Parshat Achrei Mot-Kedoshim
12 Iyyar 5781

Shabbat Shalom!

Friday, April 23
7:15 am: Shacharit
Indoors for those who have pre-registered only
and via Zoom https://zoom.us/j/7139513111
passcode 613

6:30 pm: Mincha/ Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv
Indoors for those who have pre-registered only
Candle lighting: 7:21 pm

Shabbat, April 24
9:00 am: Shacharit
Indoors for those who have pre-registered only

7:20 pm: Mincha/Maariv
Indoors for those who have pre-registered only
Havdalah: 8:24 pm

Sunday, April 25
9:00 am: Shacharit
Mincha/Maariv: 7:30 pm

Daily Shacharit
Monday & Thursday: 7:00 am
Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday: 7:15 am

Daily Mincha/Maariv
Monday through Thursday: 7:30 pm

Mazal tov!
Mazal tov to Ivy & David Sukenik & family on Max
becoming a Bar Mitzvah!

Have any good news? Please email the Skokie Valley
office so we can add to our weekly bulletin and email
and share with the community!

Yahrzeits:
11 Iyar/April 23 Bennett Cary Brown z”l (Grace Weinstein)
11 Iyar/ April 23 Samuel Pais z”l (Edith Klein)
12 Iyar/April 24 Shirley Gerard z”l (Bobbie Berkowitz)
12 Iyar/April 24 Michael Price z”l (Peter Price)
12 Iyar/April 24 Doris Abramson z”l (Fran Abramson)
13 Iyar/April 25 Benjamin Broitman z”l (Fred Broitman)
14 Iyar/April 26 Michael Lane z”l (Audrey Lane Schiff)
14 Iyar/April 26 Eileen Dorfman z”l (Nancy Schwartz)
14 Iyar/April 26 Gerald Gerard z”l (Bobbie Berkowitz)
15 Iyar/April 27 Melvin Klein z”l (Jon Douglas Klein)
16 Iyar/April 28 Arthur I. Gray z”l (Rachael Gray-Raff)

Thank you to Kiddush and Oneg Shabbat sponsors this week:
Ivy & David Sukenik in honor of Max’s Bar Mitzvah.

We are grateful to Joe Reiser who, through participation in his company’s matching program, doubles his donations to Skokie Valley. Please ask if your company participates in a matching program so you, too, can double the impact that your donations make! Contact the office if you need more information.
This Week at Skokie Valley

Shabbat, April 24

10:30 am: Tot Shabbat. Shabbat morning we will be holding Tot Shabbat in Timber Ridge Park at 10:30 am, weather permitting. Bring a blanket and a mask and join the growing Tot Shabbat community!

5:00 pm: Earth Day Learning: Join us for family Torah learning at the Skokie Valley tent: “Leket and Shikcha: What Do We Leave Behind?” (Rain location: Social Hall)

Two ways to join friends this Shabbat!
1. 11 am to 12:15 pm: Kiddush-to-Go will be held at Skokie Valley under the big tent.
2. 4-6 pm: Oneg Shabbat hosted by Elie & Tamir Hale, 3711 Enfield Ave, and Jenny Schack, 3712 Enfield Ave

Click here to sponsor a kiddush or oneg!
**Sunday, April 25**

8:30 am: **Halacha in Our Lives with Rav Ari.** Halacha comes from the word “to walk,” and its central purpose is to help us walk with God. Each Sunday morning at 8:30, Rav Ari will give a 30-minute shiur on practical halacha, with an eye towards increasing spiritual awareness in our daily living. Email Rav Ari ravari@svaj.org with halachic questions you’d like to be discussed. [https://zoom.us/j/713951311](https://zoom.us/j/713951311) passcode 613

10:00 am to 11:30 am: **Earth Day Park Clean Up!** Solu has a way for you to make our neighborhood a cleaner place. Join us on Sunday, April 25, from 10:00 to 11:30 AM, at the Skokie Sculpture Gardens to clean up the block between Dempster and Main Street! Parking is available in the center of the Dempster to Main Street section. Gloves and garbage bags will be provided. [Click to RSVP!](https://zoom.us/j/713951311) And check out our blog post about our event with the Night Ministry, and follow us on Instagram [@solu_solu](https://www.instagram.com/solu_solu/)

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**Earth Day Park Clean-Up with Solu!**

Sunday, April 25,
10:00-11:30 AM

**Location:**
**Skokie Northshore Sculpture Park,**
between Dempster and Main St.

Gloves and garbage bags provided.

And join us for family Torah learning on Shabbat, April 24,
5:00 PM at the Skokie Valley Tent:
"Leket and Shikcha: What We Leave Behind"
Tuesday, April 27
2:00 pm: The Book of Genesis with Rav Ari. https://zoom.us/j/713951311 passcode: 613

8:00 pm: Spring Learning Series: What is the Best Chocolate? Jewish Ethics Mix into our Chocolate Eating with Rabbi Deborah R. Prinz. Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85468544838 Passcode 613.
Meeting ID: 854 6854 4838 One tap mobile:+13126266799,,85468544838# Dial in: +1 312 626 6799

Next week: Tuesday, April 27 @ 8:00 pm: Jewish Resilience through Chocolate. Join us at 7:30 pm for social hour and chocolate tasting! Click here to RSVP for tasting.
Thursday, April 29

11:00 am: Mid-Day Break for Breath and Well-Being with Bobbie Winter. With the winter and most vaccinations behind us, with warmer weather and spring bulbs coming up, this is a good time to focus on emerging from the tight pandemic lockdowns into a wider and more open world around us. What are your goals for moving forward, what are you looking towards doing and what might still keep you back. This will be an interesting discussion followed by breathing exercises and a guided relaxation and meditation. I look forward to having you join us.

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Passcode: 613

8:00 pm: Parsha Shiur with Rabbinical Intern Yael Keller: Get an early look at this week’s parsha. Join Yael to explore themes and delve into the characters of sefer Vayikra.

Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87392335225?pwd=T21mZG9wcVI0cTBRWThiSTBEMOFIZz09
Passcode: 613 One tap mobile +13126266799,,87392335225# Meeting ID: 873 9233 5225

Annual Campaign

A little more than a year ago, our shul was turned upside down. Our sacred forms of communal expression: gathering hundreds together for prayer, learning, singing, and shmoozing became a great danger. There has been much loss, pain and heartbreak, and so much that we took for granted was changed in an instant.

But there is more to the story of Skokie Valley and the pandemic. In a time where we could have pulled back from communal life, we leaned in, investing resources to care for our community and beyond and expanding our offerings in new and creative ways. Please see the Spring 2021 Update for just some of the ways our community responded.

Through it all you have been incredibly shtark, strong and supportive of one another through one of the most difficult years in our lives. With the near miraculous vaccine, we know that big changes are coming, and we have big hopes for what the future of shul will look like when the pandemic is behind us. We need your support to make sure we have the resources necessary to emerge from the pandemic stronger than before.

With a renewed hope, our theme for this year’s annual campaign is “Supporting our Community.” As part of that theme, we are asking that when you donate this year to think of a friend (or friends) you haven't seen in a while and dedicate your gift in their honor. And if you are on social media, keep an eye out for other ways you can use the campaign to reconnect.

Please make your gift today. You can donate by clicking here or going to the “Donate” tab on svaj.org

Thank you for helping our shul grow and thrive, even in the most challenging circumstances.

JCFS and Skokie Valley

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 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 847-745-5421.
Know someone who recently moved to Skokie who might be interested in our shul? Make sure to let the membership committee know! Please email Ari Berkowicz ariberk@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.

Now it’s easier than ever to support Skokie Valley while shopping on the Amazon app at no extra cost to you!

Simply follow the instructions below to select "Skokie Valley Agudath Jacob Synagogue" as your charity and activate AmazonSmile in the app. They’ll donate a portion of your eligible mobile app purchases to us.

How it works:
1. Open the Amazon app on your phone
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3. Select "Skokie Valley Agudath Jacob Synagogue" as your charity
4. Follow the on-screen instructions to activate AmazonSmile in the mobile app

Or 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

Research Study on Textiles and Jewish Assimilation in Chicago

Masters Candidate conducting one-hour interviews of first- and second-generation Ashkenazi Jews of Chicago in order to learn about what they were making when they immigrated and how craft labor changed over time.

Eligibility extends to those who can check off all of the following boxes:

- You are a first- or second-generation Chicagoman on one or more sides of the family.
- You have one or more Ashkenazi ancestors who did textile work, either in a professional or non-professional capacity.
- Your ancestor(s) immigrated to Chicago between 1882 – 1924.
- You have any knowledge of what they made. This may include being taught a skill by your ancestor, their professional work, possession of anything they’ve made, family stories or memories about someone’s creation, or any other type of knowledge.

Definition of textiles is flexible. Interested parties please contact Elena Solomon at esolomo9@uwo.ca