

SKOKIE VALLEY

Welcomes you!



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Parshat Beha'alotcha 18 Sivan 5781

Shabbat Shalom!

Friday, May 28

7:15 am: Shacharit

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

6:30 pm: Mincha Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv

Candle lighting: 7:57 pm

Shabbat, May 29

9:00 am: Shacharit

7:55 pm: Mincha/Maariv

Havdalah: 9:00 pm

Sunday, May 30

9:00 am: Shacharit

Mincha/Maariv: 8:05 pm

Daily Shacharit

Monday (Memorial Day) 9:00 am

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday: 7:15 am

Thursday: 7:00 am

Daily Mincha/Maariv

Monday through Thursday at Skokie Valley: 8:05 pm

Tefillot on Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/713951311>
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Registration is no longer required for in person attendance.

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!

Mazel Tov to Allen & Edith Chernoff on the upcoming marriage of their son Chaim to Liat Greenwood.

Yahrzeits:

18 Sivan/May 29 *Bella Utschen z"l* (Sam Utschen)

19 Sivan /May 30 *Deborah Comstock z"l* (Marsha Arons)

20 Sivan/May 31 *Harry Wishnoff z"l* (Dorie Chez)

20 Sivan/May 31 *Jerold Bernard Rothstein z"l* (Gail Rothstein)

20 Sivan/May 31 *Sidney Rubin z"l* (David Rubin, Joel Rubin)

21 Sivan/June 1 *Herman Fleischacker z"l* (Samuel Fleischacker)

21 Sivan/June 1 *Roslyn Rosenblatt z"l* (Avi Rosenblatt)

23 Sivan/June 3 *Steven Nitzkin z"l* (Ivy Sukenik)

Todah Rabah to David & Joel Rubin for sponsoring Seudah Shilishit this week on the yahrzeit of their father Sidney Rubin z'l (Yehoshua ben Yechiel).

**The office will be closed on
Monday, May 31 for Memorial Day.**

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

This Week at Skokie Valley

Shabbat, May 29

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.](#)

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 anyone not vaccinated and join the growing Tot Shabbat community!

Shabbat afternoon between mincha and maariv in the Tent (approximately 8:05pm)

Join Times of Israel reporter Jacob Magid (and son of Rich and Monica Magid) for a Seudah Shlishit briefing on the latest escalation between Israel and terror groups in Gaza, the US response to the violence and what the latest war will mean for internal Israeli politics. There will be time for questions at the end. Jacob is the US correspondent for The Times of Israel. Prior to returning to the States earlier this year, he spent almost four years in Israel, covering the West Bank.

Two ways to join friends this Shabbat

- 1. 11:15 am to 12:30 pm (note new time): Kiddush-to-Go will be held under the big tent**
- 2. 4-6 pm: Oneg Shabbat hosted by: Sarah & Daniel Weinberg 3839 Enfield Ave.**

TWO WAYS TO JOIN OLD FRIENDS AND NEW ON SHABBAT MAY 29!

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

ONEG SHABBAT
HOSTED BY
SARAH AND DANIEL WEINBERG
3839 ENFIELD AVE.
4-6 PM

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

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KIDDUSH JACOB

[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
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SKOKIE VALLEY
KIDDUSH JACOB

Sunday, May 30

12:00pm: Operation Massive Hug! Connecting with Kibbutz Kerem Shalom on the Gaza Border

Join us for an update from a kibbutz on the Gaza border and their story of resilience and rebirth after rocket attacks from Gaza. Find out how you can be involved in helping this community rebuild and heal - in partnership with the Wilma and Arthur Aeder Foundation.

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1:00 PM - 2:00 PM: Update from Lod with Rabbi Shmuel Shattach (Sponsored by Anshe Shalom Bnai Israel)

Join us this Sunday over Zoom to hear from Shmuel Shattach, Executive Director of Ne'emanai Torah Va'Avodah. Learn from him about his community in Lod and his perspective on what took place there last week as well as how Torah v'Avodah is responding to the challenges facing Israel today. Shmuel Shattach is the Executive Director of Ne'emanai Torah Va'Avodah, a religious-Zionist movement that seeks to return Religious Zionism to its roots, works to create a thinking religious culture that is open and self-critical, and encourages a courageous halakhic discourse that deals with the challenges of contemporary times. Its orientation aims to promote the values of tolerance, equality, and justice in religious society, and to have a real influence on the Jewish-democratic character of Israeli society. Rabbi Shattach lives in Lod with his wife and six children.

[Click here to join via Zoom.](#) Meeting ID: 924 897 9279, passcode: 540

Thursday, June 3:

11:00 am: Mid-Day Break for Breath and Well-Being with Bobbie Winter. Are you post-vaccination and trying to decide how much to emerge and attempting to decode the new regulations? Then please join in Skokie Valley's Thursday mid-day break and share your views and concerns with others. This always interesting discussion will be followed by breathing exercises and a guided relaxation enabling you to regain focus and recharge for the rest of the day. I look forward to having you join us.

12:00pm - Roots/Shorashim/Judur

Learn about coexistence efforts between Israelis and Palestinians in light of the events of the last few weeks with Rabbi Hanan Schleisenger, a scholar in residence who visited our community in 2019.

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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 Bamidbar.

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87392335225?pwd=T21mZG9wcVI0cTBRWThiSTBEM0FIZz09>

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8:30pm - Update from the Israeli Consulate

Join us as Daniel Aschheim, Consul for Public Diplomacy at the Consulate General of Israel to the Midwest, briefs us on the political situation in Israel and beyond in light of the last few weeks. Aschheim comes to Chicago from West Africa, where he served as Deputy Chief of Mission at the Israeli Embassy in Dakar, Senegal.

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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 register at this time so we can determine staffing levels. 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.**

Solu Programs

Bronzeville Family Literacy Center: COVID-19 changed the landscape of children's learning across America, and those who were already most vulnerable are suffering the worst impact. Students in urban, underserved areas are already showing negative learning outcomes as a result of the pandemic's disruption.

In response, we are launching a campaign to build a Family Literacy Center in the South Side neighborhood of Bronzeville, in partnership with our friends at [Bright Star Community Outreach](#) and [Books 4 Cause](#). The FLC will support families whose learning has been compromised by the pandemic with free books, literacy resources, homework help, tutoring, and more. [Read more about the program here!](#)

Our first stage for this campaign is an ongoing Solu Book Drive! You can get involved in the following ways:

1. Donate books: Solu is collecting books to stock the shelves of the Literacy Center. Books must be in good condition and can be for children of all ages. Please deliver all books to the storage pod in the Skokie Valley parking lot. Donated books must be new or very gently used, high quality, for ages 2-18.

Do not donate musty or damaged books, magazines, coloring books, encyclopedias, textbooks, ex-library books, ex-school library books, classroom sets, or books for adults. Bringing these books will make it more difficult to successfully set up the literacy center!

2. Sort: We need volunteers to organize the donated books by level and topic. Volunteers will also go to the Books 4 Cause warehouse to sort donated books! **Please contact Avidan at avidan@solu.us if you are able to help.**

3. Transport: Help get the books from Skokie to the Literacy Center in Bronzeville! **Please contact Avidan at avidan@solu.us if you are able to help.**

Hakarat Hatov! Thank you to Zehava Berkowitz for providing free acupuncture for stress relief to the women of Skokie Valley last Tuesday in the tent!



Skokie Valley
Dads and Grads Kiddush

June 12, 2021

**Honor fathers and graduates by
sponsoring kiddush!**

To sponsor, go to
svaj.org/dadandgrad-kiddush
and enter your dad or grad's name
so we can recognize them and
give them the kavod they have earned!

Go to svaj.org/dadandgrad-kiddush to honor a dad or grad!

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!



Click to visit [Skokie Valley's YouTube Channel](#) for all videos, including Rav Ari's video drashot and Adult Ed classes.



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Beyond Skokie Valley

Sunday, June 6 @ 5:00 pm CDT: Porat presents Shaping a Vibrant Orthodoxy: Finding Inspiration in Our Religious Lives. Do you sometimes feel like your religious life is not what you want it to be? Do you think that your friends face this challenge? Are you concerned about the future of Modern Orthodoxy? If you answered yes to any of these questions, you do NOT want to miss this program! This 90-minute panel discussion will include Rabbi Dov Linzer, Ms. Ann Pava, and Dr. Elana Stein Hain, as they discuss steps that we can take individually and as a community to ensure a sense of excitement about our religious lives. For details and registration go to <http://poratonline.org/events>. **The event is co-sponsored by Skokie Valley.**

PORAT PRESENTS:

Shaping a Vibrant Orthodoxy: Finding Inspiration in Our Religious Lives



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SUNDAY JUNE 6 | 6 PM - 7:30 PM (EDT)

To Register: www.bit.ly/porat-event



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7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

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