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## *D'varim*

### Numbers

47 million Americans currently have no health insurance.

28 million Americans are underinsured.

75 million adults, 42 percent of the under-65 population, had either no insurance or inadequate insurance in 2007.<sup>1</sup>

These numbers have been lost in the current debate about health care reform. They have been replaced, instead, with phrases like “death panels,” “Nazi take over,” and “medical rationing.”

Radical rivals of health care reform understood from the beginning of our current national debate that large numbers are overwhelming to the human mind, that people react more strongly to the thought of losing than to the hope of gaining something, and that Americans want change as long as they do not have to change themselves. Nonsensical statements like “Keep the government’s hands off my Medicare,” or “I don’t want the government messing with my VA benefits” are not nonsensical in an environment in which the whole conversation about health care has been hijacked by irrationality. I applaud radical health care reform opponents for their ability to detract us from an intelligent conversation about reform, even as I lament that we, as a society, have been so quick to allow ourselves to be duped by their tactics.

Proponents of health care reform have also understood that large numbers do not sway public opinion. Instead, they have turned to personal testimonials of people who have suffered at the hands of our flawed health care system to tug at our heart strings and tap into our emotional vulnerabilities. Instances of insurance companies’ blatant negligence have filled the public airwaves and enraged many of us. But, after awhile, like the images of hungry African children we quickly switch off the television when relief agency commercials are aired, we grow numb to the suffering of health care victims and may even begin to feel manipulated by the constant attempts to parade them before us.

I, myself, cannot grasp 47,000,000, or 28,000,000, or 75,000,000. I can, however, understand the number 1. And, I do not need to hear about the countless strangers who are being devastated by current health care policy in America. I need only to look within the membership of Hakafa.

Chances are high that the person sitting next to you at High Holiday services this year will have limited or inadequate health care coverage. He or she might not have coverage at all. It has been that way for some time now; the current economy has only made it worse. I have heard from many of you about your health care coverage woes. I know you represent only a portion of our members who are at risk should a medical need arise.

Those of us at Hakafa who have adequate health care coverage are no different than those of us who do not, except that we currently have the means to afford it or, perhaps, a lack of disqualifying pre-conditions. Can I say, then, that I “deserve” coverage that the person sitting next to me at High Holidays does not? Can you? And, if I accept that the person sitting next to me at High Holidays deserves adequate health care coverage, why not our neighbors in the communities in which we live? Why not the strangers who live beyond our communities?

A society that intentionally chooses to keep one quarter of its population at extreme medical risk is a society determined to destroy itself. Could there be a more obscene death panel than that?

These are questions to be asked, one person at a time, 75 million times over. Please consider them when, at Rosh Hashana, you turn to a loved one, a fellow congregant, or stranger and say:

*Have a healthy, happy New Year.*

*-Rabbi Bruce Elder*

<sup>1</sup> Schoen, Cathy M.S., Sara R. Collins, Ph.D., Jennifer L. Kriss, and Michelle M. Doty, Ph.D. :How Many Are Underinsured? Trends Among U.S. Adults, 2003 and 2007.” *Health Affairs*, June 10, 2008 | Volume 102. Web Exclusive, June 10, 2008:w298-w309

## Reaching Out to Our Members in these Challenging Economic Times

There are members of our congregation who have been hit hard by the current economic downturn. To that end, we are putting into place mechanisms that can support people through periods of job transition.

The following services are already in effect:

**Hakafa Emergency Fund** – Through a few generous contributions, we have been able to set aside a small amount of money for congregants who, during this trying economic time, might need financial assistance or a small loan to pay a bill or help with basic necessities. If you are in need, please contact Rabbi Elder (847-266-8854 or [rabbi@hakafa.org](mailto:rabbi@hakafa.org)) to see how we can help, and know that this will remain completely confidential.

**Career Counseling** – Betsy Hersher, long-time Hakafa member and career counselor, is offering her services *at no cost* to Hakafa members who are currently unemployed. She can be reached at 847-272-4050 or [HersherB@hersher.com](mailto:HersherB@hersher.com).

**Support Gatherings** – On September 1, Hakafa members in job transition will meet at Borders Books (corner of Waukegan Road and Lake Cook Road, Deerfield) at **1:00 p.m.** to discuss networking, informational, and support opportunities. Please refer to the weekly announcements for more information.

**Partnerships with Community Employment Support Systems** – Hakafa is a member of both the Jewish Employment Network (contact Laurie Rosen at 847-568-5154, or check their web site at [www.jvschicago.org](http://www.jvschicago.org)) and the Career Resource Center (contact Jan Cline Leahy at 847-295-5626, or check their website at [www.careerresourcecenter.org](http://www.careerresourcecenter.org)). Both offer a variety of career counseling and job search strategies, one-on-one career guidance, roundtable discussions and other networking opportunities, a job bank, and techniques to help clients create effective job campaigns.

Other programs are also in development at this time, including the creation of a congregational jobs and service resource guide. Check the weekly announcements to learn more about these efforts as they develop. We welcome and need your input – it is the only way we will know how to best serve each other. If you have any thoughts or suggestions, please contact either Betsy or Rabbi Elder.

## Prayer and Celebration

### Share Your Holidays

On occasion, there are Hakafa members who would like to share holidays with fellow congregants and do not have the opportunity to do so. If you would like to host a congregant for a holiday meal, or if you need a place to go for the holidays, contact Sylvia Dresser (847-945-6095).

## Prayer and Celebration

### Friday Night Services



The congregation is cordially invited to attend services at the Winnetka Community House (unless noted) on the following evenings:

**September 4**                    **Shabbat Ki Tavo**  
7:00 p.m.                    Torah Portion: Deuteronomy 26:1-29:8  
Haftarah: Isaiah 60:1-22

**Family Service**

**September 11**                **Shabbat Nitzavim-Vayeleich**  
8:00 p.m.                    Torah Portion: Deuteronomy 29:9-31:30  
Haftarah: Isaiah 61:10-63:9

**September 18**                **Rosh Hashanah**  
8:00 p.m.                    Torah Portion: Genesis 22:1-19  
Haftarah: Isaiah 55:6-13

**September 25**                **Shabbat Shuvah: Parshat Ha'azinu**  
8:00 p.m.                    Torah Portion: Deuteronomy 21:1-52  
Haftarah: Hosea 14:310/Micah 7:18-20

**Guest Speaker: David Rieser will discuss the Book of Jonah.**

### Shabbat Morning Minyan

Please join us for our Shabbat morning minyan in September on **Saturday, September 5 and 26 at 8:30 a.m.** at the home of **Barbara and Allen Anderson** (849 Oak Drive, Glencoe, 847-242-9884).

This hour-long service and study is a wonderful opportunity to enhance your celebration of Shabbat. People of all ages are encouraged and welcome to join us.

Contact Rabbi Elder (847-266-8854 or [rabbi@hakafa.org](mailto:rabbi@hakafa.org)) with questions.

### Oneg Hosts Needed

**We are looking for hosts for Friday evening onegs throughout the fall.**

**Now is the time to reserve your date!**

Hosting a Friday evening oneg is a wonderful way to help support Hakafa and is also a nice way to celebrate a bar/bat mitzvah, birthday, anniversary, or other special occasion with the congregation. Many people have traditionally honored the memory of a loved one on his/her *yahrzeit* by hosting an oneg.

Contact Jacque Spector (773-761-2987 or [jll1512@comcast.net](mailto:jll1512@comcast.net)) to reserve a date.

### Adult Renewal Retreat

*What is your personal relationship to being Jewish?  
Do your roots extend back in time? Have they been torn?  
Or, are you beginning anew?  
Do you feel in, out, or somewhere in between?*

Join Hakafa member Donald Spitzer-Cohn and Rabbi Elder on **September 11 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and September 12 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the North Shore United Methodist Church** (213 Hazel Avenue, Glencoe) for contemplation, creative prayer, and conversation. Together, participants will explore their personal pasts and presents, leading to clearer visions for the future. Let this experiential retreat, through reflection and ritual, help you clarify your connection to Judaism in preparation for the High Holidays.

Contact Don Spitzer-Cohn (847-400-5444 or [dspitco@comcast.net](mailto:dspitco@comcast.net)) for more information.

## CONGREGATION HAKAFA HIGH HOLIDAYS 5770

All Hakafa members should have received High Holiday information packets and ticket order forms in early August. If you did not receive this packet and form, or if you need another one, please contact Rona in the Hakafa office (847-242-0687 or admin@hakafa.org).

### *Rosh Hashanah*

Friday, September 18 - 8:00 p.m.  
Evening Service (Wilmette Junior High)

Saturday, September 19

10:00 a.m. Morning Service  
(Wilmette Junior High)

12:25 p.m. Service for CJE's  
Robineau House

1:30 p.m. Family Service  
(Wilmette Junior High)

2:30-4:00 p.m. Rabbis' and President's  
Reception  
(Wilmette Junior High)

4:30 p.m. *Tashlich*  
(Skokie Lagoons)

Sunday, September 20 - 10:00 a.m.  
Second Day Rosh Hashanah Service  
(Home of Annette Turow)



### *Yom Kippur*

Sunday, September 27 - 8:00 p.m.  
Evening Service (Wilmette Junior High)

Monday, September 28

10:00 a.m. Morning Service  
(Wilmette Junior High)

12:15-1:15 p.m. Study Session  
(Wilmette Junior High)

12:25 p.m. Service for CJE's Robineau  
House

1:30 p.m. Family Service  
(Wilmette Junior High)

2:30-3:20 p.m. Study Session  
(Wilmette Junior High)

3:30 p.m. Afternoon Service  
(Wilmette Junior High)

5:00 p.m. *Yizkor* (Memorial Service)  
(Wilmette Junior High)

### *High Holidays General Information*

- High Holiday Services are held at **Wilmette Junior High School** (620 Locust Road), located east of the Edens and west of Hunter Road between Lake and Wilmette Avenues in Wilmette.
- There is no minimum age for attending the regular services, but we ask that children be mature enough to sit through the entire service without having to leave the auditorium.
- For adults who want to attend the morning services without their children, **child-sitting will be provided for those who RSVP by filling out the enclosed form.**
- Family Services will be held at 1:30 p.m. on both Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. While open to everyone, these services are especially suitable for younger children. **Tickets are not required for Family Services.**
- We suggest that everyone be seated a half-hour before all services begin so that we all can be in the proper mood for these very important occasions.

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### *Rabbi's and President's Reception*

Please join your Hakafa  
friends and family on:

**Saturday, September 19**  
**2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**  
**Wilmette Junior High School**

for our annual  
Rabbi's and President's Reception.

All congregants and their guests  
are invited to a reception on  
Rosh Hashanah afternoon  
in honor of the New Year,  
hosted by

Rabbi Bruce and Rona Elder  
and  
Janice Halpern.

*\* Please note that in an effort to be environmentally  
conscious, separate invitations will not be mailed  
again this year.*

### *Tashlich*

**Tashlich** (tahsh-leeekh) is a popular custom during Rosh Hashanah. Created more than six hundred years ago, it is the act of going to a place with natural flowing water, such as a creek or river, on the afternoon of the first day of Rosh Hashanah to symbolically cast off our sins by tossing bread crumbs into the water. *Tashlich* is a wonderful way to teach our children about *t'shuvah* (repentance) and forgiveness, but is most definitely appropriate for people of all ages!

Please B.Y.O.B. (bring your own bread) and join other Hakafa families for a short and enjoyable fifteen minute service on **Saturday, September 19 at 4:30 p.m.** (following the Rabbis' and President's Reception). We will meet at the **William "Bill" Erickson Forest Preserve** at the Skokie Lagoons.

Please contact Rabbi Elder (847-266-8854 or [rabbi@hakafa.org](mailto:rabbi@hakafa.org)) with any questions.

Directions: Proceed west on Willow Road to the park entrance on the north side of the street that is immediately before the Edens Expressway.

*In case of rain, we will do Tashlich at Lake Michigan immediately following Second Day Rosh Hashanah Services.*

### *Services at CJE's Robineau House*

Hakafa will again provide High Holiday services for the residents of the **Robineau House**, a Council for Jewish Elderly (CJE) Residence, in Skokie. The Robineau service will start at **12:25 p.m.** on both holidays and will last for approximately 40 minutes. Hakafa's Family Services begin at 1:30 p.m. in order to accommodate those wishing to participate in both the Robineau and Family services.

Please contact Laura Kaiser-Innes ([laurakaiser@sbcglobal.net](mailto:laurakaiser@sbcglobal.net) or 847-733-9256) with questions.

### *Second Day Rosh Hashanah Services*

Hakafa will be holding second day Rosh Hashanah services at the home Annette Turow (325 Shoreline Court, Glencoe) on **Sunday, September 20 at 10:00 a.m.** This service will be less formal and more intimate than our regular High Holiday services and will be followed by a simple Kiddush.

Please contact Rabbi Elder ([rabbi@hakafa.org](mailto:rabbi@hakafa.org) or 847-266-8854) with questions. We hope to see you there.

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### *Selichot*

The Saturday evening prior to Rosh Hashanah is the time to officially welcome the High Holiday season. We do so through communal study and the recitation of penitential prayers (known as *selichot*). **This year, *Selichot* falls on Saturday, September 12.** We will be meeting at the **home of Leo and Linda Gordon** (1100 Pine Street, Winnetka, 847-446-7526) at **9:00 p.m.** After schmoozing and Havdallah, we will have a short program, *Many Meanings, Many Modes: The Spirituality of Repentance*, led by **Rabbi Marc Belgrad**.

**Rabbi Marc J. Belgrad**, creator of **Getting to God**, is a Reform rabbi with thirty years' experience in leading successful learning programs and retreats, whose lifelong passion has been the exploration of the possibilities, meanings and realities of Jewish faith. Rabbi Belgrad holds a B.A. from Washington University in Philosophy and Judaic Studies - *magna cum laude* and Phi Beta Kappa - and received his M.A.H.L. and ordination from the Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion. Having served congregations in New York, Memphis and Buffalo Grove, IL, he now serves as a member of the faculty at Chicagoland Jewish High School.

Following the program, we will hold a brief *selichot* service, hear the *shofar* blast for the first time, and finish the night with something sweet to nosh. Please R.S.V.P. to Linda (847-446-7526 or lrgordon@comcast.net) and let her know if you can bring something for the oneg. Contact Rabbi Elder (847-266-8854 or rabbi@hakafa.org) with questions. We hope to see you there.

### *Prayer Book Orders*

Since the Congregation does not own a supply of High Holiday prayer books, it is necessary for each congregation member to bring his or her own prayer book. ***Gates of Repentance: The New Union Prayer Book for the Days of Awe*** is available to order for \$22. The books you order will be available at the desk inside of the entrance to Wilmette Junior High School before services.

**They must be ordered in advance by using the order form included with the High Holiday mailing.**

### *Memorial List*

On Yom Kippur afternoon, the traditional Memorial Service (*Yizkor*) will be held. To be certain that appropriate members of your family are included on the memorial list, please send us their names on the **form included with the High Holiday mailing**. Be sure to list all names even though you may have done so in past years. If any member of your family has died since last Yom Kippur, please enter the name(s) in the special section near the top of the form. Rabbi Elder will read these names during *Yizkor* (the Memorial Service) on **Monday, September 28, at 5:00 p.m.**

### *High Holiday Choir*

For those interested in singing for the High Holidays, please plan to attend rehearsals on the four remaining Tuesday evenings:

Tuesday, September 1  
Tuesday, September 8  
Tuesday, September 15  
Tuesday, September 22

All six rehearsals will take place from **7:30 to 9:30 p.m.** at the **North Shore United Methodist Church (213 Hazel Avenue, Glencoe)**. All are welcome! If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact our High Holiday Music Director, Edward Zelnis (Edzelnis@aol.com or 773-267-6648).

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### *Child-Sitters Needed*

If you are in 7<sup>th</sup> grade or above, love working with children, and would like to child-sit for a small number of our congregation's younger generation during High Holiday morning services, please contact Lisa Rosenberg (847-853-0121 or lisar1607@yahoo.com) prior to September 10. Child-sitters are needed for both Saturday, September 19 and Monday, September 28 from 9:30 a.m. until noon.

### *Junior Choir*

All children in second grade and up are invited to be part of Hakafa's Junior Choir. We will be singing at the 1:30 p.m. Family Services on Rosh Hashanah (September 19) and Yom Kippur (September 28). If your child is interested in being part of the Junior Choir, please contact Sara Goodman Atar (music@hakafa.org or 847-966-1825) and plan to attend rehearsals at the **Glencoe Park District's Takiff Center (999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe)** on:

**Sunday, September 13, 12:00-12:45 p.m.**

**Tuesday, September 15, 6:00-6:30 p.m. (pizza will be served)**

**Tuesday, September 22, 6:00-6:30 p.m. (pizza will be served)**

**Sunday, September 27, 12:00-12:45 p.m.**

Rehearsals will also be held one hour prior to Family Services (12:30 p.m.) on **September 19 and 28** at **Wilmette Junior High School**.

### *High Holiday Ticket Orders*

Please note that High Holiday tickets are offered at no cost to current members of Congregation Hakafa. Tickets will not be mailed until 2009-10 dues pledges are paid in full or a payment plan has been arranged with the Dues Treasurer. We urge you to send in your dues/pledges and requests for High Holiday tickets as soon as possible. Your ticket guarantees you a place with us and enables us to plan more meaningful High Holiday services.

### *Readers Needed for Family Services*

We are looking for student volunteers to read during Family Services on both Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. If you are interested, please contact Bibi Patt (education@hakafa.org or 847-955-9980).

### *Maot Chitim*

On Sunday, August, 30, Hakafa volunteers participated in the mitzvah of *Maot Chitim* (providing meals to Jewish families in need) in preparation for the High Holidays by packing boxes of food and other holiday necessities with other volunteers from the Chicago Jewish Community. Volunteers are needed to deliver these packed boxes to area Jewish homes on **Sunday, September 13**. Please contact Carol Anne Been (cbeen@sonnenschein.com or 847-835-3677) if you are interested in participating.

### *Food Donations for the New Trier Food Pantry*

Continuing our congregation's tradition, we will be passing out grocery bags at Rosh Hashanah services (September 18 and 19). Please fill them with non-perishable food items and practical paper goods and return them to the lobby outside the auditorium of Wilmette Junior High School on **Erev Yom Kippur** (September 27) or **Yom Kippur Day** (September 28) **up to 1:30 p.m.** Please contact Allyson Haut (847-256-2941 or aehaut@earthlink.net) or Ellen Sachs Alter (847-441-5632 or altereln@aol.com) to volunteer with delivery to the New Trier Food Pantry.

## Member News

### Mazal Tov to the following Bat Mitzvah:

Rachel Silvers – September 26

### Mazal Tov to...

Rebecca and Jeffrey Cohen on the birth of their grandson, Leif Henry Caplan. son of Eliza and Jason Caplan

### Calling all Sukkah Builders

On **Sunday, October 4**, Hakafa will be holding its second Sukkah Hop.

If you are planning to build a sukkah at your home and wouldn't mind opening it up for a few hours (**2:00-5:00 p.m.**) to other Hakafa members, please contact Rabbi Elder (847-266-8854 or [rabbi@hakafa.org](mailto:rabbi@hakafa.org)).



### Chesed

*Chesed is our congregation's way of reaching out to one another.*

If you know of anyone in our congregation who is in crisis from an illness, death in the family, or personal stress, who could benefit from support, such as a visit, delivery and/or preparation of meals, or a ride to a health care appointment, please contact Rabbi Elder (847-266-8854 or [rabbi@hakafa.org](mailto:rabbi@hakafa.org)).

### Condolences to...

Meredith Cohen and family on the loss of her uncle, Ira Wolk.

Deborah Frumkin and family on the loss of her father, Albert Stein.

Brad Reiff and family on the loss of his father, Alfred Siegel.

### New and Returning Members

#### *Please help us in welcoming:*

Fiona and Barry Elkes and their children, Rachel, Olivia, and Tori

Nadine and Steven Greenberg

Jean Sosin

#### *Please help us in welcoming back:*

Susan Bandes

### Calling All Hakafa High School Juniors and Seniors

Looking for a place to study or hang out with your Hakafa friends? Rabbi Elder will be at **Borders** at the Edens Plaza in Wilmette the last Wednesday of every month from **8:00-10:00 p.m.** Join him on **September 30** - bring your homework, a book, a game, or nothing at all. Drinks and snacks are on him! Please contact Rabbi Elder (847-266-8854 or [rabbi@hakafa.org](mailto:rabbi@hakafa.org)) with questions.

## Member News

### Membership Renewal Forms

The 2009-2010 Membership Packets (including the "Fair Share" Pledge Form, Religious School Form, and Volunteer Form) were mailed in mid-July to all current and prospective members for the new fiscal year. Your full or partial payments should be mailed to the Hakafa office **as soon as possible**.

**Please note that High Holiday tickets will not be mailed until dues pledges have been paid in full or a payment plan arranged with the Dues Treasurer.**

If you know of someone interested in learning more about Hakafa, please contact the Hakafa office (847-242-0687 or [admin@hakafa.org](mailto:admin@hakafa.org)) so that a packet of information can be mailed. Contact our Dues Treasurer, **Bill Goldberg** ([billgoldberg@msn.com](mailto:billgoldberg@msn.com) or 847-446-4990), with questions.

### New Member Orientation

All members new to Hakafa over the past year are invited to an Orientation Meeting on **Sunday, September 13 at 10:30 a.m.** at the **Glencoe Park District's Takiff Center** (999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe) during the first day of Religious School. You will have the opportunity to meet with other members and learn about all that Hakafa has to offer.

Please contact our membership chairperson, Karen Lieberman (847-251-1339 or [k.lieberman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:k.lieberman@sbcglobal.net)), with questions. Hope to see you there!

## Adult Education

### Hakafa Adult Study

Our Adult Study program for 2009-10 begins on **Sunday, September 27** with three sessions with Rev. Mitchell Brown, eminent scholar and pastor of Evanston Mennonite Church (and husband to our Deborah Brown). He will conduct three sessions on the evolution of the Jewish (and then Christian) idea of God. Mitch requests that participants read *The Evolution of God*, by Robert Wright (especially the chapters on Judaism). The dates for our sessions with Mitch are: **September 27, October 4, and October 18**.

All Hakafa adults are invited to participate in Adult Study which meets on Sunday mornings during Religious School, from **10:30 a.m. to noon** at the **Glencoe Park District's Takiff Center** (999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe). Please contact Judith Joseph (847-204-4043) with any questions.

### Save the Date:

#### Hakafa's Adult Retreat

This year's Adult Retreat with Rabbi Robert Marx in Saugatuck, Michigan will take place on Presidents' Day Weekend – **February 12-14**. Add the date to your calendars today!

### Oy Gevult!

Interested in learning Yiddish? This fall, Hakafa will be holding a ten-week class to introduce us to the basics of our *mama loshen*. If Yiddish is in your *kishkes*, we can help bring it out your *moil*. Contact Rabbi Elder (847-266-8854, [rabbi@hakafa.org](mailto:rabbi@hakafa.org)) if you are interested.

## Adult Education



### Lunch & Learn

#### 1) ...in the Loop:

Our next *Lunch & Learn in the Loop* will take place at **noon** on **Thursday, September 3** at the office of **Clint Krislov** (20 N. Wacker Drive, Suite 1350, Chicago, 213-606-0500).

Bring your own lunch and prepare to participate in a lively discussion! New participants are always welcome.

Our **October** meeting will take place **Thursday, October 1** at the office of **Bob Rifkin** (125 S. Wacker, Suite 1500, Chicago).

#### 2) ...on the North Shore:

Our next session of *Lunch & Learn on the North Shore* will take place at **noon** on **Thursday, September 17** at the home of **Cookie Robertson** (211 Dennis Lane, Glencoe).

Bring your own lunch and prepare to participate in a lively discussion! New participants are always welcome.

Contact Rabbi Elder (847-266-8854 or [rabbi@hakafa.org](mailto:rabbi@hakafa.org)) with questions.

### Hebrew at Hakafa

#### 1) Hebrew Circle

The next meeting of our Hebrew Circle will take place on **Tuesday, September 29** at **noon** at the **office of Brad Reiff** (332 S. Michigan Avenue, 13<sup>th</sup> floor, 312-322-0290). Join us for an hour of lunch and conversation!

#### 2) Introductory Hebrew

Our **introductory Hebrew class** continues on **Friday mornings** at **10:00 a.m.** at the **North Shore United Methodist Church**. (213 Hazel Avenue, Glencoe).

Contact Rabbi Elder (847-266-8854 or [rabbi@hakafa.org](mailto:rabbi@hakafa.org)) for details.

### Mishneh Torah Class

*Are you interested in studying Halacha (Jewish Law)?*

Our next sessions of Mishneh Torah class will be held on **Tuesdays, September 8 and 22** at **10:00 a.m.** at our offices at the **North Shore United Methodist Church** (213 Hazel Avenue, Glencoe). Come join us to learn more about what Jewish law has to say on almost every aspect of life.

Contact Rabbi Elder (847-266-8854 or [rabbi@hakafa.org](mailto:rabbi@hakafa.org)) for details.

### Tanach Study

Come enjoy the Tanach with other Hakafa members! We meet on **Wednesdays** at the **home of Sandy Gelber** (1527 Washington Avenue, Wilmette) from **1:00 to 2:30 p.m.**

Please contact Rabbi Elder (847-266-8854 or [rabbi@hakafa.org](mailto:rabbi@hakafa.org)) with questions.

## Social Action

### Mirembe Kawomera



The members of Congregation Hakafa opened their hearts to the Mirembe Kawomera coffee farmers in Uganda last year by buying their "delicious peace" coffee (at wholesale prices!) on Sunday mornings.

Enjoy a cup with your friends at the Welcome Back Parent Coffee on the first day of Religious School, **September 13**, and refill your stock of regular or decaf coffee.

Contact Rebecca Cohen (847-441-7253 or [rcohen@canada-klein.com](mailto:rcohen@canada-klein.com)) with questions.

## Apples and Milk and Honey:

### Rosh Hashanah Wishes from ARZA

While most Jews know the tradition of sharing *tapuchim* (apples) and *dvash* (honey) on Rosh Hashanah to symbolize our hopes for a sweet New Year, many are not aware of the ancient tradition of combining *dvash* (honey) with *chalav* (milk) – the symbols of the land of Israel.

As we welcome this New Year, we at ARZA, the Association of Reform Zionists of America, want to remind you of the power of *chalav* (milk) and *dvash* (honey). Most adults don't drink very much milk anymore, but we know that it was our primary source of nourishment when we were young. Parents and teachers alike told us that milk made our bones strong. Likewise there are Jews who don't connect with Israel very much, but if we look back on our history, we realize that the land of Israel was where we were born and where we became a Jewish People. It is still a part of us; it is the source of our strength. And honey, so pure and sweet, comes with an occasional bee sting.

May the year 5770 be a time when we all reconnect with the place of *chalav* and *dvash*, with the strength and nourishment of our people's past, and the sweetness of Israel's future. Please remember that ARZA is here to help you connect with Israel.

# Chadashot

## Hakafa School News

### Note from the Director of Education

As the days of summer are quickly passing, we are very excited to begin a new school year. Our wonderful and talented faculty are busily preparing for their classes and eagerly anticipating meeting your children. Also, we are so happy to be back at the Glencoe Park district building. It is a beautiful and spacious facility.

Our opening day will have a special schedule in order to provide the opportunity for parents and students to "meet & greet" their teachers, in addition to meeting other Hakafa families (see article to the right for more details).

We have many excellent programs planned for family participation this year! In addition, the High Holidays are rapidly approaching. If any student is interested in participating as a reader at High Holiday Family Services, please contact me immediately.

We are anxiously awaiting the beginning of school and look forward to seeing you and your children and together sharing a year full of Jewish tradition and learning.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at [education@hakafa.org](mailto:education@hakafa.org) or 847-955-9980.

L'shalom, Bibi



**The first day of Religious School is September 13.**  
**The first day of Confirmation Class is September 13.**  
**The first day of Hebrew School is September 15.**

**Don't forget that we moved over the summer . . . .**  
Religious School and Hebrew School both meet at  
The Glencoe Park District's Takiff Center  
(999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe)

Please note that Religious School begins promptly  
at 9:45 a.m. and ends at 12:00 noon.  
The Tuesday Hebrew School hours are  
from 4:15 to 6:00 p.m.

Timeliness is appreciated!



### Special "Meet and Greet" Planned for Opening Day!

Parents should plan to attend Religious School with your children on the first day of class, Sunday, September 13. Our faculty has planned a special morning that will include ...

- a short visit to your child/ren's class/es to **meet their teachers**, hear about their background, and learn about the curriculum and plans for the year.
- a short **tour** of the new Takiff Center!
- time to "**schmooze**" with other Hakafa parents at our "Welcome Back Parent Coffee."
- a **First Day Kick-Off Treat** for everyone!

### Confirmation Class



All Hakafa Eleventh Graders are invited to participate in Confirmation Class. Confirmation Class, taught by Rabbi Elder, meets every Sunday that Religious School is in session, beginning Sunday, September 13 from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. at the Hakafa offices at North Shore United Methodist Church (213 Hazel Avenue, Glencoe). Our year of study culminates in a beautiful service of Confirmation. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Rabbi Elder ([rabbi@hakafa.org](mailto:rabbi@hakafa.org) or 847-266-8854).



### Welcome Back Parent Coffee and Tour

A Welcome Back Parent Coffee will take place on the first day of Religious School, Sunday, September 13. Please stick around after services and enjoy coffee, donuts, and schmoozing with other Hakafa parents. We'll also be providing tours of our new space at the Takiff Center! It's a great time to catch up with all of your Hakafa friends.

September 2009

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## Just a Reminder ...

If you have not yet completed and sent in your Religious School / Hebrew School / Confirmation Class Registration Form and payment, please do so as soon as possible so that we can better prepare for the start of school.

## High Holiday Family Services



Family Services will be held at 1:30 p.m. on both Rosh Hashanah (September 19) and Yom Kippur (September 28) at Wilmette Junior High School (620 Locust Road, Wilmette). **We are looking for student volunteers to read** during these wonderful Family Services. If you are interested, please contact Bibi Patt at 847-955-9980 or [education@hakafa.org](mailto:education@hakafa.org).



## Junior Choir

All children in second grade and up are invited to be part of Hakafa's Junior Choir. We will be singing at the 1:30 p.m. Family Services on Rosh Hashanah (September 19) and Yom Kippur (September 28). If your child is interested in being part of the Junior Choir, please contact Sara Goodman Atar ([music@hakafa.org](mailto:music@hakafa.org) or 847-966-1825) and plan to attend rehearsals at the **Glencoe Park District's Takiff Center (999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe)** on:

**Sunday, September 13, 12:00-12:45 p.m.**

**Tuesday, September 15, 6:00-6:30 p.m.** (pizza will be served)

**Tuesday, September 22, 6:00-6:30 p.m.** (pizza will be served)

**Sunday, September 27, 12:00-12:45 p.m.**

Rehearsals will also be held one hour prior to Family Services (12:30 p.m.) on **September 19 and 28** at **Wilmette Junior High School**.



## Volunteers Needed

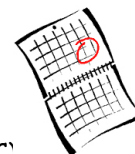
As part of the membership renewal packet mailed in July, all Religious School families received a green Religious School Volunteer Form. We would like to thank the many people who have already sent in their form. For those who have not yet done so, we ask that you please take some time to consider signing up for at least one school-related volunteer opportunity. It is because of the efforts of everyone in the encirclement that we are able to create and sustain the activities and spirit that is Hakafa. Your involvement makes our encirclement a stronger, richer, and more sacred place.

## B'nai Mitzvah Meeting



If your child is planning to become a Bar or Bat Mitzvah within the next twelve to eighteen months, please come to a special meeting on Sunday, October 4 at the Takiff Center from 12:15 to 1:15 p.m., immediately following Religious School. At this meeting, you will have the opportunity to learn more about the Hakafa approach to B'nai Mitzvah, scheduling the date, creating the service, and planning to make the Bar/Bat Mitzvah ceremony as meaningful as possible. Please contact Rabbi Elder (847-266-8854 or [rabbi@hakafa.org](mailto:rabbi@hakafa.org)) or Bibi Patt (847-955-9980 or [education@hakafa.org](mailto:education@hakafa.org)) with any questions.

## Dates to Note...



September 13 - Religious School Begins (TC)

- Confirmation Class Begins (NSUMC)

September 15 - Hebrew School Begins (TC)

September 19 - Rosh Hashanah

September 20 - No Religious School - 2<sup>nd</sup> Day of Rosh Hashanah

September 27 - Religious School Meets

September 28 - Yom Kippur

October 4 - B'nai Mitzvah Information Meeting,  
12:15 p.m. (TC)

\* TC = Takiff Center (999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe)

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# Congregation Hakafa Calendar

## September 2009 – Elul 5769 / Tishrei 5770

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> 1:00 p.m. Meeting with Betsy Hersher Borders Books, Deerfield 7:30 p.m. High Holiday Choir Rehearsal (NSUMC)	<b>2</b> 1:00 p.m. Tanach Study	<b>3</b> 12:00 p.m. Lunch & Learn in the Loop	<b>4</b> 10:00 a.m. Introductory Hebrew (NSUMC) 7:00 p.m. Family Shabbat Service (WCH)	<b>5</b> 8:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Minyan
<b>6</b>	<b>7 Labor Day</b>	<b>8</b> 10:00 a.m. Mishneh Torah (NSUMC) 7:30 p.m. High Holiday Choir Rehearsal (NSUMC)	<b>9</b> 1:00 p.m. Tanach Study	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Spiritual Retreat 10:00 a.m. Introductory Hebrew (NSUMC) 8:00 p.m. Shabbat Service (WCH)	<b>12</b> Spiritual Retreat 9:00 p.m. Selichot
<b>13</b> 9:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m. First Day of Religious School * Preschool Class Meets (TC) 10:15 a.m. Welcome Back Parent Coffee (TC) 10:30 a.m. New Member Orientation (TC) 1:00-2:00 p.m. First day of Confirmation Class (NSUMC)	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Newsletter Articles Due 4:15-6:00 p.m. First Day of Hebrew School (TC) 7:30 p.m. High Holiday Choir Rehearsal (NSUMC)	<b>16</b> 1:00 p.m. Tanach Study	<b>17</b> 12:00 p.m. Lunch & Learn on the North Shore	<b>18</b> 10:00 a.m. Introductory Hebrew (NSUMC)  <b>Erev                      Rosh Hashanah</b>	<b>19</b> <b>Rosh Hashanah</b> (Hakafa Office Closed)
<b>20</b> (Second Day of Rosh Hashanah)	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 10:00 a.m. Mishneh Torah (NSUMC) 4:15-6:00 p.m. Hebrew School (TC) 7:30 p.m. High Holiday Choir Rehearsal (NSUMC)	<b>23</b> 1:00 p.m. Tanach Study	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 10:00 a.m. Introductory Hebrew (NSUMC) 8:00 p.m. Shabbat Service – David Rieser speaks (WCH)	<b>26</b> <b>Shabbat Shuvah</b> 8:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Minyan Bat Mitzvah Service of Rachel Silvers (am)
<b>27</b> 9:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Religious School * Preschool Class Meets (TC) 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Adult Study – First Day (TC) 1:00-2:00 p.m. Confirmation (NSUMC)  <b>Erev Yom Kippur</b>	<b>28</b> <b>Yom Kippur</b> (Hakafa Office Closed)	<b>29</b> 12:00 p.m. Hebrew Circle 4:15-6:00 p.m. Hebrew School (TC)	<b>30</b> 1:00 p.m. Tanach Study 8:00-10:00 p.m. Rabbi Elder at Borders with High School Juniors & Seniors	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <b>TC</b> = Glencoe Park District Takiff Center (999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe)  <b>WCH</b> = Winnetka Community House (620 Lincoln Avenue, Winnetka)  <b>NSUMC</b> = North Shore United Methodist Church (213 Hazel Avenue, Glencoe)                     </div>		



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