

HAKAFA WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2018

NO Wednesday Afternoon Torah Study

Please note that there will be **NO Wednesday Afternoon Torah Study today (September 12) or next Wednesday (September 19)**. We will resume on Wednesday, September 26 in the Elder Family's Sukkah.

Adult Readers Needed for Yom Kippur Morning Service

Each year, members of the congregation enhance our High Holiday services in many ways. We would be honored if you would participate as a reader at this year's Yom Kippur morning service. If you would like a reading, please contact Rona at admin@hakafa.org or 847-242-0687.

Shabbat Service – Shabbat Shuva

Friday, September 14, 7:30 PM

Winnetka Community House (620 Lincoln Avenue, Winnetka)

The Shabbat between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur is a time of reflection and introspection. Please join us for a special Shabbat Service featuring the poetry of Stacey Zisook Robinson. Stacey's meditative and thought-provoking words will be interspersed throughout the service, allowing us to hear our traditional prayers in new and different ways. As always, an oneg will follow the service.

First Day of Religious School

Sunday, September 16, 9:45 a.m. to noon

Takiff Center (999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe)

All parents of students in grades K-8 should plan to attend Religious School **with your children** on the first day of class, **THIS Sunday, September 16**.

- **9:45-10:15 AM – Welcome Back Family Service**
- **10:15-11:50 AM – Students Attend Classes**
- **11:50 AM-12:00 PM – Meet-and-Greet**
Visit your child/ren's class/es to meet their teachers, hear about their background, and learn about the curriculum and plans for the year.
- **12:00 PM - Bagels and First Day Kick-Off Treat for everyone!**

We look forward to sharing our first day with all of our Religious School families!

New and Prospective Member Orientation and Information Session

Sunday, September 16, 10:35 AM

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

All members new to Hakafa over the past year and those interested in membership are invited to the New and Prospective Member Orientation and Information Session **THIS Sunday, September 16** – during the first day of Religious School. You will have the opportunity to meet with other members and to learn about all that Hakafa has to offer. Current members should feel free to bring friends or family who might want to join Hakafa. Please contact **Nancy Goodman** with questions (president@hakafa.org or 847-564-3273). Hope to see you there!

Hakafa Justice for Women Group Theatre Outing – THIS SUNDAY

Please join Hakafa's Justice for Women Group to see *Monger - The Awakening of J.B. Benton* on **THIS Sunday, September 16 at the Greenhouse Theater** (2257 Lincoln Avenue, Chicago).

2:00 PM: Pre-Matinee Reception with Mary Bonnett

3:00 - 4:30 PM: Performance

4:30 -5:15 PM - Post-Show Q & A with Playwright and Cast

Cost is \$50 per ticket with a portion of the proceeds donated to local service organizations supporting sexually exploited women and children. **Purchase tickets at www.ncjwcns.org/monger/, and email Beth Gordon (bbgordon1@gmail.com) if you'd like to (1) attend with Hakafa and (2) join for a group dinner following the Q & A.**

Please join us for this important show along with NCJW, JCAST Chicago, and Hadassah.

Age recommendation: 16 or older due to adult content and explicit language.

Written by Her Story Theater Founder and Producing Artistic Director Mary Bonnett, and directed by John Mossman, Co-Founder of The Artistic Home, MONGER follows a Chicago criminal defense attorney with a secret life who finds his world shattered as he deals with his sensitive 16-year-old son's legal crisis on the day he takes a deposition from the mother of a murdered teenager. The play uncovers a nationwide, online, anonymous brotherhood of men. Though the characters and plot are fictional, they are inspired by real-life Chicago events and include actual posts from online conversations among men. This world premiere thrusts the audience on a tumultuous ride from the opening line to its dramatic conclusion.

Her Story Theatre is a theater for social change... "Our mission through theater and the written word is to shine bright lights in dark places on women and children in need of social justice and community support."

YOM KIPPUR

Yom Kippur begins at sundown this Tuesday evening, September 18. Our very best wishes for a *G'mar Chatima Tova* and an easy fast. For all Yom Kippur details, please visit the Hakafa website (<https://hakafa.org/worship-ritual/holidays/high-holidays/high-holidays-5779>). Unless otherwise noted, all services take place at Winnetka Congregational Church (725 Pine Street, Winnetka).

Tuesday, September 18 - 8:00 PM

Evening Service

Wednesday, September 19

10:00 AM Morning Service

12:15-1:15 PM Study Session I

12:25 PM Service at CJE's Robineau House

1:30 PM Family Service

2:35-3:35 PM Study Session II

4:15 PM Afternoon Service

5:45 PM *Yizkor* (Memorial Service)

6:05 PM *N'eelah* (Concluding Service)

6:45 PM *Havdallah* and Light Break Fast

Food Donations for the New Trier Food Pantry

Don't forget to bring your grocery bags filled with donations for the New Trier Food Pantry to the lobby of Winnetka Congregational Church on Erev Yom Kippur (September 18) or Yom Kippur Day (September 19) **up to 1:30 PM**. This Hakafa tradition makes us one of New Trier Food Pantry's largest donors, and they count on us to help them serve more than 350 families in need. Most of these are seniors or families with children, so it is better to donate items in sizes that feed a smaller family or individuals, rather than super-sized packages. Also, please note the expiration dates on all donations. Expired items cannot be distributed by the pantry.

Specific items needed this year include: Pasta and Pasta sauce; Cereal (variety of them) and Oatmeal, Cookies, Crackers, Granola bars; Canned Fruit; Canned Soup; Cooking Oil; Condiments (ketchup, salad dressings); Laundry Detergent; Cleaning Supplies

We will be loading the bags into cars and delivering them to the food pantry immediately after family services on Wednesday at approximately 2:30 PM. **If you are able to help with loading and/or driving, please join us!** To volunteer or with any questions, contact Danielle Wylie (dmwylie@sbcglobal.net or 312-502-3264) or Sara Kurensky and Kara Philoon (kurloon@sbcglobal.net, 847-251-1925).

Parking for the High Holidays

Parking Locations: There is ample street parking on residential streets immediately surrounding the church. The Winnetka Police Department is aware that we will be having services and will not ticket for parking on the streets longer than the posted time. For evening services, additional parking is available at nearby commercial and commuter parking lots. Please be sure to take note of posted parking restrictions, and park only where permitted. And, be sure to allow a little extra time to park and walk.

Circle Drive Drop-Off at Entrance: There is a small circle-drive for drop-offs right next to the entrance of the church for those who would like to drop off their passengers prior to parking on the street.

Parking for Older Congregants and Those with Disabilities: The church has a small parking lot (entrance on Prospect Avenue on the west side of the church) that will only hold a limited number of cars. We have had as many requests for parking passes as there are spaces in the church's small parking lot. As a result, the parking lot will be completely full. Parking passes are intended for those with disabilities or mobility limitations. **Please do not park in the lot unless you have a pass.** You are welcome to use the circle drive to drop off relatives or friends who cannot walk any distance. Thank you for your cooperation.

Carpools: Carpools are recommended to help ease any parking challenges. If you would like help finding a carpool, please contact our Administrator, Rona Elder (admin@hakafa.org or 847-242-0687). If you would be willing to drive someone else who lives near you, please also let Rona know.

Transliteration Sheets for Yom Kippur Services

For those who do not read Hebrew and would like to be able to follow along more easily during Yom Kppur services, transliteration sheets are available at this link: <https://hakafa.org/worship-ritual/holidays/high-holidays/high-holidays-5777/high-holiday-service-transliterations>.

Live Streaming of Yom Kippur Services

For those members who are home bound or who are unable to attend services for one reason or another, it will be possible to watch services over the internet either live or recorded. The link to live streaming can be found on the home page of Hakafa's website (www.hakafa.org). We are sorry you will not be able to be with us in person, but we are glad that you will be able to join us nonetheless.

Please join us at Robineau

All Hakafa members are invited to join Don Pollak and Lynn Sanders after Yom Kippur morning services (at 12:25 PM) to participate in a short, musical service at Robineau House (7550 Kostner Avenue, Skokie). The seniors love having company, and your presence is greatly appreciated. Thank you! If you have any questions, please contact Don Pollak (donpollak@me.com or 847-256-7445).

Calling All YOUNG Shofar Blowers

Rabbi Elder needs help blowing the *tekiyah g'dolah* at Yom Kippur Family Services. If you would like to join him, please bring a shofar and be prepared to join in.

Yom Kippur Havdallah and Light Break Fast

On Yom Kippur (Wednesday, September 19), our *N'eelah* (Concluding) service will end at 6:45 PM. Immediately afterwards, we will have *Havdallah* and a little nosh to break the fast as a community. If you would like to help with the light break fast, please contact Amy Acri (jacri3@comcast.net or 847-501-4813).

Hakafa Office Closed – September 18-19

In observance of Yom Kippur, the Hakafa office will close at noon on Tuesday, September 18 and will remain closed through Wednesday, September 19.

Sukkah Builders Needed Sunday, September 23!

Sunday Morning, September 23, 8:45-9:45 AM

Takiff Center (999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe)

HELP!!! Volunteers are needed to help build the congregational Sukkah. Our Sukkah is made out of lightweight steel tubing that connects together with special steel fittings and that does not require any tools. All parts are ready to be put together, and instructions are included. If you can take **an hour** to help out BEFORE Religious School on the 23rd, please contact Rabbi Elder (rabbi@hakafa.org or 847-266-8854) ASAP. Thanks!

New Ways to Help at A Just Harvest

On the 2nd Sunday of each month, Hakafa brings and serves dinner at A Just Harvest's Community Kitchen. AJH serves approximately 150 hot meals 365 days a year, making it the only year-round community kitchen in Chicago. There are many ways to help, and no financial contribution is necessary. This year, Hakafa's tzedakah fund will cover the cost of the main course - Popeye's chicken dinner! Your help is needed to:

- pick up the chicken at Popeye's and help serve
- bring milk, fruit, vegetables, or dessert and help serve
- serve food (no contribution necessary)
- drop off food at Religious School the 2nd Sunday of each month
- donate to Hakafa's tzedakah fund to support this worthy effort

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

Please note: Due to the timing of Rosh Hashanah, we will not be serving at AJH in September this year.

Please contact Monique Parsons with any questions: 312-420-1248, monique.parsons@gmail.com

Make Plans to see *Indecent with Hakafa*

Join Hakafa members to see the play ***Indecent*** on **Thursday, October 11 at 7:30 p.m.**, at the **Victory Gardens Theater** (2433 N. Lincoln Avenue, Chicago). In ***Indecent***, Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright, Paula Vogel, tells the explosive and deeply moving story of the controversial 1923 Broadway debut of Jewish playwright, Sholem Asch's, *God of Vengeance*—a Yiddish play about a forbidden lesbian romance that enchanted and outraged audiences. Inspired by true events, *Indecent* is performed by an ensemble of seven actors and three musicians portraying more than 40 roles to chart an explosive moment in theatrical history and the artists who risked their careers and lives to perform it. **The performance will be followed by a panel discussion on Yiddish theater and its impact on popular culture.**

Tickets will be available at a reduced rate of \$25.60 per person for our group. **Please contact Dave Millman (dave_millman@yahoo.com) by September 11** to reserve your spot and secure the group rate. We will set up car-pooling when the date gets closer.

Legacy Letters Classes with Carole Mark Gingiss

Hakafa and North Shore Congregation Israel are joining together to offer a special, 6-session class on Thursdays, October 4, 11, 25, November 1, 8, and 15, 2018 from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM at North Shore Congregation Israel (1185 Sheridan Road, Glencoe).

Legacy Letters are letters that share the life lessons and values that made you who you are today, and allow you to pass on those lessons and values to the next generation, sharing how you wish to be remembered. Join us in a new class that will guide you, step by step, to write your own Legacy Letter, with easy-to-understand handouts throughout the six-week session.

Carole Mark Gingiss has successfully taught many students to craft their message. She will share examples of old and modern Legacy Letters, also called ethical wills, and give students the tools to create their own lasting treasure for their loved ones. The class is for any age, wherever you are in life. Legacy Letters can be written to a spouse, children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, friends, students or colleagues. Your letter can be distributed immediately after it's written, sometime later, or attached to your legal will.

How do you want to be remembered? Write your Legacy Letter now and let your loved ones know!

Curious? Talk to Rabbi Elder (rabbi@hakafa.org or 847-266-8854) or contact Carole Mark Gingiss (cmgingiss@att.net or 847-432-5576).

Class size is limited. Registration is required. RSVP to Rona (admin@hakafa.org or 847-242-0687).

Hakafa's Anti-Homelessness Initiative and Volunteering for The Night Ministry (TNM)

Sunday, October 7, 12:15 PM

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

All Hakafa members are invited to join us to discuss volunteer opportunities with The Night Ministry. This organization, which is not religiously affiliated, provides street outreach to people who are

homeless and live in Chicago. Opportunities involve: preparing and serving breakfast at The Crib, a shelter for 18-24 year-olds who are part of the LGBTQ community; preparing and serving dinner or lunches for 75 people in the Douglas Park Neighborhood; and collecting donations of hygiene products for these and other impoverished communities, served by TNM. Please email Barbara Scott if you can attend this meeting: bams4@comcast.net.

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...

... Jeffrey Cohen and family on the loss of Rebecca.

... the Frankel and Brody Families on the loss of Jay Frankel.

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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.