Welcome New Members

Ilan & Jeremy Friedman and family

Mazal Tov

To Tamar Weiss, her parents Andrea & Jonathan, and family on her becoming a Bat Mitzvah this Shabbat!

To Jac Copeland and Zach Loewenstern for being honored at this year’s Cteen Gala!

To Ruth and Jerry Kirschner and family on the Bnei Mitzvah of their Grandchildren Jacob Louis and Sari Mae Kirschner.

Todah Rabah

Kiddush is sponsored by Andrea and Jonathan Weiss in honor of Tamar’s Bat Mitzvah.

Thank you to Rakefet Chill for repairing one of our Torah mantles with her beautiful needlework.

Please note that seudah shlishit will be in the tent this Shabbat.

This Shabbat the Social Hall will be closed until kiddush so that we can set up for Tamar’s Bat Mitzvah kiddush. Please do not enter!

The tent is open for coffee klatch and general schmoozing.

Also, please: no eating or drinking in the Sanctuary. Thank you.
This Week

**Sunday**
9 am: Shacharit followed by the Abe Rosenblum Torah Discussion Group led by Dr. Ben Katz. Light breakfast is served.

**Monday**
11:00 am: Shavuot Art Gallery Workshop in Bromberg Youth Lounge.

**Tuesday**
2 pm: The Book of Genesis with Rav Ari in person and on zoom
https://zoom.us/j/713951311
passcode 613

3 pm: Learn the ENTIRE Tanach with friends from Skokie Valley and Project 929. Led by Myra Weiss. The class meets on Zoom. This week will cover Exodus chapters 29-33.
https://zoom.us/j/713951311
passcode 613

8:45 pm: Mussar Vaad
A group for young men in our community to come together and study and discuss Torah ideas of self development towards becoming better Jews, partners, fathers and friends. Email Eli Taylor entaylor18@gmail.com for more information.

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**Youth Programming**

To download Devash: A Children and Families Parashah Magazine for this Week's parsha, click here!

**Tot Shabbat: 10:30 am**
This week our wonderful Tot Shabbat program for parents and kids 0-5 will meet this Shabbat in the Berger Beit Midrash at 10:30 am. Masks are optional. No registration is necessary.
We are creating a rotation of Tot Shabbat Leaders! Please sign up here to help.

**Shabbat groups: 9:30 am to end of shul**
Masks are optional for children attending groups.
To ensure the safety of our children, please make sure they are supervised by an adult or in youth programming at all times. Thank you!

**Groups for children ages 4-12 will be held downstairs in these locations:**
Chaverim: PreK-1st grade: Early Drop Off/Late Care Room
Rayim: 2nd-3rd grade: Multipurpose Room
Yedidim: 4th-6th grade: Youth Lounge
Quiet Card and Games Room: 1st-6th Grade: Yellow Room

**Groups schedule for Chaverim, Rayim and Yedidim:**
9:30-10:25: Free Play*
10:25: Cleanup
10:30: Snack
10:40-11:10ish: Tefillah & Parsha
Children will be brought to their parents in shul before Adon Olam.

*Some groups may go outside from 10-10:25, weather and space permitting
Please email svajksyouth@gmail.com if you have any questions!
We need EVERYONE to help us in Skokie Valley's first ever 24 hour Torah Challenge over Shavuot!  9:00 pm June 4 - 9:00 pm June 5

Let's see if we can engage in Torah for 24 hours straight! Join us for classes, a Sermon Slam, chevruta learning, a community siyum, kids programming, parent-child learning, Embodied Torah Movement, Torah Art Gallery, and more!

Click here to sponsor!  More information coming soon!
Saturday Night, June 4th (ages 12 & up)
- 9:30pm - Learning & Lounging-
  Teen Torah Discussion & Snacks with Ariel Wolgel
- 10:15pm - Sermon Slam
- 11:00pm - Creation to a Nation-
  Movement Through Time - Embodied Movement
  Session with Shelley Kleinman

Sunday, June 5th
- 9:30am - 11:00am - Shavuot Groups
- 10:30am - Shavuot Tot Circle
- 12:30pm - Picnic Lunch &
  Communal Siyum @ Timber Ridge Park
- 4:00pm-Parent Child Learning & Popsicles @ Shul
- 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm- Drop-in babysitting will be available at shul in the groups rooms so that parents can attend Torah-thon programming!
  Details to Follow!
  Questions?
  Email svajksyouth@gmail.com
As we prepare for our upcoming 24-hour Torah challenge, you are invited to immerse yourself in the Har Sinai experience through art!

**SHAVUOT ART GALLERY: MODELS OF DISTANCE TO SINAI**

Imagine that YOU are receiving the Torah at Har Sinai.
What does the scene look like to you?
What is your distance to Har Sinai?
Close to the mountain? Far? Above? Below?
Share your imagination & perspective with the community through your art submission!

All art mediums are welcome!
Please label your artwork and bring it to the Social Hall on June 1st-2nd.

Questions? Need help getting started?
Email Ariel - svajksyouth@gmail.com

On Monday, May 30 at 11 am we will gather for an art workshop to create submissions for the Shavuot Art Gallery. Artists of all ages and skill levels are welcome to join the workshop to explore the theme "Models of Distance from Sinai." During the workshop, there will be guidance and prompts to help get your creative juices flowing, as well as ample time to make art at your own pace!

Donations are appreciated to help cover the cost of supplies. All ages welcome--adults are welcome to come without a kid! Click here to sponsor!

Back by popular demand! Dads and Grads Kiddush - Shabbat June 18th!
Go to svaj.org/dads-grads-2022 to sponsor that special someone!
It’s your last chance to add your name to the list of donors to the Skokie Valley Annual Campaign

Your contribution provides us with the funds to continue and to expand the many events and programs that you have requested and have come to expect from Skokie Valley—and that we want to provide.

Please help us sustain our growth, innovation and service to our members.
We are asking for 100% participation from our membership, with a meaningful donation.

This year’s Annual Campaign will conclude on May 27, 2022.
We appreciate your continued support of our synagogue by making a commitment to ensure our future.

Click here to make your pledge
or contact the office at 847-674-3473 or office@svaj.org

Help Wanted!

● Volunteers needed for the Skokie Valley table at the Greater Chicago Jewish Festival on Sunday, June 12! Call the office if you can help!

● Drivers with cars needed to help bring our shaimos boxes to Peterson Park on Sunday morning, May 29 @ 9:45 am. Please rsvp to Rich Magid richmagid@gmail.com.

Legacy Members: Did you have a brass nameplate on the back of one of the shul’s chairs? Before our renovation, we removed and saved all of these nameplates which we will be happy to return to family members. Please call or email the office to claim your plate!

Join the Skokie Valley WhatsApp groups!
Click the links to join!

New WhatsApp Groups!
Skokie Valley Happenings! Join this group to stay informed on Skokie Valley communal events. Posts and conversation should be limited to shul events – for programs for other organizations and personal promotions, please post in one of the other social media groups dedicated for these purposes.

Singing Seudah Shlishit for Women and Girls! Join the WhatsApp group for more information and future locations!

And don't forget these groups - there's something for everyone! Don't miss out!
Skokie Valley’s Israel Activism Group
Skokie Valley Chesed Corps
Let's Share Torah
Women of Skokie Valley
Skokie Valley Minyan Support
Youth Group Activities!
Teen/Tween WhatsApp Group
Yahrzeits

26 Iyyar/May 27 Wolfe Marcus z"l (David Marcus)
27 Iyyar/May 28 Annette Rosen z"l (Sy Rosen)
27 Iyyar/May 28 Abe J. Pretekin z"l (Louis Pretekin)
28 Iyyar/May 29 Sarah Cohen z"l (Lila Shyman)
28 Iyyar/May 29 Martin Korman z"l (Lisa Goldenberg)
29 Iyyar/May 30 Stephen B. Leapman z"l (Samantha Spolter)
1 Sivan/May 31 Gail Alter z"l (Bernard Alter)
1 Sivan/May 31 Hymen Davis z"l (Linda Forman)
1 Sivan/May 31 Ida Fessen z"l (Sonia Hill)
1 Sivan/May 31 Jerome Shyman z"l (Lila Shyman)
2 Sivan/Jun 1 Norman I. Goldstein z"l (Carol Goldstein)
2 Sivan/Jun 1 Neal Stein z"l (Lisa Singer)

Beyond Skokie Valley

Sunday, June 12: Greater Chicago Jewish Festival. The Festival is Back! The community will join together again on June 12, 2022 for the largest Jewish cultural event in Chicagoland and the longest running Jewish Festival in America! Join family and friends from 11 am until 6 pm outdoors in the Cook County Forest Preserve on Oakton Street west of Lehigh.

At 11 am, the Festival kicks off with a Family Concert, featuring Rabbi Joe Black, brother of our member Nina Black and uncle of our very own Rav Ari! It will be great to be together again in song, to see and purchase art, to enjoy Kosher food, see all of the Organizations of Chicago and to enjoy family activities from the Jewish day schools of our community. Details in flyers below.
New Date! Join us to learn about the Lee-Lach Gemach: A second-hand maternity clothes store with all proceeds going to help Hasidah reduce barriers to fertility treatment. On Sunday, May 29th we will organize clothes in preparation for the Gemach’s grand opening! Clothing donations are welcome. Email Ariel@hasidah.org to RSVP.

Lee-Lach Gemach
JOIN US TO SET UP THIS NEW INITIATIVE THAT WILL HELP BUILD JEWISH FAMILIES!

New Date: Sunday, May 29th at 10am
AT THE HOME OF LAURA MAGID-ALONI
9029 FORESTVIEW RD
Evanston, IL 60203

Email Ariel@hasidah.org for more information

The Lee-Lach Gemach is a second-hand maternity clothes store founded by Laura-Magid Aloni to honor the memory of her and her husband’s fertility journey. All proceeds of the Gemach will help Hasidah reduce financial barriers to fertility treatment in the Jewish community. On Sunday, May 22nd we will work together to set up the Gemach so that this new initiative can become a reality!

June 16: Yeshivat Maharat 10th Annual Semikha Ceremony In a Celebration of Women’s Leadership. Honoring Rabbi Avi Weiss, co-founder of Yeshivat Maharat and Rabbi Sara Hurwitz, President and Co-Founder of Yeshivat Maharat. Yael Keller, former intern at Skokie Valley, is a member of the graduating class. RVSP for times and location: https://www.wizevents.com/yeshivatmaharat2022/?id=6722 Livestream link will be provided the week of the event to all who RSVP.

JUF’s Path to Parenthood: In partnership with JCFS, the Path to Parenthood program offers educational webinars, support groups, financial support for medical treatments and adoption expenses, and more. Path to Parenthood is happy to announce that its grant cycle for financial support is now open. Learn more: https://juf.org/path-to-parenthood/

Yesh Tikva, Hebrew for “There is Hope,” was established to end the silence and create a Jewish community of support for all Jewish people facing infertility. Yesh Tikva provides free professional psychosocial services, resources and tools to those struggling with infertility and raises awareness and sensitivity on the subject throughout the Jewish community. For more information visit us at YeshTikva.org and on Instagram & Facebook.