

# HAKAFA WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

## WEEK OF APRIL 11, 2018

### Shabbat-in-the-Home – April 20

Every congregation member should have been invited to dine and share the evening at another member's home on **Friday, April 20**. We hope you will join us as we sing Shabbat songs, light Shabbat candles, share a delicious meal, enjoy interesting conversation, meet new friends, and reconnect with old ones. **Be sure to RSVP to the invitation**. And, if you have not received an invitation (by phone or email), please contact Debbie Fogel ([curleyfogel@yahoo.com](mailto:curleyfogel@yahoo.com) or 312-576-6775).

*PLEASE NOTE: There will be no Shabbat service at the Winnetka Community House on April 20.*

### Wednesday Afternoon Torah Study

**Wednesday, April 11, 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 13, 7:30 PM**

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

Please join us for our weekly Shabbat Service. On this Shabbat, our Religious School and Hebrew School students will help lead the service. Services will be followed by an oneg hosted by our students' families!

### Shabbat Morning Minyan – NOTE NEW LOCATION

**Saturday, April 14, 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.

### Film Group

**Saturday, April 14, 7:00 PM**

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

Join Hakafa's Film Group for this month's selection – **Defamation**. "There's no business like Shoah business." How big a problem is anti-Semitism at the present time? Are some Jewish organizations guilty of exploiting the fear of anti-Semitism to excuse misbehavior on the part of the state of Israel? Yoav Shamir, a young Israeli filmmaker, asks these questions in this provocative documentary that focuses on a group of Israeli teenagers who visit Nazi death camps. The film features Abraham Foxman, a childhood Holocaust survivor and head of the Anti-Defamation League, and Norman Finkelstein, who was forced to leave his faculty position at DePaul University in a controversy over his attacks on Israel and the uses of the Holocaust.

Come for dinner at 6:00 PM. We'll be ordering **Greek chicken and potatoes** from Little Red Hen, so please RSVP for dinner (\$5 per person) to Carol McCardell (847-727-0029 or [mcsolomon@comcast.net](mailto:mcsolomon@comcast.net)) by noon on April 14. Side dishes and salads are especially welcome contributions. Or, simply come for the movie at 7:00. Feel free to bring friends, family, and a nosh, but **no popcorn please!**

## Volunteers Needed to Help with Family Promise THIS WEEK - 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. **To sign up, go to:** <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c084baba72da20-signup>

## 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://tinyurl.com/bagels-on-sunday> or contact Jennifer Braun ([jenniferwbraun1@icloud.com](mailto:jenniferwbraun1@icloud.com) or 847-220-1694). Thank you!

## Religious School Resumes

**Sunday, April 15, 9:45 AM - 12:00 PM**  
Takiff Center (999 Green Bay Rd, Glencoe)

## Volunteers Needed to Bring Sunday Morning Coffee/Snacks

We are looking for volunteers to bring coffee and breakfast snacks for the adults **THIS SUNDAY and on most 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!

## Sunday Morning Adult Educational Programming

**Sunday, April 15, 10:35 AM to 12:00 NOON**  
Takiff Center (999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe)

### Study in Community Room 1:

#### ***Repairing the World: Jewish Artists in Chicago, 1915-45* with Dr. Susan Weininger**

There were many Jewish artists working in Chicago in the early part of the 20th century, most of them identified with the progressive and modernist styles of the avant-garde. While Jewish artists had their own groups, their own exhibition venues, and even a Jewish publisher who promoted their work actively, they were also integrated into the wider art community. They were disproportionately interested in issues of social justice in their work, addressing the core Jewish idea of *Tikkun Olam* (repairing the world) through their art.

*Dr. Susan Weininger is Professor Emerita of Art History at Roosevelt University. She has curated exhibitions, written extensively, and lectured on Chicago artists. She currently serves on the Board of the New Deal Center of Roosevelt University, the advisory Board of the Illinois Women Artists Project, and the exhibitions committee of the Illinois Holocaust Memorial and Education Center. She is a past president of Anshe Emet Synagogue and a docent at the Illinois Holocaust Memorial and Education Center.*

### **Discussion in the Community Hall:**

#### ***Parenting Workshop: Talking to Kids about Difficult Current Events with Tracey Kite***

Please join us for a discussion on Talking to Kids about Difficult Current Events. Being a parent these days can feel like an ongoing assault from different places – the unending needs of kids, and the incessant bad news: local, national and international. Another hurricane, bombing, or shooting. How much exposure do your children have to this information and how do you help yourself and your children make sense of it? Explore guidelines that will help you make thoughtful decisions about helping your kids, whatever their ages, grow up in a chaotic world.

*Tracey Kite, LCSW, is a member of the JCFS Parent Education Team and has been an educator and trainer for the JCFS (Jewish Child & Family Services) for over 22 years.*

### **Judaism and the Origins of Christianity in the 1st Century**

**Monday, April 16, 1:00-2:30 PM**

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

Please join us for the 2<sup>nd</sup> session of an 8-week course on ***Judaism and the Origins of Christianity in the 1st Century*** taught by Hakafa member, Dr. Audrey Gordon, and her colleague, Mary Ann Spina, retired Pastoral Associate at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Deerfield. We are co-sponsoring this course with the North Shore United Methodist Church, and the remaining class sessions will be held on **April 16, April 23, April 30, May 7, May 14, May 21, and June 4. Participants should plan to bring Bibles – both the Hebrew Bible and the New Testament.**

### **Midrash Class – NOTE DIFFERENT LOCATION THIS WEEK**

**Tuesday, April 17, 9:00-10:00 AM**

**Northfield Community Room at the Northfield Public Library (1785 Orchard Lane, Northfield)**

Join us to study *midrash* with Rabbi Elder. Midrash is the creative, interpretative process of the rabbis over generations.

### **Siddur Class – NOTE DIFFERENT LOCATION THIS WEEK**

**Tuesday, April 17, 10:15 AM**

**Northfield Community Room at the Northfield Public Library (1785 Orchard Lane, Northfield)**

How many of us know what our Hebrew prayers actually say? How many of us know what they mean? Join us for this class as we explore the Jewish prayer book with Rabbi Elder. We will look at prayers in Hebrew, translate them together, discuss their theology, and parse what they might mean for us today.

### **Hebrew School**

**Tuesday, April 17, 4:15-6:00 PM**

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

### **Tuesday Evening Torah Study – NOTE DIFFERENT LOCATION THIS WEEK**

**Tuesday, April 17, 7:30-8:45 PM**

**Home of Janet and Andrew Lubetkin (1356 Scott Avenue, Winnetka)**

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.

## Erev Rosh Hashanah Musical Selections Meeting

**Thursday, April 19, 5:30 PM**

**Deerfield Public Library (920 Waukegan Road, Deerfield) – in the 1<sup>st</sup> floor Board Room**

All Hakafa members who are interested in helping to work on musical selections for our Erev Rosh Hashanah service are welcome and encouraged to join us for this second meeting. 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.

## Hakafa Bike Drive – April 22

**BIKES NEEDED: Old or New! Working or Broken!** Hakafa's Second Annual [WorkingBikes.org](http://WorkingBikes.org) Bike Drive 2018 will take place on **EARTH DAY: Sunday, April 22!** Donation drop-off will again be at the **Takiff Center** (999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe) from **8:30 AM to 2:30 PM**. We are excited to announce that this year two other congregations, Am Shalom and North Shore Congregation Israel, will be joining us at the Takiff Center to help us donate and collect as many bikes as possible! Questions: Barb Scott ([bams4@comcast.net](mailto:bams4@comcast.net)) or Sara Hoffman ([saramax58@gmail.com](mailto:saramax58@gmail.com)).

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

## Invitation to Reform IL Public Launch

**Wednesday, April 25, 7:00-8:30 PM**

**Chicago Sinai Congregation (15 W. Delaware Place, Chicago)**

All Hakafa members are invited to the Public Launch of Reform IL. Reform IL, a project of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, is working to collectively organize the Jewish Reform movement and other interested Jews in the Chicagoland area and state-wide to build a more just and compassionate Land of Lincoln for all. With a focus on racial justice and immigrant and refugee rights, Reform IL is empowering synagogues and individuals to partner with diverse communities, impact local and state legislation, and do the work of *tikkun olam* (repairing the world) in our communities.

- Be in the room when clergy, lay leaders and youth from more than 25 synagogues across Illinois, joined by our diverse community of partners across faiths and backgrounds, commit to ensuring a more just and compassionate Land of Lincoln for all;
- Hear Rabbi Jonah Dov Pesner, Director of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, offer founding remarks for our statewide organizing initiative;
- Start making a difference immediately through our first issue campaign to make a direct impact on an urgent issue facing Illinois today;
- State and local officials are invited -- join us to demonstrate our power!

**RSVP required.** To RSVP and/or if you have any questions, contact Hakafa member, Donna Fishman ([donnafishman16@gmail.com](mailto:donnafishman16@gmail.com)).

## Refugee Sponsorship Update

### Welcome Baby Moke!

Mawazo Etando (Mrs. Moke) gave birth over the weekend to a healthy, beautiful baby girl, Kesia. The entire family is doing well and is thankful for the many kindnesses of Hakafa.

We can still use diapers, wipes, Similac, and Target gift cards. If you can help with any of these items, please contact Allison Stein at [ajzstein@gmail.com](mailto:ajzstein@gmail.com). Allison will be at Religious School at 10:15 on 4/22 if you can donate any of these items.

### [Getting to Know the Refugees We Help Support](#)

The Musas were our first family. Renovat, his wife, Faraha, and their four daughters arrived in January 2016 from a refugee camp in Zimbabwe. The volunteers who worked with them - Heather Ross, Sara Kurensky, Sally Nador and Nancy Goodman - quickly fell in love with the girls. We were all sad when the family decided to move to Rockford last spring. Heather and her family visited last week and the Musas are doing well. Both Renovat and Faraha are working and they are enjoying owning a house and car. The girls are doing well in school and the family has befriended another refugee family that lives nearby.

### [Volunteers Needed for A Just Harvest](#)

We still need volunteers to help bring and serve food at Hakafa's monthly commitment to *A Just Harvest*, a community kitchen in Chicago's Rogers Park neighborhood. You'll spend about 3-1/2 hours on a Sunday afternoon helping serve food to up to 300 guests. It's fun and a great cause. **Slots for June, July and August are open. Families, groups of friends, bar and bat mitzvah service projects -- all are welcome!** Learn more and sign-up at <http://tinyurl.com/a-just-harvest>. Contact Monique Parsons for any questions: [monique.parsons@gmail.com](mailto:monique.parsons@gmail.com).

### [EDEN Project at CJE SeniorLife Needs Volunteers](#)

CJE SeniorLife is initiating a new program in collaboration with Glenbrook Hospital. They are seeking volunteers who would be called to meet residents of Gidwitz and the Friend Center (CJE SeniorLife's senior living facilities in Deerfield) at the emergency room and provide companionship and support for them there. The goal is not to replace the role of family members, but to provide immediate and additional help as needed.

Some of their residents do not have local family and are being transferred to the ER unaccompanied - a very scary thought, especially for those with some level of dementia. If you are interested in getting trained and then agreeing to be available on a scheduled on-call basis, please contact Hakafa member, Laura Prohov ([Laura.Prohov@cje.net](mailto:Laura.Prohov@cje.net)).

### [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>!

### [Adult Retreat Reunion in Saugatuck](#)

Members of Hakafa who have been on adult retreats in the past will be visiting with Rabbi and Ruth Marx on the afternoon of **Saturday, May 5**. Though geared towards congregants who have been on an adult retreat in the past, this gathering is open to the entire congregation. If you are interested in attending, please contact Jonah Orlofsky ([jorlofsky@orlofski.com](mailto:jorlofsky@orlofski.com) or 847-835-3816).

We are looking into taking another day trip to visit Rabbi and Ruth Marx in the coming months. This will be a more general opportunity for Hakafa members to spend time with them. If you are interested, please let Rabbi Elder ([rabbi@hakafa.org](mailto:rabbi@hakafa.org) or 847-266-8854) know.

## **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>

## **Hakafa Kiva Update**

**Team Hakafa - Kiva - \$32.5K in loans, 904 loans originated - well done, Sharks!**

<https://www.kiva.org/lend/1504880> - Mumtaz in Pakistan is 14% funded; only seeking \$150 more to purchase the raw materials she needs for her shoe making business.

<https://www.kiva.org/lend/1505590> - Masseil in Nicaragua is 62% funded; seeking an additional \$150 to expand her grocery store offerings and start a variety store.

<https://www.kiva.org/lend/1505224> - Marie in Madagascar is 10% funded; she needs \$225 more to purchase charcoal for resale.

## **REAL ISRAEL**

Last week we talked about Israel's efforts to reach the moon by the end of this year (really). In case you missed it, *SpaceIL* was Israel's entry in the Google Lunar X Prize Moon Race. The first team to soft-land a privately funded, unmanned robot on the moon by March 31, 2018 would receive \$20 million. That prize expired without a winner. The Google Lunar X Prize Moon Race was established in 2007 to inspire innovators from around the world to develop low-cost methods of robotic space exploration. *SpaceIL* was the first of 16 competitors to sign a launch contract, and one of only five teams to proceed in the contest.

XPRIZE or not, *SpaceIL*, undeterred, is moving forward with its quest to land on the moon [this year](#).

Prof. Oded Aharonson of the Weizmann Institute of Science has helped the team determine where to land the spacecraft on the moon (Mare Serenitatis).

Engine and fuel tanks were recently integrated (we use space terminology when we can) into the spacecraft's body at IAI's space facility. Cameras were also integrated after passing a test which simulates space's extreme temperatures. *SpaceIL* has signed a contract for satellite communication services which will keep track of the location of the spacecraft on its journey to the moon.

Recently team members went to Cape Canaveral to begin coordinating with all the entities taking part in the launch, particularly SpaceX, the supplier of the rocket which will carry the module.

One of *SpaceIL*'s goals is to inspire Israel's youth to explore STEM subjects. The organization recently sponsored an activity at the Holon Technological Fair designed to challenge the creative thinking, spatial vision, and mathematical thinking of 30,000 Israeli ninth-graders.

-Bob Rifkin

Here's SpaceIL's latest video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G0JhbGq-dVk>

### **Condolences to...**

... Marc Pullman and family on the loss of his father, Jack Pullman.

... Larry Scott and family on the loss of his step-mother, Gloria Scott.

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- 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.