Parshat Vaera
3 Shevat 5781

Shabbat Shalom

Friday, January 15
7:15 am: Shacharit
Indoors for pre-registered members only
and via Zoom https://zoom.us/j/713951311
passcode 613

4:34 pm: Kabbalat Shabbat
Indoors for pre-registered members only
Candle lighting: 4:24 pm

Shabbat, January 16
9:00 am: Shacharit
Indoors for pre-registered members only
4:25 pm: Mincha/Maariv
Indoors for pre-registered members only

Havdala: 5:28 pm
Virtual Havdala: 5:45 pm
via Zoom https://zoom.us/j/713951311
passcode 613

Daily Shacharit
9:00 am Sunday
7:00 am Monday & Thursday
7:15 am Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday
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Daily Mincha/Maariv
4:35 pm Sunday to Thursday
Indoors for pre-registered members only
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Mazal tov!
Mazal tov to Ami Cohen, his parents, Jen and Charles Cohen, and family, on his Bar Mitzvah!

Baruch Dayan HaEmet
The Skokie Valley community extends our deepest condolences to:
Rabbi Steven Mandel on the passing of his beloved wife Marlene z’l.
Beverly Feldman on the passing of her beloved husband, Herbert “Herb” Feldman, step-father to Vivian (& Nathan) Bloch. Shiva will be held on zoom at the following dates and times: Saturday 1/16 from 7:00pm - 8:00pm, Sunday 1/17 from 1:00pm - 2:00pm. The shiva can be accessed at https://zoom.us/s/713951311, password 613. Beverly can also be reached at 847-967-7702.

Yahrzeits:
2 Shevat/Jan 15 Ruth Yudkofsky z”l (Lewis Saltzman)
2 Shevat/Jan 15 Eli Oliff z”l (Bernice Oliff)
3 Shevat/Jan 16 Alex Weinstein z”l (Michael Weinstein)
4 Shevat/Jan 17 Charlotte Levy z”l (Myra Goldstein)
5 Shevat/Jan 18 Shimson Zimberg z”l (Sy Nagorsky)
5 Shevat/Jan 18 Maurice Raffe z”l (Rachel Brachman)
5 Shevat/Jan 18 Julian Spurling z”l (Joan Marcus)
6 Shevat/Jan 19 Julius Finkelman z”l (Florence Rosenblum)
6 Shevat/Jan 19 Murray Karoll z”l (Asher Karoll)
6 Shevat/Jan 19 Sarah Rabinowitz z”l (Evelyn Gordon)
6 Shevat/Jan 19 Batya Wilensky z”l (Jacob Wilensky)
7 Shevat/Jan 20 Kenneth Ditlove z”l (Sherwin Ditlove)

Save the date:
Skokie Valley Agudath Jacob
Annual meeting Sunday, January 24 @ 10:00 am via Zoom
If you will not be able to attend the meeting, you may vote by going to: (Full members in good standing only) https://www.svaj.org/vote-directors-2021

To register for in-person tefillot (members only):
https://www.svaj.org/form/tefillah-attendance.html
The past few months have challenged our community in unprecedented physical, spiritual, emotional and financial ways. Our community has responded heroically to these needs with open hands and hearts. As an institution, we are always looking for more ways to respond to these needs and better strengthen and serve our members, and thus we are excited to enter this new partnership with JCFS Chicago! For more information, go to https://www.jcfs.org/. Our liaison to JCFS is Elizabeth Ury, the Director of Jewish Community Engagement. You may contact Elizabeth directly at ElizabethUry@JCFS.org.

This Week at Skokie Valley

Motzei Shabbat, January 16
5:45 pm: Virtual Havdalah! https://zoom.us/j/713951311 Passcode: 613

Sunday, January 17:
8:30 am: Halacha in our Lives with Rav Ari. https://zoom.us/j/713951311 passcode 613

Monday, January 18:
7:30: Bake Bagels with Leah! Join Skokie Valley member Leah Neiman in the latest class in her cooking series. Recipe is listed below. Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81854806968?pwd=U2pQcFVFV3F6SzFLZnJ1SjNqQWxuUT09 Passcode 613

Tuesday, January 19
2:00 pm: The Book of Genesis with Rav Ari: https://zoom.us/j/713951311 passcode 613

Thursday, January 21
11:15 am: Mid-Day Break for Breath and Well-Being with Bobbie Winter: Have grey skies and escalating Covid reports got you down? Have you gone through your "to do" list and watched all the videos you care to see? Is it harder to motivate yourself for daily tasks? Then Skokie Valley has what you need: a mid-day break with a nice cup of coffee or tea and a mood-elevating 45 minutes with friendly people, along with guided breathing and relaxation to help you through the rest of the day. The group is looking forward to welcoming you. https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86100712972?pwd=STlpNWVnZG42S0ZFYTd3dmdyUHZRZz09 Passcode 613 Meeting ID: 861 0071 2972 One tap mobile +13126266799,,86100712972#

12:00 pm: Stop giving yourself back pain! Zoom in with Jen Cohen, a Physical Therapist specializing in orthopedics. Learn how to take care of your body while working from home. We will do useful stretches and mobility exercises right from your desk. This will help you stay healthy and prevent injuries while working from your home office/dining room table/tv tray in the playroom. https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87537313419?pwd=SHBQQzIwbzYzSjArNkFBUUowSGd6Zz09 Passcode: 613
Leah's Montreal Bagel Recipe

1 1/2 c warm water
5 tsp yeast
1 tsp sugar
2 1/2 tsp salt
1 egg + 1 egg yolk
1/4 c oil

1/2 c honey
5 c high gluten flour
Cornmeal, for dusting
Sesame seeds, poppy seeds or toppings
of your choice
1/3 c honey (for boiling water)

In a large measuring cup, combine yeast, sugar and warm water. Allow to sit for ten minutes until yeast blooms. In a separate bowl, mix together remaining ingredients until a soft, smooth dough forms. Turn out dough on a lightly floured surface and knead for approximately ten minutes until the dough is smooth. Cover and let rest for twenty minutes. Punch down and divide dough into 18 pieces.

Bring a large pot of water to boil and add 1/3 c honey. Reduce to simmer. Prepare two baking sheets dusted with cornmeal. Shape dough in pieces 8-10” long, and press ends together to form a bagel shape. Let rest, covered, on cornmeal covered surface for fifteen minutes. Preheat oven to 450 degrees.

Bring water back to a boil. Immerse three bagels at a time, flip over and let boil for one minute. Remove from water and dip in seeds. Place on second cornmeal dusted baking sheet.

Place bagels in the oven, turn down temperature to 400 and bake for twenty minutes. Remove from tray and let cool on a cooling rack. Enjoy!
Now that you’ve had a "Taste of Melton" come back for the full course! To register for the 10 session course with Rabbi Moshe Simkovich, go to https://www.events.org/eReg.aspx?e=135772
The recording for Rabbi Simkovich’s class on 1/11 can be found at https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/gsZvhQ6w7aBWNW9RTSsQYl2SczH-v1Bv9paBCXWjqTZHuEBpH0RGp7y6A1umO1.A09K_49jAlrj6cuH Passcode: j+9Tt#^k

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THEN SIGN UP FOR THE EXCITING
TEN SESSION COURSE

Classes begin on
January 19th via Zoom

with renowned educator
Rabbi Moshe Simkovich

Learn with the worldwide
Melton Community

TASTE OF MELTON ON JANUARY 11TH

FULL CLASSES BEGIN ON JANUARY 19,
7:30PM EST

REGISTER AT:
WWW.EVENTS.ORG/MELTONSKOKIEVALLEY

Know someone who recently moved to Skokie who might be a good fit for our shul? Make sure to let the membership committee know! Please email Brian Altgold brianaltgold@gmail.com with relevant information and the committee will reach out!

Click to visit Skokie Valley’s YouTube Channel for all videos, including Rav Ari’s video drashot.

Community Use of Social Hall
After consultation with our medical committee, we have created a plan to make the social hall space available beyond tefillah. We are pleased to announce that members of the Skokie Valley community will now be able to register for private, individual household activities that strictly follow safety guidelines in the social hall at appointed times. Click here for more information and sign up form. Please note that two households may now sign up for a time slot together. Each household must sign the waiver.
It’s easy to support Skokie Valley while shopping on Amazon! Just use our dedicated link to log into your Amazon account and we will receive a small portion of what you spend. The prices are the same! Share this link with your friends and family! smile.amazon.com/ch/36-2477806

Beyond Skokie Valley

Virtual Blood Drive! January 1 - 31
In times when we can’t be together in person, we can still be together in support of our community. In partnership with Kol Sasson, we’re hosting a virtual blood drive after having to cancel our in-person drives due to COVID-19. Sign up to donate blood as part of our virtual blood drive; you’ll get an email invitation to find a convenient donation site and pick your appointment!
Because of you, life doesn’t stop. Join us today:
https://learn.vitalant.org/LP=148?utm_campaign=&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Eloqua&utm_content=&drive_code=SK30&division=NORTHEAST&region=CHI&elqTrackId=eddc87eb9684fcb084f9f2e5a0e15&elq=d5659a97275f4322a29401e6e067451c&elqaid=4277&elqat=1&elqCampaignId=&fbclid=IwAR2VaGHyn4i_XicJjbX4ecOttQx9hPSyC-2Zar6-9bhJdoXdnlPsSF4cA

We are excited to invite you to join HADRAN for a new course: Seder Night Sugiyot- Basic Gemara Tools Part 1 with Rabbanit Michelle Farber, Founder of Hadran and Daf Yomi for Women
A ten-week course for women in which we will learn sugiyot about the Seder night and build basic Talmud learning skills. Register now! (from a computer if available) https://hadran.org.il/courses/courses/basic-gemara-tools-part-1/
You can contact us at info@hadran.org.il
*A parallel course in Hebrew will be taught by Hanna Godinger (Dreyfuss), Rosh Yeshivat Drisha
To register for the Hebrew course:
https://hadran.org.il/courses/he/courses/seder-besugiyot-erkat-kelim-lelimud-gemara/
*The courses are a collaboration between Hadran-Advancing Talmud Study for Women and Yeshivat Drisha

Community Counter would like to share a message from your Rabbis, doctors, and neighbors. Please take the time to watch it in full. Please also share this video far and wide—and encourage others to take the time to watch it, as well. Together, we can save lives. https://youtu.be/LnVGzyQ_PGM

We’re here to help! Community Counter (communitycounter.org) is a comprehensive Covid-19 resource for our Orthodox community. CC has an extensive list of testing resources and can assist if you have tested positive and would like support with meals, counseling, plasma trials or finding solid medical and public health guidance. You can help keep our community safer by completing a short survey (anonymously, if you prefer) for contact tracing. Please consider making a donation at https://www.communitycounter.org/donate. Endorsed by local Rabbanim, doctors and several public health depts. Questions? Call or text 847-986-0635, or email info@communitycounter.org. Thank you for partnering with us in protecting our community!