

# **HAKAFA WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **WEEK OF APRIL 10, 2019**

### **Hakafa's Art Fest 4 is THIS SUNDAY!**

**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 and a chance to view the visual art displays once again.**

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](mailto:hersherb@hersher.com)).

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

### **Wednesday Afternoon Torah Study**

**Wednesday, April 10, 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.

### **Shabbat Service – Student-Led Service**

**Friday, April 12, 7:30 PM**

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

On this Shabbat, our Religious/Hebrew School students will help lead the service. Services will be followed by an oneg hosted by our Religious/Hebrew School families.

### **Shabbat Morning Minyan – **NOTE NEW LOCATION****

**Saturday, April 13, 8:30 AM**

**Home of Leanne Star (314 Park Avenue, Wilmette)**

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.

### Maot Chitim Delivery Day

Hakafa's volunteer participation in the mitzvah of Maot Chitim (delivering meals to Jewish families in need) continues this Sunday. Volunteers are invited to **deliver packed boxes** to area Jewish homes on **THIS Sunday morning, April 14**. Box pick-up at the **warehouse located at 6137 Monroe Court in Morton Grove** will be between **9:15 and 10:45 AM (sign up for a time slot at this link: <https://calendly.com/jstoliar/driverpassover19>)**. Come with your car (especially large cars and vans) and families – and make sure to empty out your trunk!

### Help Children Undergoing Cancer Treatment at Lurie Children's Hospital

Hakafa member, **Kanoa Wean**, feels very passionately about helping kids who are going through a rough time. He is focusing his **bar mitzvah project** on helping Lurie Children's Hospital bring some light and joy to kid's lives as they are undergoing treatment by providing toys.

**Please consider donating a toy for child (all ages 18 months and up) at Lurie Children's Hospital.** Donations must be unopened and recently bought to avoid spreading of allergens to kids with suppressed immune systems. **Items can be brought to Religious School THIS Sunday, April 14.** If you have any questions, please contact Kanoa (847-256-6288).

### Religious School

**Sunday, April 14, 9:45 AM – 12:00 Noon**  
**Takiff Center (999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe)**

### Sunday Morning Adult Education

**Sunday, April 14, 10:35 AM – 12:00 NOON**  
**Takiff Center (999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe)**

**This Sunday, we will have two (2) Adult Ed options:**

#### **OPTION 1 in Community Room 1:**

**Ethan Bensinger** will screen and discuss his documentary, ***"REFUGE: Stories of the Selfhelp Home."*** The film provides eyewitness testimonies and explores the strength, character, perseverance, and resiliency of a group of Holocaust survivors residing at the Selfhelp Home in Chicago.

This last generation of victims of Nazi persecution, share a history of separation from family, place and of loss, but also of rebirth in America—the same story Ethan's family shares. His family's experience as refugees first in pre-state Palestine and then in the United States led Ethan to become an immigration lawyer, and for 25 years, Ethan served as the managing director of the Chicago office of a global immigration law firm. Upon his retirement from law, Ethan undertook a project to interview the last remaining survivors and refugees at the Selfhelp Home.

Since its premiere at the Illinois Holocaust Museum in June 2012, **REFUGE** has been screened widely at film festivals, museums, schools, libraries and

synagogues. Internationally, the film has been shown in London, Hong Kong, Zagreb, and throughout Germany. In November 2018, Ethan completed his fourth year of touring German schools with the film. **REFUGE** has been honored with the top award for excellence at the Beloit Film International Festival, as well as "Best Documentary" and "Best in Fest" awards at the Sycamore Film Festival, and the Emerging Documentary Filmmaker Award at the Geneva Film Festival. The film has also been broadcast for many years on PBS in commemoration of Yom HaShoah.

### **OPTION 2 in Community Room 2:**

**Brother Michael Gosch** will present about ***When You have No Choice: Narratives of Unaccompanied Youth Seeking Asylum in the United States.***

Why do children leave their homes, often in a rush, and travel to our border unaccompanied? What is the journey like? What happens to them when they arrive here and declare asylum? Join Brother Michael Gosch of Viator House as he tells us the stories of the young men in his life whom he has helped after they have reached our shores – young adults from Africa, Asia, South America, and other regions of the world. And, stay after his presentation to learn how we, at Hakafa, can help him in his endeavor.

*Brother Michael Gosch founded and co-directs Viator House, which offers a supportive environment to young immigrant men seeking asylum.*

### **Meeting About Hosting Asylum-Seeking Youth**

**Sunday, April 14, 12:15 PM**

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

Viator House needs our help. As sponsors of unaccompanied, asylum-seeking youth who turn eighteen while in detention, from time to time, they are granted sponsorship of a young adult but are waiting for a bed to open up in their facility. They need people to host a young adult for a few days – to bridge a gap for them, so to speak. This is short-term and legal. Without this help, the young adults are sent to an adult detention facility. In Illinois, these are often found in jails. Join Brother Michael Gosch of Viator House to learn more about how we can help.

### **Midrash Class**

**Tuesday, April 16, 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, April 16, 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, April 16, 4:15-6:00 PM**

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

### Tuesday Evening Torah Study

**Tuesday, April 16, 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.

### Robineau Seder – Volunteers Wanted

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, April 20**, and volunteers are needed to help lead it with other Hakafa members. *We will end in time for anyone who wants to attend the Hakafa seder to do so.* 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 847-922-9348).

### Hakafa Community Biyur Chametz – April 18

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, April 18** 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.*

### A Just Harvest

Good news! We have a NEW fried chicken provider for our monthly meal at A Just Harvest Community Kitchen. The Jewel/Osco in Gateway Plaza, 1763 Howard St., is a reliable, more affordable source and is getting rave reviews from A Just Harvest guests. **Volunteers needed! We need vegetables, salad and fruit on April 14, and there are many open spots on May 12, June 9, July 14 and August 11.** NO FINANCIAL OBLIGATION necessary! Hakafa is reimbursing full cost of the chicken, and servers are always needed. Questions? Contact Monique Parsons at [monique.parsons@gmail.com](mailto:monique.parsons@gmail.com). Sign up here: <http://tinyurl.com/a-just-harvest>

### Hakafa Annual Canoe Trip

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 18-21**.

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 at 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 meal responsibilities - 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 18, and set-up camp. Dinner at *Lakeside Charlies*, a Northwoods supper club, at 7:00 PM.
- Friday, July 19: Paddle the Menominee River.
- Saturday, July 20: Paddle the Pine River.
- Sunday, July 21: Paddle the Pierre Marquette River. Drive home.

Based on prior trip expenses, the cost per person for the campsite, canoes, and gratuities will be \$160. Scholarships are available. Please contact Rabbi Elder if a scholarship is needed.

So that we can pay our deposit to PRPSC, **please send a check for \$100 per person made out to John Wolfson by April 5**: John Wolfson, 3232 Maple Leaf Drive, Glenview, IL 60026. Deposits are refundable. Your final payment of \$60 per person is due **June 1**. We will schedule a planning meeting in early June. Information to follow. Contact John Wolfson (847-344-9323 or [johnwolfson1952@gmail.com](mailto:johnwolfson1952@gmail.com)) with questions.

### **Bike Drive - April 28**

Hakafa's Third Annual WorkingBikes.org Bike Drive 2019 will take place on **Sunday, April 28**, and this year, the Glencoe Interfaith Community will be joining us! Donation drop-off will be at the **Takiff Center** (999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe) from **8:30 AM to 3:30 PM**.

**We are looking for able-bodied volunteers** without any history of physical problems who would like to help us unload bikes from cars and/or load bikes into the truck. Contact Barb Scott ([bams4@comcast.net](mailto:bams4@comcast.net)) or Sara Hoffman ([saramax58@gmail.com](mailto:saramax58@gmail.com)) if you can help or for more information.

*Working Bikes rescues discarded bicycles and gives them new life by redistributing them as tools of empowerment in local and global communities.*

### **JCUA Passover Film Screening and Discussion on Resisting Spatial Violence**

**Sunday, April 28, 1:00-3:30 PM**

**KAM Isaiah Israel (1100 E. Hyde Park Boulevard, Chicago)**

All are invited to join Kol Or - the Jewish Council on Urban Affairs' (JCUA) Jews of Color Caucus - for a Passover film screening of ***Not In My Neighbourhood*** followed by a discussion with the film's co-producer, Najma Nuriddin. This award-winning documentary tells the intergenerational stories of ordinary citizens responding to the

policies and institutions driving spatial violence and gentrification in Cape Town, New York, and São Paulo. On Passover we move out of a narrow place of struggle towards a vision for a better world. Join JCUA as we come together to connect our struggles globally and talk about how we can fight for a city, and a world, in which all are free. To RSVP and for more information: [www.jcua.org/resisting-spatial-violence](http://www.jcua.org/resisting-spatial-violence).

### **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](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.

**Please note that these announcements are ALSO posted on the homepage of our website ([www.hakafa.org](http://www.hakafa.org)).** New announcements are posted each Wednesday. In addition, details and current information about all events listed in these announcements can be found on the website calendar and on various website pages.