on 2017 expenses, the cost per person for the campsite, canoes, and gratuities will be \$150.

So, we can pay our deposit to PRPSC, please send a check for \$100 per person made out to John Wolfson **by March 30** to: John Wolfson, 3232 Maple Leaf Drive, Glenview, IL 60026. **Deposits are refundable.**

We will have a **planning meeting** on **Sunday, June 3 at 7:00 PM** at the **North Shore United Methodist Church** (213 Hazel Avenue, Glencoe). Contact John Wolfson (847-344-9323 or [johnwolfson1952@gmail.com](mailto:johnwolfson1952@gmail.com)) with questions or ideas.

## Volunteers Needed to Help with Family Promise – April 15-22

**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 15-22. 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](mailto:peggysalamon@me.com)), for more details.

## Or Tzedek Summer Social Justice Program for Teens

**July 25 - August 5, 2018**

Or Tzedek is JCUA's (The Jewish Council on Urban Affairs) teen institute for social justice. Bringing together teens from across Chicagoland and beyond, Or Tzedek takes the value of *tikkun olam* (repairing the world) and dives deep. Participants will come away with an in depth understanding of Chicago's local issues, concrete tools to organize their communities for social change, and a closer relationship to Judaism in the real world. Teens live together and explore Chicago, take action on issues with local leaders and organizations, and engage in spiritual learning and Shabbat practice around justice. Or Tzedek is open to incoming and current high school students. Cost: \$1600. For more information and/or to register, go to: <https://jcu.org/youth-programming/teen-programs/or-tzedek/>

## One Congregation, One Book

Hakafa's book group will meet on **Sunday, April 29 at 10:35 AM** at the **Takiff Center** (999 Green Bay Road) to discuss ***The Secret Book of Kings* by Yochi Brandes**. This novel takes textual sources about the experiences of David and Solomon and spins a story about the foundation of the Kingdom of Israel. Ms. Brandes, one of Israel's best-selling authors, combined her skills as a novelist with her training in academic Jewish scholarship to create a novel that raises the question of what untold stories there may be when the available historical sources were written by the victors. Get your copy of the book now so that you can join the discussion on April 29<sup>th</sup>!

## Getting to Know the Refugees We Help Support

Over the last 2 years, Hakafa has helped close to 40 refugees! It is a lot to keep track of, so we are continuing to introduce/re-introduce you to some of our refugees.

Rosie and Reza came to the U.S. in December of 2016 with their three children: Zolfeghar, Zoya, and Zohal. Zolfeghar, who is a boy, is now 8 and his twin sisters are 4. Rosie and Reza - who married for love despite their families' wishes - fled Afghanistan by foot (with Zolfeghar on their backs) several years ago. They eventually arrived in Turkey where they lived for several years before arriving in the U.S. Both Rosie and Reza taught themselves English in Turkey by watching television. Rosie is now pursuing her GED and working part-time at a cafe near their Skokie home, and Reza works at the Waldorf. Reza knew how to drive in Turkey; he now has a license and a car. One of the challenges the family has faced is keeping their Muslim faith while adapting to the U.S. Rosie observes Ramadan but chose to stop wearing a head covering after she migrated here, a choice that is not common in the Afghan community. Rosie and Reza live in Skokie near Reza's brother, Mustafa, and his mother Maryam, whom Hakafa has also befriended. Rosie and Reza's journey has been eased by the friendship of Marcy and Mitch Cohen, Beth McCullough, Jennifer Braun, and Sherri and Jeff Rosenberg.

## **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>

## **Hakafa Kiva Update**

Team Hakafa Data - [https://www.kiva.org/team/congregation\\_hakafa/impact](https://www.kiva.org/team/congregation_hakafa/impact) - 32.5K Loaned, 41 Sharks, 69% female, looking for our 900th loan this week.

<https://www.kiva.org/lend/1465117> - Sarvaroy has five more days to raise \$375 to a total loan of \$925 to purchase an embroidery sewing machine to expand her business in Tajikistan

<https://www.kiva.org/lend/1465072> - Caroline has five days to raise \$275 (\$400 total loan) to expand her farming operation in Kenya.

<https://www.kiva.org/lend/1464845> - Jessika, 5 days to raise \$350 (\$500 total loan) to increase bread sales in El Salvador.

## **REAL ISRAEL**

OK all you vegans. 1500 of your brethren are gathering in Tel Aviv for the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Vegan Congress to be held March 8-9. Attendees will have the opportunity to listen to speakers coming from around the world.

Were you aware that 5 percent of Israelis identify themselves as vegan, and that Israel already has the most vegans per capita in the world. The vegan trend is growing, and Tel Aviv has become its plant-based center, with over 400 vegan-friendly kitchens. The produce of course is locally grown in this sun-kissed country, so that a tomato can be picked in the morning and served to customers that same evening.

The chefs prep for their day by visiting the *shuk* (market) as the sun rises, with scents of fresh peppers, watermelon, aubergine, and courgette fueling their creative juices.

The Tourism Ministry, in addition to promoting Israel as "Start-up Nation, is now promoting the country as "Vegan Nation."



-Bob Rifkin

Enjoy taking a virtual visit to a Shuk  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wsIM6HKjzEo>

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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](mailto: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](mailto:wilanskyl@comcast.net). Articles must be submitted by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to the newsletter's publication.