

HAKAFA WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEK OF MAY 15, 2019

CLASSES CANCELED THIS WEEK:

Wednesday Afternoon Torah Study AND Nosh & Know on the North Shore

Please note that both **today's Wednesday Afternoon Torah Study** and **tomorrow's Nosh and Know on the North Shore** have been canceled. *Wednesday Torah Study* will resume next Wednesday, May 22. *Nosh and Know* will meet next month on June 13.

Shabbat Service and Confirmation Ceremony

Friday, May 17, 7:00 PM – NOTE EARLY START TIME

Winnetka Community House (620 Lincoln Avenue, Winnetka)

The entire congregation is cordially invited to the Confirmation of our 12th grade students during this week's Shabbat Service. We congratulate our Confirmation Class of 5779 and their families: **Zoe Bendoff, Max Bickers, Becca Charen, Andrew Cohen, Hannah Greenberg, Abby Lambert, Jason McCauley, Becca Pollak, Jamie Rosenberg, Cally Tucker**. An oneg, hosted by the families of our Confirmation Class, will follow the service.

CANCELED: Film Group

We have cancelled Saturday evening's Film Group to allow for attendance at the shiva for Joy Elder that evening. *The Womens' Balcony* will be shown in the fall when the film group resumes. Please contact Carol McCardell (mccardellcarol@gmail.com or 847-727-0029) with any questions.

Last Day of Religious School

Sunday, May 19, 9:45 AM - 12:00 PM

Takiff Center (999 Green Bay Rd, Glencoe)

As the 2018-19 school year comes to a close, please plan to join us this Sunday for the last day of Religious School! **We will have a special schedule:**

- **9:45 AM**
We will start the morning with our final **Family Service** of the year, which will end a bit earlier than usual at 10:00 AM.
- **10:00 AM**
Students will go to **class**, and our **Congregation Annual Meeting** will also begin.
- **11:15 AM**
All **adults and students** will meet in the **Community Hall** for **Teacher Appreciation** and our annual **Congregation Friendship Circle**.
- **11:45 AM**
We will celebrate the end of another wonderful year with a **SUMMER KICK-OFF PICNIC** at the **grassy area behind the Takiff Center** (near Hebrew School pick-up/drop-off). All students/parents and all Hakafa adults will have the

opportunity to **eat, schmooze, and play games**. We also thought this would be a lovely opportunity for you to **invite your friends and family who might want to see what Hakafa is all about**. (*Guests are welcome to come for just the picnic or for the whole - or part of - the morning.*) We'll provide the **hot dogs, chips, and drinks!** And – as always – the **ice cream truck** will bring us treats! **We hope you will join us!**

Please Come to our Annual Meeting – THIS Sunday, May 19

Our annual meeting will be held **THIS Sunday, May 19** at **10:00 AM** (**note early start time**) in **Community Room 1** at the **Takiff Center** (999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe). All members are encouraged to attend. At this meeting we will vote on an amendment to Hakafa's bylaws regarding our dues structure. We will also elect our officers and vote on our budget for the 2019-20 year. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Goodman (president@hakafa.org or 847-564-3273).

Young Adults Brunch – THIS SUNDAY

Are you a 20- or 30-year-old? Do you live in Chicagoland? If you are a Hakafa member, you grew up at Hakafa, your family is a member, or you are connected to us somehow, we want to see you! Beginning eighteen months ago, we decided to get together every few months for nosh, discussion, and to get to know one another. Please join us on **Sunday, May 19** at **12:30 PM** at the **home of Katie and Eric Dublis** (2954 W. Irving Park Rd, Unit 2E, Chicago) for a potluck brunch. We will eat, schmooze, and reconnect with Rabbi Elder and with each other. **Contact Eric (ericdublis@gmail.com) or Katie (kettlinger@gmail.com) by May 15 with questions and/or to R.S.V.P.**

Midrash Class

Tuesday, May 21, 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, May 21, 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.

Tuesday Evening Torah Study

Tuesday, May 21, 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.

Lag BaOmer Bonfire NEXT THURSDAY – Please join the fun!

Thursday, May 23, 6:30-8:30 PM

Crow Island Woods Park (1140 Willow Road, Winnetka)

Join us for Hakafa's annual Lag BaOmer bonfire! You bring dinner, we'll provide the s'mores!

We are commanded by the Torah to count forty-nine days starting from the second day of Passover. On the fiftieth day, we celebrate the festival of Shavuot, commemorating the giving of the Torah. This 50-day period is called "Counting the Omer." The Omer was a barley offering brought to the Temple on the day we start counting, the second day of Passover. "Lag BaOmer" is the thirty-third day of counting the Omer. The word "Lag" means 33 because it is comprised of the letters "lamud" and "gimmel," corresponding to the numerical values of "30" and "3." In the time of Rabbi Akiva, who witnessed the destruction of the Second Temple and who was the greatest Torah Sage of his generation, 24,000 of his disciples died in an epidemic during the counting of the Omer. Since the epidemic was suspended on the 33rd day, Lag BaOmer has become a joyous day of celebration, complete with bonfires – especially in Israel.

So, come join us around the fire for dinner, singing, and dessert!

Seeking Volunteers: EDEN Program
(Emergency Department Eldercare Navigators)

Would you like to become a trusted guide for older adults with dementia in the Emergency Department? Emergency Department visits can be disruptive and take a damaging toll on older adults, especially those with dementia. EDEN volunteers provide a calming influence and improve communication during an Emergency Department visit. As an EDEN Volunteer you will provide the compassion, and we will provide FREE training in all of the following:

- Common health issues among older adults, with an emphasis on Alzheimer's Disease & Related Disorders
- Listening & communicating with patients & medical personnel
- Stress reduction techniques & applications for persons with Dementia
- A walking tour of Glenbrook Hospital's Emergency Department
- Confidentiality and Ethics

Training Date/Time: Wednesday, 5/29/19, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Training Location: Glenbrook Hospital Emergency Department

With questions or to RSVP for the Training: Contact Rachel Lessem at 773-508-1151 or rachel.lessem@cje.net.

SIGN UP NOW: Hakafa Annual Canoe Trip – July 18-21

This year we will return to the Pine River Paddle Sports Center (PRPSC) in Wellston, MI. 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. Children are welcome, but they must be strong swimmers. 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, please send a check ASAP for \$100 per person (made out to: John Wolfson), to him at: 3232 Maple Leaf Drive, Glenview, IL 60026. Deposits are refundable. The final payment of \$60 per person is due June 1.

We have scheduled a **PLANNING MEETING** on **Sunday, June 2 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) with questions.

A Just Harvest – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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! 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. Sign up here: <http://tinyurl.com/a-just-harvest>

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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.