

Chadashot

Hakafa School News

Note from the Director of Education

I hope you are all having a nice winter break! Our Tuesday Hebrew students will begin our first day back from vacation (Tuesday, January 3) with services for all grades (3rd-7th) together in the Community Room at 4:15 p.m. The first class scheduled to lead services for the month of January is our Hey (7th grade) class. They have been spending time in class preparing for this. All parents are invited and encouraged to visit us and join our Tuesday afternoon services. Religious School resumes on Sunday, January 8.

On another note, we are so appreciative for all the parents who continually volunteer their time and efforts to help Hakafa run smoothly behind the scenes. However, this year we are experiencing some difficulty in getting room parents, collecting money for the Soup Kitchen, and even finding people to help at Kabbalat Shabbat dinners. Among the things that make Hakafa such a wonderful place is the collaborative force among parents, teachers, and staff. We hope that we can all take some time from our very busy lives and schedules to continue volunteering and giving of ourselves to our special community!

I wish all of you a happy and healthy Chanukah and New Year! On behalf of our Religious School staff, have a wonderful vacation. See you in January!

L'shalom,
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Coffee Room



Our monthly "Coffee Room" will take place at Religious School on Sunday, January 8. Please stick around after services and enjoy coffee, donuts, and schmoozing with other Hakafa parents.



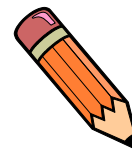
Junior Choir and Purim Shpeil Performers



The Junior Choir will be singing at the Family Shabbat Service on Friday, January 6, 7:00 p.m., at the Winnetka Community House. **Junior Choir members should arrive at 6:25 p.m. to rehearse.**

Junior Choir will continue to practice and prepare for the Purim Shpeil immediately following Sunday bagels from 12:00 to 12:45 p.m. at the Glencoe Community Center when there is Religious School. Any child in second grade and up is invited to participate.

If you are in 6th and up and are interested in being a performer in the Purim Shpeil at this year's carnival, please contact Sara Goodman Atar (847-507-1454 or atarsara@yahoo.com) ASAP. We will meet every Sunday when there is Religious School from 12:20 to 1:00 p.m.



Religious Education Committee Meetings

We need your help! Please make plans to attend the following two Religious Education Committee meetings:

Wednesday, January 11, 8:00 p.m.
North Shore United Methodist Church
(213 Hazel Avenue, Glencoe)

Sunday, February 26, 10:30 a.m.
Glencoe Community Center
(999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe)

At both meetings we will begin working on curriculum changes for next year's program. This is your opportunity to have a significant voice in your child's religious education. Please contact Beth McCullough, Religious Education Committee Chair (847-419-1901 or MikeandBeth_60089@yahoo.com) with any questions.

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Sunday Bagels



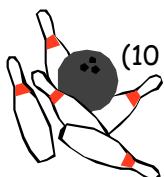
Todah Rabah (Thank you very much) to the 7th grade families who set-up and cleaned-up the Sunday bagels in December.

The Sunday bagels in January are the responsibility of the families of the Eighth Grade Class. Please contact Allyson Haut (aehaut@earthlink.net or 847-256-2941) to volunteer.

Junior Youth Group

All 6th through 8th graders are invited to a
Bowling and Pizza Party
at Brunswick Zone

(10 S. Waukegan Rd., Deerfield)



Sunday, January 29

4:30-7:30



Cost: \$22 (includes bowling and dinner)

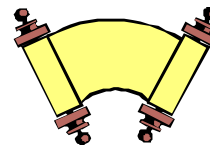
Bring extra money if you want to buy snacks.

RSVP by January 15 to Gaby Siegal
(847-494-6898 or gsiegel@cfje.org)



Kabbalat Shabbat Dinner

The Third and Fourth Grade Religious School classes are hosting a Kabbalat Shabbat Dinner and helping to lead services on the evening of Friday, February 3 beginning at 5:30 p.m. All Hakafa members are cordially invited to share a delicious Shabbat dinner prior to Family Shabbat Services at 7:00 p.m. RSVPs are due no later than January 29. See the invitation and RSVP tear-off in this month's *Circle*. Please contact Rona Elder (jjelder@sbcglobal.net or 847-266-8834) with any questions.



B'nai Mitzvah Workshop Service

As part of the B'nai Mitzvah Workshop series that Rabbi Elder is teaching this year, students and families whose b'nai mitzvah celebrations will be taking place in the year after May 2006 are encouraged to attend the second of four Shabbat morning services on Saturday, January 7 from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. at the North Shore United Methodist Church in Glencoe. This service is designed to give b'nai mitzvah candidates and their families the opportunity to have hands-on "practice" and "experience" with all that is learned in the workshops. It will also help the students to become familiar and comfortable with the service. The setting will be informal and educational. Please contact Rabbi Elder (847-266-8854 or or rabbi@hakafa.org) with any questions.



Dates to Note...

- January 3 - Hebrew School Resumes
- January 6 - Junior Choir sings at Family Shabbat Services, 7:00 p.m.
- January 7 - B'nai Mitzvah Workshop Service, 10 a.m.
- January 8 - Religious School & Confirmation Resume
- Coffee Room during Religious School
- January 11 - Religious Education Committee Meeting,
8:00 p.m., NSUMC
- January 27-29 - 2nd Tenth Grade Retreat
- January 29 - Junior Youth Group Bowling and Pizza Party, 4:30-7:30 p.m.
- No Religious School - Family Day
- February 3 - 3rd and 4th Grade Kabbalat Shabbat Dinner and Service, 5:30 p.m., WCH