

SKOKIE VALLEY

Welcomes you!



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Shabbat Mevarchim Parshat Bereshit 27 Tishrei 5780

Shabbat Shalom!

Friday, October 25

Shacharit: 7:15 am

Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat, Maariv: 5:44 pm

Candle lighting: 5:34 pm

Shabbat October 26

Shacharit: 9:00 am

Bar Mitzvah of Nathan Sukenik

Mincha/Maariv: 5:30 pm

Havdallah: 6:36 pm

Sunday, October 27

Shacharit: 9:00 am

Mincha/Maariv: 5:45 pm

Daily Shacharit

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday: 7:00 am

Tuesday & Friday: 7:15 am

Daily Maariv

Monday through Thursday: 8:00 pm

Welcome new members!

Ivy & David Sukenik & family
Laurie Simkovich

Mazal tov!

Mazal tov to **Ivy & David Sukenik** on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Nathan.

Mazal tov to our members **Joan & David Marcus** on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter Lilac Marcus.

Todah Rabah

Kiddush this week is sponsored by **Ivy & David Sukenik** in honor of Nathan becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

Seudah Shlishit is sponsored this week by **Michael & Rachel Stein** in memory of Michael's mother, Marjorie bat Yitzhak Yaakov v'Leah; by **Asher & Lydia Karoll** in memory of their grandmothers Isabel Lipman and Alta Toba Korolnek, and by **Josh Feigelson** on completion of saying kaddish for his father Louis Feigelson

Seudah shlishit was sponsored last week by **Elliot Raff & Rachael Gray-Raff** on the first yahrzeit of Elliot's mother, Rae Raff; and by **Georges & Sol Elgrably** on the yahrzeit of Georges' brother, Joseph Elgrably.

Welcome to the Skokie Women's Tefillah Group who are davening at Skokie Valley this Shabbat in the Social Hall to celebrate the bat mitzvah of Lilac Marcus. We request that people not talk or gather in the social hall until the end of services.

Coffee Klatch will take place this week in Berger Beit Midrash until 10:30 am.

Tot Shabbat will take place this week at 10:30 am in Berger Beit Midrash.

Thank you to all who participated in this year's Yom Kippur Appeal. This year we raised \$74,000 from 158 families and we so appreciate your continued support. If you have an outstanding balance, we encourage you to log into your account online and go to the donate page to make payments or set up a payment plan. <https://www.svaj.org/payment.php> Of course, you can also send checks and/or contact the office with any questions office@svaj.org 847-674-3473

*****Upcoming Events at Skokie Valley*****

November 1-2: Rabbi Hanan Schlesinger of Shorashim will be joining us to share words of Torah and tell us about his journey as a settler in Alon Shvut-Gush Etzion in the biblical inheritance of the tribe of Judah and reaching across the divide to the Palestinian other. Friday night Oneg, Shabbat morning drasha, Motzei Shabbat community learning session. Please see the flyer for more details.

November 8-9: Scholar-in-Residence Dr. Sarit Kattan Gribetz

Join us on November 8 - 9 for our Scholar-in-Residence, Professor Sarit Kattan Gribetz, an up-and-coming scholar who is Assistant Professor of Rabbinic Literature and Classical Judaism at Fordham University. She has also served as Core Faculty at the Drisha Institute for Jewish Education and is currently a Fellow at the Jewish Theological Seminary. Her first book, *Time and Difference in Rabbinic Judaism* will soon be published by Princeton University Press, and she is working on her second book *Jerusalem: A Feminist History*.

Friday night @ 6:00 pm: Dinner and talk: "Can We Tell a Feminist History of Jerusalem?"

Shabbat after Musaf: "The Value of Time: Work, Rest and Making Each Day Sacred"

Shabbat afternoon before Mincha: "Hosting the Emperor for Shabbat Lunch: Reading Rabbinic Stories in their Ancient Contexts"

Make your dinner reservations at <https://www.svaj.org/gribetz-dinner>. Reservations close on 11/5!

November 22-23: Yeshivat Maharat Intern Dr. Liz Shayne. Dr. Shayne has undergraduate degrees in English and Psychology from the University of Pennsylvania, and a master's degree and doctorate from UC Santa Barbara in English Literature, and is currently a 4th year student at Yeshivat Maharat. We look forward to learning with her in November, and again when she returns in February and April.

December 6-7: Scholar-in-Residence Dr. Samantha Baskind. Dr. Baskind is a Professor of Art History and author many books specializing on Jewish American Art. In addition to opportunities to hear Dr. Baskind speak over Shabbat, please join us for a Motzei Shabbat evening presentation and community art exchange. Details to follow!

Wednesday December 25: Annual Miriam Bromberg z"l Cookie Bake.

This Week's Classes at Skokie Valley - October 26 to November 1

Shabbat @ 12:00 pm: Parashat Hashavuah with Jed Abraham.

Monday @ 7:15 pm before Maariv: Gemara Megillah with Rabbi Steve Mandel in Berger Beit Midrash

Tuesday @ 2:00 pm: Bereshit with Rav Ari in Israel Hall

Thursday @ 8:15 pm after Maariv: Parshat HaShavua with Rav Ari in Berger Beit Midrash

We need you to join our Shiva Support Team! Led by Meira Goldman, team members aid members of our community in a time of great need, coordinating food, supplies, and setting up a home for shiva. Email meirakatzoff@gmail.com to get involved.

*******Youth News*******

Tot Shabbat! Tot Shabbat is for children between the ages of 0-4 and each child must be accompanied by an adult. For children already in groups, please pick up your child and head upstairs. **We will be meeting this Shabbat in Berger Beit Midrash from 10:30-11:15 am for songs, tefillah, and fun!**

We need parents to help lead Tot Shabbat! [Click here to sign up!](#)

Children are an integral part of our community. To ensure their safety, which is always our top priority, they must be supervised at all times while at Skokie Valley -- either in our Madrichim-led groups or with a parent/guardian. Joint Youth groups with Kol Sasson are available for children ages 2-10 beginning at 9:30 on Shabbat morning. Contact Youth Director Sara Price ssolomonprice@gmail.com.

At times when groups are not available, or if children have decided to not be in groups, parents are responsible for supervising their children.

*******From the Ritual Committee*******

Please remember to return your Skokie Valley tallit to the rack in the sanctuary after davening. Thanks for not leaving it in the Social Hall. Todah!

Please help ensure there is a minyan at all weekday Tefillot! We are looking for men to join the "Skokie Valley Minyan" WhatsApp group. Text your full name & "minyanaire" to **Simi Chavel: 732-910-4348** or email sbchavel@gmail.com

*******Hakarat Hatov – Recognizing the Good*******

Many thanks to Meira Goldman and her dedicated group of volunteers, including our Youth committee and madrichim for a successful Simchat Torah Fiesta. Special thanks to the Bielaks of Tacos Gingi for the Mexican Feast.

If there is someone whom you would like to recognize, please submit their name and a short paragraph on the positive impact they are having to office@svaj.org. Submissions may be anonymous.



We'd love to include YOU in a future member spotlight. If you haven't shared anything about yourself (and you're comfortable doing so), please email the office at office@svaj.org and we'll be happy to help!

Get to know....Debby Koster & Jack Hertz!

Jack:

Hometown: Pittsburgh
Favorite Jewish Food: Cheesecake
Something we don't know about you: Born in a DP camp in Germany
Years at Shul: 2 years
Last book or Movie: *Howard Stern Comes Again*
Latkes or Hamentashen: Latkes
Profession: Lawyer
Favorite guilty pleasure: Watching 3 NFL games in a row on Sunday!!
Favorite city in Israel: Jerusalem
Foreign country you'd like to visit: Iceland



Debby:

Hometown: Chicago
Favorite Jewish Food: Chicken soup and noodles!
Something we don't know about you: I have zero patience
How long at Skokie Valley: 3 years
Last good book: *Shantaram*
Latkes or Hamentashen: Hamentaschen for sure--only my own
Profession: Retired Probation Officer
Favorite guilty pleasure: Chocolate
Favorite city in Israel: Jerusalem
Foreign country you'd like to visit: China

Are you new or newish to our shul? Please make sure to take a red colored cup at kiddush for your drink so we can give you a warm Skokie Valley welcome!

*******Beyond Skokie Valley*******

November 10 @ 4:00 pm: BJE Chicago presents their annual celebration event Celebration Education Inspiration at the Westin Chicago North Shore. Among the honorees is Skokie Valley's own Rabbi Marianne Novak. Register online at bjechicago.org

November 11 and December 23-30: School's Out programs run by JCC Chicago - held at Skokie Valley during weekdays that school is not in session. Go to <https://www.jccchicago.org/programs/schools-out/> for more information. Skokie Valley members get a special discounted rate -- you must call to register to receive the special rate.

Please join No Shame On U to meet and hear actor Sean Astin and a courageous ICJA student at [No Shame On U's 5th Annual Event](#) on Sunday evening, November 3, at the Holiday Inn North Shore. No Shame On U is dedicated to eliminating the stigma surrounding mental health in the Chicago-area Jewish community and beyond. Sean Astin (*Lord of the Rings*, *Big Bang Theory*, *Stranger Things 2*, *Rudy*, *The Goonies*) continues the mental health advocacy of his mother, Patty Duke. Our courageous local teen will share his mental health journey. VIP reception at 6 pm, general admission at 7 pm. Tickets at www.nsou2019.eventbrite.com