Parshat Behar
20 Iyyar 5782 | May 21, 2022
Candle Lighting 7:49 pm
Havdalah 8:53 pm

Welcome New Members

Rebecca Abrams & Justin Prince and family!

Mazal Tov

To Adi Gryka, her parents Sarah & Bryan, and family on her Bat Mitzvah
To Emily Adler, her parents Rachel & William, and family on her Bat Mitzvah
To Shelley Kleinman on the engagement of her daughter Ariella Kleinman to Shimmy Castle

Todah Rabah

Barbara & Yossi Glimer for the delicious Israeli flag cookies served at Kiddush on May 7 in honor of Yom Ha’atzmaut.

Seudah shlishit:
Tammy & Louis Pretekin on the first yahrzeit of Louis’s mother, Harriett Kaplan.
Rachael Gray Raff & Elliot Raff on the yahrzeit of Rachael’s father, Arthur I. Gray.

Our spacious Social Hall is now available for Coffee Klatch and Kiddush! Let’s work together to keep our new Sanctuary beautiful and clean by enjoying food and drink in the Social Hall. Please: no eating or drinking in the Sanctuary. Thank you.

**Please do not leave anything in the Sanctuary after davening, including talesim, siddurim, personal items, etc. The Sanctuary is still a construction site. Thanks for your cooperation!**
This Week

**Sunday**

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

**Tuesday**

2 pm: The Book of Genesis with Rav Ari in person and on zoom

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3 pm: Learn the ENTIRE Tanach with friends from Skokie Valley and Project 929. Led by Myra Weiss. The class meets on Zoom.

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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](mailto: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

10:40-11:20ish: 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](mailto:svajksyouth@gmail.com) if you have any questions!

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**Madrichim Meeting**

For Madrichim in Grades 8-12

**Sunday, May 22nd**

12pm-1pm

**In the Youth Lounge**

**Join us to:**

- Reflect on this year’s youth programming.
- Discuss upcoming plans for the next school year.
- Learn how to sign up to be a Madrichim next year.
- Brainstorm ideas to make next year awesome!

**Rescheduled!**

If you already signed up for last week’s meeting, you’re in!

**New signups click here!**
We need EVERYONE to help us in Skokie Valley's first ever 24 hour Torah Challenge over Shavuot!

June 4 - 9:00pm - June 5 - 9:00pm

Let's see if we can engage in Torah for 24 hours straight!

Stay tuned for information on:
  Shiurim, Sermon Slam, Chevruta learning, Community Siyum, Kids Programming, Parent Child Learning, Embodied Torah Movement, Torah Art Gallery, and more!
CALLING ARTISTS OF ALL AGES AND SKILL LEVELS!

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

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
Back by popular demand! Dads and Grads Kiddush - June 18! Go to svaj.org/dads-grads-2022 to sponsor that special someone!

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 the 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!** This Shabbat will be hosted by Becca Linden at 5 pm at 48 Williamsburg. 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 Chesed Corps**
**Let's Share Torah**
**Women of Skokie Valley**
**Skokie Valley Minyan Support**
**Youth Group Activities!**
**Teen/Tween WhatsApp Group**
**Skokie Valley's Israel Activism Group**

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**Yahrzeits**

21 Iyyar/May 22 Helen Fryer z”l (Esther Brutzkus)
22 Iyyar/May 23 Lee Buchbinder z”l (Esther Buchbinder)
Sunday, May 22: JUF Tov Nourish will be collecting kits filled with summer items for various organizations across Chicagoland. Community members can register online at juf.org/nourish for a drop off site of their choosing and provide the items in a kit specific to that location. Drop off is super simple; community members don’t even need to get out of their car. All you have to do is pop your trunk and the volunteers will take care of the rest. Locally, they will have a drop off at Temple Beth Israel from 1-2 pm benefitting Hephzibah Children’s Association. Here is what goes inside one kit: 2 children’s beach towels, 1 of the following items: 1 pack of sidewalk chalk, 1 bubble wand, or 1 inflatable beach ball. Go to juf.org/nourish for additional locations and specific items needed.

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 May 29th we will organize clothes in preparation for the Gemach’s grand opening! Clothing donations are welcome. Email Ariel@hasidah.org to 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.