

SKOKIE VALLEY

Welcomes you!



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Parshat Balak 16 Tammuz 5781

Shabbat Shalom!

Friday, June 25

7:00 am: Shacharit

Indoors and via Zoom <https://zoom.us/j/713951311>
passcode 613

6:30 pm: Mincha Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv

Candle lighting: 8:11 pm

Shabbat, June 26

9:00 am: Shacharit

8:10 pm: Mincha/Maariv

Havdalah: 9:13 pm

Sunday, June 27

Fast of Tammuz

4:05 am: Start of Fast

9:00 am: Shacharit

8:05 pm: Mincha/Maariv

9:08 pm: End of Fast

Daily Shacharit

Monday & Thursday: 7:00 am

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday: 7:15 am

Daily Mincha/Maariv

Monday through Thursday: 8:20 pm

Tefillot on Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/713951311>
passcode 613

For Update on Skokie Valley COVID-19

Policies in Light of New Government

Guidance go to:

<https://www.svaj.org/covid-policy-5-21>

Mazal Tov!

Adina & Adam Gabai, and big siblings Ben, Emmett & Zoe,
on the birth of Kira Ayelet!

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

Yahrzeits:

15 Tammuz/June 25 *Fay Alter z"l* (Bernard Alter)

15 Tammuz/June 25 *Carol Gutstein z"l* (Josh Gutstein)

16 Tammuz/June 26 *Abraham Meyer z"l* (Josephine Meyer)

16 Tammuz/June 26 *Mollie Wishnoff z"l* (Dorie Chez)

16 Tammuz /June 26 *Rabbi Milton Kanter z"l* (Matt Kanter)

17 Tammuz /June 27 *Rose Weinstein z"l* (Michael Weinstein)

18 Tammuz /June 28 *Minnie Berkowitz z"l* (Barry Berkowitz)

20 Tammuz/June 30 *Claire Perlman z"l* (Josephine Meyer)

21 Tammuz /July 1 *Seymour Weiss z"l* (Ira Weiss)

21 Tammuz /July 1 *Gary Anderson z"l* (Michael Anderson)

21 Tammuz/July 1 *Harry Grossman z"l* (Shelly Auslander)

Thank you to our sponsors:

Kiddush & Seudah Shlishit: Matt and Michelle

Kanter on the yahrzeit of Matt's father and Skokie Valley founding rabbi **Rabbi Milton Kanter z"l**.

Seudah shlishit: Georges and Sol Elgrably on the yahrzeit of Georges' brother Nessim Elgrably z"l.

Rav Ari will be away this summer for the following dates: the weekend of July 4th, and 7/19 - 7/26.

For all general shul inquiries, please contact the office at 847-674-3473 or office@svaj.org.

For rabbinic matters, please reach out to Rabbi Joe Ozarowski at ravjoe@gmail.com.

In case of a rabbinic emergency please call Rav Ari at 312-315-9178.

Security Update

To increase security in the building, doors to the shul will now be locked at all times. Key cards will be operative and can be carried to shul to facilitate entrance into the building for weekday davening and on Friday evening prior to the start of Shabbat. The manual entry system is also operational. If you have questions about either, please ask Rav Ari.

On Shabbat morning, a guard and greeters will be at the main entrance to let people in for Shabbat morning services.

If you would like a key card, please contact the office at 847-674-3473, office@svaj.org

This Week at Skokie Valley

Shabbat, June 26

9:30-11:00 am: Outdoor, in person, drop-off groups for children ages 5-12 will be held in the big tent. [Register here](#) if you have not already registered for groups. **All children must complete a one-time registration.**

For the safety of all, children must either be in shul or in the tent during services and not playing unsupervised outside the building.

10:30 am: Tot Shabbat. On Shabbat morning, Tot Shabbat starts at 10:30 am in Timber Ridge Park, weather permitting. Bring a blanket and a mask for everyone over 2 who is not vaccinated, and join the growing Tot Shabbat community!

Two ways to join friends this Shabbat:

1. **11:15 am to 12:30 pm:** Kiddush will be held under the big tent
2. **4-6 pm:** Oneg Shabbat will be hosted by Ross and Alyssa Gordon, 9332 Hamlin Ave.



TWO WAYS TO JOIN OLD FRIENDS AND NEW ON SHABBAT JUNE 19!

KIDDUSH IN THE SKOKIE VALLEY BIG TENT
11:15 AM TO 12:30 PM
(AFTER DAVENING)

ONEG SHABBAT HOSTED BY
ROSS AND ALYSSA GORDON
9332 HAMLIN AVE.
4-6 PM

Sponsors needed! <https://www.svaj.org/form/kiddush-oney-sponsor.html>

SKOKIE VALLEY RABBI
BY DAY
KIDDUSH

[Click here](#) to sponsor a kiddush or oneg!



HOSTS WANTED!

INTERESTED IN HOSTING AN ONEG SHABBAT OUTDOORS AT YOUR HOME? IT'S EASY!

FOR DETAILS CONTACT
TAMMI FINESTONE
FINESTONE@ME.COM
847-508-3870

ONEG SHABBAT

As Rav Ari explained in his [Shabbat drasha](#), to express your gratitude to someone in our community, [click here!](#)

Three Weeks of Love in Action with Solu

Every year, between 17 Tammuz and 9 Av, we remember the destruction of the Beit HaMikdash and the senseless hatred, *Sinat Chinam*, that caused its downfall. In Orot HaKodesh, Rav Kook wrote, "If we were destroyed, and the world with us, due to *sinat chinam*, baseless hatred, then we shall rebuild ourselves, and the world with us, with *ahavat chinam*, baseless love."

This year, we invite you to join Solu for three weeks of *Ahavat Chinam*, unconditional love, in action. Over the course of these three weeks, there are many different opportunities to put more love into the world, including volunteering with our refugee neighbors, building the new Brightstar Family Literacy Center in Bronzeville, preparing food for the homeless, and more.

[Click here](#) for an article in *The Forward* about Rav Ari and Solu, "A Chicago Orthodox Rabbi Reaches out to his Rohingya and Black Neighbors."

Click the flyers below to register for these exciting events, and check out our suggestions for ways to bring *Ahavat Chinam* into the world from home!

We have space for 2-3 more families to register for the OU Relief Mission to Bettendorf, Iowa -- register now!

For more information or questions, contact Avidan Halivni at avidan@solu.us

AHAVAT CHINAM!
3 WEEKS OF LOVE IN ACTION

Book Drive & Service Days to build the Brightstar Family Literacy Center

July 1: Shiur with Emma Katz of NILI

July 4-5: OU Relief Mission to Bettendorf, Iowa

July 8: Dinner and Kindness Rocks with the Rohingya Community Center

July 11: Teen Service Project with the Rohingya Youth Corps

July 14: Chesed Day With Moshava Ba'lr

July 18: Tisha B'Av and Family Programming

Solu makes it possible for busy people to do meaningful, good work in the world. Guided by timeless Jewish values, we offer family-friendly service opportunities to help those in need while building bridges across diverse communities.

**INTERESTED?
EMAIL AVIDAN@SOLU.US**

AHAVAT CHINAM AT HOME!

The Torah commands us to love in three contexts: to love our neighbor, to love the stranger, and to love God. We came up with suggestions for dinner table conversations about Ahavat Chinam, and some ideas for how to put that love into action on your own!

Make sure to take a picture and hashtag #SoluLoveInAction to spread the word about your acts of love!

QUESTIONS? REACH OUT TO AVIDAN@SOLU.US

- 1 Week 1: Love your Neighbor
- 2 Week 2: Love the Stranger
- 3 Week 3: Love of God

Check out the full list of resources!

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Solu: Make an Impact

[Click for home resources](#)

AHAVAT CHINAM CAMPAIGN

JULY 4-5. OU RELIEF MISSION TO BETTENDORF, IOWA

Join the OU's Family Relief Mission to the Tannenbaum Family Farm in Bettendorf, Iowa for two days of volunteering and fun. Participants will complete farm chores, serve meals at a local soup kitchen, hoist an American flag, and have a bonfire. Families with children are encouraged to attend together.

We will leave 7:00 AM Sunday 7/4 and return at 9:00 PM, Monday 7/5.

Estimated cost: \$75 per person, and \$110 per hotel room. Subsidies available.

Check out the [itinerary!](#)



Register [now!](#)



[Click to register for Relief Mission](#)

AHAVAT CHINAM CAMPAIGN

BUILD THE BRIGHTSTAR FAMILY LITERACY CENTER

The center will be housed on the South Side of Chicago, in the Bright Star Community Outreach's Bronzeville center, and will support families whose learning has been compromised by the pandemic with free books, literacy resources, and more.

We need volunteers to:

- Assemble furniture
- Clear out debris
- Paint walls
- Organize books
- Bring supplies from Skokie to Bronzeville



Sign up [now!](#)



[Click to sign up for Bright Star](#)

AHAVAT CHINAM CAMPAIGN

JULY 8. KINDNESS ROCKS WITH THE RCC

Let's meet our neighbors! Join Solu and the RCC for an evening of conversation and kindness. Participants will tour the RCC, share a meal together, and create a rock garden with messages of kindness and inspiration in memory of Benji Harris z"l.

The RCC provides immediate basic needs and services to the Rohingya population, assisting new families with childcare and citizenship classes, providing translation services and employment assistance, and several youth sports programs.

Thursday 7/8, 6:30 - 8:30 PM
Kosher/Halal Dinner will be provided.
Location: 2740 West Devon Avenue.



Register [now!](#)



[Click to sign up for Kindness Rocks](#)

AHAVAT CHINAM CAMPAIGN

JULY 11. TEEN PROJECT WITH THE ROHINGYA YOUTH CORPS

Let's meet our neighbors! Solu and the Rohingya Youth Corps are teaming up at the RCC for a local trash clean-up!

The RCC provides immediate basic needs and services to the Rohingya population, assisting new families with childcare and citizenship classes, providing translation services and employment assistance, and several youth sports programs.

Sunday 7/11 1:00-3:00 PM

Recommended ages: 12-18.

Location: 2740 West Devon Avenue.



Register [now!](#)



[Click to sign up for Teen Project](#)

Youth Department News

Shabbat @ 9:30-11:00 am: Outdoor, in person, drop-off groups for children ages 5-12 will be held in the tent every Shabbat, barring extreme weather. They will enjoy games and snacks in the tent under the supervision of Rosa Shanes and our madrichim. All children and staff must remain masked for the duration of groups except while eating snacks while socially distanced.

[If you have not yet registered for groups, please do so here.](#) All children must complete a one-time registration. In the coming weeks we will expand the programming and duration of groups -- stay tuned!

For the safety of all, children must either be in shul or in the tent during services and not playing unsupervised outside the building.

Playground: The playground across the street will be unlocked and available during shul hours on Shabbat. Parents must attend to their children while on the playground. **Tot Shabbat starts at 10:30 am in Timber Ridge Park on Shabbat.**

JCFS and Skokie Valley

The past year has 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 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!



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