

HAKAFA WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEK OF AUGUST 8, 2018

Membership Renewal and School Forms – DUE AUGUST 15

The 2018-19 Membership Renewal Packets (including the Dues Commitment Form, Religious/Hebrew School Form, and Volunteer Packet) were mailed/emailed last week to all current members for the new fiscal year. They can also be found posted on the Hakafa website (<https://hakafa.org/membership/membership-renewal>).

Please download, print, fill out the forms, and return them to the Hakafa office by August 15.

If you know of someone interested in learning more about Hakafa, please contact the Hakafa office (admin@hakafa.org or 847-242-0687) or Heather Ross (vicepresident@hakafa.org or 773-320-7179).

Contact our Dues Treasurer, Heather Harris (dues@hakafa.org or 847-530-5135), with questions about dues.

High Holiday Ticket Requests and Information

High Holiday information and ticket order forms were emailed/mailed yesterday. **Please fill out the 2-page ticket request form and mail it in by August 31.** The form and packet of information can also be accessed via our website at this link:

https://hakafa.org/sites/hakafa.org/files/uploaded_images/High%20Holiday%20Packet%202018.pdf

Please note that High Holiday tickets are offered to current members of Congregation Hakafa. Tickets will be mailed in September and once your 2018-19 dues commitment form has been received. If you have not already mailed in your Membership Renewal Materials, you can include your High Holiday Ticket Request Form with your Membership Renewal Materials.

If you prefer to receive a paper copy of the info packet/form in the mail, please contact Rona (admin@hakafa.org or 847-242-0687) ASAP so that it can be mailed to you.

Wednesday Afternoon Torah Study

Wednesday, August 8, 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, August 9, 10:30 AM

Office of Brad Reiff (332 S. Michigan Avenue, 13th 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 with Rabbi Elder all in Hebrew! New participants are welcome.

Lunch & Learn in the Loop

Thursday, August 9, 12:00 NOON

Office of Phil Zisook (225 W. Washington Street, Suite 1300, Chicago) – NOTE NEW SUITE

Bring your own lunch and join us for a lively conversation with Rabbi Elder! New participants are always welcome. ***Please note that Phil's office suite has moved to Suite 1300. It's in the same***

building as before but reached by a different elevator bank - now at the elevator bank at the north end of the building.

Shabbat Service

Friday, August 10, 7:30 PM

Winnetka Community House (620 Lincoln Avenue, Winnetka)

Please join us for weekly Shabbat Service. As always, an oneg will follow.

Midrash Class

Tuesday, August 14, 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, August 14, 10:15-11:15 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.

High Holiday Choir

Enthusiastic singers are needed to join our dedicated core for the High Holidays. To fill the sanctuary with sound, we are counting on several new members to join our forces. Our choir director, Ed Zelnis, is happy to help new members.

Yesterday was our first rehearsal, but if you are interested in singing with our High Holiday choir, please plan to attend the remaining five rehearsals on **Tuesdays, August 14, 21, 28 and September 4, 11**. All rehearsals take place **7:30 – 9:30 PM** at the **North Shore United Methodist Church (213 Hazel Avenue, Glencoe)**.

On this coming Tuesday, August 14, prior to the second rehearsal, join Rabbi Elder at 6:15 PM to get a better understanding of some of the songs/prayers that we sing. BYO dinner; drinks/dessert will be provided.

For more information and to have a book of music ready for you, please contact Jenny Patterson (jrpatterson1959@gmail.com / 312-217-0724) or Peggy Wise (pwise1401@gmail.com / 847-446-2079). Don't hesitate for a minute ... jump right in!

Tuesday Evening Torah Study

Tuesday, August 14, 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.

Summer Shabbat Service at the Beach – August 17

Friday, August 17

5:45 BYO Picnic Dinner & 7:00 PM Service (NOTE EARLY START TIME)

Elder Lane Beach, Winnetka (Sheridan Road at Elder Lane)

Bring a blanket and/or lawn chairs and join us for our last Shabbat Service at the Beach this summer! The service will be followed by a frozen treat oneg! **If you would like to join us for dinner before the service, bring a blanket/chairs and picnic for your family at 5:45 PM.** We will eat dinner at the park above the beach where there is a grassy area and a playground.

- Please note early start time for the service.
- *In case of rain, dinner will be cancelled, and our service will take place at the Winnetka Community House.*

Fifth Annual Kadima* Potluck Picnic

GREAT FUN – WONDERFUL FRIENDS – AMAZING FOOD

On **Sunday, August 19** we will gather at **Betsy Hersher's home** (1444 Stratford Road, Deerfield) at **4:00 PM** for a wonderful, potluck picnic on Betsy's famous big deck. All Hakafa members and prospective members are invited. Kadima will provide paper goods, drinks, and the main course. You provide a salad, side dish, or dessert to share with the group. Besides eating and visiting, we'll talk about our plans for the coming year. It will be a wonderful opportunity to see friends and welcome new ones. We hope you will join us!

Please **RSVP by August 5** to Sharon Gutan (Gutan627@comcast.net or 847-989-4183) or Betsy Hersher (hersherb@hersher.com or 847-945-5974) and let us know:

- How many will be in your party (Invite friends! The more the merrier!)
- Which of the 3 items (salad, side, dessert) you'll bring
- Whether you have special dietary needs for the main course (vegetarian? allergic to chicken?)
- If you think we should add a member or prospective member to the invitation list

If you are not already receiving Kadima-specific emails and would like to be added to the mailing list, or if you have additional ideas or comments, please contact Ellen Criz (hecriz@sbcglobal.net or 847-266-9981).

**Kadima ("forward" in Hebrew) is a Hakafa initiative formed in the fall of 2013. Primarily made up of "forward" thinking, dynamic, empty-nest members of the congregation, it is open to all interested congregants.*

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

Hakafa's volunteer participation in the mitzvah of Maot Chitim (providing meals to Jewish families in need) is scheduled for **Sunday, August 19** from **11:45 AM to 12:45 PM** at a **warehouse located at 6227 Monroe Court in Morton Grove**, in preparation for the High Holidays. Join Hakafa members and others in the Chicago Jewish Community in **packing boxes** of food and other holiday necessities. Volunteers must be 12 or older and wear close-toed shoes. **Please contact Carol Anne Been (847-309- 3677 or cabeen120@gmail.com) if you are interested in participating with Hakafa.**

In addition, volunteers are invited to **deliver packed boxes** to area Jewish homes on **Sunday morning, August 26**. Cars line up by **9:00 AM** to load up and receive addresses for deliveries. Come with your car (especially large cars and vans) and families! No pre-registration is required to deliver Rosh Hashanah food boxes. Just leave plenty of room in your vehicle and empty your trunk.

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY THIS YEAR: Maot Chitim generously donated Rosh Hashanah meals to our refugees who live in Skokie, Evanston, and the north side of the city. We need help delivering the meals to our families on **Sunday August 26**. This is a great opportunity to meet our families. Please contact Allison Stein at ajzstein@gmail.com if you can help.

Take Action to Help Protect Immigrant Families

Our congregation is working in partnership with the Reform Action Center-Illinois (RAC-IL) to impact policies regarding immigration in our state.

Please take action to urge Governor Rauner to **sign SB 35: The Safe Zones Act (SB 35)** will protect immigrant families from being torn apart at state-designated sensitive locations, such as schools, hospitals and courthouses.

Please also ask him to support **The VOICES Act (SB 34)** which will help protect immigrant survivors of domestic abuse, violence, sexual assault and trafficking and **The No Registry Program Act (SB3488)** which will ensure against Illinois participating in any registry program that would single out any group based on their national origin, religion or other characteristics.

You can call the Governor at 312-814-2121 or 217-782-0244.

Also, please attend a **rally with our partners for the Safe Zones Act on Wednesday, August 8 from 4:30 - 6:30 PM at the James R. Thompson Center.**

For more information, please visit <https://rac.org/IL-immigration>.

It's Time to Sign Up for this Year's Volunteer Opportunities!

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>

Shabbat-in-the-Home: <http://tinyurl.com/shabbat-in-the-home>

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>

Condolences to...

... Ed Kraus and family on the loss of his mother, June Kraus.

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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.