Shabbat Shalom!
Friday, May 7 @ Pretekin home
8824 Lowell Terrace
7:15 am: Shacharit
Indoors for those who have pre-registered only
and via Zoom https://zoom.us/j/713951311
passcode 613

6:30 pm: Mincha/ Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv
Indoors for those who have pre-registered only
Candle lighting: 7:36 pm

Shabbat, May 8
9:00 am: Shacharit
Indoors for those who have pre-registered only

7:35 pm: Mincha/Maariv
Indoors for those who have pre-registered only
Havdalah: 8:40 pm

Sunday, May 9 @ Pretekin home
8824 Lowell Terrace
9:00 am: Shacharit
Mincha/Maariv: 7:40 pm

Daily Shacharit
Monday, Wednesday (Rosh Chodesh Sivan) & Thursday:
7:00 am
Tuesday & Friday: 7:15 am

Daily Mincha/Maariv
Monday through Thursday: 7:45 pm

Click here to register for teffilot

Baruch Dayan HaEmet
It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Harriett Lee Kaplan, mother of our member Louis (Tammy) Pretekin. The private funeral was held on Monday. Shiva will be held outdoors at the Pretekin home, 8824 Lowell Terrace in Skokie, and on Zoom. See times below. Please note, the Skokie Valley Weekday Tefillot will be meeting outdoors at the Pretekin home on Friday and Sunday mornings.
Friday: 7 am - 9 am (Shacharit at 7:15am), 2 pm - 4 pm
Sunday: 9 am - 10 am (Shacharit at 9 am)
Shiva on Zoom will be held on Sunday from 4pm - 5:30pm.
Please use the following link:
https://zoom.us/j/2825018079?pwd=SjUwTUh4WG1MTjIiXVDI
VcEUrWVROUT09
Meeting ID: 282 501 8079 Passcode: wx3s7h

Yahrzeits:
26 Iyyar/May 8 Wolfe Marcus z”l (David Marcus)
27 Iyar/May 9 Abe J. Pretekin z”l (Louis Pretekin)
27 Iyar/May 9 Annette Rosen z”l (Sy Rosen)
28 Iyar/May 10 Sarah Cohen z”l (Lila Shyman)
28 Iyar/May 10 Martin Korman z”l (Lisa Goldenberg)
29 Iyar/May 11 Louis Cohen z”l (Dorothy Cohen)
29 Iyar/May 11 Stephen Leapman z”l (Sam Spolter)
1 Sivan/May 12 Ida Fessen z”l (Sonia Hill)
1 Sivan/May 12 Hymen Davis z”l (Linda Forman)
1 Sivan/May 12 Gail Alter z”l (Bernard Alter)
1 Sivan/May 12 Jerome Shyman z”l (Lila Shyman)
2 Sivan/May 13 Norman Goldstein z”l (Carol Goldstein)

Thank you to this week’s kiddush sponsor!
Debi Crystal & Howie Farkas in celebration of Howie’s 65th birthday

Have good news? Please email the Skokie Valley office so we can add to our weekly bulletin and email and share with the community!
Our 3rd Annual Campaign - SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY- SKOKIE VALLEY SHTARK is in full swing and has raised $50,000 to date!

We are so grateful for the continued support of our membership who give generously to our campaigns, kiddushes, sponsorships, remembrances and more. Through it all, you have been incredibly shtark, strong and supportive of one another through one of the most difficult years in our lives. We need your help to make sure we have the resources necessary to emerge from the pandemic stronger than before.

Help us reach our goal of $55,000 and click here to donate today.

This Week at Skokie Valley

Shabbat, May 8
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.

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!

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 Amanda & Avi Loewenstern, 4155 Grove Street.

Click here to sponsor a kiddush or oneg!
**Sunday, May 9**

**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

**Tuesday, May 11**

2:00 pm: **The Book of Genesis** with Rav Ari. [https://zoom.us/j/713951311](https://zoom.us/j/713951311) passcode: 613

**Thursday, May 13:**

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.

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86100712972?pwd=STlpNWVnZG42S0ZFYTB3dmdyUHHRZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86100712972?pwd=STlpNWVnZG42S0ZFYTB3dmdyUHHRZz09)
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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 Vayikra.

[Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87392335225?pwd=T21mZG9wcVl0cTBRWThiSTBEM0FIZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87392335225?pwd=T21mZG9wcVl0cTBRWThiSTBEM0FIZz09)
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**Shavuot at Skokie Valley**
May 13 @ 7:00 pm: As we make our way towards Shavuot and receiving the Torah, you are invited to join the Schechter community for an evening of learning in memory of our beloved Rabbi Gerald Teller z”l. Option of sessions with Rabbi Ranon Teller, Rabbi Josh Warshawsky, Rabbi Sheryl Katzman, Pnina Mazor, and Faye Bearman. Following opening remarks about Rabbi Teller z”l from his daughter, Shira Borstein, Rabbi Josh Warshawsky will open our learning and direct us to our three session choices:

Rabbi Sheryl Katzman: Bringing God into the Classroom: We will study a Psalm that Rabbi Teller once presented to the faculty to understand how to facilitate classroom discussions that allow students to explore their relationship with God.

Rabbi Ranon Teller: Pirkei Avi: Lessons from my father: A selection of Jewish texts that informed the foundation of Rabbi Gerry Teller’s abiding and textured faith.”

Faye Bearman and Pnina Mazor: Aseh Lecha Rav U’Kne Lecha Chaver: Make for yourself a Rabbi and acquire for yourself a friend--Lessons learned from our friend Rabbi Teller.

Zoom: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82306977683](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82306977683) Meeting ID: 823 0697 7683
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Shabbat Groups
Shabbat @ 9:30-11:00 am: Outdoor, in person, drop-off groups for children ages 5-12 will be held in the tent this Shabbat and each week moving forward, barring extreme weather. They will enjoy games and snack 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. In the coming weeks we will expand the programming and duration of groups - stay tuned!

We have also compiled an Amazon wish list of games for our youth group to use while in shul. You can find it here: https://a.co/i9DkQbY

Playground
The playground across the street will be unlocked and available during shul hours on Shabbat as well. Parents must attend to their children while on the playground.

Tot Shabbat will be happening at 10:30 am in Timber Ridge Park.

Upcoming Teen Events

Go to https://forms.gle/R1LzcuchbMMTuP1m9 to RSVP by May 19!

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 and Adult Ed classes.

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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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

Sunday, June 6 @ 5:00 pm CDT: Porat presents Shaping a Vibrant Orthodoxy: Finding Inspiration in Our Religious Lives. 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
Tuesday, May 11th, at 11:00 AM CT: Since 2015, Pastor Chris Harris' Bright Star Community and the Israeli organization NATAL have transformed the lives of many Chicagoans experiencing trauma due to gun violence (and recently, COVID-related pressures). This event will mark the graduation of the next round of leaders who will be instrumental in this initiative, and also provide insights from some of the mental health professionals involved, while highlighting the power of unity between our communities.

To RSVP, please email: dparson@brightstarcommunityoutreach.com